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BH00103: Praise, glory, gratitude and honor befit the Lord…

Section 1: "Praise, glory, gratitude and honor befit the Lord…"

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

Praise, glory, gratitude and honor befit the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, Who through His grace and bounty brought the world from nothingness into being, adorned it with the ornament of existence, and bestowed the gift of knowledge that all might attain to His recognition, which was the purpose of creation. Whosoever has attained to this station is adorned with such deeds and character as conduce to the reformation of the world and the tranquility of nations. Blessed are they whom the affairs of the world and its vicissitudes have not withheld from the Truth nor debarred from the divine path. These are the flowing rivers and the enduring stars; these are the dawning-places of goodness and the daysprings of benevolence. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen them with His hosts, to protect them by His sovereignty, and to aid them through the signs of His victory. Verily, He hath power over all things.

My God, my God! The servant beseecheth Thee, by the mysteries of Thy Divinity and the manifestations of Thy Lordship, and by Thy Command through which the flowers of Thy grace and bounty have sprung forth from the gardens of Thy glorious Oneness, that Thou protect Thy loved ones from the evil of every clamourer, every idolator, and every heedless one who hath turned away from Thy proof and evidence and violated Thy Covenant and Testament. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further: O beloved of my heart! Thy exalted letters arrived one after another, each a straight path, a truthful and manifest proof, and for His Holiness the Trustworthy One a clear testimony and an eloquent witness. Through the grace of God he hath received and hath been granted the outward and inward bounty. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of all the worlds Who hath made His loved ones the manifestations of grace and favor, that they may not withhold from His servants love and mercy. In any case, after observing the first letter dated the ninth of the sacred month of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, numbered 2, We

repaired to the Most Exalted Station and Supreme Summit, attaining the presence before the face of the Lord of all beings. This is what was sent down from the heaven of the grace of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His blessed and exalted Word: "O Amin! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds! We have heard thy call and whatsoever thou didst mention hath attained the honor of being heard. The Supreme Pen hath ever mentioned and continueth to mention His loved ones. Know thou with evident certitude that none among the peoples of the earth except His loved ones are capable of hearing this Call which hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon. These heedless ones have been seized by the slumber of negligence to such extent that in the Mother Book they are accounted as dead. The world hath never witnessed itself adorned and illumined as in these days. O Amin! This is the Day concerning which He saith: The whole earth shall be but His handful on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens shall be rolled together in His right hand.' Do they appear worthy of recognition of this Most Exalted Station and Supreme Summit? The Primal Point declared I am the first to worship Him,' yet behold what they have said and what hath come to pass. Beseech God that He deprive not His servants of the lights of the Most Great Luminary.

Glory be to God! Some of the handmaidens have appeared with the might of men, adorned with the ornament of knowledge and blessed with supreme steadfastness. He is the All-Bountiful and He is the Generous. Should a dried leaf from among the trees take precedence, it is, in the sight of God, preferred above those who sit upon the thrones of ordinances and recline upon the couches of commandments—that is, the divines of the earth and its jurisprudents. Alas! Alas! The wolf hath devoured and the serpent hath struck. Give thanks to the Goal of the world Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and maketh mention of thee. This mention cannot be equaled by the pearls of all the seas nor matched by the jewels of kings. The ornaments of the world are not worthy of mention before Him. Blessed is My mention for which one hath sacrificed his life in My path. This is that mention concerning which He saith 'The remembrance of God is the greatest.'

In all days and nights he uttereth mention of this Wronged One and is aware and informed of the tribulations that have befallen Him from the people of the Bayan and others. By the life of God! He hath lamented and wailed in the Garden of the Bayan and beseeched that perchance the people of the Bayan might not be sullied with the dust of idle fancies and might not cause grief to come upon the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. Say: O ye who have turned away from the Face of God! Look with fairness and speak with justice. They have turned away from Him Who from the beginning of the Cause until now hath arisen before the faces of all and summoned all without any veil, and have turned to the dawning-place of vain imaginings. They are indeed in evident loss. Nevertheless, we beseech God, exalted be His glory, for the salvation of these people. What a pity that ears should be deprived of hearing and eyes prevented from beholding.

O Amin! Convey, on behalf of the Wronged One, greetings of magnification to His loved ones—those souls who have drunk from the hand of bestowal the cup of everlasting life, and who have renounced the world and all that is therein for His sake. Say: Today is the day of bounty and mercy, the day of service and of victory; and victory hath ever been, and shall ever remain, through wisdom and utterance, and its

hosts are righteous character and pure deeds. In most of the Tablets this exalted word hath been revealed, that all may become acquainted with the Will of God, may discover the Purpose, and may recognize the hosts that do His bidding. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee, and upon them that have cast away vain imaginings and hastened unto the horizon of certitude—these are the people of Baha, in the Crimson Book and in this lucid Tablet. End.

Within every word uttered by Him Who is the Desire of the world are hidden gems of peerless splendour and meanings resplendent as pearls. The rulers of the earth and the learned among the peoples are powerless and deficient to reckon their worth. Who is able to number the bounties of God, His favours, His signs and His clear testimonies? Every learned one hath confessed his helplessness, and every knower his insufficiency—save the sanctified, all-encompassing Soul, Who hath encompassed them; He alone hath numbered them, and He alone shall number them. Sufficient is He as Witness and as Knower.

As to what thou hast written concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Mulla Qasim (the maker of mirrors)—upon him be the glory of God—and his feast: it was submitted in the presence of the Most Holy, the Most Exalted Court. He—blessed and exalted be He—hath spoken:

> "O Aba'l-Qasim! Thou hast spoken the truth. We mentioned thee in another place with such a remembrance that bodies soared thereby, much more spirits. And now, once again, render thou thanks unto God for this mighty favour. We beseech Him to strengthen thee in the Most Great Steadfastness, in such wise that neither the treasuries of the world nor the hosts of the peoples may hinder thee. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. He hath come down from the heaven of utterance with proof and demonstration, yet the people have turned away from Him, inasmuch as they have followed every ignorant, doubting one."

We make mention of him who is named (Mirza) Muhammad, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One and give thanks unto his gracious Lord. O Muhammad! Muhammad came, and the people denied Him; and before Him the Spirit came, and the servants turned away from Him and broke the covenant of God and His testament—yet they are in manifest error. And before Him the One Who conversed with God came with signs upon signs; the people rose up against Him and committed that whereat every fair-minded, discerning soul must lament. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Furqan: "No Messenger came unto them but they mocked him." Blessed is he who hath cast off the people, holding fast unto His Name, the Self-Subsisting; verily he is of the people of this lofty station. End.

His Holiness the Name of God—may the glory of all glory be upon Him—turned His face towards the mention of Aqa Mulla Qasim, and likewise towards the tea and its being served in His blessed Presence; the purport being that his act was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Happy is he!

And as to thy mention of Aqa Muhammad Ja'far and his son Aqa Muhammad Mahdi—upon them be the glory of God: it was laid before the Most Holy Court, and these shining verses were sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. He—glorified and exalted be He—hath spoken:

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

O Muhammad Ja'far! The Truth is manifest, and He hath commanded His servants to that which is the cause of the exaltation of being, glory and benefit. He hath repeatedly revealed in scriptures and tablets the path that leadeth unto Him, and hath counselled justice, fairness, trustworthiness and godliness. Blessed are they who have hearkened unto the voice of the Self-Sufficing and acted according to His bidding. After godliness, trustworthiness is mentioned as the first ornament and is inscribed as the primal word. Its light hath dominated and continueth to dominate all other lights even as the light of the sun. Blessed is the one who hath been illumined by its light and hath recognized its station. Be not grieved by the vicissitudes of time. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the tokens of the Most Exalted Pen. Preserve this station through His Name, the Truth, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Lord of all nations, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know."

That which hath befallen thee in the path of God—its recompense is preserved and treasured with the Trustworthy One, that is, with God, exalted be His glory. Rejoice and be of them that render thanks.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad before Mihdi and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. His honor the Trustworthy One, upon him be My glory, made mention of you. Therefore have We brought forth from the treasured pearls of utterance that which lay hidden in the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen, that thou mayest with the utmost assurance and certitude fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon, detached and free from aught else. There is no harm in the loss of material possessions. However, should that which causeth the elevation of existence and is the source of human stations be lost, it would be a cause for a hundred thousand regrets. We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which conduceth to the good of this world and the next. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

This servant conveyeth greetings to him. His letter was received some time ago and truly caused grief. God, exalted be His glory, hath ever counselled His servants to goodly deeds and to that which attracteth the people of the world. Without doubt trustworthiness, godliness, praiseworthy character and goodly deeds are the cause of attraction, while their opposites are the cause of aversion. This exalted word was previously uttered by the Lord of all being. Blessed and exalted be His word:

> "God, exalted be His glory, hath come for the manifestation of the gems of inner meanings from the mine of man."

Throughout nights and days there hath been sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness that which is the cause of the glory of existence. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to assist His servants and enable them to achieve that which is befitting. Verily He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. This much is submitted: nothing hath been or is hidden from God, exalted be His glory, and the recompense of every deed is clear and evident. Were it not for His mercy that hath preceded all, most of the people of the world would assuredly have been seized by the scourges of His wrath. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, by His ancient forgiveness, to enable His servants to be truthful, just and fair. He is the Powerful, and He is the Mighty.

That they have written that they gave four tumans to Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Hasan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise nineteen qirans to the emigrants of the land of Sad, upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory, and similar instances—after being presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He said:

> "Whatever is given to the friends of God is acceptable and approved. Permission has already been given to assist the companions to the extent possible. Would that nineteen tumans had been given instead of nineteen qirans."

Although that beloved of hearts is aware and informed of the details of that land, nevertheless the poor ones of those regions have ever been and continue to be in the sight of the True One, exalted be His glory. It is beloved that they show consideration to the extent of their ability. The command is in His hands and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

At this moment the Supreme Pen makes mention of the friends of Qamsar and Mazgan. His blessed and exalted Word:

> "O My loved ones! Hear the call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. Praise be to God, ye are all mentioned in the presence and have attained a special bounty. We have, out of wisdom, concealed the names. God acts according to the requirements of His wisdom and has likewise commanded all to do the same. Praise be to God, in the Most Great Prison repeatedly have the glances of favor been directed to those regions and He has made mention and continues to make mention of His friends. Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, has mentioned you and has sought special favors from the Wronged One for all. We beseech God to aid you in that which He loves and is pleased with, to draw you nigh unto Him, and to ordain for you the reward of those who soared in the atmosphere of His love, hearkened unto His call, turned toward His horizon, stood before the door of His grandeur, and offered up their souls in His path. Rejoice, O My loved ones! Be glad, O My friends, in what hath flowed from My Pen concerning you in this station which hath been named the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have cast behind their backs what the people possess, turning unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

As for what was written regarding the son of the Martyr, upon them both be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was presented and was honored with acceptance in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and mention was made of each one from the Tongue of Grandeur. Blessed are they who have been enabled to give and who spend to the extent of their ability in the path of God. Give to all the glad-tidings of this mighty blessing. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist those who give in carrying out what they have undertaken. Verily He is the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

On this blessed night the Tongue of Grandeur utters these exalted words, His blessed and exalted Word: "O Amin! This time thou didst not make mention of Jinab-i-Navvab, upon him be My glory. In consideration of his demonstration of faithfulness, We make mention of him and We beseech God, exalted be His glory, on his behalf for that which shall make his reward everlasting and his mention

eternal. O Navvab! The All-Giving says: The world is transient. At every moment its changes are manifest and its evanescence evident. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which is mentioned in the Divine Kingdom. Preserve this most mighty, most exalted station and say:

> "O my God, my Lord, O Gracious One, O Merciful One, O Self-Sufficient One! Thou hast shown favor, Thou hast bestowed grace. Thou hast drawn me from the left hand of idle fancies to the right hand of certitude, and from the crooked path of the people to Thy straight path and mighty announcement. No thanksgiving or praise can adequately meet Thy gifts or compare with them. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the rain-showers of Thy Most Merciful grace and to preserve me through Thy mighty hand. Thou art the Hearer and Thou art the Powerful."

This servant also conveys greetings to them and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to inflame him with the heat generated by His love and to grant him eternal life from the Kawthar of utterance that flows from His Pen, that there may appear from him that which shall endure throughout the duration of His earthly and heavenly dominion.

Concerning the mention made of the spiritual friend, His honor Haji Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be the glory of God, and his father and his wife, the leaf who is the daughter of his paternal uncle, and the honored aunt, upon them be the glory of God—and likewise concerning the mention of their troubles and services and their acts of hospitality that were recorded—all were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and there was revealed specifically for each one that which this servant is unable and powerless to enumerate. The waves of the ocean of His bounty have not been and never shall be counted. Who is able to mention or enumerate that which hath appeared from a station that cannot be indicated by any indication, nor described by any description, nor mentioned by any mention? In truth, the souls mentioned have attained unto that of which the peoples of the world are deprived, save whom our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne hath willed.

Section 2: "To each one I convey greetings and salutations…"

To each one I convey greetings and salutations. The troubles of the spiritual friend, His honor Haji Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be the glory of God and His favors—which in truth are the cause of eternal rest and everlasting favor—are evident and manifest from the garden. Praise be to God that mention of them hath been and continueth to be made in the Most Holy Court. Blessed is he and happy is he.

And regarding the mention made of Hakim Reyhan and his son, and likewise their feast, after being submitted before the Throne of the Lord, these exalted words were revealed, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> "O Abu'l-Hasan! Make mention of each one on behalf of the Wronged One and say: The desire of this Wronged One is that the horizons be illumined with the light of unity, and that the rancor and hatred in the hearts of the various peoples be transformed into love and concord. We have mentioned that which conduceth to the refinement of souls, the betterment of the world, and the elevation and advancement of nations. We beseech God to aid all to act in

accordance with that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Tablets. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful."

All the souls mentioned have been honored with divine remembrance and adorned with His favors. Which tongue can adequately render thanks, and which soul can befittingly hold fast unto what is meet? All are seen to be wanting and deficient, save those souls who are adorned with His remembrance, confirmed in His praise, and steadfast in service to His Cause. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that are firm.

As to what was written that "Today I am a guest at the home of Aqa Muhammad Husayn (Uncle Zaynal), upon him be the Glory of God," and a request was made for mention of those gathered in that assembly—this was granted, and after being submitted, these verses dawned from the Dayspring of favors, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O Mirza Hasan! Thy faithful mention hath caused Us to make mention of thee with that which shall never lose its fragrance throughout the duration of the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. Preserve this most exalted station through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. O Ali (Aqa Hasan)! Ali came as the Creator; the Ali-worshippers cursed Him and finally martyred Him.

We beseech God not to afflict the peoples of the world with the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih sect. He is verily the Powerful, the Almighty. O Mihraban! The Light is manifest, the Sun is shining, the Fire is speaking, the Manifestation is evident, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized the station of the Day of God and hath arisen as behooveth it. O Ali (Isma'il)! Ask the Shi'ihs: What was the fruit of your deeds on the Day of Reckoning and what became of them? They perpetrated that which no other sect in the world hath done. Woe unto them and unto those who led them astray.

O Jamshid! From the fire of divine love the light appeareth. This is the Day of attainment. The Mount hath attained unto its Interlocutor and the Tree unto its Fire. Blessed are they who have seen and recognized, and woe unto the heedless.

O Mashhadi Husayn! Thy name was present at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, therefore have We turned unto thee and made mention of thee. Know thou the station of this mention and through the Name of God conceal it from the eyes of the heedless.

O Ali-Akbar! The Lord of Power hath made mention of thee from the Most Great Scene, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to God, thou wast present, thou didst attain, and thou didst drink from the cups of the world's Sovereign. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bounteous, the Mighty, the Great."

O Husayn (Uncle Zaynal) Amin, upon him be the Glory of God! Mention hath been made of thee and of thy household. Blessed is the house wherein My loved ones gather and from which My remembrance and praise are raised! We beseech God to protect thee, draw thee nigh unto Him, and ordain for thee the good of this world and of the world to come. We implore Him to make thee steadfast in His Cause, to enable thee to speak His praise, and to aid thee to serve His loved ones. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Answerer of prayers.

Praise be to God! Each one hath been blessed with infinite bounties. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, hath encompassed the world. Today even the pebbles are engaged in remembrance and praise, yet souls remain deprived and forbidden. Glory be to our Lord! What a strange talisman—with eyes they see not, with ears they hear not. The Command is in God's hands, the Possessor of Destiny.

Mention was made of Aqa Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God. The Supreme Pen hath repeatedly made mention of him. Specifically, one day at the farm, a Tablet was revealed in his name, wherein mention was also made of his son. I beseech God to deliver it and grant him attainment.

Likewise, mention was made of Aqa Muhammad-Hashim and Aqa Muhammad, sons of Aqa Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented before Him, these verses were specifically revealed for them:

> "O My loved ones! The Wronged One remembereth you from the prison and giveth you glad tidings of God's favor, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The gate of heaven hath been opened, and its Creator hath come with a clear command. He maketh mention of those who have turned unto Him, attained His presence, and quaffed the choice wine of recognition from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous. Take hold of that which hath been sent down unto you with power from God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon you both and upon those who have cast the idols behind them, hastening unto the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Regarding the mention of Haji Nabil-i-Qa'ini, upon him be the Glory of God, favor hath been and continueth to be shown unto him. They said that from the earliest days he hath arisen to serve. God willing, until the end of his days he will remain focused on the Most Exalted Horizon, holding fast to the cord of grace and clinging to the hem of bounty. At the time of departure from the Land of Purpose, We specifically commanded his protection. Praise be to God, he attained unto the ocean of divine forgiveness. The glances of favor have been and are with him. We beseech God to assist him and ordain for him the good of this world and of the world to come.

As for the mention of the nephew of the one who turned away, after being presented before Him, these verses were revealed:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O ʿAli-Akbar! In the letter of Amin, mention was made of thee; therefore, the glance of the Wronged One's favor was directed towards thee. We beseech God to aid thee in such wise that the doubts and intimations of the people of the world may not hold thee back from thy goal. Throughout ages and centuries, the Shi'ihs sought after the Truth and searched for Him; yet when He appeared, they martyred Him. Give thanks unto the Desired One of the world, Who aided thee and guided thee to the straight path and the Great Announcement. Say:

My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy clear signs, and by the hearts which have soared unto Thee in their longing to attain Thy presence, to render me steadfast in Thy remembrance and successful in

serving Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the world and the Sovereign of eternity, seated upon the Most Great Throne. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Ali! Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who was named Hasan. We beseech God to grant from the chalice of steadfastness in such wise that the world shall be powerless to hinder. Take thou the Book of God with the hand of submission and resignation and preserve it through His might and power. Whosoever attaineth thereunto this day is mentioned as one of those who are nigh unto God. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The second letter from that beloved one was dated the twenty-fifth of Dhi'l-Hajjih, number 3, and the last letter was dated the twenty-ninth of Dhi'l-Hajjih, number 4. It transformed the cottage into a palace and the eye into an ocean, and attained to hearing in the most exalted horizon. However, mention of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty is beyond this evanescent one's power to describe. That beloved of the heart hath himself witnessed and knoweth the waves of the ocean of bounty. A hundred thousand blessings be upon those souls who in this spiritual springtime have been blessed by the rain of the All-Merciful's utterance.

Mention was made of arrival in the Land of Y and before that, proceeding to A and R. Likewise mention was made of Mirza R.F. and Mirza M.H., upon them be the Glory of God, and the friends of God in that land, upon them be the Glory of God. These matters were presented before His presence. This is what was revealed from the heaven of our Lord's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He saith, exalted be His glory:

> "O Amin! Upon thee be My glory. Those related to the Most Great Victory, upon them be My glory and My bounty, and likewise the friends in that land have ever been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court, especially Rafi', upon him be My glory, and Muhammad, upon him be My bounty."

Two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's mercy and were sent. God willing, they shall drink from the ocean of utterance and be illumined by the lights of the Sun of meanings.

Praise be to God, there hath been revealed for them that which would resurrect decayed bones and adorn the world of heedlessness with the ornament of awareness. Likewise there hath been revealed especially for the friends of that land, both men and women generally, that with which nothing in the world can compare. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant joy supreme to all.

Mention was made of the honored leaf, the mother of Mirza Hasan, upon her be the Glory of God. After being presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, this supreme word was revealed from the highest Kingdom. He saith, blessed and exalted be He:

> "O My handmaiden! Amin, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned thee, and likewise mentioned Muhammad-i-Qabli-Hasan, and hath beseeched bounty for you. Therefore the Sun of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen's heaven with His

> mention. Ye have been blessed with His mention. God willing, ye shall remain steadfast in His love. The doubts of the peoples have deprived the world from the Lord of eternity. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones, both women and men. We counsel you to fear God and to that which leadeth to sanctity and detachment."

And as to what thou hast written concerning the wife of the honoured Naẓir—upon him be the glory of God—yea, in obedience to the command, this servant remitted the sum of one hundred and fifty; no more. And the mention of Haji Malik-Husayn—upon him be the glory of God—and of that which hath befallen him, was submitted, and attained the honour of being laid before the Most Holy, the Most Exalted Court.

He—blessed and exalted be He—hath spoken:

O Husayn! The Tongue of Utterance in the Kingdom of Divine Knowledge, at this hour when two hours of night have passed, makes mention of thee and turns toward thee from the prison quarters. The treasures of the world and the wealth of nations cannot compare with this exalted Word which hath appeared from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Will of the Lord of all beings. The Command is in His hand and wealth is in the grasp of His power. Fleeting riches became the cause of everlasting mention. By the Sun of Truth! The profit is with thee and the loss with the taker. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Unconstrained. He changes the Command as He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Indeed, after hearing what befell them, boundless grief occurred, but after it was presented in His presence and verses were revealed, an ocean of joy appeared. All the world cannot compare with what hath been revealed. Every truthful and trustworthy one beareth witness to this. The Command is in the hand of God, our Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

O Amin! We have heard thy call and have repeatedly made mention of thee. The ocean of utterance is ever-surging and the cities of mention and praise are adorned through the will of the Lord of Names. Blessed is the one who possesseth hearing and attaineth unto listening, and likewise possesseth sight. Remind the friends in those regions of the mention, praise, bounty and favors of the Wronged One. Thou didst make mention of Ghulam, upon him be My glory. His name accordeth with his being. He hath attended and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of his Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the Bestower. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid him to attain such a station wherein the conditions of the world—its elevation and abasement, its ugliness and beauty—will not change him. May he remain seated upon the throne of tranquility and repose upon the couch of certitude. He hath attained unto the good from the presence of the Good One. The Lord of all mankind in His days beareth witness to this, and He sufficeth as a witness. We send Our greetings upon him, and peace be upon him from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou didst make mention of M.H. (formerly R.D.), upon him be the glory of God. He hath attained unto the Kawthar of divine mention. We mentioned him before and at this moment the Wronged One giveth him glad-tidings. We beseech God to strengthen him in that which will draw him near unto Him in all His worlds and to ordain for him, through His Most Exalted Pen, the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

O trustee! Each of the souls mentioned in the papers has attained to that which hath no peer or likeness. Give them the glad tidings of such grace and mercy as hath preceded existence itself, both seen and unseen. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and glorification to the friends, especially to those gentlemen—upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God—who were present at the aforementioned feast. Blessed are they, and joy be unto them! Praise be to our Lord and thanks be unto Him for having adorned them with His greatest ornament, which is the love of His Exalted Self, and for having aided them, caused them to recognize Him, and enabled them to hear in a Day wherein eyes were blind and ears were deaf. Thus did the grace of our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, encompass all.

I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid each one to guide mankind. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His Word "Be" and it is. In this station, responses to the letters of that beloved one were mentioned one after another. The praise and thanksgiving that adorned and illumined the opening of these letters were each as volumes expressing divine bounty and manifesting the mercy of the All-Merciful. Praise be to God that that beloved one hath tasted the sweetness of recognition and acknowledgment, and hath mentioned, by the will of the True One, exalted be His glory, that which is befitting. The purpose is that your words and deeds have been accepted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court.

We thank God, our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, Who created us, caused us to recognize Him, and aided us to mention and praise Him in His glorious and wondrous Day. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you who hearken unto your words in praise of God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Lord of the Exalted Seat. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

The servant 22 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1305

BH01829: Praise be to God Who completed His First Most…

He is God, exalted be His glory. Might and power are His.

Praise be to God Who completed His First Most Exalted Word with His Last Word, which is "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! How great is His station and how mighty His sovereignty!

And blessings and peace be upon the Divine Lote-Tree through which appeared the fruits of wisdom and utterance and the leaves of knowledge and understanding—He Who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names. Verily He is the Manifestation of His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes, and the Manifestation of His Command, and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, and the Recipient of His knowledge—blessings eternal and everlasting.

And now, O beloved of my heart, the luminary of your words has shone forth from the horizon of your love and sincerity towards God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. At that moment I attained joy and gladness, for from your words wafted the fragrance of the oneness of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Thereafter I approached the Most Exalted Station and presented myself before the countenance of the Lord. He—may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake—said:

> "We have made mention of him and have beseeched the Lord of the exalted Throne to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to aid him to perform deeds that will be as light before his face in all the worlds, and to make them a treasure preserved with Him. We testify that he has testified to the oneness of God, His singleness, His might, His greatness and His sovereignty. Peace be upon him from the Wronged One, and upon those with him, and upon God's righteous servants."

Thus ended His words.

As for what you mentioned regarding Jinab-i-ʿAbdu'l-Mihdi—upon him be God's peace—he is among those who have attained to turning towards God and drawing near, and has attained His presence and associated with the friends and taught the Cause. However, O beloved of my heart, sincerity and certitude and faith and knowledge are not perfected through words but through deeds. God has counseled His servants in His perspicuous Book regarding spiritual and praiseworthy conduct. This servant conveys greetings to him and counsels him with that which God has counseled His servants in His firm and perspicuous Book.

And regarding what you mentioned about God's servants and His loved ones in Abu Sida and Ya'quba and ʿAwashiq, after presenting this before the countenance of the Lord, He—may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake—said:

> "We make mention of them and counsel them to justice and fairness and to that which befitteth man. O servants of God! God has commanded you to act with righteousness, and the Wronged One counsels you to fear God. Blessed is he whose head is adorned with the crown of detachment, whose temple with the ornament of the fear of God, and whose heart with the light of recognition. Hasten to that which pleaseth God. He hath ordained for those who act in the Most Exalted Paradise stations which the pens are powerless to describe. And We counsel you, O My loved ones, to fellowship and unity that the horizons may be illumined with the light of accord. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for you that which will bring joy to your eyes and gladden your hearts and expand your breasts, and to aid you in that which will benefit yourselves and your brethren, and to assist you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. We send greetings from this station to My loved ones whose names you mentioned before the Wronged One, and We make mention of them with My mention and remind them of My words and give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds."

Thus ended His words.

And this servant conveys greetings to them and beseeches God his Lord to send down upon them from the heaven of His bounty and the clouds of His grace the rain of His mercy and generosity, and to aid them to act according to what He has revealed in His Book. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise. And he conveys greetings to your honor and

to those with you and to those among God's servants who are firm in His unity, the Lord of the worlds. And praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones.

The servant 25 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1305

BH02274: Praise be to Him Who is sanctified beyond all…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatest and Most Powerful

Praise be to Him Who is sanctified beyond all limitations, the Praised One, Who is worthy and befitting, for through His Name the praised station was made manifest and through His station was revealed "We raised him to an exalted station." He is the Representative of God, glorified be His majesty, among creation. He is the Seal of the Prophets and the King of all paths. Through Him the Hijaz was illumined and metaphor was transformed into reality. Through Him Batha received the waters of divine knowledge and Yathrib was adorned with the light of the Sun of Manifestation. Upon Him and His family and companions be the blessings of God, His peace, His grace, His favors, His mercy and His beneficence.

And now, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived, bringing boundless joy. From your good health, the spirit found rest, and from news of your child, the heart received glad tidings. Praise be to God, His bounty and mercy, His grace and generosity have been and continue to be bestowed upon His loved ones morning and evening. The tongues of the world and the pens of nations are powerless and fall short of mentioning this station. After presenting myself before my Lord, the tongue of loving-kindness spoke these blessed words:

O ʿAli-Akbar! Infinite bounties and imperishable glory have been and continue to be specially reserved for the chosen ones of God. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance, the divine names and attributes are manifest and evident in the world particularly for the Prophets and their loved ones. "All glory belongs to God and to His Messenger and to the believers." Glory seeks those of equal station. All attributes seek their place and are in love with their station, and that place and station have been and continue to be the chosen ones and pure ones of God.

When thou hearest My call and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance, arise, then turn thy face toward the Qiblih and say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path, taught me recognition of Thee and turning toward Thee, and made known to me the oneness of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by the Daysprings of Thy Cause, the Dawning-Places of Thy grace, and the Recipients of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to bless that which Thou hast given me through Thy bounty and bestowal, and ordain for me, for her mother, and for her the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings, and Thou art the Hearing, the Answering One."

As for the leaf, We have named her Zuhuriyyih.

Praise be to God that beloved of the heart has been the recipient of favors and bounties. This evanescent one begs from the Eternal Truth that He may bestow blessing and bounty from the heaven of generosity.

He is the Giver and He is the Generous One. I convey greetings to the honored leaf, upon her be God's peace, and I beseech for her divine confirmations. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants.

The servant 25 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1305

Some rock candy has also been sent as a gift. This sweetness is for you, but our sweetness lies with you. This is our prayer—I beseech God that He may assist you until such time as you can repay the world.

BH00560: Praise, sanctified beyond mention and utterance, befitteth the Lord…

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

Praise, sanctified beyond mention and utterance, befitteth the Lord of all creation, Who from agitation brought forth tranquility, and from tumult created assurance. He illumined the horizons of the world with the light of His Revelation and adorned it with the ornament of His grace. He is the Speaker on Sinai, the Hidden Secret, and the Treasured Mystery mentioned and recorded in the divine Books of the past and present. In the midst of tribulations He raised the standard of utterance, and in the center of hardship and adversity He hoisted the banner of steadfastness. Before the faces of the world, without veil or covering, He summoned all to the Lord of all beings. He rent asunder the veils and tore away the coverings until the eyes of those who were ready beheld His presence and the hearts of the knowing ones were adorned with the ornament of wisdom. Glorified be His majesty, mighty be His proof, and exalted be His utterance! He guided the lost and bestowed the Kawthar of knowledge upon the ignorant. The world's abasement diminisheth not His glory, nor can the might of nations hold back His will. But today the seeing one attaineth, and the informed one witnesseth, even as He hath said:

> "Verily, those who have been given insight from God, these are they who see with His eyes and witness what God Himself hath witnessed before the creation of the heavens and earth."

Glorified art Thou, O Mystery of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I bear witness that through Thy most exalted Word the ocean of utterance surged within creation, and through Thy Will the Dove of Paradise warbled upon the highest branches, declaring that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified beyond the remembrance of those who remember, the praise of those who praise, and the description of those who describe. Thou wert hidden from the sight of Thy creation and concealed from the eyes of Thy servants. Then, when Thou didst desire to manifest Thyself, Thou didst shine upon the world with a light from the lights of the Orb of Thy Cause, according to a determined measure.

Thereupon, the lovers throughout the lands were seized with ecstasy and sought to attain Thy presence and reunion, and the people of the Covenant hastened forth—they whom neither the world's tribulations nor the oppression of nations could deter. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by them and by those who cast aside treasures and riches, seeking Thy most exalted station and Thy loftiest summit, to assist Thy chosen ones to achieve such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the clamor of the deniers nor the murmuring of the ungodly.

O Lord! Thou seest and knowest that this servant desired to make mention of Thy Afnan, whom Thou didst choose for Thy recognition, establish in Thy service, acquaint with Thy path, and distinguish among Thy servants for the exaltation of Thy Word. Thou didst give him to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love and honor him with attaining Thy presence. Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved and my Heart's Desire, for having ordained for him that which tongues are powerless to recount and enumerate. I beseech Thee to send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty, at every moment, a new mercy from Thy presence and a fresh benevolence from Thy side. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Hearing, the Answering.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, your firmness and your service. In these days mention of your honor has repeatedly been made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and at this moment these sublime words have been revealed from the Dayspring of special favors for your honor. Blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My favors and My mercy."

My Name Mihdi, upon him be My glory and My favors, was present and made mention of you, and sought bounty and mercy from the Dawning-Place of generosity of the Sovereign of existence. Praise be to God that the ocean of grace is surging and the effulgences of the Sun of favor are manifest and visible.

The gaze of the Wronged One has ever been directed towards the Afnan. In days when the world was in upheaval and the fire of hatred and animosity was ablaze in the hearts and souls of the nations, He summoned the servants to the fear of God and to that which would profit them unto all eternity. He mentioned, in clear statements and evident, kindly utterances, those qualities that are the cause of the salvation and exaltation of the servants, that all might hold fast unto them and be preserved from the abasement of self and passion and its evil. Nevertheless some forgot the counsel of God and regarded His Cause as insignificant. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds in this vain life. They shall call for help but none shall help them. They abandoned that which they were commanded to observe and practiced that which was forbidden them. The praiseworthy attributes—their source, their origin, their influence, their operation, and their glory and exaltation—have repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen.

These exalted words were revealed in one of the Tablets addressed to one of the friends: Say: O My loved ones in My lands! Hearken unto the counsel of Him Who counseleth you for the sake of God. He verily created you and manifested for you that which exalteth you and profiteth you, and taught you His Straight Path and His Mighty Announcement. O Jalil! Counsel the servants to fear God. By God! It is the greatest commander amongst thy Lord's hosts, and its troops are praiseworthy deeds and an upright character. Through them have the cities of men's hearts been opened throughout the ages and centuries, and the standards of triumph and victory been raised upon the loftiest poles.

We make mention unto thee of Trustworthiness and its position with God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. One day We repaired unto Our Green Island. Upon Our arrival, We found its streams flowing, and its trees luxuriant, and the sunlight playing in their midst. Turning Our face to the right, We beheld what the pen faileth to describe; nor can it set forth that which the eye of the Lord of Mankind witnessed in that most sanctified, that most sublime, that blessed, and most exalted Spot. Turning, then,

to the left We gazed on one of the Beauties of the Most Sublime Paradise, standing on a pillar of light, and calling aloud saying: ‘O inmates of earth and heaven!

Behold ye My beauty, and My radiance, and My revelation, and My effulgence. By God, the True One! I am Trustworthiness and the revelation thereof, and the beauty thereof. I will recompense whosoever will cleave unto Me, and recognize My rank and station, and hold fast unto My hem. I am the most great ornament of the people of Baha, and the vesture of glory unto all who are in the kingdom of creation. I am the supreme instrument for the prosperity of the world, and the horizon of assurance unto all beings.’ Thus have We sent down for thee that which will draw men nigh unto the Lord of creation.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! In the watches of the night and throughout the days, the Pen of the Lord of all names hath been engaged in admonition and counsel, yet these utterances and words—each like unto a sun in the heaven of existence—have been forsaken, and men cleave instead to their own vain imaginings, each of which is but a gate to abasement and loss. I pour out My grief and sorrow unto thee. Were they, in truth, to observe with the eye of justice and fairness the pearls and gems of counsel that have been revealed from the Treasury of the Most Exalted Pen, they would forsake the world and all that is therein and turn unto these counsels. The days pass like lightning, nay swifter still, while they rejoice in them, heedless and unmindful of the eternal realms. I beseech God to grant the world of existence understanding, that all may become aware of that which harmeth them and that which profiteth them, and that they may hold fast unto the divine commandments and ordinances which are the cause and means of protecting existence, preserving souls, exalting the Word, and elevating their stations.

The Afnan too must, in all conditions, awaken some of the heedless souls. To enjoin what is right beseemeth the Afnan who are adorned with the ornament of distinction. However, this must be done with wisdom, lest the clamor of every malicious enemy and every stubborn misbeliever be raised. We have ordained that every matter be resolved through consultation, and this binding decree hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in Scriptures and Tablets. Nevertheless, some act without consultation, rather in mere obedience to self and passion, doing that which hath been and is the cause of grief to God’s loved ones. The True One hath ever loved the name “Concealer”; despite His knowledge and all-encompassing awareness, He concealeth and will conceal. He is the Concealer. He hath commanded all to observe sublime concealment, and He is the All-Patient, and hath commanded His servants to practice beautiful patience.

Let your honor beseech God to aid His servants in that which pleaseth Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Praise be to God! From the earliest days thou wert blessed to attain and didst arise to serve the Cause. This testimony of the Most Exalted Pen is preserved and immortalized in God’s Book. By the life of God! Were this most exalted station to be unveiled, all would sacrifice their lives in pursuit thereof. To this doth testify He with Whom is the Mother Book. The Glory that is manifest, evident, and shining from the horizon of the heaven of God’s Will be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Cause and Mighty News. End.

His is the praise and the glory, and His is the laudation and the splendor. His grace hath encompassed His Afnan, and the Sun of His bounty hath so brilliantly shone forth that its light hath taken hold of the world.

In each of His verses there is concealed an ocean, and from every letter floweth a river. This evanescent servant ever beseecheth the Self-Subsisting One to ordain for each of your honor's deeds and remembrances a treasure, that your remembrances and traces may endure throughout the dominion of the Kingdom. Though in truth these bounties have already been answered before being asked, and there hath descended from the heaven of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, that before which every mention boweth down and every station is humbled.

I beseech God to illumine the hearts and souls of His servants with the lights of the Day-Star of His knowledge, and to open the doors of His grace that all may attain and none remain deprived. However, the heedlessness and misguidance of the leaders have prevented and deprived the people. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you and who do not oppose you and who hearken unto your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And praise be unto Him, for He is the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The servant, 6 Rabi'uth-Thani 1305

BH00738: Glorified be God, exalted be His majesty, universal His…

He is God, exalted is He in power and might

Glorified be God, exalted be His majesty, universal His bounty, mighty His power, and great His dominion! At times He bestows reunion, at times He afflicts with separation. Through nearness and union He gives life, and through remoteness and separation He causes death. What need then of Azrael, when this separation and remoteness is sufficient poison for the heart? Indeed, what wondrous power lies concealed in these hosts! Verily it has and shall ever surpass the power of the world. According to what is heard, His Holiness the Prophet (may our souls be a sacrifice for His sake) was fond of jest. Therefore if anything of this nature appears from these servants in such contexts, there is no harm in it.

Praise, sanctified from reality and metaphor, befits the Self-Sufficient Lord Who, through His Most Exalted Word, has bestowed infinite love between the hearts and souls of His friends and established spiritual unity. No blessing has been or is greater than this blessing. Every knowledgeable one bears witness and every informed one testifies. However, this blessing has been and is exclusive to the friends of Truth. The people of metaphor have no awareness of this mystery and no share in this blessing.

He created the servants with perfect power, sent Messengers, revealed Books, that all might find the path of truth and sincerity, love and faithfulness, and live in this world by these fruits which are in truth the fruits of the soul. The Exalted Truth, glorified be His majesty, is worthy of a hundred thousand thousand worlds of praise and glorification at every moment—though not by these tongues nor by these perceptions.

And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved and Chosen One, the Dawning-Place of His names and the Manifestation of His attributes and the Source of His Cause, through Whom His mysteries and the meanings of His Books and the symbols of His Messengers were revealed, and upon His family and

companions through whom the decree of the word “there is no God but Him” was established and the banner of power was raised among the righteous ones.

And then, O beloved of my heart, the letter arrived—a clear writing in the eyes of those possessed of vision. Nothing was found therein save degrees of yearning and longing, love and unity. In truth, all of it concluded with the blessed word “Verily, we are God’s.” After hearing the melodies of the nightingales of meanings and utterance, and witnessing the symbols of the mysteries of wisdom and exposition, it was taken to the station and presented before His presence. The Master (may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him) said:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God to manifest through thee that which will draw people near unto Him. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. And We beseech Him by His Prophets and His chosen ones to protect thee by His protection and guard thee by His guardianship, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the Lord of the throne and the earth.

We have ever mentioned and continue to mention the friends, and counsel them with that which will elevate the stations of man. We hope that the trees of existence may, through the rain of divine mercy, become adorned with delicate, gathered fruits. The fruits of the Tree of existence have been and are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed is the soul that turns from what the people possess to what God possesses—such a one is accounted among those who have turned to Him in the Perspicuous Book. This Wronged One conveys greetings to each one and seeks for each that which is everlasting and eternal.

Praise be to God! The purpose hath been attained, and Divine favors have become manifest and evident. At all times I have beseeched and do now beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord to grant us the grace to do that which pleaseth Him. All that you wrote was fitting and true—indeed they were words imbued with reality, meaning, strength and purity. Today in certain cities where one or two of the friends reside, the radiance of submission and contentment must shine forth from their countenances. It is hoped that through the endeavors of that beloved of hearts, the unworthy thorns of self and desire will be consumed by the fire of that beloved one’s counsels and exhortations, so that in the realm of fancy certainty may prevail, and in the abode of tyranny justice may find its dwelling place. This is not difficult for God to achieve.

Praise be to God! The spiritual beloved, the honored Shaykh, upon him be God’s peace and favors, has ever been engaged in service through God’s grace and has spoken words of praise and glorification. The glances of divine favor have been and continue to be directed towards him. In these days Aqa Ahmad, son of his eminence the departed and exalted one, upon them both be the Glory of God, sent a letter wherein he mentioned his transactions in the Sublime Porte, and likewise wrote to Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud. They stated that there is no blame upon the honored Shaykh, as this transaction was done with his knowledge and was sent to Mirza Mihdi in Tabriz. The Shaykh was in no way at fault in this matter. Mirza Mihdi must fulfill his obligation and send the funds. At most, the honored Shaykh, out of love, assisted him in the transaction and offered help—this is cause for gratitude, not complaint.

From all these utterances the fragrances of grace waft. Praise be to God! They have regarded and continue to regard the station of His loved ones. And then the letter of the honored Shaykh himself—upon him be the Glory of God—arrived, and it became clear that for him it yielded naught but trouble. There is no doubt that the bearing of these burdens was for the sake of God. The reward for these deeds rests with God. We beseech Him to protect His loved ones and to sanctify them from the doubts, insinuations and calumnies of His servants. Verily, He hath power over all things.

This servant conveyeth greetings to each of the friends and seeketh for each that which is befitting.

They mentioned the feast of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Ali, upon him be the peace of God. After presenting it, they said: "Excellent is what he hath done! Blessed is he who hath honored thy dwelling place." I beseech God to illumine that land through the goodly deeds and praiseworthy character of His loved ones, that all may bear witness to their detachment, trustworthiness, truthfulness and refinement of soul. This servant hath ever beseeched this from the heaven of bounty of the Lord of existence, at all times, and it will assuredly be answered, for He hath promised: "Call upon Me and I shall answer you." He is the All-Forgiving, He is the All-Merciful, He is the All-Hearing, He is the Answerer. The affairs there have surely by now been uncovered and become known, so that it may be evident to every soul that which they had imagined without proof.

Here the Afnan all testify to the trustworthiness, religiosity, mercy and kindness of the beloved Shaykh, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. Some time ago this servant wrote and sent a letter to the honored brother Aqa Muhammad-Ali, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. It has surely arrived. I beseech God that complete affection and complete unity may appear between them in such wise as to cause all to wonder. This matter was heard from the tongue of the Desired One. In any case, this servant ever hopes for that which is the cause of loftiness, exaltation, glory, and bounty. This hope hath not been and will not be cut off. After Divine grace, until now, whatsoever we have beseeched from the heaven of generosity and sea of bounty, He hath granted.

Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH00913: Praise and gratitude befit the sanctified and most holy…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

Praise and gratitude befit the sanctified and most holy court of that Remembered One Who hath illumined the world of being with the new radiance and wondrous light of utterance. At the first dawning of His effulgence, countless veils and shrouds appeared, all of which He rent asunder with the finger of divine power, causing His Cause to become manifest from the most exalted horizon. The desires of the world and its peoples could not prevent Him. With supreme steadfastness He conveyed His message before all humanity, and through this conveyance illumined the world. Glory be unto God, Who made the Perfect Power, the Source of the lights of knowledge, learning, books, scriptures and arts, to appear in the Hijaz—a place adorned with naught but rocks and thorny shrubs.

Glorified be His grandeur, His power, His might and His sovereignty, that He made such a place the point of adoration for all who dwell on earth and in heaven, and likewise the Kaaba of the believers and those near unto God. Were one to truly reflect, he would spend his entire life uttering “Power belongeth unto God!” How many unbelievers strove and labored to extinguish the Muhammadan Light, yet the Hand of Power preserved the lamp of His knowledge and wisdom within the glass of grace and bounty, despite the ungodly and the proud ones.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and my Aim! Send down at all times the rain of Thy mercy upon the believers. O Lord! Thou seest them encompassed by Thy creation. Deliver them, through Thy power which hath conquered all contingent things, from their evil and their greed. Then preserve, O my God, Thy cities and Thy lands through the angels and the Spirit. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived, bringing comfort and blessing, with fresh fruits arranged in perfect order within vessels of words. Praise be to God, each was a delicate food and a luminous blessing. We partook with sincere appetite, offered thanks and praise, and became occupied with glorification. Following its presentation, He said: O Yahya, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings! Never has the mention of your honor and the fruit of the tree of love been forgotten, nor shall it ever be, God willing. Praise be to God, your deeds are accepted and your efforts appreciated. Repeatedly mention the fruit on behalf of the Wronged One. It is incumbent upon all to assist him in every matter. We beseech God to illumine the world of existence with the light of His loved ones and to cause new, wondrous, and fresh fruits to appear from the trees of the garden of meanings and utterances. He is the Powerful One Whom the limitations of the contingent world cannot reach. His Command is truth and His decree is certain. In that station, there is no place for why and wherefore.

O Abdul-Husayn! God is witness and aware that thou art beheld as sustenance upon the table, present both day and night. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to make thee among those who have aided His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have mentioned and continue to mention the loved ones of that land. We have sent a small stream from the rivers of the Sadat to that direction, namely Inayatullah. We beseech God to protect him and those who have turned unto Him with radiant faces and illumined hearts. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and worthy to respond.

The Ocean of Utterance surgeth at all times, and the Luminary of Assurance dawneth in every moment. Glory be to God! The deniers perceive the mirage as water, even as they have counted the learned as ignorant, called the trustworthy treacherous, and named the reformer a corrupter. This evanescent servant hath ever beseeched the True One, exalted be His glory, to increase the power of hearing and preserve the eyes from inflammation and veils, that all may observe with their own eyes and hearken with their own ears.

I convey greetings to the apple of mine eye, nay the apple of existence and the beloved of hearts, that is, Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu’l-Husayn—upon him be God’s peace and favors. I beseech the True One, glorified be His majesty, on his behalf whatsoever shall cause the appearance of lasting fruits and eternal qualities. This is not difficult for God, our Lord and our Goal.

The friends are all remembered, nay they are present in the heart and visible before the eyes. The outpourings of the true Bestower have ever encompassed all and continue to do so, for ye have entrusted all unto Him and have placed your reliance in Him. Verily He is with whosoever hath desired Him, loved Him and mentioned Him. There is no God but He.

The mention of the beloved of the heart, Aqa Mirza Ahmad—upon him be the Glory of God—was made in His presence and attained the honor of His hearing. We made mention of him and besought from the True One, glorified be His majesty, whatsoever would cause the exaltation of the Word and the advancement of being. God willing, he shall be assisted in the remembrance and praise of the True One and be confirmed in that which hath been recorded and inscribed in God's Book by the divine Pen.

O Yahya, upon thee be God's peace! Make mention on behalf of the Wronged One to him and his relations, both mother and sister. Praise be to God, they have attained that which hath no equal.

Jinab-i-Sad—upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of creation—praise be to God, attained the privilege of visiting the House of God, and after the visitation and circumambulation proceeded in that direction. We beseech God to protect him from the wolves and dogs of the earth. Verily He hath power over all things.

This concludes what this evanescent servant hath performed on behalf of him and on behalf of Aqa Mirza Ahmad—upon them both be the Glory of God—that which causeth the loftiness and elevation of the stations of His friends.

Another submission: Your choice dates which truly reflected the bounty of the True One, glorified be His majesty, arrived distinguished and acceptable. However, the spiritual friend, His honor Aqa Siyyid Taqi—upon him be God's peace—was negligent in retrieving and saving them from the steamship house. Nevertheless they arrived. They partook of them repeatedly and repeatedly bestowed them upon the kindred and the circumambulators. "Well may it do you!" was heard repeatedly from the blessed tongue, and these "Well may it do you!" refer to your honor. I beseech the True One that He may cause a lofty tree to appear from each one and adorn it with the dates of wisdom and utterance. Verily He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer.

Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who have heard and responded and acknowledged the oneness of His Essence and His attributes.

The servant, on the first of Rajab 1305

BH11326: He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

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

Since the name "the village" [qaryih] was pleasing unto the Wronged One, We therefore did not change it. It is hoped that by the Most Exalted Pen it may be designated as the Mother of Villages [Um al-Qara], inasmuch as the gaze of God's loving-kindness is directed towards that quarter….

BH01146: Praise be to God Who guided His servants…

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

Praise be to God Who guided His servants to His straight path, informed them of His momentous announcement, and gave them glad tidings of the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, not to disappoint us from what He has ordained for His loved ones and to protect us on that Day when the heaven shall be cleft asunder, the earth shall be split, and the mountains shall pass away. Verily, He is the Generous, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom was established the sovereignty of God, His grandeur, His commandments, His laws, the encompassing nature of His power and His might, and upon His family and companions whom neither the swords of the world nor the ranks of nations frightened.

They arose with limited numbers before the hosts of the world, aided the Cause of God with true victory and strove in God's path with true striving. Through them the idols were shattered and the manifestations of vain imaginings were struck down. These are the servants whom the All-Merciful described in the Furqan, whom no blame of any blamer could turn away from God. We bear witness that there is no God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and singleness, and in recognition of His grace and bounty.

Your noble letter was received, and from it I sensed the fragrance of the exalted Gate. Blessed are they who circumambulate the House and visit Yathrib and Batha. By the life of our Beloved, the people of vision would not exchange a single pebble thereof for all the jewels of the world. Verily, whenever the spirit hears mention of those places, it thrills with joy and gladness. All this is from God's grace, the Lord of lords.

The letter of that spiritual friend arrived, diffusing the fragrance of divine love. After reading and perusing it, I approached the sacred threshold and presented it before the Master. He said: "Praise be to God, you have attained and performed the circumambulation." Say:

"My God, my God! I testify to the sanctity of Thy Being above mention and utterance, and the exaltation of Thy Self above what is ordained in contingent existence. Thou hast created creation for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, the Manifestation of Thy Self, and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Yet when He appeared, most of Thy creation turned away from Him—among them were those who denied Him, those who objected to Him, and those who arose to shed His blood. I beseech Thee, O Master of existence and Ruler of the seen and unseen, by Thy Command through which appeared the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the effulgences of the heaven of Thy grace, to ordain for this servant of Thine the good of the hereafter and of this world. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy oneness and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall accompany me in all the worlds of Thy worlds.

"O Lord! The thirst of separation from Thee hath consumed me—where is the sweet water of Thy mercy? My transgressions have removed me far from the court of Thy nearness—where are the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness? I beseech Thee by Thy Book which Thou didst reveal unto Thy Beloved,

whereby Thou didst separate truth from falsehood and light from darkness, to preserve me in all conditions from whatsoever might prevent me from turning to Thee, O Lord of mankind and Lord of the Sacred Place and Station! By Thy glory, O Desired One of the world and Worshipped One of the nations, I have desired naught from Thee except that which would make me, by night and day, speak Thy praise, utter Thy remembrance, and arise to serve Thy loved ones. Assist me, O my God, through Thy bounty and generosity; enable me, O my Beloved, through Thy power and loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art He Whom the wishes and desires of the nations cannot frustrate. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful." End

Praise be to God that your honor and those with you are successful in all conditions. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of that spiritual beloved, whatsoever is worthy of His bounty. After mention of the distinguished lady upon whom be 966 [Baha'u'llah], the Master spoke:

O handmaiden of God! This Wronged One makes mention of thee and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, on thy behalf whatsoever is conducive to thy good in this world and the next. Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Wronged One. Give thanks to the Peerless Beloved Who guided thee and taught thee the blessed Word of Unity. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor from God. Know thou its worth and recognize its station. Praise be to God Who caused thee to associate with one who possesses true unity and spiritual knowledge. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this supreme blessing and this greatest gift. The glory from Us be upon him and upon thee and upon him who was named Muhammad-ʿAli and upon the leaf whom God hath given unto you both.

This evanescent servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to assist all to mention, meditation, and acceptance, as well as to deeds from which the fragrance of divine acceptance is inhaled. Now, praise be to God, your honor hath attained unto that which is the greatest cause for the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech Him to make His grace continuous. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. And likewise may He grant whatsoever is conducive to the exaltation of His Word. This evanescent one also conveys greetings to the distinguished lady and children, makes mention of them, and beseeches God for the good of this world and the next for each one. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you and upon God's sincere and righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00120: The testimony of Truth, exalted be His glory…

Section 1: "The testimony of Truth, exalted be His glory…"

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

The testimony of Truth, exalted be His glory, is sufficient for His Own Self. He has said, and His word is the truth: "He cannot be described by any description besides His Own, nor can He be known by any besides Himself." The praise of those who praise and the glorification of those who glorify are bounded by human limitations, and from the Most Great Horizon to the human station lies an endless path. How can the condition of a servant be compared with that station which is sanctified beyond all sanctification and

glorification, let alone other stations? The station that cannot be comprehended is not known through comprehension, and that which cannot be described is not encompassed by description.

Exalted be His grandeur, elevated be His dominion, and magnificent be His majesty! It has been said of old: “The way is blocked, and the path is barred.” However, the letters of the friends and their mention, praise, detachment and attraction open a joyful door and diffuse a sweet fragrance. Though we may not attain to befitting praise and description, they have brought us somewhat closer to the path. For when that beloved one’s letter arrives, the heart records something and joy takes hold from all directions. Though the letter has no tongue, yet it speaks and expresses with eloquent language. Wherever one places one’s hand, no ear is found, yet what a wonderful hearer and what an excellent bearer of news it is!

Its fragrance spreads news and its acceptance and attention listen attentively. Whence comes this power, and whence this witnessing and hearing? All this is from God’s grace—our Lord, your Lord, and the Lord of the heavens and earths.

I beseech God to make the world one region and one homeland, as has been revealed in the Tablets from the heaven of His Will, and to grant His servants the ability to occupy themselves with the betterment of the world and the refinement of their own souls, so that the light of knowledge may encompass all possibility. The purpose of knowledge is those matters that preserve humans from what is unworthy and guide them to what is worthy. We beseech Him to grant this success which He has revealed in His scriptures and tablets, and to deliver His servants from the abyss of suppositions and idle fancies which is in truth the abyss of perdition. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.

And further: that beloved of the heart’s handwriting, dated the twelfth of the month of Safar and numbered 6, its effect superior to the spring rains and the springtime of creation, gave freshness to the heart and illumined the sight. After reading and inhaling its fragrance, proceeding to the station of the Lord of all beings, it was presented before the Seat of Grandeur, and at that moment a pleasing command was manifested, and this too is evidence of the grace of Truth, exalted be His glory, upon His servants, His loved ones, and His companions. The Tongue of Grandeur was speaking and this servant was engaged in writing before His presence when three persons arrived from His Honor Afnan, Mr. Mirza Aqa—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—each carrying in hand a tray filled with true confections. In truth, this is evidence of that beloved one’s sincerity, detachment, and spiritual orientation. In any case, after returning, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses, exalted be His utterance and mighty be His proof:

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O Amin! Hear the call of God, the True King, the Manifest One, on this Day of Judgment. He calleth aloud with the most exalted voice, making mention of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and summoneth them unto God, the Possessor of this luminous Day. The servant who is present hath appeared and read thy letter before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with that which draweth the hearts of them that hearken. We made mention of thee before, and sent unto thee from the precincts of the Prison the fragrances of the All-Merciful, that thou mightest inhale them and be amongst the thankful. It behooveth

one to write the verses of God with gold rather than with ink. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away his desires, clinging fast to the Lord of all humanity, Who hath come from the heaven of bounty with a mighty command and hath desired naught save the unity of hearts. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. Corruption hath been abolished and righteousness established by the command of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. Arise to that which profiteth and exalteth you. Verily, He hath appeared with the truth and hath bidden all to godliness and that whereby man's station in creation may be made manifest. Exalted is the All-Merciful, the Manifestor of that which draweth people nigh unto His straight Path. We beseech God to aid all to do that which He loveth and approveth. Verily, He is the Protector of them that act. Blessed art thou, O Amin, for having girded up thy loins to serve God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne. He is with thee and beholdeth what thou doest and heareth what thy tongue uttereth concerning this manifest News.

Beware lest the veils of glory prevent thee from the lights of beauty, or the power of the oppressors weaken thee in regard to the Cause of God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of the heaven of My mercy, the ocean of My bounty, and the sun of My loving-kindness. Say: By God! Ye have attained unto that which none besides you hath attained. To this beareth witness the Book of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. We counsel you, O My loved ones, to be trustworthy and godly, that the attributes of your Lord and His sanctification may be made manifest among His servants and throughout the lands.

He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. Thus have We expounded the verses as a grace from Our presence and sent them unto thee, that thou mightest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Give ear in the Persian tongue: Every utterance and remembrance that contains His praise is beloved in whatsoever language it may be—Persian, Turkish, Arabic or other tongues. However, the Arabic language is most eloquent, comprehensive and expansive. Praise be to God, thou hast attained that which befitteth His servants in this Day. The Breath of God hath awakened thee and the warmth of the Sun of Truth hath taken hold of thee. Thou hast arisen to serve and clung to the hem of detachment. All that hath come to pass is from His grace and bounty. Awaken the friends to the Call of Truth.

If thou shouldst meet Haydar-Qabli-Ali, upon him be My glory and favor, convey My greetings and say: O Haydar-Qabli-Ali, hearken with thy inner ear to the Divine Call. For the teacher, naught is needed save confirmatory proofs, for they are knowing of God and recognize Him according to their capacity. This is the gate of guidance and salvation. No knowledge save this is required. Whoso seeketh or asketh for more hath erred. Today, knowledge of God is beloved, recognition of Him is accepted, and His utterance is the goal. Among the sincere ones, the knowledge of God hath been and is the knowledge of devotion, detachment, and awareness of the path. Consider Jesus, son of Mary. His disciples in the early days were sanctified and free from outward knowledge.

Likewise were the companions of the Seal of the Prophets, may our souls be a sacrifice for His sake, in the beginning of His revelation. Many were from the marketplaces. O Haydar-Qabli-ʿAli, the fisherman

became the fisher of men, and the wooden staff struck down the swords of the world. These are the works of steadfastness, reliance and sanctification. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance from the Hand of the All-Merciful's bounty. Thou art the cupbearer of the choice sealed wine, possessing it in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Drink and give to drink, that perchance the heedless servants may become aware, find the path of God and hold fast to His cord.

The divers branches of learning wherewith the wearers of the turban pride themselves are such as have led them, in the cities and provinces of Íran, to ascend the pulpits and revile Him Who is the Desire of the world—God forbid! May God preserve us and thee from their vain imaginings, their doubts, and their insinuations. One craft, of the crafts of the peoples of the West and of the East, which in this day is of service to mankind, and which ministereth to their comfort and tranquillity, is, in the sight of God, more excellent than all that these heedless souls have borne about in their minds and proclaim from the pulpits. Know thou, with firm and manifest assurance, that the effulgence of this Most Great Revelation hath encompassed the whole world; and ere long such means and such arts shall appear in the realm as shall be witnessed to confound the minds of men of understanding, who will be found powerless to fathom their secret.

Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto true knowledge. Now recognition and acceptance are needed, that all servants may be adorned with the ornament of recognition and illumined by the lights of acceptance. From this recognition and acceptance shall appear that which no eye hath ever beheld. Reflect upon Christ and the outward crafts. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Wise Craftsman. The most great cause and supreme reason for whatsoever was seen before or shall be seen hereafter, or hath appeared or shall appear, hath been and is the Divine verses and the Will and Purpose of the Lord. The ladder of knowledge is high, and the feet of the servants are afflicted with paralysis. The horizon is radiant, but vision is weak. In any case, I beseech the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted to show generosity, to bestow bounty, to grant healing in His Name, the Healer. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning the Afnan upon him be the Glory of God, who is attracted to the verses of God and immersed in the ocean of His love and soaring in the atmosphere of His affection and will, who was named Muhammad in the Book of God, the Lord of all beings, what you wrote was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

> "O Amin! Verily Muhammad has attained My presence and circled round My throne and stood before the gate of My grandeur and spoke My praise. He is the one mentioned in My prison and witnessed before My countenance. Give him the glad tidings of My favor. We beseech God to send down upon him that which will draw him near in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

And likewise concerning the honored Afnan, His Excellency Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, after being presented at the highest horizon and supreme height, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings. His blessed and exalted Word:

> “O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory! Praise the Desired One of the world Who granted confirmation and bestowed success, Who gave determination, manifested capacity and ability until He guided thee to the supreme height and ultimate goal. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the path of Thy good-pleasure and caused me to hear the verses of Thy Most Exalted Pen when the seat of Thy throne was established in the prison of ʿAkka, and for having taught me what was hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge from time immemorial. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Ruler of the Kingdom, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will cause my mention to endure among all mentions, my name among all names, and my spirit among all spirits. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and within Thy grasp is the key to success. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.”

This evanescent servant conveys greetings and glorification to each of these gentlemen. Praise be to God, they are present and have attained His favor. The servant beseeches his Lord to ordain for them both that which will cause them to be among those who circle round His mighty throne. There is none other God but He, the Fulfiller of the needs of all who ask. Supreme joy, delight and happiness have been attained because that beloved one has in every instance recorded mention of the Afnan and their adherence to the Divine Lote-Tree and their being set ablaze with the fire of the Lote-Tree and whatsoever hath been manifested from them in the path of God, and likewise the mention of the loved ones of God and what hath appeared from them in His path. That beloved one hath ever been and continues to be the cause of the manifestation of divine bounties and favors concerning His loved ones. This is a mighty grace and a great blessing.

And as to what thou hast mentioned concerning Aqa Muhammad-Husayn—upon him be the glory of God—his turning towards God, his eager response, and his being kindled with the fire of Divine love; and likewise concerning Aqa Muhammad-Hasan—upon him be the glory of God—his neighbour, and his attention and acceptance: these remembrances were laid before the Countenance of that Holy One, the Spirit of all in the kingdom of command and of creation be a sacrifice unto Him. Whereupon there was revealed that which hath descended from the heaven of the Will of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. He—blessed and exalted be He—hath spoken:

O Amin, upon thee be My glory! Thou didst make mention of Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be My glory. Praise be to God that he hath been enkindled with the fire of the love of God, hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and remaineth steadfast in his love for the Peerless Friend. He hath been and continueth to be oriented in his countenance, remembering with his tongue, beholding with his eye, accepting with his heart and grasping with his hand. The deeds of that household have ever been remembered in the presence of the Wronged One—with Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. Give him My glad-tidings and illumine him with that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Pen, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

O Muhammad-Husayn! The call of the Wronged One is raised, and the lights of His countenance shine forth from the Most Exalted Horizon without veil or covering. Yet the veils of fancy and vain imaginings of the hearts have outwardly prevented the sincere ones from drawing nigh and have held back those who

are near from attaining His presence. Praise be to God that in these days when darkness hath encompassed the world, thou hast attained unto the light of the Cause. Beseech God to preserve His people in this Revelation from the fancies and vain imaginings of the former party, namely the Shi'ites, lest they become like that party who hath lost both this world and the next.

Reflect upon the baseness of understanding and the heedlessness of that party. For years they counted themselves the most learned and exalted in the world, yet on the Day of Resurrection they were found to be the most ignorant and abased. Now the new deniers of Bayan desire to occupy people with the vain imaginings of the former party. Glory be to God! That party which clung to the true Ali put to death its Creator, Manifestation and Source on the Day of His appearance. Now what will these souls who cling to the false Ali do, and what excellence will they manifest? It behooveth those possessed of insight to weep and lament, for they have sullied the Day of God with their own delusions.

Today a thousand Alis are circumambulating, created by a single word of the chosen ones and holy ones. The former party, with their countless claims and immeasurable pride, their most renowned, most learned and most ascetic ones occupy the pulpits cursing the Goal of all the worlds. They testified to the infidelity of the King of being, Whom they had beseeched night and day with utmost humility, submissiveness and lamentation to attain His presence, and issued the verdict for His blood to be shed. What then hath befallen and will befall the new deniers? This utterance hath repeatedly descended from the heaven of knowledge as a token of grace, that the people of God may be aware and may protect the servants from new fancies and vain imaginings.

Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a favor from Me unto thee. When thou hearest it, say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the world! And glory be to Thee, O Thou Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones!

Section 2: "This is what was revealed for Muhammad Hasan…"

This is what was revealed for Muhammad Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God. He, blessed and exalted, says: O Muhammad Hasan, upon you be My Glory! The honored Amin, upon him be My Glory, mentioned you and sent it to the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to assist you and enable you to do that which He loves and is pleased with, and to make you among those who have arisen to serve the Cause and have held fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Wronged One while He was imprisoned in the hands of the heedless. Say:

My God, my God! Illumine my face with the lights of Thy countenance and my heart with the radiance of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen to make me, in all conditions, steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, such that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me from Thy remembrance, O Thou Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Praise be to God! The waves of the divine ocean of generosity have encompassed both, and the rain of grace is so abundantly pouring and descending that no speaker can find words to describe it. His mercy is continuous and His grace is successive. Every person of insight is bewildered and every person of

understanding is perplexed, for His grace has exceeded all reckoning and His generosity has transcended all bounds. How lofty is this most exalted station and supreme summit! Glorified be He Who raised it, glorified be He Who established it, and glorified be He Who confirmed it. There is no God but Him.

As for the repeated mention of Haji H.S. (upon him be the Glory of God) and the supplications made for divine favors upon him, his mention has repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and at this time these blessed words and radiant verses have been revealed from the heaven of grace. He, blessed and exalted, says: The mention of Muhammad-before-H and S, upon him be My Glory, has repeatedly been revealed. God has forgiven him as a favor from His presence, purified him, and enabled him to serve His Cause. He turned in the early days to the Most Exalted Horizon and drank the sealed nectar from the hand of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting. He shattered the idols of fancy and vain imaginings through the power of his Lord, the Possessor of mankind, and rent asunder the veils through My Name, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Amin! These deeds which have been manifested by him from the beginning of the Cause until now have not been and will not be forgotten. Verily, thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Make mention of him on behalf of the Wronged One and convey to him what has been revealed for him from the Most Exalted Pen. Likewise for the emigrants who emigrated and attained with him the Most Holy Court. By the life of God! There has been ordained for each one, male and female, that which the outward eye has not been and is not capable of beholding. He Who possesses the Clear Book bears witness to this. Convey greetings to all on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of the waves of the ocean of utterance which have at this time appeared from the Pen of the Most Merciful specifically for them, that the utterance may attract them to the Kingdom of knowledge and bring them to a station wherein the conditions of the world will not change them nor the doubts of the nations sadden them.

O Amin! Blessed art thou and joy be to thee! In every letter thou hast made mention of the friends and hast spoken of A and M and their daughters and other daughters in each of thy letters, and each hath attained to that which hath no equal. In these days, especially for some of the leaves, upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of will. We beseech God to confirm all to that which beseemeth His days. In truth, some from the beginning until now have been engaged in service, turning to Him and making mention of Him. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of those men and women who do good and who are devout.

This servant conveyeth greetings to all and beareth witness before God, exalted be His glory, to the turning, the devotion, the steadfastness, and the praise and glorification of these assured souls mentioned, and from the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy and the sea of divine bounty, he seeketh for each that which shall endure throughout the sovereignty of earth and heaven. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, He is the Speaker of Truth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning what thou didst write about Sirri Effendi, upon him be the glory of God, after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, He said: "Yes, O Amin, the one mentioned hath protected and continueth to protect, and from the beginning the sweet savors of love have wafted from him.

However, those who have dealings with the government, it often happens that without intention a word escapeth from their tongue. Therefore concealment in this matter is preferable. Thou didst write about this before and an answer was sent. The command remaineth the same and the decree is unchanged. Beseech God to reveal unto all the purpose of this Revelation and His will, that what is hidden in the hearts may become as evident as the sun.

In such case all would arise to assist the oppressed. But now the Cause is veiled and doubts and idle fancies are an obstacle. Therefore ye must observe prudence according to the requirements of the time. The former deeds of this group have grieved hearts and minds, therefore until now they cling to their vain imaginings. We beseech God to aid all to witness the signs and fruits of the divine Tree. In such case doubt will be transformed to certitude and agitation to tranquility, and the tongues of all created things will proclaim 'The Truth hath come."'

Concerning what they wrote about thy loved ones, Mulla Husayn and Aqa Hasan, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Husayn! Upon thee be My glory! The Trusted One made mention of thee, and We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. Blessed is the heart that hath on this day turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and the face that hath directed itself to the light of the countenance of its Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Everyone possessed of discernment perceiveth in all things the fragrance of transience. Blessed is the strong one who hath cast it behind him, turning unto God, the Kind, the Generous. Every tongue hath acknowledged the transience of the world and its transformation. Blessed is the seeing one who hath turned away from it and faced toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me and made me know and hear, and for having revealed unto me that which hath set me ablaze with Thy love. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to make this servant of Thine one who gazeth upon Thee, who speaketh Thy praise, and who holdeth fast unto Thy cord. 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 Almighty, the Powerful.

This is what was revealed for Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God: He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty

O Hasan Amin, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Thou hast been mentioned and We have remembered thee. Praise be to God, thou hast attained and hast drunk from the Kawthar of bounty which floweth from the Supreme Pen. His mercy hath preceded all things and His loving-kindness hath encompassed all. He hath manifested Himself and made clear the path of success, guiding His servants thereto. Some have heard and attained, while others remain deprived and forbidden from the eternal bounty and the heavenly feast. The cause of their deprivation are those souls who have usurped His station in His name and pass judgment among the servants. Ever have those who outwardly cling to the Truth and are honored by His name sent the people to the abode of perdition. Give praise to the Desired

One of the world Who hath made you aware and guided you, and Who hath sent down in the Most Great Prison, by His will, that which hath been and ever shall be the cause of the preservation of names and mention. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This lowly one conveyeth greetings to each one, and at all times beseecheth from the Desired One of the worlds the exaltation of His loved ones, especially those souls who are associated with and cling to His servants. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, He is the Generous. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding the mention of my beloved Ibn-i-Abhar, upon them both be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, and likewise regarding the sum that was sent to him, this matter hath been accepted in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Amin! Excellent is what thou hast done." We beseech God to aid him to assist His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Spending in His path and assisting His loved ones is acceptable.

Mention was made of Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. His petition attained the Most Holy Court and a most wondrous and glorious Tablet was revealed and sent down from the horizon of will. Let him rejoice and give thanks unto our Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Likewise mention was made of Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah and Aqa Mirza Javad, the two dyers, upon them both be the Glory of God. The mention of both was heard in the Greatest Scene before the face of the Lord of Power, and these brilliant verses were sent down from the heaven of bounty. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Faithful Speaker

O Asadu'llah! God willing, thou shalt remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God with the power and might of a lion. True steadfastness maketh the world steadfast and spiritual attraction causeth the world to become attracted. Ever fix thy gaze upon this word: "He is praised in His deeds and obeyed in His command." Whosoever holdeth fast to this exalted word, the calumnies of the servants shall not affect him and the clamor of the oppressors and the doubts of the barkers shall not deprive him from the Most Great Ocean. The Trustworthy One hath mentioned thee, and We mention thee as a bounty from Us, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Blessed art thou for having turned, hearkened, and witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the creation of all things. Verily there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Forgiving.

And this is what was revealed for Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Creation. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Bountiful, the Generous

O Javad! Ask the leaders of the Shia sect what became of those demands, what happened to that cry of ‘May God hasten’, what were those lamentations in the month of Muharram, and what were those dirges? Judge fairly—you considered yourselves most profitable but were found to be most lost; you counted yourselves most learned but were observed to be most ignorant. O faithless ones! You have torn the veil of honor. The King of existence, through whose bounty all created things were adorned with the ornament of being—Him you cursed and reviled from your pulpits, and finally pronounced the verdict for His martyrdom. Now fear God and have mercy upon yourselves. How long will heedlessness endure? Until when will tyranny persist? The Jews keep their distance from you, let alone the People of the Sunna. For twelve hundred years you played the game of successorship, and finally busied yourselves with cursing the Truth from your pulpits. Shame upon you and upon your beliefs and your faith!

O Javad! Now ponder these matters and thank God that He saved you by the hands of His will and delivered you from ghouls and demons. You heard the call of the Wronged One and responded to it. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! He hath mentioned thee with that which no mention can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Wise, the Helper, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast the rejectors behind them, turning unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

They mentioned Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Farajullah, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, that he is engaged in praise and thanksgiving and is steadfast in serving the Cause. After this matter was presented before the Most Glorious Horizon, a most holy and mighty Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor and was sent. God willing, may they obtain eternal life from its verses and drink of the everlasting Kawthar. Praise be to God, they have attained to that for which existence itself was brought into being. This servant conveys greetings and salutations to him and the mentioned souls, upon them be the glory of God, and seeks confirmation and success for them. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Almighty, the Powerful, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning the mention of the ascension and passing of the elevated, deceased and blessed His Holiness Raj, upon him be the glory of God, His mercy and His favors—after this was presented in the Most Holy and Most Mighty Presence, there was revealed from the heaven of Will that which is the cause of exaltation and elevation. He was ever remembered in the Most Great Scene. There hath been revealed concerning his station and rank that which the tongues of all created things are powerless to recount. He turned to God on a day when all the divines were engaged in rejection, and he acknowledged the Truth at a time when all were denying it, save those whom God willed. His is a station with God.

Likewise mention hath been made of his honor Ibn, upon him be the Glory of God—that is, his honor Shaykh M.H.—and such verses have been revealed as have caused the fragrance of loving-kindness to be diffused among the concourse of those near unto God and them that circle round His throne. Similarly have his other sons, upon them be the Glory of God, been remembered, each one being mentioned in the presence of the Truth. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of our Lord. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

This servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, that He may keep them aflame at all times with the fire of His love and illumined with the light of His Cause, that they may arise to render

service and lead men from that which they possess unto that which God possesseth. At this time there is no opportunity to write and send more, but at another time, God willing, it shall be sent, that their eyes may be solaced thereby, their hearts gladdened, and their breasts dilated. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon them that are with you and love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH01445: O son of My name! Hearken unto My call…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Glorious Horizon

O son of My name! Hearken unto My call from around My throne. Verily it draweth thee to a station wherein the affairs of creation shall not grieve thee, nor shall the doubts of the doubters hinder thee. This is the call which the Interlocutor heard on Sinai when We revealed unto him from this Manifestation, whereby the Hand of Bounty appeared from the kingdom of creation and gave to drink the sealed wine, through His Name the Self-Subsisting, unto such servants as turned unto Him. Thus did the Luminary of grace shine forth from the horizon of this heaven, and the Tongue of Grandeur did speak: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is the day wherein the Dove of Knowledge warbled and the nightingales of utterance sang upon the highest branches. O people of the world! By our Lord, the All-Merciful! This is the day wherein the Hidden One hath revealed His beauty, and the Concealed One His mysteries, and the Ocean its waves, and the Divine Lote-Tree its fruits, and the Sun its effulgence, and the verses their sweet savors. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized, and woe unto every remote denier. Verily We withheld the Pen for a time. Thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O beloved! Remember when thou didst seek the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Summit. We aided thee with the hosts of love and affection until thou didst attain the presence of the Wronged One in His mighty prison, and beheld the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's verses, and heard His sweetest call, and stood before a door which was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The iniquity of the world and the transgressions of the nations have not withheld His mercy. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to be trustworthy and religious, and to that which elevateth the station of man. I am the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Say: Aid ye My Cause with these My hosts. Thus were ye commanded aforetime in diverse Tablets, as attesteth he who hath in his possession a perspicuous Book. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance, through deeds and character. By the life of God! Through these are manifested the sanctification of My Being and the purification of Mine Essence. Blessed is he who hath understood My purpose, and woe unto the heedless. Say: Adorn your temples with the ornament of fear of God. He is the Leader of My hosts and their Chief. Thus hath the All-Wise decreed while seated upon His exalted throne.

We make mention of My loved ones there. We have mentioned them before and given them glad tidings of My favor which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech God to aid them and My loved ones in all lands to act in accordance with what He hath revealed in His Book. He is the Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O beloved! Upon thee be My glory. We have desired at this time to make mention of My leaf and My handmaiden who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful.

The Light shining from My Most Exalted Horizon and the Fragrance wafting from the Supreme Perspective be upon thee, O handmaiden of God! I testify that thou didst hear the Call and answer thy Lord, and didst turn unto Him when the people were in manifest aversion, and thou didst win the days of thy Lord and didst hearken unto His verses when the handmaidens of the earth were heedless thereof. We beseech God to send down upon thee mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self, and to show thee in all times the manifestations of grace and bounty. He is verily powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Blessed is the servant who hath remembered her through what hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen, and the handmaiden who hath turned unto her. He verily heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O beloved! Give thanks unto God for what He hath revealed unto thee of verses while the Wronged One was imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors. Say: O my God, my God! Withhold not Thy servants from turning to the Most Great Ocean, nor deprive them of the effulgent rays of Thy luminous horizon. Through Thy bounty and generosity, ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of grace and munificence. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous. Thy generosity hath encompassed all creation and Thy grace hath pervaded all beings. Deliver Thy servants from the promptings of self and passion, that they may turn with their hearts unto Thee, hearken unto Thy call, and recognize that which Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty.

There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Glorious, the All-Wise. Illumine, O my God, the faces of those who have turned to the light of Thy countenance, and their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Most Wise of judges and the Most Merciful of the merciful. I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself as a token of Thy bounty and an evidence of Thy loving-kindness. Close not, O my God, the door which Thou hast opened unto the world. Verily, Thou are the Strong, the Powerful. Glory be upon Thee and upon Thy loved ones there, and upon those who are with Thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

BH03061: Today the horizon of the world is illumined…

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

Today the horizon of the world is illumined with the lights of the manifestation of the Most Great Luminary. The Prophets and Messengers, both before and after, gave glad tidings to all on earth of the

appearance of Him Who conversed with Moses. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—states:

> "I have written an essence regarding His mention, which is that He cannot be known through My allusion nor through what was revealed in the Bayan."

He is the true Herald Who appeared to inform the people, that they might make themselves ready and clear the paths, even as John son of Zacharias, who is mentioned in the Books as John the Baptist, gave glad tidings of the appearance of Christ while he was in prison when Jesus son of Mary declared His Cause. Blessed is the one whom the doubts and allusions of the people of the world did not prevent or deprive from beholding the Supreme Horizon.

Today the path is clear and the proof is revealed. The friends of God must arise to serve the Cause and through wisdom and utterance draw the people of the contingent world to the divine law. This transient world and all that exists therein will soon return to nothingness. Strive that there may appear from you deeds that will endure in the gathering of the world through the eternality of the divine names and attributes.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The servant of the Cause today is one who, should he pass by cities of gold and silver, would not open his eyes, and his heart would remain pure and sanctified from all that he beholds—that is, from the ornaments and bounties of the world. I swear by the Sun of Truth that his soul is effective and his word is attractive. We beseech God to assist thee in that which befits His Day. Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Arise by My leave, then help thy Lord with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those who have not exchanged the enduring bounty for transient benefits, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every knowing and perceiving one.

BH04571: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Your mention has…

In the Name of the one true God!

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Your mention has ever been present at the Most Holy Court. We heard your call and all that proceeded from you in praise and glorification of the Goal of the worlds was received with hearing. Nothing escapes His knowledge. All matters are manifest and evident before God. Veils do not prevent Him from beholding. That which is apparent and that which is hidden are witnessed in the presence of Divine knowledge.

O My leaf! Were but one manifestation from among the manifestations of stations ordained for My Most Truthful Name to become manifest and visible in the world, all the tongues of the peoples of the world would speak forth "Blessed be God, the Compassionate, the Generous!" This Wronged One has ever been afflicted in the hands of enemies, therefore We act according to what wisdom requires. We beseech God to increase your success in all times.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the handmaidens of that city. God willing, may they drink in all conditions from the choice wine of the love of the Beloved of the worlds, and may they speak His

praise and mention, and be accounted before God among the men, not like the women and men of the Shi'ih party who for one thousand two hundred years occupied themselves with successor and guardian and chiefs and nobles, then on the Day of Reckoning arose to deny and turn away from His Holiness the Desired One. They martyred the King of existence by Whose word a thousand Alis could be created.

O My handmaidens! The Day is the Day of God. Pass beyond the river of names that you may attain unto the ocean of meanings. Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH07715: Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon.

Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve and who hath awakened the servants from the slumber of heedlessness through the fragrances of revelation and the rustling of the Supreme Pen. Whosoever attaineth unto this honor must have his head adorned with the crown of detachment, his temple embellished with the robe of godliness, and his heart illumined with the light of divine knowledge. This Day is different from other days, and this Cause different from other causes. Beseech ye God that He deprive not eyes from beholding His signs, nor ears from hearkening to the rustling of His Supreme Pen. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which shall never cease to yield fruit, and whose mention shall not be erased from God's Book. Glory be unto the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, who have turned with their hearts and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee for having remembered us while Thou wert imprisoned in the hands of the heedless ones."

BH01951: The traces of the Pen of love and purity…

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

The traces of the Pen of love and purity have bestowed purity upon the world and removed the dust of events from hearts and souls. It was a clear proof and a crying herald. It mentioned thirty-hour journeys which were like thirty years. The length of this journey nearly caused the sweetness of nearness to be erased from the heart, but divine grace provided assistance and the true sea showed generosity. And after being presented in the court of His presence, a word was revealed that transformed every remoteness into nearness and every separation into union. Therefore the luminary of hope for nearness has risen from the horizon of the heart. We hope that soon the meeting will be attained and union will open a new book. "Without the help of the people of truth and the chosen ones of truth, even if one be a king, his page is black."

In all conditions we hold fast to the cord of His grace and cling to the hem of His generosity. We have no other sorrow. Surely the sorrows of the world cannot darken this station, nor can the events of nations scatter it. Although outwardly dispersion is apparent, inwardly we are united and watchful. The loved ones, wherever they may be, are beneath the pavilions of His grandeur. This heaven is but one dome of that royal tent. Whatever we are, we are from Him, and wherever we are, we are with Him. The

effulgences of the Sun of grace have shone forth in such wise that the learned one of creation can neither describe nor mention it. The world of existence appears as but a span, nay less, before the expanse of His generosity.

Praise be to God, again praise be to God, for awareness comes from His grace and knowledge from His endless bounty. With one word He kindled the fire of His love in hearts and souls until all, without intention, ran toward Him and found rest in His shadow. This fire was reserved for the hearts of those near and sincere. Glory be to God! His jealousy is such that He accepts no rival. This is why the world appears frozen. Were He to lift the veil, new souls would gather in such wise as to make the space too narrow for the former friends. Nay, by His very Self! The blessed word "The foremost ones are the foremost ones—these are they who will be brought near" has ever been and will ever be established and realized. Every person of insight bears witness and every hearing ear attests.

Better now to leave this theme and turn to mention the Afnan of the Blessed Tree and the loved ones, upon them be God's peace. The honored presence of the most great Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, has ever been and is remembered. The days of his presence are witnessed and observed. Repeatedly his mention was heard from the tongue of the Master, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him, especially in these days. Furthermore, I convey greetings and nothingness to both luminaries—the brilliant star, his honor Afnan, and the honored beloved, his honor Haji, and the spiritual beloved, his honor Muhammad Mustafa, and likewise his honor Aqa Mirza Mihdi and all the other loved ones, upon them all be God's peace and praise. Praise be to God, they are mentioned and present before His face. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

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BH01140: O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of utterance

O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call from the luminous Tree, that verily there is none other God besides Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Mother Book speaks and says: The All-Bountiful has come in His retreat. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. The Mother of the Bayan calls out: O people of creation! The All-Merciful has come with a host from the Supreme Concourse. Turn unto Him and be not of the lost. The Mother of Tablets speaks and says: O peoples of the earth! He Who conversed on Sinai is established upon the throne of Revelation. Withhold not yourselves from drawing nigh unto Him. This is what ye have been commanded in the Books of God and in this perspicuous Tablet.

O Kazim! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thou art he who has turned unto My horizon, who has held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness, and who has arisen to serve My Cause and to make mention of Me and to praise Me amongst My servants. We beseech God to assist thee and to aid thee with a host of the near angels. Blessed is the tongue that hath confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and the eye that hath been honored with beholding His luminous direction. We

have sent down for thee aforetime that which the riches of all the servants cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation in His mighty prison. We have mentioned thee in numerous Tablets, drawn thee nigh unto the shore of the Most Great Ocean, and guided thee unto My straight path.

Blessed is the servant who hath cast away what he possessed and hath hearkened unto that which I have uttered in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people of the Furqan! Have ye not heard the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in His words "On the day when all men shall stand before the Lord of the worlds"? This is the day whereon the horizon of grace hath been illumined and the Self-Subsisting hath appeared with His sealed choice wine in His hand, saying: Come ye, come ye, and be not of them that tarry. This is the day which the Books of God, the Sovereign of the Day of Judgment, had promised. Say: O people of the Bayan! By the life of God, the Point of the Furqan and the Point of the Bayan bewail you in the most exalted Paradise. Fear ye God and be not of the oppressors. If ye deny this most great favor, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Be fair, O people, and be not of them that are abased.

The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with the standards of His signs. Give thanks unto your Lord for this most great favor which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: The river of utterance hath flowed from the Pen of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Draw nigh and drink thereof in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous, Who hath stood before all faces and called all unto the One, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean spoken amongst the nations, causing the limbs of them that have denied God, the Mighty, the Powerful, to quake.

O Kazim! Verily My Most Exalted Pen desireth to make mention of thy brother who hath ascended unto God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. At the time of his ascension, the Concourse on High perceived from him the fragrance of My love, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, and the hand of grace admitted him to a station whereof the pens of the world are powerless to make mention. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. The light that shone forth from the horizon of the grace of the Manifestation, and the first fragrance that wafted from the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the Sovereign of existence, rest upon thee, O thou who didst turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon when they who are on earth turned away therefrom. We testify that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn unto it and believe in God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible, and remained steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the doubts of them who denied the decree of resurrection did not deter thee. Thou didst attain unto the recognition of God and His signs, and didst hear His most sweet call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and didst drink His choice sealed wine sealed with His Self-Subsisting Name.

Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken in this praiseworthy station. Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Sovereign over what hath been and what shall be! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the breezes of Thy days and the waves of the ocean of utterance in the contingent world, to send down upon him who hath ascended unto Thee, at every moment, a mercy from Thee and a grace from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. All created things have testified to Thy generosity and all beings to Thy loving-kindness. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Kazim! Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee and unto thy brother that whose fragrance shall never cease to persist throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm above. A letter hath come from Salman, upon him be My glory, wherein mention was made of him who ascended unto the Supreme Companion. By reason thereof, grief seized those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. We console thee and comfort thee with verses that have no equal in all the earth and heavens. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient; He biddeth thee to manifest beautiful patience. He, verily, is the Almighty over what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones. Say: O people of God! Take heed lest the power of the world frighten you, or the might of the nations weaken you, or the clamor of the contentious deter you, or the manifestations of glory sadden you. Be as mountains in the Cause of your Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Thus have We sent down from the clouds of grace the rains of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses, and glory be unto Thee, O Manifestation of clear evidences!"

I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest that which was hidden from eternity of eternities. Whoso turneth unto Thee hath turned unto God from the beginning that hath no beginning, and whoso turneth away hath turned away from God in the beginning and the end. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them who hearken unto thy word in this Cause whereby the limbs of men have quaked, and upon My loved ones there who have not broken the Covenant.

BH02014: Thy letter which thou didst send to the Nazir…

In the name of the one true God!

Thy letter which thou didst send to the Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, attained the presence of this Wronged One. We saw it and heard it. Praise be to God, every word thereof testified to thy turning and devotion to the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God to increase at all times thy steadfastness, love and devotion. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! In this Most Great Revelation and Mighty Announcement, praiseworthy deeds and pleasing virtues have been supporters and helpers, as hath been revealed in the Books, Psalms, Scriptures and Tablets from the Supreme Pen. Today the people of truth must be adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, righteousness, truthfulness and sincerity. Blessed is the heart that hath been illumined with the light of trustworthiness. After the recognition of God and steadfastness in His Cause cometh the station of trustworthiness. We beseech God not to deprive cities and lands of its lights. Trustworthiness hath ever been the cause of the world's wealth and the reason for divine blessing and infinite bounties.

This Wronged One is saddened by certain events that have occurred. Convey My greetings to those who have turned to God. Impart unto all the divine counsels, that haply they may turn from what they possess to what God possesseth, and hold fast unto that which befitteth this Day.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, and the lights of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation, and by Thy verses that have encompassed earth and heaven, and by Thy arising to establish Thy Cause after the passing away of all things, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and enable them to recognize that which will profit them in this world and the next, through Thy generosity and bounty. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, and adorn their heads with the crowns of trustworthiness amidst Thy creatures, and their temples with the ornament of detachment through Thy grace and mercy.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being and Sovereign over the seen and unseen, to make Thy loved ones the standards of Thy guidance amongst Thy servants and the banners of Thy truth in Thy lands. Then protect this servant of Thine from those who have abandoned what they were bidden in Thy Book and have done what they were forbidden by Thy command. O Lord! Ordain for me the good of this world and the next, then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will make me independent through Thy riches, detached from all else save Thee, standing firm in Thy service and speaking Thy praise. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to cause the people of that land to attain unto that which hath been revealed in these blessed words, that all may be adorned with an ornament whose light shall guide the peoples of the world to the Dawning-Place of God's Command and the Dayspring of His verses. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. Soon shall appear what God, the Powerful, the Mighty, hath ordained for thee. The Nazir and Asadu'llah, upon them be My Glory and loving-kindness, abide beneath the canopies of grandeur, at rest. Under all conditions be ye vigilant in exalting the Word. Your affairs are referred to God. Verily He hath ordained for thee what He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the cup of the favor of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH02500: O ʿAli-i-Akbar! The whole world awaited the appearance…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O ʿAli-i-Akbar! The whole world awaited the appearance of the Ancient King, beseeching with utmost lamentation, helplessness and supplication from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, the manifestation of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Rising-Point of His verses. Yet when the expanse of the world was illumined by the lights of the Most Great Luminary, all arose in opposition. The primary cause and reason for this opposition were the divines of the age. Whenever the ocean of knowledge appeared, the sun of bounty was manifest, and the heaven of Revelation was raised up, all became as veils and prevented the servants from the Lord of Creation—though all were brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of this Day. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned toward the Dawning-Place of certitude. What befell thee hath repeatedly befallen Us. Give thanks unto thy Lord as We gave thanks for what befell Us in His Straight Path and His Great Announcement. Thou hast ever been mentioned in the Most Holy Court and still art. We beseech God to assist thee to be

patient. Verily He is the All-Patient and hath commanded all to patience, and He is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

Soon shall the people of tyranny and rebellion confess their own loss and your gain. Were they to become aware even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would cry out "I turn unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world!" When thou receivest My letter and findest from it the sweet fragrances of My loving-kindness, say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me know Thee when Thy servants were heedless of Thee, and for having caused me to turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love in such wise that the tyranny of the Pharaohs among Thy servants and the oppression of the tyrants among Thy creatures shall not prevent me. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come, and that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of his Bountiful Lord, hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee in a Tablet that crieth out between earth and heaven:

> "O people of Baha! By God, ye have attained unto that which none before you hath attained. Know ye your station, then aid your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Blessed is he that heareth and seeth, and woe unto the deniers."

We make mention of Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be My Glory. We testify that he arose to serve Me, spoke in remembrance and praise of Me, turned his face toward My countenance and drew nigh unto My luminous horizon. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee, O Abu'l-Fadl, and upon him, and upon those who have attained unto this Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Mighty, Most Firm Cause.

BH04751: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Glorious Horizon

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol, and through Him hath God sent down the proof and made manifest the way. Whoso believeth in Him hath believed in God and His signs, and hath acknowledged His sovereignty and confessed His greatness and His glory. And whoso denieth Him is numbered among the wicked in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My raiment and art blessed with My call, say:

My God, my God! I know not in what land Thy call hath been raised, nor in what place the throne of Thy justice hath been established, and been honored by the advent of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants, and firm in the service of Thy Cause. By Thy glory, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Mine

eyes profit me not if they are prevented from gazing toward Thy most exalted horizon, nor do I love mine ears except for hearkening to Thy most sweet call, nor doth my life benefit me if it is deterred from trials in Thy path.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me detached from all else but Thee, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, gazing toward Thy horizon, and drinking the choice wine of Thy utterance. Thou art verily powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH02292: The honored letter from your eminence…

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

The honored letter from your eminence, which is the cause of the growth of the growing powers of the world, arrived. Growth was achieved, joy was manifest, and delight was present. Praise and thanks be to Him Who has gladdened and continues to gladden the hearts and souls of His loved ones with the days of attainment and the verses of nearness. The joy of this wine shall not depart from thoughts nor vanish from existence. It is hoped that soon you will attain to His presence and succeed in true deeds.

Regarding what you wrote about His Honor the Most Great, His Honor the Greatest Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty and His love and favor towards that beloved one—after it was presented, He said at that time:

> "Praise be to God, His Afnans are adorned with two garments—patience and beneficence. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist them that through them the light of justice may shine forth in the world and among the nations."

They certainly show the utmost love and kindness towards one such as yourself. We praise God in all conditions. End quote.

Similarly, the mention of the loved ones of that land and their love and fellowship towards that beloved one became the cause of joy and gladness. After it was presented at that time, expressions of favor were heard and witnessed towards each one. The loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, have never been and will never be absent from His sight, and they have been and are mentioned at most times. I beseech the All-Bountiful One to adorn each one with the ornament of His favor and love. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The trouble, attention and kindness of that beloved one, and the dispersion in the path of God—the conversation with the Roman, that is, that imaginary Christian, as well as the time spent fixing the fountain in the garden, the place of recreation for all in creation—in truth these are deeds whose reward shall not end and whose mention shall not perish. It is hoped that that person will become aware and act according to his covenant and pledge.

Furthermore, the trouble of your eminence's attention in seeing the sugar and tasting its flavor, and attention to other troubles, and sending of trusts which are considered among the great services, and

other various attentions which cannot be limited by the pen—all are mentioned and their rewards are beseeched and hoped for from God, exalted be His station.

I convey utter nothingness and evanescence to the service of His Honor the Most Great, His Honor the Afnan, upon him be God's favor, the Lord of Eternity. I beseech from the True One that He may repeatedly cause your eminence to attain to that which is befitting. Likewise, I convey greetings and praise to the service of the Brilliant Star and His Honor Haji and His Honor Muhammad Mustafa and the other loved ones, upon them be God's peace. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon your eminence and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH02603: Praise be to the Goal of the world Who…

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

Praise be to the Goal of the world Who assisted that honored brother to turn towards God with acceptance, attention, humility and submissiveness, and honored him with visitation of the House, and caused him to speak the blessed word of unity. The servant testifies that there is no God but Him. He has ever been and will ever be sanctified from what the creatures possess, and He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Unconstrained. And blessings and peace be upon the Most Great Luminary through Whom the world was illumined and the decree of unity and mention of detachment appeared among the peoples, and upon His family and companions who acted according to what they were commanded in His Clear Book.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored master dated the last day of Rabi'u'l-Avval arrived at sunset on Sunday, which was the day before. Therefore the delay in responding was not and is not the fault of this servant—the responsibility lies with the bearer. This evanescent one has ever beseeched and continues to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, bounty and mercy for that spiritual beloved. Though praise be to God you have attained all that was mentioned, yet since this is the station of grace, the more that appears the better and more pleasing it is. Your mention and that of the dear honored one Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah has ever been before the Master. Whenever anyone is present, they first ask about your circumstances with care and kindness. I beseech Him, blessed and exalted is He, to assist you and preserve you and draw you near to Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

As for the sum you wrote about, there was an amount in Constantinople which according to what was mentioned they sent, and it was assigned to Aqa Faraj, upon him be God's peace—give it to him. After that it is not known what happened. There was a sum belonging to Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah's peace, which is now in Constantinople with the honored Shaykh, upon him be God's grace and favor. There is nothing here. There is nothing more to mention except that I have beseeched and continue to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, blessing and bounty and mercy and favor and glory for that beloved one. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers and the Most Merciful of the merciful. Peace and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03663: Glory be to God! How can we helpless handmaidens…

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

Glory be to God! How can we helpless handmaidens arise to praise and glorify the Lord of verses and the Sovereign of all manifestations, or render thanks for His blessings? Perfect indeed is this utterance: “We cannot offer fitting praise to Thee.” Even with all the cherubim of the celestial realm, which tongue is worthy to offer praise and glory, and which being is capable of defining and enumerating? The Tongue of Grandeur hath declared: “If ye should count God’s mercies, ye shall not be able to number them.”

The blessing of existence, the blessing of life, the blessing of health, the blessing of recognition, the blessing of certitude, and the blessing of nearness and presence which hath ever been and shall ever remain above all other blessings; and the blessing of divine confirmation and success in arising to serve, which hath been the hope and desire of His chosen ones and those near unto Him, both in the past and present; and His manifest favors and evident bounties which He hath bestowed through pure generosity and sheer grace—for each of these degrees, all the pens of the world and commemorations of the nations cannot reach their end, nor can the realm of utterance fulfill their thanks. The near ones and the sincere ones have confessed their powerlessness and inadequacy before a single sign among His signs. Verily, we are God’s and unto Him do we return.

Yet do we beseech the infinite ocean of favor and the great sea of supreme mercy that, through His grace and novel benevolence, He may accept this station of powerlessness from His handmaidens and record the names of these lowly ones in the book of those who are thankful and praise Him. This is not difficult for Him, for verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Forgiving, the Generous….

BH02396: Praise be to the Desired One of the world…

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

Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who safely and soundly delivered that Beloved to his true homeland—which, in the words of a former speaker, is “that city wherein dwelleth the Beloved.” Once again, praised be He, for on that same day He confirmed and granted success so that they attained the honor of His presence.

At every moment a hundred thousand favors and a hundred thousand bounties and a hundred thousand mercies are witnessed, while the inability of the servants to offer thanks and praise is evident. One blessing requires one tongue to give thanks and praise for it. But before any person of insight, the inability of one tongue to mention millions upon millions of favors is clear and manifest. Christ (upon Him be God’s mercy), after much trouble and reflection, in one breath investigated two bounties, thereby proving human inability—and indeed He made an excellent investigation, as though He had attained unto a drop from the ocean of utterance. But now we observe that we have one tongue while hundreds of thousands upon thousands of worlds and more of bounties and favors exist. In this case, our inability requires no investigation—it is as evident as the sun. And it is hoped that this very acknowledgment of inability will be accepted. God willing, both this servant’s laziness and that beloved one’s troubles will be reckoned as one thing and attain the ornament of acceptance.

Furthermore, praise be to God, the letter arrived and notice of receipt was sent. They said that his honor Haji Shaykh (upon him be God's peace and favor) has taken much trouble. Accordingly, he is continuously occupied with services—his reward is with God. Two days ago they brought a rosewater sprinkler with rosewater into His presence. They used it and mentioned Jinab-i-Shaykh. The point is that you have been and are in His thoughts at all times.

As for the mention of that beloved one's stay in the mansion, it is quite clear that that beloved one did not notice the subtle, nay most subtle, hint of Aqa Mirza Aminullah (may my spirit be sacrificed for him), otherwise he would certainly have stayed. After this was submitted, He smiled and said "Although the compensation is with them, We shall pay it and will inform when the time comes."

As for what you wrote about your mention being made in the Most Holy Court—praise be to God, mention of that beloved one is ever-present. Your handwritten books are before His face, occupied with your mention, and likewise your presence and your service in the realm of writing and otherwise—all are manifest. Through God's grace all these mentions have been bestowed upon you. We praise Him in all conditions. Peace be upon you, and God's mercy.

BH01604: Praise be to God! Through His loving-kindness the gates…

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

Praise be to God! Through His loving-kindness the gates of mercy, bounty and protection are opened wide. His loved ones speak forth the blessed word of unity "There is no God but Him" and acknowledge His oneness and singleness. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to illumine His servants, meaning all who dwell on earth, with the lights of the Day-Star of unity, that every tongue may confess what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom were manifested the mysteries of His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes, Whose shoulder was adorned with the seal of Prophethood and Messengership, and Whose temple was adorned with the ornament "but He is the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets", and upon His family, the dawning-places of the hopes of the sincere ones, and upon His companions, the daysprings of His outpourings for all in the heavens and earth.

To continue: Repeatedly have letters from that honored brother arrived, each one a sign sent from the King of love. Every believer and sincere one can detect from the fragrance of each word the fragrance of your sincerity and humility. Well done to your hand and arm! Your poetry brings joy and your prose causes delight. The tongue seeks to become worthy of giving thanks for divine bounties. There is no bounty greater than His recognition—it gives eternal sustenance to the soul and bestows conquering power upon the temple. Through His grace, loving-kindness and generosity He has granted this most great bounty to His loved ones—a bounty which is in truth sanctified above the description of describers and the mention of those who make mention. It has now become clear and evident to every person of knowledge and understanding that the tongues of the world are incapable and fall short of giving thanks for even one of His bounties. In every breath a hundred thousand bounties exist—exalted be His greatness, magnificent His bounty, perfect His favors and gifts. There is no God but Him.

After the reading of each letter it was presented before His presence, and each time the Luminary of loving-kindness shone forth and the Sun of grace was manifest. You yourself have witnessed the waves of the ocean of utterance—there is no need for this servant to elaborate.

“Thou knowest what that water clear

Doth say to rose and sapling near;

Thou knowest what the sun in spring’s

To herb and blossom murmuring.”

Regarding what you wrote about the light of my eyes, dear Aqa Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God (96), after it was presented He commanded that whatever the two Most Exalted Names deem advisable should be done. This is a word that has flowed from the Pen of love both before and after. Take it, relying upon God, and set aside all else. There has never been and is no doubt that whatever is advisable for His loved ones, that is what He has commanded.

Tonight, which is the eighteenth night of the month of Jamadi’ul-Avval, we were occupied with your remembrance. At the end of the day of this night, the poems you composed in praise of the Lord were honored to be heard. Praise be to God, both night and day were spent in remembrance of you. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ever bestow His loving-kindness and grant unto you and His loved ones the fruits of the Tree of knowledge and wisdom at all times, and to provide sustenance. He is the Powerful and He is the Bestower. His is the generosity and bounty and grace which the nations are powerless to reckon.

The companions in prison send greetings, especially those who circle round. Furthermore, convey greetings and praise to the loved ones and friends in that land. God is witness and the lamp bears testimony that I have ever beseeched and do beseech for each one protection, health, mercy, loving-kindness, blessing and bounty. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers. Peace and praise and mercy and glory be upon you and those with you and upon God’s sincere servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on the night of 18 Jamadi’ul-Avval 1305

BH02315: Praise be to God! The mirror of the world…

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

Praise be to God! The mirror of the world has arrived with what it brought—one cup of love, one cup of affection, one cup of remembrance and praise was observed therein. After journeying and traversing through the realms of truth and investigation, and traveling through the degrees of love with precision, having aimed for that station, it was presented before His face. He said: We beseech God to protect and guard His honor Javad, upon him be peace, and to bestow upon him in every moment that which befits His generosity and bounty. Likewise we beseech God to transform the days of separation and remoteness into nearness and reunion. End.

In truth, separation from that beloved one and his absence has become the dawning-place of sorrow and the cause of grief. God is sufficient as witness that the connection of limbs and members, the sight of eyes and joy of heart are, in the first degree, from union and meeting with the loved ones. This is a bounty which is truly worthy of mention, description and praise. This evanescent servant beseeches from the Ever-Abiding Lord that which will brighten the eyes and gladden the heart. Basra came but brought no glad tidings of that beloved one's presence. I beseech God to remove the causes of delay that have intervened, so that the eyes of the friends may be brightened. The mention of that beloved one has been and continues to be in the gathering of the prisoners.

In truth, from what is known, all are weary from the burden of waiting and hasty in seeking relief. God willing, soon the glad tidings will arrive and the good news of reunion will dispel the clouds from hearts. God is witness and testifier to how much joy and delight was experienced from that beloved one's letter: first, the glad tidings of that beloved one's health and well-being; second, the turning to the direction of the Goal; third, the sanctification of his honor, the beloved of the heart, Nabil, son of Nabil, from allegations and limitations. From every direction there was no wine, yet it brought exhilaration; there was no carpet, yet it spread the mat of joy. What we now beseech from God is nearness and reunion.

The command is in His hand—He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth. To the honored master, his honor the Greater Afnan, his honor the Most Luminous Star Afnan, the honored beloved his honor Haji, and other loved ones, upon them be God's peace—I remember them all and send greetings.

O God, my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Lote Tree to protect Thy loved ones and ordain for them what Thou hast promised them in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01064: It hath been said before concerning the description…

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

It hath been said before concerning the description of truth that should anyone desire to know it, he must needs remove the veils of glory without indication. For these veils there have been and are diverse meanings. In the primary degree and first station, by 'veils' are meant the divines of Iran, for these souls have been the hindrance to the knowledge of God—glorified be His Majesty—and nearness to His chosen ones and servants. They have ever been the cause of discord and the source of upheaval. In the second station and other degree are means that prevent man from attaining unto God. These means are at times outward things, at times occurring matters, and at times vain imaginings and idle fancies which appear denser than mountains.

Upon complete observation and scrutiny, it becometh evident that their sources are those same heedless souls aforementioned. However, in the sight of the brave and the men of valor, the veils of the world and the coverings of the nations were not and are not worthy of mention. With the finger of trust they have rent them asunder, and with the arm of detachment have they shattered them—that is, the idols of vain imaginings. Exalted be their stations and magnificent their conditions and ranks! Neither commerce nor

trade distracteth them from the remembrance of God. These are the manifestations of steadfastness and the dawning-places thereof. In all conditions they gaze toward God and are detached from aught else. The changes and transformations of the world and its occurrences alter them not nor make them sorrowful. They act for God, speak for God, are turned toward God, and trust in God. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Desire and my Hope! I testify that were all mention to be endowed with as many wings as the number of all created things, and were they to soar from the First which hath no beginning unto the Last which hath no end, they would never attain unto the court of Thy glorious majesty. How then can my mention and the mention of them that make mention of Thee, or my description and the description of them that describe Thee, ever befit Thee? I testify, O my God, by Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and Thy loftiness and Thy power, and by my effacement before the Word of affirmation and the traces of Thy Pen, O Lord! Thou seest my weakness and my poverty and my need. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and whatsoever lieth hidden therein by Thy command and Thy will, that Thou assist me and Thy loved ones in Thy remembrance and Thy praise.

O Lord! Thou seest the weakness of the believers and the might of the idolaters. Their cannons have encompassed Thy realms and their bullets the horizons of Thy domains. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance that Thou protect the people of unity from the fire of their oppression and their tyranny and their might and their deceit. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom neither their conditions nor their might can frustrate. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest Thy servant who hath turned toward Thee and chosen exile through what hath befallen him from Thy irrevocable decree. I beseech Thee that Thou protect him with the hosts of the unseen and the seen, and that Thou open before his face the gates of joy and relief. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Your letter arrived, bringing joy and delight, for it was adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and also brought glad tidings of good health, and furthermore news of association with his honor, the beloved of hearts, one of the two Most Exalted Names, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. By the life of the Desired One, verily the servant remembers him at all times, and he is before his eyes at all times. After its reading and review, it was presented before the Face, and He said:

> “O Farajullah, upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy, His grace and His blessings. His bounty hath encompassed the world and His mercy hath preceded all. The heaven testifieth to His greatness and the seas are signs of His generosity. Ask thou of Him whatsoever is befitting and expedient, for man knoweth not that which is to his benefit or harm. Jesus, son of Mary, in his communion with God, supplicated saying: ‘Thou knowest what is in my soul, and I know not what is with Thee.’ We beseech God to grant that which causeth the exaltation, elevation, loftiness and ascendancy of being, and to ordain that which leadeth to nearness, certitude and steadfastness. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to change thy sorrow into the greatest joy, and thy will into what He willeth, and thy desire into what He desireth. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and the Most Merciful of the merciful.”

His is the praise and glorification, and His is the might and the bestowal. He hath ever ordained for His loved ones that which is the cause of joy and exaltation. The ocean of His mercy is surging and the heaven of His grace is upraised. In all conditions we hold fast to His cord and cling to His robe, and in humility and supplication we beseech Him to aid His loved ones as behooveth them. He is the Hearer and the Answerer. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Convey my greetings to all the friends in that land, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on their behalf, for that which will cause the manifestation of the fruits of the Tree of existence. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Especially to the beloved, honored, magnified one of the two Most Exalted Names, his honor A.L., upon him be the Glory of God and His care. Praise be to God, all are adorned with the blessed Word of Unity and are assured of and submissive to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Their mention hath ever been and still is in this land. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's loved ones in all regions, and praise be to God, the One, the Chosen One.

The servant Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1305

BH00256: All praise, sanctified from the affairs, occurrences and utterances…

Section 1: "All praise, sanctified from the affairs, occurrences…"

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

All praise, sanctified from the affairs, occurrences and utterances of men, befitteth the Most Holy Court of the Desired One, Who was not deterred from His Cause by the opposition of the opposers, the denial of the deniers, the doubts of the faithless, the tyranny of the oppressors, or the intimations of the transgressors. He was established upon the throne of utterance and with the most exalted call summoned the peoples of earth and heaven to the supreme horizon. By the sword of wisdom and utterance, the hearts and minds of the peoples of the world have been and shall continue to be opened. No mortal will can stay His will, nor can human desire impede His desire. One word is as a sword to those who turn away, and as a lion to those who turn towards Him.

Exalted be His grandeur, exalted be His station, exalted be His Cause! Blessings, peace, glory and splendor be upon His loved ones and chosen ones who arose and proclaimed "God is our Lord!" and then remained steadfast. These are the servants whom the All-Merciful described in the Furqan with His exalted words: "Neither merchandise nor traffic beguile them from the remembrance of God," and with His exalted words: "Honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding."

Praise be to God, they are aflame with the fire of His love and illumined by the light of His Cause. The clamor of the people of the world and the vain imaginings of certain nations have not and will not deter them from God's straight path. They stand with legs of steel, grasp with hands of iron, and witness with eyes of penetrating vision.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names, Creator of the heavens, Who hath appeared before the faces of enemies and speaketh from the supreme horizon! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of the

oppressors, and in every moment there befalleth them that which causeth faces to change and beings to be set ablaze. I beseech Thee, O Source of Bounty, by Thy Name through which Thou made the sweet waters of Thy mercy to flow among Thy servants, and by Thy Command whereby the trumpet was blown and they that lay in their graves arose, to aid Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee, and to protect them from the evil of Thy creatures. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, to rend asunder the veils that have prevented Thy servants from turning unto Thee and drawing nigh unto Thy holy court. O Lord! Illumine their eyes to witness Thy signs and purify their ears to hearken unto Thy call. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

This evanescent servant hath ever mentioned, for God's sake and His Countenance, that which would cause the people of justice and fairness to turn towards Him. However, it hath yielded no fruit for the transgressors and the treacherous. The fire of hatred burning in their hearts hath deprived heedless souls from beholding the light of oneness. In all circumstances, one must beseech God, exalted be His glory, for His grace, that perchance the people of the earth might be healed from their chronic and severe ailments and, purified from all that God loveth not, might set their faces toward the most exalted station and supreme summit. Verily, God is my Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Furthermore, it is submitted that that honored one and the friends of that land have ever been and continue to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. The letter of that spiritual friend arrived previously, and some of the friends also submitted petitions to the Most Holy Court. Now, on this third day of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, having set out for the ultimate goal and supreme summit, after attaining the presence of the Imam, the Countenance of Him Who conversed upon Sinai declared:

> "O servant in attendance! Our Will is to favor Siyyid Murtada, upon him be My Glory, and the friends of the land of Kirmanshah with the traces of the Supreme Pen."

And thereafter these verses were revealed from the Source of Command and the Dayspring of Revelation. He saith, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the One Who Rules over those on earth and in heaven

A mention from Us to the one who heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, that the remembrance and utterance may protect him from the intimations of the transgressors and the doubts of the opposers. We have remembered thee before with that whereby the luminary of proof hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility and the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!" The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come, with the water of life at His right hand and the river of divine knowledge at His left, and behind Him a company of the near angels, while the Faithful Spirit crieth out before His face: "O people of the earth!

Draw nigh, then hasten, and be not of the patient ones! Draw nigh with illumined hearts and take the cup of knowledge from the hands of bounty, then drink thereof in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous! Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the outpourings of your Lord, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful. Break the idols of self and desire, clinging to the cord of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Say: "This is

a Day whereon neither wealth nor children nor whatsoever the nations possess shall profit you." The Ancient King beareth witness to this from His exalted station.

There hath befallen the Wronged One in God's path that which hath caused all things to lament, yet most of the people are heedless. They have cast aside their God and taken their vain imaginings as lords beside Him. They are indeed among the oppressors in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: "O concourse of the chosen ones! Take the Book of God with the power that is from Him, then aid the Wronged One with the hosts of wisdom and utterance." Thus did We command you before and at this time. Say: "O people of the Furqan! Be fair concerning your Lord, the All-Merciful. If ye deny that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's Will, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Bring it forth and be not of the wrongdoers! By God! That which was hidden from eternity of eternities hath appeared, and He Who was promised in God's Books hath come, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is he who hath cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to the Handle of God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

This is a Day wherein that which was with the Prophets and Messengers hath appeared, and this is a Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh. Blessed is he who hath turned and heard; he is indeed of the people of Baha in this noble station." Say: "O people of the Bayan! Come ye, come ye, then draw near, draw near with what ye possess, and be not of those who hesitate. Be fair concerning God in this Most Great Announcement and follow not every heedless sinner. The ocean hath surged, the fragrance hath wafted, and the Lord of existence from the horizon of bounty calleth and saith: 'O concourse of men! By God, the Greatest Scene hath appeared by the command of God, the Lord of Destiny, and every hidden matter hath come forth. Beware lest ye commit what the people of the Furqan committed when the All-Merciful came with manifest authority."' Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the evidences. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy straight path."

O Murtada! We make mention of thee at this hour with that which surpasseth all the remembrances of the world and whatsoever the peoples possess, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We make mention, too, of My loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of the tokens of My Pen and of that which hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the All-Praiseworthy. We counsel them with that which befitteth their kinship with God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, and with righteousness and the fear of God, and with that whereby the Word of God may be exalted amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Commander, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. The glory from Us be upon you and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

In eloquent speech thou hast heard the call of the Wronged One. Now hearken unto it in the language of light. Strive, that perchance thou mayest attain unto that which is everlasting and enduring. On this day the Sinai of Revelation calleth aloud, the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised, and the Sun of Truth shineth resplendent. His verses have encompassed the world and His evidences have embraced all mankind. Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear and the eye that hath been illumined by beholding. Glory be to God! The ocean of utterance surgeth before all faces, and the heaven of will is upraised and adorned with the stars of grace and bounty. Nevertheless, hearts remain veiled and souls

despondent. The sword of unseemly deeds hath cut down the tree of hope, and reprehensible actions have become a barrier, preventing the eye from seeing and the heart from turning toward God.

Say: O people of the Furqan and people of the Bayan! The gate of bounty is opened wide and the path is manifest. Return ye unto God, for verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Generous. The remedy for all ailments hath ever been and still is repentance and return. Blessed are they who have succeeded in returning and have attained the word of acceptance from the Supreme Pen.

My Name Jamal, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath made mention of the loved ones of that land and hath beseeched favor for each one. We have heard his plea and have answered it, and all have been blessed with the tokens of the Supreme Pen. Well is it with them. We beseech God to sanctify His loved ones from whatsoever is unworthy of His Day, and to ordain for each one that which shall be the cause of eternal salvation. And finally, We send Our greetings to the faces of Our loved ones there. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Section 2: "Praise and gratitude be to God! The waves…"

Praise and gratitude be to God! The waves of the ocean of loving-kindness are evident in every word, and from the horizon of every letter the Sun of grace is dawning. A hundred thousand blessings be upon those souls who have attained the Most Great Bounty and have been illumined by the lights of the Day Star of the Ancient Lord. This servant mentions each of the loved ones and friends, conveys his greetings, and declares: Know your station and recognize the value of this Day. That which thought and fancy could never attain hath been made manifest. From all directions the lights of the Revelation are dawning, and from every quarter the mysteries of the Cause are evident and resplendent. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid His loved ones to perform such deeds as are the cause of exaltation and elevation, and the source of progress and advancement.

Should anyone meet Haji Muhammad-Taqi of Sad, let him convey these few words: One day he was present in the Most Holy Court, and He said:

> "O servant present! Although loving-kindness and affection were shown by this Wronged One toward the aforementioned Haji, he hath done that which hath caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to lament and weep, and hath spoken that which hath grieved and saddened the essences of being. We beseech God to bestow upon him fairness and to illumine the world with the light of justice, that all may turn from fancy to certitude, and from tyranny to justice, and from oppression to equity."

Say: if this Cause be denied, what other cause would be worthy of proof or mention?

In truth, certain utterances have set aflame the hearts of those who stand in ranks and of the angels drawn nigh. Among these, that person has claimed this Cause is for extortion. Now observe, this servant shall mention certain matters so that person may tell whence cometh the extortion. First, the Truth Itself—may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be sacrificed for Him—from the beginning of the Cause was in the hands of enemies, and whatsoever He possessed was repeatedly plundered. Thrice was He cast into prison; yet another time spent four months in chains and fetters. Say:

O thou who art devoid of justice! The Sovereign of this Revelation Who, with supreme steadfastness, hath arisen before the faces of all humanity and spoken in opposition to the deeds, actions and desires of the people of the world, surely had and hath no thought of self-preservation. From the earliest days until now He hath been afflicted in the hands of enemies. Where was His homeland, and where is ʿAkka, and where Adrianople? It is regrettable that man should sully with the dust of his own doubts and imaginings a Cause that shineth even as the sun in its brilliance and splendor.

His Holiness Aqa Siyyid Isma'il-i-Zavariyi—upon him be all the most glorious glory and all the most luminous light—who sacrificed himself with his own hand, surely he would say it was for extortion. Say: Consider the martyrs in the land of Sad who, despite their wealth, glory, bounty and exaltation, gave their lives in the path of the one true Friend. Reflect upon His Holiness Mulla ʿAli-Jan of Mazandaran—may the spirit of the world be sacrificed for him. The government wished to grant him a pension to turn away from the Truth. He said—may the spirit of the world be sacrificed for him: "Ten thousand tumans of my wealth have they plundered, and it hath gone in the path of Truth.

I have no need of your wealth and riches. Attend to your own affairs." Thereafter that sanctified soul was martyred with the most grievous torment. Say: Why dost thou not reflect upon His Holiness Badi'—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—who truly, alone and single-handed, with the Most Holy and Most Mighty Tablet, struck the world, who stood before His Majesty the Sultan and his hosts, held aloft the divine Tablet and proclaimed: "I have come unto thee from the Most Great Announcement with a manifest Book." According to his opinion and words, this surely was for extortion. Well was it said of old:

> "Thou dost accuse those whom God Hath made trustees of the seventh heaven's store"

Say: Reflect upon the land of Zanjan and the martyrs of that land who, in the name of Truth, dawned from the horizon of the House and sacrificed their lives in His path. If ye were to count the martyrs of God, ye could not reckon them. Say: O ye who are bereft of justice! One sacrifice was mentioned aforetime and to this day his name is remembered from the pulpits, yet these holy souls whose detachment shone forth as bright as the sun, and to whom their pure lives were worth no more than a handful of dust in the path of this Most Great Announcement, are not mentioned by the transgressors. Justice is praiseworthy. God is witness and testifier that this servant's purpose is to make the people aware and mindful.

Were all that hath been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur regarding the words and deeds of the aforementioned Haji—that is, Haji Muhammad-Taqi—to be mentioned, it would cause the loved ones of God to weep and lament. These servants have ever been commanded to conceal. Verily our Lord is the Concealer, the Compassionate, the Generous. One of the divine Tablets lamenteth his oppression and presenteth before Him that which these servants are powerless to mention. This is not the first oppression inflicted upon the divine Tablet. Chosroes tore up the Tablet of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. Likewise did Walid, one of the Umayyad kings, tear up the Book of God, the Quran, and composed verses to this effect: "If on the Day of Resurrection God should ask who had torn thee to pieces, say: ʿWalid."' And praise be to God, but a few days passed before he was afflicted.

The aforementioned person hath said: “I made an intention and my purpose was to test, and since they made no mention of it, therefore I turned away.” These words of that heedless one are like unto the utterances of the idolaters of old, even as they said to the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake: “We will not believe unless thou causest streams to gush forth from the land of Yathrib and Batha, or unless thou producest a garden, or unless thou bringest forth a house of gold, or unless thou raisest the dead from the graves.” In brief, these objections have existed from time immemorial. This is not the first flask that hath been shattered for the sake of Truth. Say: O hapless one! In this Revelation all things have been made manifest. Go, read the Suriy-i-Ra’is and behold the other Tablets. Haji Ibrahim from the people of Qaf was also among the hypocrites. Before him he would profess belief in the Dawning-Place of vain imaginings, while before the friends he would profess belief in God, glorified be His majesty. Thus was he wavering between the two. He hath lost both this world and the next. This indeed is manifest loss.

Now I beseech God to grant justice to His servants and not to deprive them of the adorning of equity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Since the purpose is to make the servants mindful, that perchance they may become aware and gain knowledge of the evident matters of the past and present, therefore mention is made of how Satan, in the form of man, said to Christ, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake: “If thou art the Spirit of God, command this stone to become bread.” The Spirit answered and said: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Most divine Books make mention of those who intended to test and try. The purpose was to make people aware that they might know their station and observe proper conduct. Likewise did Satan say a second time: “If thou be the Spirit of God, cast thyself down” and so forth. The purpose was that by way of objection he said if thou art the Spirit of God, cast thyself down from the roof that the angels might preserve thee. The Spirit of God said it is also written: “Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.”

In truth, such objections have forever emanated from the people of hatred and rancor in the days of Divine Manifestation. However, this evanescent servant beseeches from the ocean of God’s bounty and generosity that He may guide him and not deprive him of the breathings of revelation. It is human nature to err and make mistakes, while it is divine nature to forgive and bestow. We hope that with the arm of trust in God he may rend asunder the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings and turn toward the Dawning-Place of certitude. Today is the day of return and the day of forgiveness and favor. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

I convey greetings and salutations to the friends in that land, and I beseech for each one that which is conducive to the honor, exaltation, loftiness and elevation of His loved ones. Verily He is the Forgiver, He is the Concealer, He is the Ever-Relenting.

The matter concerning Haji occurred several years ago and until now remained concealed, and mention of it was withheld from pen and tongue that perchance he might become aware and return. But as days and nights passed and again there appeared from him that which was unseemly, therefore for the sake of God some matters were mentioned for remembrance and awareness. The servant beseeches his Lord to aid him to return and enable him to make amends for what escaped him in his days. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have believed in God and His signs and have forsaken that which they were forbidden in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 3rd of Jamadi'th-Thani 1305

BH02720: He Heareth and Answereth

He Heareth and Answereth

O Haydar! This Wronged One is in truth despairing of the peoples of the earth, for it has been observed with both outward and inward sight that the people of the Furqan (Muslims), after one thousand two hundred and more years of considering themselves the most learned and most excellent among all the peoples of the world, were all seen on the Day of Reckoning as denizens of hell and returned to the fire. The most learned of that people was seen to be the most ignorant, and the most God-fearing among that people was seen to be the most wretched, for they reviled from their pulpits the Object of the desire of all the worlds, and finally issued the verdict for His death. And some of the opposers of the Bayan witnessed with their own eyes and heard with their own ears the deeds and words of those souls. Nevertheless, because of a false successor and an imaginary name and Imam and the like, they turned away from Him Who spoke on Sinai and the Lord of the unseen and the visible. What more can this Wronged One mention, and to whom shall He speak? Reflect a little on what was mentioned, that thou mayest lament the state of this Wronged One and realize the depths of His despair.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him when the peoples of the earth turned away, save whom God willed. Thy letter was received before the Wronged One. We found it adorned with the ornament of steadfastness, speaking in remembrance and praise of God, holding fast to His firm cord, acknowledging that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged, and firmly convinced of what God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. We beseech God to aid thee, grant thee success, and ordain for thee that which will bring joy to thine eyes and solace to thy breast. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Thou didst mention meeting. Between Me and thee stand ignorant servants who have broken God's covenant and His testament, denied His signs, and rejected His proof, His sovereignty, His might, His strength and His power. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to record for thee the reward of meeting Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

Let not the happenings of the world and the affairs of nations grieve thee. Be steadfast in serving the Cause and speaking forth this momentous News. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and for having enabled me to turn toward Thee when the men of the earth and its learned ones turned away. I beseech Thee to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days and the Gracious, the Compassionate.

BH03541: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto…

He is established upon the throne of utterance

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and been illumined by the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful. By the mystery of existence! Today whosoever hath attained unto the divine Word, he possesseth true wealth and genuine riches. The arena of the world hath not been, nor is it now, capable of manifesting the bounties of God except in limited measure. However, the hand of power shall reveal that which is now concealed. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean and drunk therefrom by the leave of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous.

Repeatedly hath been revealed for thee that whose fragrance hath encompassed the world. In these days Asad, upon him be My glory, mentioned thee in Our presence. Again hath this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet been revealed and sent, that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness and be of them that render thanks.

Beware lest the happenings of the world sadden thee, or the doubts of them that have denied God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I heard Thy most sweet call and turned unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names. I beheld the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and turned toward them through Thy grace and bounty. Were it not for Thy grace, who would bring me nigh unto Thee, and were it not for Thy bounty, who would guide me to the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy mysteries?

I am he who, O my God, hath clung to Thee and committed all affairs unto Thee and placed his trust in Thee. Do with me, through Thy generosity and bounty, whatsoever Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou knowest better than I, and Thou knowest what harmeth me and profiteth me. I testify that Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Informed, and that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. O Lord! I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hand of Thy bounty, whom nothing whatsoever, no matter or decree, hath deterred from turning unto Thee and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Loving.

BH04375: In My Name which is sanctified above all names!

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Today the Sun of Truth hath dawned and risen from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, and the Most Great Word hath appeared from the Mother Book. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the first and been enabled to hearken unto the second. The peoples of the world, in their nights and days, are occupied with praise and remembrance in places built in the name of Truth, yet they remain deprived of the Dayspring of verses and the Source of clear proofs. The divines of Persia themselves acknowledge that these sciences appeared for the recognition of Him Who is known, yet the veils of glory have become an obstacle and barrier between those souls and their beholding the lights shining from the supreme horizon. Glory be unto God! Throughout ages and centuries they have been engaged in reading the Book of God, yet remained deprived and forbidden from understanding it.

Divine favor and grace have ever been and shall ever be in the grasp of God's power, exalted be His glory. He bestoweth them upon whomsoever He willeth. How many souls who counted themselves the most learned of all the world were seen to be unaware of Him Who is known and intended. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned unto Me and attained unto My mention in My prison. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God to assist thee and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, the Lord of the beginning and the end. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the Giving, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH04514: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

He is the One manifest in His frequented Temple

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath been illumined by the lights of the Cause and hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Point hath distinguished, and the Call hath been raised, and the Book hath spoken, and the Path of God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath been established. Say: O people, fear ye God and deny not His signs and His evidences. Hearken unto Him Who counseleth you for the sake of God, and be not of those who have cast the Book behind their backs, clinging to the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We have remembered every face that hath turned, and every heart that hath advanced, and every tongue that hath spoken, through this Hidden Name, through Whose manifestation hearts were overturned and eyes were transfixed and the limbs of every heedless and veiled one did tremble.

O My loved ones in My lands! Hear ye My call, for verily it draweth you nigh unto My Kingdom and giveth you glad-tidings of My praiseworthy station. Beware lest the hosts of the wicked prevent you or the might of kings frighten you. We beseech God to reinforce the princes and sovereigns with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to guide them to His manifest and conspicuous Path, and to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of the former life, and to grant them His presence that they may attend and circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, at sunset and at morn. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and drunk the choice wine of My utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, for having remembered me, and glory be unto Thee, O my Lord and my King, for having turned toward me.

I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy generosity and the heavens of Thy favors and bounties to ordain for me that which shall endure through the endurance of Thy names and attributes. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

BH05026: As to the question of Huquq: Reference to this…

As to the question of Huquq: Reference to this matter is in no wise permissible. …it is entirely dependent upon the willingness of the individuals themselves. They are well acquainted with the commandment of God and are familiar with that which was revealed in the Book. Let him who wisheth observe it, and let him who wisheth ignore it. Verily, thy Lord is the Self-Sufficing, the All-Praised. Indeed, independence of all things is as a door of guidance unto His faithful servants. Well is it with them that have severed

themselves from the world and have arisen to serve His Cause. Verily, they are numbered with the people of Baha at the court of His resplendent Beauty.

BH05467: O my God, my God! I testify that Thou…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing

O my God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create Thy servants that they might know Thee and attain Thy presence and stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and be occupied with Thy remembrance and praise. But when the promised time arrived and Thou didst manifest the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, the Repository of Thy knowledge and the Source of Thy Cause, all arose in opposition and advanced with swords of objection, pronouncing judgment against Him without any clear proof from Thee or evidence from Thy presence.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, which Thou hast made a light unto Thy loved ones and a fire unto Thine enemies, and by the mysteries concealed within Thy knowledge, and by the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, and by the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to ordain for me through Thy bounty and generosity that which will make me a helper of Thy Cause and an aid to Thy loved ones, and steadfast and firm in Thy love, such that the doubts of every froward oppressor and every remote tyrant will not prevent me. Then I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance amidst all creation to assist me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Mighty One, before Whose manifestation all created things bow down in submission and at Whose appearance all possibilities stand powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Dominant, the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting.

BH05575: O my handmaiden and my leaf! Hear thou…

In the Name of the One God

O my handmaiden and my leaf! Hear thou the voice of the Wronged One. He hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and maketh mention of thee, that the mention may attract thee to a station wherein poverty shall not sadden thee, nor shall wealth gladden thee, nor shall the clamor and might of those who have denied the Lord of all beings frighten thee. Praise be to God! Through pure bounty and favor the Hand of God's Will did take hold of thee and guided thee to the dwelling-place of one of His loved ones. Know thou the value of this bounty and recognize the station of thy companion. Reflect upon the ocean of the bounty of Him Who is the Desire of all worlds. The emperors of the world go unto their churches seeking to draw nigh unto God—glorified be His majesty—yet they remain deprived of His recognition and forbidden from His good-pleasure, while thou hast attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books of former and latter times. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mercy which hath preceded thee and this bounty which hath encompassed thee.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is held the reins of earth and heaven. I testify to Thy Manifestation, and to Thy most great favor, and to Thy

bounty which hath encompassed all things, and to the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07477: On this day all things summon the servants unto…

He is the One Who has dominion over all names!

On this day all things summon the servants unto the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the ear that has attained unto hearing and turned with its heart in acceptance. By the life of God! The possessors of hearing and sight are blessed with that for which no likeness or similitude exists or has ever existed. Say: O people of the earth, strive that perchance ye may deliver sight from infection and likewise hearing from that which has prevented it from hearkening. We beseech God to assist His people to purify the servants and refine souls. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Within every word an ocean of knowledge and wisdom lies concealed. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto and drunk thereof. Verily such a one is of the companions of the Crimson Ark which hath been mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma' by God, the Fashioner of earth and heaven.

BH08952: Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thy horizon, to direct myself to the lights of Thy countenance, to gaze upon the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and to hold fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness, O Lord of all beings and Creator of the throne on high and of the earth below. O Lord! Thou seest me turning towards Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom to ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! The poor one hath hastened to the gate of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to disappoint him in what he seeketh from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00242: Praise, sanctified beyond the mention of pen and tongue…

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 mention of pen and tongue, befitteth the Dawning-Place of Light, the King of Oneness, Who hath raised aloft the standard of His Cause and adorned the earth with its shade. The tyrants did not dismay Him, nor did the pharaohs prevent Him. He appeared and manifested what He desired, despite those servants who denied the Day of Mutual Summoning. Blessings, peace, glory and splendor be upon His loved ones who broke not the Covenant nor violated the Testament, who arose and declared:

"God is our Lord! Verily He hath appeared with truth and illumined the horizons."

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Support, and my Heart's Desire! Thou seest and knowest that Thy servant desireth naught on earth save Thy remembrance and praise, and the mention of him who was effaced before the manifestations of Thy will and the revelations of Thy purpose. I beseech Thee in all conditions to assist him and those who have believed to attain a steadfastness surpassing the steadfastness of all who dwell on earth. I implore Thee, O Thou the Desire of the hearts of the Messengers and the Beloved of the sincere and faithful ones, to open before the faces of Thy loved ones, by the finger of Thy might, the doors of Thy grace. Then raise them up through Thy power, Thy sovereignty, Thy greatness and Thy dominion. Make them lamps of guidance among Thy creation and brilliant stars in Thy lands. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Moreover, I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee, attained Thy presence, and stood before Thy face, the victory of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word through wisdom and utterance throughout all possibility. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O Lord! Thou knowest that he hath turned unto Thee and held fast to the service of Thy Cause. Adorn him, O Thou the Desire of the world, with the Most Great Ornament, which is the acceptance of what hath proceeded from him and what he desireth to accomplish in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Lord of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

And further: an esteemed letter from that spiritual friend reached this evanescent servant. Praise be to God, it brought true joy and spiritual delight, for it was perfumed with the fragrances of love for the Beloved of all worlds. After its reading, acceptance and comprehension, it ascended to the most exalted pavilion and the ultimate goal, was presented before the face of the Lord of all beings, and was honored to be heard. When it was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur began, saying—exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Muhammad! We have made mention of thee in such wise that the rivers of grace have flowed therefrom throughout the world and the breezes of the Spirit have wafted over all peoples. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We have mentioned thee time and again during the days when thou didst stand before the Countenance and hearken unto the Call of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and when thou didst stand before the Most Great Gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. He strengthened thee to turn towards the Supreme Horizon, enabled thee to draw nigh, honored thee with His presence, gave thee to drink of the pure Water of Life, caused thee to hear His most sweet call and the creaking of His Most Exalted Pen, and showed thee His hallowed, mighty and resplendent horizon.

O Muhammad! Hearken once again unto the Call of thy Lord, the Sovereign of the throne and of the dust. He summoneth thee to that which will draw thee nigh unto the Most Great Sea which surgeth before the faces of all peoples. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We bear

witness that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, and that thou hast drunk, time and again, from the chalices of the verses of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, the Kawthar of utterance and knowledge, and that thou hast made mention of Him amongst the servants and hast voiced His praise before all faces. He verily heareth and seeth; He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We were seated upon the carpet when the servant in attendance entered with wondrous joy, holding in his hand a book which he showed forth and read before the face of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment. We perceived therefrom the fragrance of thy submissiveness and thy turning unto God, the True Sovereign, the Just, the Manifest. When thy mention was completed, the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness was diffused, and We sent down from the heaven of Will that which moveth every mouldering bone. By the life of God! At the time of its revelation, the denizens of the all-highest Paradise and the exalted Garden were present to hearken unto the Call which was raised between earth and heaven at this time when sorrows have encompassed Me from every direction through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought.

When thou drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's loving-kindness, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou before Whose manifestation the realities of all created things prostrated themselves and the essences of all beings rejoiced that Thou didst turn toward this servant from the direction of Thy prison, O Lord of all men! Thou art He Who caused him to hear Thy call and strengthened him to say "yea," and enabled him to recognize the Dayspring of Thy verses, the Ocean of Thy knowledge, the Heaven of Thy bounty and the Sun of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee by the lands which Thou hast adorned through the footsteps of Thy sincere ones amongst Thy servants and wherein the call of them that are nigh unto Thee amongst Thy creation was raised, and by Thy Command whereby the mysteries of Thy knowledge were revealed, and by the Name through which Thou didst subdue all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven, and by the Lamp of Thy utterance which Thou hast preserved from the tempests of the utterances of the oppressors and the hurricanes of the doubts of the transgressors, and by the Point through which the hearts of the lovers were set ablaze throughout all regions, that Thou ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come, and that which will exalt me amongst Thy servants and will aid me to manifest Thy Word with the wisdom wherewith Thou didst command Thy servants in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets.

O Lord! Thou seest him who is as nothingness seeking the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to number him among those for whom Thou hast ordained a station beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur and the pavilion of Thy glory and Thy loving-kindness. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Thou art, verily, the Most Kind, the All-Forgiving.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My Glory! Time and again hath mention of thee been sent down and revealed from the Supreme Pen. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to honor thee with the rains of mercy that have been caused to descend upon thee from the heaven of loving kindness. The gaze of Our favor hath been and is directed towards thee. The oppositions of the aggressive ones and the denials of the oppressors have not kept the world from the Ocean of divine utterance and the Sun of divine mercy. Glory be to

God! Until now they have not become aware. Despite the proclamation of the Word with the most exalted call at all times, the people remain heedless and veiled.

All are occupied with the remembrance of the Truth, yearning for His presence and seeking His manifestation; yet they are seen to be remote and turned away. They have turned away from a Cause that hath no peer or likeness in the world, and have clung to their own idle fancies. Say: O ye ignorant ones! If this Cause be denied, what cause would be worthy of acceptance, and if this Word be erased, what word would be worthy of affirmation? Be fair and be not among the oppressors. A hundred thousand regrets that the heedless servants are forbidden after their seeking, and are deprived after their supplication and pleading.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land, namely those souls who have, of their own accord, quaffed the sealed wine and have turned towards the ocean of divine bounty. Perchance they may be enkindled by the fire of the Word and illumined by the light of the utterance of the All-Merciful. We beseech God that He withhold not any from the Kawthar of steadfastness, that all may soar with one wing in the atmosphere of the love of the Goal of all existence, and may speak with one word. Unity and concord have ever been and are the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. We beseech God to adorn His loved ones with the ornament of spiritual virtues and goodly, pure deeds, that the people of the earth may, by reason of their conduct and deeds, be led to seek that station and attain unto that which God hath willed. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have cast away idle fancies and have taken God as their Guardian, their Trustee and their Lord. They are, verily, of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all beings and the Ruler of the Kingdom of Names.

Praise be to God! The Words of God speak for themselves, the Cause of God is manifest in itself, and the lights of the Revelation are shining and evident from the horizon of the Mount. If the servants would reflect even briefly on that which hath been manifested and would read that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, all would find their way to the straight path and would recognize the Great Announcement.

O beloved of my heart! The deeds of the heedless souls and their following of ignorant divines have debarred the servants from the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy and from the outpourings of the True Bestower. Vain imaginings have become a mighty barrier and suppositions a thick veil, thicker than mountains, preventing and depriving the power of sight and understanding from beholding. The denizens of the Kingdom are astonished, for they observe that throughout the ages and centuries not a single person among the turbaned ones of the Shi'ih party hath recognized the purpose and nature of the Revelation. Wonder upon wonder hath come from these tales. The word spoken aforetime hath been fulfilled: "Most of His enemies shall be the divines."

The pride of that party was that they believed in the immediate successor, yet they openly reviled and issued death warrants against Him through Whose word a thousand successors and guardians were created. They have committed that which neither Jews, nor Christians, nor Zoroastrians committed. Strange it is that until now they have not awakened, and each day they increase in their perversity. Yet stranger still is that the deniers of the Bayan have again twisted their faces and busy themselves with talk

of successorship, mirrors, deputies and nobles. God curse them! God curse them! Glory be to God! They have not been awakened by what they have seen and continue to witness with their own eyes. Until now they mount the pulpits to curse and revile the Truth without cease.

Section 2: "In any case, we hold fast to His…"

In any case, we hold fast to His Most Holy and Luminous Hem, and we seek from the ocean of His generosity His ancient bounty, and with utmost humility and supplication we beseech Him not to deprive His servants of this supreme favor and greatest gift. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The matters mentioned were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings and were granted acceptance.

His is the praise, His the thanks, His the glory, and His the splendor. The first matter was adorned with the crown of deeds specifically, therefore after permission and leave, this evanescent servant, on behalf of that spiritual beloved, was blessed for an hour and a half on the fifth night of the month of Jumada'th-Thani with the presence of the Goal of all the worlds, and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Happy art thou! As for the second matter regarding forgiveness and pardon, at the time of its presentation the ocean of forgiveness surged and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

> "Verily We have purified him from all things repugnant and adorned him with the ornament of forgiveness, and We have ordained for him that whereby the sincere ones shall find the fragrance of their Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the Bountiful."

The third matter concerning divine confirmation and assistance was likewise blessed with special favor and adorned with acceptance. What needs to be mentioned is the reply to those letters of that spiritual beloved which were sent before. One day the Beauty of Divine Unity intended to visit the farm, and after arrival thy mention flowed from the Supreme Pen. All that thou hadst mentioned was presented one by one, and the response was graciously given and sent, but strange that it hath not arrived. Similarly, on other occasions thy mention was sent down from the heaven of will and purpose, and mention was made of the receipt of what had been sent. We beseech God that this may reach you wherever you may have stopped. Verily our Lord and your Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering. This servant giveth thee the glad tidings of the sending of the blessed ring which thou hadst requested, that thou mayest rejoice and be amongst the thankful ones. After this matter was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold, the promise of favor shone forth from the heaven of bounty of the Lord of all beings. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate, the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Kind, the Generous.

Mention was made of the kinsmen, and after being presented before His presence, there was revealed for each one that from which the fragrance of grace wafteth and diffuseth. This is what was revealed for his honor, my brother Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful

O Ali! He who loved Me made mention of thee, whereupon We remembered thee as a favor from Us, that this remembrance may attract thee to a station wherein thou shalt find thyself detached from all that is on earth and clinging to the cord of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and hath remembered thee with that which all the remembrances of the world cannot equal. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast been mentioned by thy brother who hath preceded most of creation in turning to the Supreme Horizon, the station whereat the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

When thou hearest the Call, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, for having aided me and made known unto me that which was recorded by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the lights of Thy countenance and the lamp of Thy Cause, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, such that the pharaohs of the land may not prevent me from turning to the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy evidences. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Wise."

And this is what was revealed for Javad's nephew, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O Javad! Hear the Call from the precincts of the Prison. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and guided His servants to His straight path. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of thy Lord's utterance, say:

> "O Lord of all creation and Revealer of clear proof! I beseech Thee by Thy name, the All-Merciful, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O my Lord! Thou seest the weary turning to the kingdom of Thy utterance, the weak to the heaven of Thy strength and power, and the ignorant to the ocean of Thy knowledge and favors. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him through Thy generosity which hath encompassed the world, and through Thy bounty which hath preceded existence itself. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving."

And this is what was revealed for the handmaidens of God, upon them be the Glory of God:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

O Kawkab! Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who hath aided thee to recognize the Most Great Name in days wherein the men of earth, the princes and the learned ones are veiled and deprived. Blessed art thou and blessed is the one who taught thee and caused thee to attain this supreme mercy and mighty gift. Know thou his worth and station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Khadijih! Today the Sun of Truth hath appeared from the horizon of the heaven of divine favor with such a radiance that the rays of the physical sun are as nothing in comparison. O My handmaiden! Praise

the Desired One of the world Who did not prevent thy sight from beholding His days, nor thine ears from hearkening to His call. Say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Desire of those who are in the heavens and on earth."

O Rubabih! The Dayspring of the Light of Divine Unity hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived. The first ornament and the foremost adornment for the handmaidens of God, after recognition, is chastity. Blessed is the handmaiden who holdeth fast unto it. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in the prison amidst the heedless ones.

O my handmaiden, O Zahra! The people of the world raised their lamentations throughout the nights and days, and with a hundred thousand supplications yearned and hoped for the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of the Most Great Luminary, all denied and turned away, save whom God willeth. And thou, through His grace and favor, didst attain unto His recognition and didst partake of the choice wine of utterance. Blessed art thou and blessed is every handmaiden who hath turned unto Him and attained unto the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Jewel! The true jewel is the divine utterance which lay hidden in the shells of the ocean of inner meanings. Today it appeareth and is visible before all faces. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath witnessed and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones, both men and women. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and shown me the pearl of Thy knowledge.

This servant conveyeth to each one greetings and salutations, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the ornament of supreme steadfastness, that all servants and handmaidens may, through the blessing of their steadfastness, be seen as firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. The servant beseecheth his Lord not to deprive His servants and handmaidens of His name, the Self-Subsisting, and His sealed wine.

And this is what was revealed for Abu'l-Hasan and Husayn, upon them be the glory of God:

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O Abu'l-Hasan! The Lord of the seen and unseen hath revealed for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure amongst the servants. Verily thy Lord is the Master of creation and the Ruler in the beginning and in the return. Preserve this most exalted station through His Most Exalted Name, the All-Glorious. He is verily the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge, nor can the might of the world and the power of the nations render Him powerless. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having made me recognize the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love. Thou art He through Whose Name the Mother Book hath spoken and that which was hidden from all eyes hath appeared.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee as the breezes of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men, wafted over thee. When thou perceivest the fragrance of My verses say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and glory, and unto Thee be bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through which the limbs of all names trembled, to strengthen me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants with wisdom and utterance, and to serve Thy Cause whereby the earth was shaken and eyes were dazzled.

Praise and gratitude belong unto Him, and unto Him are grace, generosity and loving-kindness. He hath granted His loved ones a full portion from the ocean of His utterance. He is the All-Bountiful Who assisted the wayward to return and adorned them with the ornament of forgiveness. All the people of Baha, both men and women, must be set ablaze with the heat of His love and be perfumed by the fragrances of His utterance. I swear by the Sun of Truth that all the worlds of wisdom, utterance, knowledge and proof have been gladdened and perfumed by the fragrances of His days. O friends! While there is yet time, strive ye, perchance ye may guide the blind with the collyrium of divine knowledge, or lead a wanderer to the straight path. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist each one to perform such deeds as will endure and persist in remembrance. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the loved ones of God, His handmaidens, and upon those who have heard the call and answered their Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The servant, 5th of Jumada II, 1305

BH00268: The Intended One beareth witness that there is none…

Section 1: "The Intended One beareth witness that there…"

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

The Intended One beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. His are grandeur and bounty, and He is knowing of all things. The Beloved beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. His are exaltation and glory, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Lord beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. His are power and majesty, and He is potent over all things. The Adored One beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth through His all-encompassing command. The Lord beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Praise and thanksgiving beseemeth Him Who hath illumined the world of vision with the light of His manifestation and hath quickened the world of hearing through the hearing of His life-giving call. In the first station and primary rank, all mention and description hath been and is reserved for the True One, exalted be His glory, even while acknowledging and confessing that He hath ever been sanctified beyond the mention of aught else and the description of all others. And in the second station and latter rank, praise beseemeth His chosen ones, whom the taunts of the ungodly, the turning away of the opposers, the tyranny of the transgressors, the doubts of the deniers, and the assault of the oppressors did not hold back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The wickedness of the evil ones and the clamor of those who

deny did not deprive them of the Most Great Ocean and the Ancient Lord. They reduced to naught the intimations of the world and effaced and eliminated the doubts of the nations. In the path of Truth, sharp swords were to them as means of comfort, and pointed spears as spread-out couches. Their aspiration was the good-pleasure of the peerless Friend, and their goal the meeting at the most exalted height.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of wisdom and utterance, and in Whose right hand are the hearts of all who dwell in the realm of possibilities! Thou seest Thy loved ones among Thy heedless servants, who have wrought against them that which hath caused the near ones and the sincere ones to lament. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose name the ocean of knowledge hath surged amongst the peoples and through Whose remembrance the river of life hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in the final abode, to assist Thy loved ones in Thy remembrance and praise. Then adorn them with Thy virtues and character, illuminate their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, and crown their heads with the diadems of piety. 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 Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further: the letters of that spiritual friend arrived repeatedly, each one a true testament to your steadfastness, service, and devotion. After each was read and reviewed, it was taken to the Most Exalted Station and achieved the honor of being heard before the Countenance of the Intended One of all worlds. Each time, the Sun of loving-kindness rose and shone forth from the horizon of favor, until time progressed to this moment—the ninth night of the month of Jumada'th-Thani—when the new letter of that spiritual friend arrived. After its reading, it was carried on wings of longing and yearning to the Most Exalted Station, until it was presented before the face of our Intended One, your Intended One, and the Intended One of all who are in the heavens and the earth. And when it was concluded, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these revealed verses, blessed and exalted be His Word:

In His Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

The Light which the Speaker of Sinai hath manifested from this Horizon—named the Most Exalted Horizon in the Book of God, Creator of the heavens, and the Most Glorious Paradise in this noble station—blessed be the eye that hath attained unto it, and woe betide those who have denied this gracious and manifest bounty. This is the Day whereon the Mother Book doth speak, calling all to a station wherein naught can be seen save God's command, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. By God! The Most Exalted Pen hath been set in motion, and from it hath flowed the Kawthar of eternity. Among the people are those who have heard, hastened, and drunk thereof, and those who have denied God's favor and that which hath been sent down from Him—these are among the most lost in His mighty Book. All things have been stirred by the Word of God, Lord of the kingdom of creation, yet the people remain veiled by a thick veil.

O Muhammad! Hear the Call from the direction of Akka—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Peerless. He speaketh before the faces of the world, as every knowing and informed one doth testify. Neither the ranks of the world, nor its armies, nor its cannons, nor its swords have hindered Him. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, by His command, and He is the Strong, the Powerful. The world's rejection hath not weakened Him, nor what the nations possess. He speaketh in every condition that which the Primal Point foretold: "Verily there is no God but Me, the Speaker, the All-Knowing."

Say: O concourse of the earth! This is the Day of remembrance and praise, if ye be of those who know. This is the Day of turning and drawing near, if ye be of those who hear. This is the Day which God's Books have promised, if ye be of the fair-minded. This is the Day wherein the Mother of the Bayan hath appeared, if ye be of those who witness. God's Kingdom hath been manifested, if ye be of those who see. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from turning to God, the Lord of the worlds, or the veils of the misguided conceal you in the days of your Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Be fair in what hath appeared through truth—this is better for you, as every fair-minded and clear-sighted one doth testify. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this Most Great Bounty. Soon shall the world and all that ye behold therein perish; then shall ye find yourselves in grievous torment. Cast away names and take what ye have been given from God, the Kind, the Gracious. God's Cause and His decree have come. Verily His sovereignty sufficeth you, and He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Muhammad! Verily thy Lord hath been with His loved ones and heareth their call in His remembrance and praise—He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We counsel thee and those who have believed with that which will exalt this mighty, wondrous Cause. Say: O people of God! Adorn your heads with the crowns of detachment and your temples with the raiment of chastity, trustworthiness, truthfulness and purity. Thus have We sent down the Book and adorned it with commandments and ordinances from God, the Speaker, the Mighty, the Wise.

We have forbidden all from contention and conflict, and commanded them to assist their Lord through the hosts of deeds and character. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. By My life! We have commanded the servants only with that which profiteth them, preserveth them, and draweth them nigh unto this noble station.

Say: Purify your hearts and cleanse them from the fire of malice and hatred. This is what was revealed aforetime and at this moment. We have desired to make mention of Our friends there and give them glad tidings of Our remembrance of them, that they may rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

O My friends there and in all regions! The Most Great Announcement remembereth you from the precincts of His mighty prison, and commandeth you to righteousness and piety, and forbiddeth you from that which would lower your stations. Verily your Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that cometh from Him, then act according to what hath been sent down therein from the heaven of loving-kindness and favor. Verily it guideth you to His straight path.

When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the chalices of My words, and the rapture of My call hath seized thee, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me while I was among the heedless ones. I know not, O my God, which of Thy tribulations to recount, or for which of Thy calamities to weep and wail. Alas, alas, for what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy servants and the transgressors among Thy creatures.

Thou art He, O my God, Who ordained knowledge for Thy recognition and made it the greatest means of drawing near unto the Dayspring of the light of Thy unity. Yet when Thou didst manifest Thyself, those

who were the manifestations and dawning-places of knowledge rose against Thee, approaching Thee only with the swords of malice and hatred. Alas, alas, for Thy sorrow and Thy loneliness!

I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, to assist Thy servants in being just and fair. Then make known to them what hath escaped them in Thy days, and teach them what they have committed in following the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings, without any clear proof from Thee or evidence from Thy presence. Alas, alas, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations! How long wilt Thou hear what is unworthy to be heard, and how long wilt Thou behold what is unfit for any of Thy servants to see, let alone Thy most pure sight?

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Countenance and the mysteries of destiny to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones that which will adorn us with the ornament of patience, forbearance and resignation. Then decree for us the best of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and the earth, and Thou art the Omnipotent, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Section 2: "O Muhammad! You have heard the Voice…"

O Muhammad! You have heard the Voice of the Wronged One in the Arabic tongue; hear it now in Persian. The cause of the world's differences has been and is vain imaginings and idle fancies, and their fountainheads are those who wear the turbans—they who lead the servants to an evil habitation. As was aforetime spoken: "They have changed God's favor into ingratitude and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition." For twelve hundred years they prided themselves before all the world's peoples with mention of successorship, crying out "O Promised One!" day and night, yet when the blessed Tree grew forth they pronounced it astray and misguided, and afterwards cut it down with the swords of hatred. The deniers of the Bayan likewise walk in the footsteps of that faction, they too have clung to names and busied themselves with disputation, and will ultimately commit worse than what the Shi'ih perpetrated. This is a truth in which there is no doubt. Yet there is hope that after sincere investigation they may discover the root of the Cause—from Whom it came and what it is—and return to the truth.

Those souls whom you previously mentioned from the land of Shin and its surroundings have all attained to the grace of the Most Exalted Pen. Their mention is recorded and the effulgences of the Sun of favor are manifest. Well is it with them and pleasant it is unto them. We beseech God to assist His party in such wise that whatsoever the deniers possess of names and utterances may not debar them from the path of the Chosen One. Consultation in affairs is necessary and unity among the loved ones is essential. With harmony and accord and in a spirit of joy and fragrance they must enlighten the people of the earth and arise to reform it. Contention, conflict and objection are all forbidden. Blessed is the one who retires to his bed with a heart sanctified from rancor and hatred and purified from all that is unworthy of the days of God.

Say: O friends! Strive that the tribulations which in the path of God have befallen the Wronged One and His loved ones may not be lost among the people. Hold fast to the hem of chastity, and likewise to the cord of religion and trustworthiness. Consider the welfare of the world, not the promptings of self. O party of God! You are the shepherds of the world. Keep the sheep pure from the defilement of self and passion, and adorn them with the fear of God. This is the firm command which hath in this moment

flowed from the Pen of the Ancient of Days. By the life of God! The sword of goodly character and conduct is sharper than blades of steel.

Thou didst make mention of Abbas of Aleppo. Say: The Day hath come, yet the people remain in manifest veils. Behold, then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came with the signs of unity and the standards of detachment, how the people turned away and opposed Him, until they pronounced judgment to shed His most pure blood. Thus was the matter decreed aforetime, and in this wondrous age. We beseech God to aid His servants to justice and fairness, and to assist them in that which draweth them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Abbas! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee in that which beseemeth these days. Beware lest the world debar thee from this Most Great Cause. Soon shall it pass away, and that which shall endure is what hath been ordained in the Kingdom of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Bountiful. We, verily, beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of the former life. He, verily, hath power over all things.

The souls who fix their gaze upon the dayspring of vain imaginings were not and are not aware. Were they to become conscious of the truth of the Cause, they would utter the words "We turn unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" Leave them to their vain discourses and their sport, for these souls walk precisely in the footsteps of the Shi'ih. Neither mention, nor truthfulness, nor utterance, nor verse, nor proof shall profit them, save whom God willeth. All know that this Wronged One arose before the faces of men without concealment and spoke forth the truth. Were it not for Him, who would speak amongst the servants and who would manifest the Cause throughout the lands?

A certain Arab in that land, despite being heedless and unaware of the root of the Cause, strove to lead souls astray and committed that which he shall soon behold its signs and fruits. I pour out my grief and sorrow unto God. Verily, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon those who have heard the Call, responded, and acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who bestowed His grace and confirmations and caused that spiritual friend to receive His favors. His mercy hath preceded all, His sovereignty is mighty, and His utterance is powerful. Letters have repeatedly arrived from that land, and in sending replies there has been delay due to the volume of correspondence that required attention. From all, forgiveness has been and is hoped for. In these days a letter was written and sent in reply to his honor Aqa Siyyid Mortaza, upon him be the Glory of God, and that letter contains the verses of God. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to illumine the eyes with His light and to adorn the hearts through its reading.

O My loved one! Meaningless tales of the past and false accounts from heedless souls have deprived the world of God's wondrous bounties. It is most regrettable that the people of the earth should remain deprived of the outpourings of the true Bestower and the lights of the Luminary of inner meanings. You and this servant and other friends must beseech God to increase the light of vision that it may become capable of witnessing, and to strengthen the power of hearing that it may become capable of listening.

Had the previous party, namely the Shi'ih faction, observed with their own eyes, they would surely have distinguished the straight path from the crooked. They clung to their divines and thus committed what neither Jews nor Zoroastrians had done. Until now the fire of their hatred has not been quenched. They occupy themselves with cursing and reviling the Truth from their pulpits. If one were to listen with the ear of the heart, one would hear the lamentation of the pulpits, for they were established for the praise of God, not for His censure.

Tyranny hath reached such a degree that all atoms have engaged in lamentation and weeping, yet the heedless and veiled souls remain deprived of the recompense of their deeds. I beseech God to cleanse all through the water of return. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In truth, justice, fairness and fidelity have vanished. A certain Haji Muhammad-Taqi from the city of Sad, despite being shown the utmost kindness and being the recipient of affection and favor, hath committed what no one from the beginning of the world until now hath committed. This servant hath concealed his deeds. Verily God is the Concealer and hath commanded all to maintain noble concealment and beautiful patience. For him too I beseech from God what is befitting, that perchance he may take heed or fear God and return unto God, the Lord of all men.

In the letter to his honor Aqa Siyyid Mortaza, upon him be the Glory of God, some of the incidents that have occurred have been mentioned. Perhaps that spiritual friend will see it. In any case, as commanded, you should meet the loved ones with the utmost joy and fragrance, and whatever the honored and esteemed Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, has accepted to deliver should be delivered. If anything is available with them, they will surely deliver it.

Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Without visible means He hath made His Cause victorious. With one pen He hath conquered the world and hath desired for all what hath had and hath no likeness or equal. I beseech God to adorn His people with that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and the upliftment of souls. Besides this, outwardly and inwardly, before God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne, there hath been and is no other purpose, as they have witnessed in the Psalms and Tablets and Books.

The petition of Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Talib, may God the Most High assist him, was received and was presented before His countenance. The Beloved spoke:

> "O Siyyid Talib! Upon thee be My salutation. Verily the Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with this perspicuous remembrance. We beseech God to assist thee to rend asunder the veils of idle fancies and to shatter the idols of vain imaginings, to acquaint thee with that which beseemeth this Day, and to make thee speak forth His Name with wisdom and utterance, and to ordain for thee the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The Wronged One desireth for His servants naught save the grace of God and His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. What hath befallen thee of tyranny and oppression hath grieved Me. We beseech God to assist thee to practice beautiful patience and to open before thy face the doors of care and kindness. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones."

This servant also conveyeth greetings unto him and beseecheth from God, exalted be His Glory, confirmation for him. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon whosoever heareth your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the exalted Throne.

The servant 9 Jamadi'th-Thani 1305

BH01952: The praise of those who praise, the remembrance…

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

The praise of those who praise, the remembrance of those who remember, and the description of those who describe are in truth directed to creation, for their source of manifestation is from creation, while the Truth is sanctified and exalted above these. However, since He has granted permission for praise and remembrance, therefore the praise of the world and the remembrance of nations are directed to His most holy, most exalted and most mighty Presence. We beseech Him, since He has granted permission, to accept, and since He has commanded, to receive. And blessings and peace be upon the Point of Existence through whom all contingent beings appeared and for whose sake all created things were brought into being, and upon His family and companions through whom the limbs of misbelief trembled and the hearts of the wicked were disturbed.

And then, O beloved of my heart! Your mention has ever been and continues to be in the most holy and exalted Presence, and we implore God, exalted be His glory, to assist that beloved one at all times in improving the affairs of His servants. Yesterday, which was Monday the fifteenth of the month of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, a letter arrived from Aqa ʿAli, may God assist him. After it was read and reviewed before the face of the Lord, He said:

> "We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, to send down upon them the rain of His mercy at every moment and His blessings and favors at every instant."

And then, according to His command, his honor my brother Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the peace of God, set out for the presence and the sum was sent. This matter should remain confidential. He said that beloved one should consider what is conducive to the manifestation of trustworthiness in that land, meaning that whatever was sent should be used to pay debts. Beyond that, whatever that beloved one deems advisable may be done. If this sum is given to the creditors, it will surely cause confidence and also strengthen creditworthiness, and afterwards the means for its return will be easy. In all cases, consideration of creditworthiness, trustworthiness, the exaltation of the Word, and the glory of the Cause is necessary. He is the Helper in all conditions, outwardly and inwardly. He has bestowed and continues to bestow His favors. They should consider with utmost care and act upon whatever is beneficial for the Cause.

Another matter is that the honored Afnan, his honor Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, is traveling to that direction. Their purpose is to acquire a location in Port Said for trade, and his honor Haji Mirza Hasan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], had written to the Name about this matter that they would assist in whatever way possible. Now the honored Afnan is traveling for this purpose. Showing respect to them is incumbent upon all, as they are counted as being of the Tree. His

honor Haji Mirza Hasan should come to Alexandria to discuss and consult with them. Whatever is decided through consultation should be acted upon. Also, one person is needed to stay with them for some time to become familiar with affairs. In any case, consultation should take place in that land and this matter should be arranged with order and firmness. I beseech God, exalted be He, to assist all in what He loves and is pleased with. And peace, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those who love you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH00792: This is a mention from Us unto him who…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath hearkened to the Call and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, who hath attained, witnessed and beheld, as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. O Mihdi! Thy letter hath arrived and We have heard its contents. We answer thee through this wondrous Epistle which crieth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, and summoneth all unto the All-Informed One. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned toward Him; woe unto them that turn away, who have followed the dawning-places of idle fancies. They are assuredly among the most lost in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having aimed for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, until thou didst stand before the Gate which was opened through the Most Great Name unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and preserve thee in such wise that the affairs of creation shall not withhold thee from the Truth. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. Grieve not at anything. In all matters place thy trust in Him Who hath strengthened thee and caused thee to recognize this mighty Cause. Remind My loved ones of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My tender mercy and My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Munificent.

Say: O people of God! Beware lest the affairs of men debar you from My Self-Subsisting Name, or the oppression of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment fill you with fear. We counsel you to observe patience and tranquility in all conditions, and that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in My Perspicuous Book. And We make mention of Our loved ones that the remembrance may draw them to a station wherein neither the taunts of enemies nor the might of the heedless shall grieve them.

O Ibrahim! Hear the call from the Uttermost Tree before the faces of all men: Verily there is none other God but He, the Possessor of the Throne and earth. Break the idols of vain imaginings with the power of Abraham, then aid thy Lord with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O Sadiq! My Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee while the Wronged One was in the prison of His enemies, and mentioneth thee with that whereby the near ones perceive the fragrance of the garment, the believers perceive the fragrance of Beauty, and the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Fadlu'llah! The face of bounty hath turned toward thee and calleth thee to that which shall be a lamp unto thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Cast aside what the people possess; take what thou art bidden by God with a strength that the might of the world cannot frustrate, and with a power that the hosts of the oppressors cannot prevent.

O Sabbagh! The All-Bountiful maketh mention of thee from this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of Names, and commandeth thee to observe trustworthiness, godliness, truthfulness and fidelity. Thus hath spoken the Lord of the worlds in His Most Great Prison, as a bounty from His presence upon thee. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ahmad! When a crier cometh unto thee, leave him to himself and turn toward the Most Exalted Summit, the station wherein the atoms cry out:

> "The kingdom and dominion, and the power and might belong unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne!"

O Pen! Turn thy face toward him who hath been named Muhammad Isma'il. Say: The Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from the Most Exalted Horizon and desireth to make mention of thee with that which attracteth the hearts of the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise. When thou hearest and perceivest the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, arise and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having remembered me while I was among the ungodly."

O Ali! We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped, the limbs of the jurisprudents have trembled, and the hearts of the names have been perturbed, save those whom thy Lord, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, hath willed.

O Baha'ud-Din! Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world or the riches of nations. When thou attainest and findest the fragrance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful's utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! Thou hast borne tribulations for the exaltation of the Most Great Word and hast manifested that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

O Abdullah! Take hold of the Book with such strength that neither the foolish ones of the world nor the clamor of nations can deter thee. This is what was ordained in the Book, when it appeared all the books of the world bowed down before it. He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things from God, the Goal of the worlds, beareth witness to this.

O Aqa Beg! This is the Day of steadfastness and faithfulness. Blessed is the servant who hath arisen to serve his Lord with such strength that neither ranks nor multitudes could hinder him. He arose and said:

> "God is our Lord, the Lord of our fathers, and the Lord of this glorious and wondrous Day."

O Baqir! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One from the Supreme Horizon calleth out with the most exalted call:

> "O people! Fear God and follow not those who have taken their idle fancies as lords besides God. Turn with radiant faces and be not of the patient ones."

O Asghar! The Lord of Destiny remembereth thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene, and counseleth thee with that which will elevate God's Cause among His servants and manifest man's station in the realm of possibility. Verily, thy Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Luminous.

O Ibrahim! the ungodly turned away and objected to Him Who created them, fashioned them, manifested them, made them witness, and gave them utterance. Thus did their souls prompt them to that which caused the Concourse on High to lament, and the dwellers of Paradise and the inhabitants of this glorious station to weep.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Blessed is he who hath attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, recognized its station, and read what was revealed unto him from this quarter, whose light was sanctified above the sun and its effulgence, and above the moon and its radiance. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Sha'ban! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee and remembered thee with that which God hath made a proof unto all on earth and a light unto those in heaven. Blessed is he who heareth and seeth, and woe unto every heedless one who is debarred from this glorious station.

O Abu-Talib! The Wronged One remembereth thee in His station and counseleth thee with such virtues that all who possess the sense of smell shall find from them the fragrance of My morals, and with such deeds that all who possess sight shall behold from them My shining and luminous light.

O Ali! Blessed art thou and thy father who bore tribulations in God's path and heard the derision of enemies, the turning away of the wretched, and the objections of those who disbelieved when the Lord of Revelation and the Speaker of Sinai came—He Who was mentioned in the books of God, the Goal of the mystics.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Mirza Aqa that the rapture of the call may seize him and draw him nigh unto the Supreme Summit—the station whereon the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, calling all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Abdul-Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison's direction and counseleth thee with that which He counseled His loved ones aforetime when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. Verily, He hath come from the heaven of grace for the reformation of the world and the salvation of nations. Every discerning mystic beareth witness to this.

O Asadullah! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which was a light to the horizons, a surge to the seas, a rustling to the trees, a spirit to bodies, a remembrance to the righteous, a treasure to the just, and a book for those who have forsaken the world, clinging to His firm cord.

O My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One! We make mention of you at the close of the Book. O My leaves! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have hearkened unto the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. Blessed is the maidservant who hath attained unto the lights of divine knowledge, who hath responded to her Lord, and who hath circled round His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And blessed is the leaf that hath clung to the Tree in such wise that neither winds could shake her, nor the clamor of them that have denied God when He came from the Kingdom of eternity with a great sovereignty. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon the people of God who have not cast behind them His Covenant and His Testament, who have heard and responded—these, verily, are among those that are firmly established in a perspicuous Book.

BH01097: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance, and hath attained unto that which was ordained by the Pen and inscribed upon the Tablet. O Ibn Abhar! Hearken unto the call of God, Lord of destiny. He biddeth thee to make mention of Him and sing His praise, and to arise to serve His irrevocable Cause. One of My loved ones who attained My presence and drank from the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of My bounty hath appeared before the Wronged One. We have made mention of thee with a Tablet that calleth out between earth and heaven and summoneth all unto God, the Mighty, the Loving.

God hath forgiven those who did what they were forbidden in the Book, through a command from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: Fear ye God, O people, and be not like unto them who hear God's command and judgment yet act not accordingly. Give thanks unto your Lord that He hath forgiven you ere mention was made of your deeds. He is verily the Forgiving, the Kind. We counsel you to observe trustworthiness and godliness, and that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of existence.

O Ibn Abhar! Make mention of Husayn on behalf of the Wronged One and give him the glad-tidings of the favor of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: O Husayn! Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and speak forth with utterance, lest the clamor of them who have denied both the seen and the unseen be raised. We have mentioned thee aforetime with verses that have enraptured hearts and minds. We beseech God to aid thee to make mention of Him and sing His praise, and to serve His irrevocable Cause.

We make mention of him who was named Isma'il and give him the glad-tidings of My favor toward him and of that which hath been sent down for him from the Most Exalted Pen in this exalted station. Beware lest thou and the believers be kept back from God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, by that which the people possess. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son whose name hath appeared in this protected station.

We have desired to make mention of My handmaiden and My leaf, whose name We have mentioned and for whom We have revealed that which nothing in creation can equal, and We have written for her in the Crimson Scroll from My Most Exalted Pen that which none hath comprehended save God, the Lord of the

Day of Resurrection. O Mother of Ashraf! By My life, the Maids of Paradise in the most exalted Paradise speak of thy virtues and qualities. Rejoice thou in My revelation of this most hidden mystery. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the Kind, the Forgiving.

O Iman! Thou hast attained unto My mention time and again. Recognize the station of this supreme favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Master of eternity! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to assist me to act according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy preserved Tablet. We have heard thy call and forgiven thee. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have desired at this time to make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Quli, that he may hold fast unto the Sure Handle, detached from the cords of the world. And I am the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Mention was made of thee before the Wronged One, and We have remembered thee with this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Beware lest anything whatsoever keep thee back from the straight path of God.

O Messenger! The Lord of the Day of Judgement hath at this hour drawn nigh unto thee and made mention of thee in such wise that the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout creation and the Spirit hath spoken in the highest paradise. Hearken, hearken, O ye people of grace and bounty! By God, the call of your Most Glorious Lord hath been raised between earth and heaven. And when they heard it, their conditions were transformed: some were thunderstruck, some were attracted, some placed their fingers between their teeth and looked to the right and left like one bewildered and dumbfounded, and some gave up their lives in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus did My Most Exalted Pen move, and from it appeared that which tongues are powerless to mention, the pen to describe, and ears to hear. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the verses and was of them that have attained.

O Siyyid Hamzih! We have made mention of thee before, and at this hour, as a token of grace from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who standeth firm whom the might of the world hath not caused to sit, blessed is the speaker whom the clamor of the nations hath not silenced, blessed is the seeker who hath aimed with his heart toward the ultimate goal, and blessed is the just one who hath dealt equitably in this most mighty, most holy, most glorious Cause. He is, verily, of the people of Paradise in the estimation of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

O Ibn Abhar! Convey My greetings to the friends of God on behalf of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of the waves of the ocean of utterance of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, today the Most Great Luminary is shining and the heaven of bounty is upraised. All must be set ablaze with the fire of the love of God and guide the people of creation to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. That which was forbidden before and they committed, the forgiveness of God, exalted be His glory, hath effaced it, and before the news reached them they attained unto divine mercy, pardon and forgiveness. This is attested by what We sent before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. The Most Exalted Pen counseleth all in that which is the cause of salvation in the divine worlds.

O Ibn Abhar! By the lights of the Sun of Truth which shineth and gleameth from the horizon of the prison, the harm of the unseemly deeds that have been forbidden by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book returneth unto the Truth, and likewise causeth the Cause to be withheld from being made manifest amongst the servants. We beseech God that henceforth all may act according to what God hath decreed, that they may attain unto the Word of His good-pleasure. Today the hosts of God and His helpers are goodly deeds and praiseworthy qualities. With these hosts must the hearts, minds and breasts of the servants be conquered. Say: Take ye the fear of God with the hands of submission and contentment. Verily He is your supporter, your uplifter, your helper and your deliverer, on the part of God, your Lord and the Lord of the exalted throne.

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BH02056: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the One speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance!

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It guides the servants to the supreme horizon—the station wherein the call has been raised that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. We have heard your call and mentioned you before, and at this time with a mention from which wafts the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

This is the Day in which the Most Great Name has appeared—He Who is the Great Announcement in the Qur'an, the Comforter and Lord of all being in the Gospel and Psalms. Hear the call of the Wronged One. Go forth from the horizon of the House, speaking forth this Name by which the limbs of the tyrant trembled, the veils were rent asunder, and the back of the idols was broken—to this testifies He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

Arise in thy Lord's Name and say: O peoples of the earth! This is a Day wherein ears were created to hearken to the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen and eyes to behold the lights of the Manifestation. Beware lest human doubts prevent you from the Lord of Destiny, or the misleader who turned away and denied God, Lord of all being, veil you. Say: O misleader! Where were you when the Wronged One stood before the faces of princes and divines? Where were you when He came from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty? Fear God and refute not the truth by what you possess. Return unto Him—He hears what your tongue utters and sees what has appeared and will appear from you. He is the Truth, Knower of the unseen. Nothing prevents Him from anything, and no affair escapes His knowledge.

He has arisen and called out with the most exalted call: O peoples of the earth! The appointed time is fulfilled and this is the Promised One. Deny Him not by what you possess. Turn with radiant faces and return unto Him—He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Pardoning.

When thou hast attained the choice wine of My utterance and found the fragrance of My verses, say: My God, my God! Aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause, that I may arise among

Thy servants to exalt Thy Word and manifest Thy Cause until the standards of Thy oneness and the banners of Thy victory are raised. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my breast with the radiance of Thy verses. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God—there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the deeds of the world and the mentions of the nations, and wilt ever be as Thou hast been from time immemorial.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the cries of the sincere ones and the wailing of those near unto Thee in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the lights of the Orb of Thy grace which has shone from the horizon of the world for the reformation of the nations, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love such that the power of created things weakens me not, nor the might of contingent beings frightens me. Thou art He to Whose power the denizens of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm have testified, and before Whose will the Concourse on High and the most exalted Paradise have bowed. Ordain for me through Thy bounty and grace that which will solace mine eyes, assure my heart and dilate my breast. Then write for me what will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector of what was and what will be.

BH03378: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

In His Name Who shineth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath turned unto the horizon of the Revelation, that he might hearken unto His most sweet call from the Dayspring of the verses of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. This is a Day wherein the Mount hath attained reunion with Him Who conversed upon it, and the Book with Him Who revealed it. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, and He Who hath come from the heaven of grace with proof and evidence is verily the Manifestation of His Cause, the Revealer of His Self, and the Source of His commandments and laws. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto all good, and he who hath turned away is indeed of the people of the veil in God's Book, the Lord of all lords.

The servant who is present hath presented thy letter and read it before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the luminary of loving-kindness and favor. We beseech God to give thee to drink of His sealed wine through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden eyes and hearts.

The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, yet the people are in a strange sleep. They have forsaken their God and taken their vain desires. Lo! They are among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of all men.

When thou hast drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the chalices of My words and been seized by the fragrances of My verses, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and made known unto me Thy Great Announcement, whereby the hearts of the servants were disturbed and the limbs of the people trembled, save those whom the hand of Thy power rescued and

the arm of Thy might sustained. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging to Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Revelation, by what lay hidden in Thy knowledge, and by the Most Great Word whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven, to strengthen me to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. Then assist me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, in that whereby my mention may endure amongst Thy servants and my name in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Unconstrained.

BH03686: We have revealed the utterance in the form…

He is the All-Conquering, the Self-Subsisting!

We have revealed the utterance in the form of a Tablet and sent it to those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting—those whom the affairs of the people did not prevent, who turned to Us and said:

> "We believe in Thee, O God of the unseen and the visible!"

We have desired at this time to give one of My loved ones to drink of the Kawthar of My loving-kindness from the hand of My bounty, that he may attain to such a station where the happenings of the world shall not sadden him, nor shall the might of the earth and its divines cause him fear—they who have broken God's covenant and His testament and led His friends into the shadow of darkness.

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness, as the Lord of all beings was seated upon the throne of His Most Glorious Name, that thou didst leave thy home, turning toward God, and didst traverse mountains and valleys, land and sea, until thou didst attain Our presence and hear the Call and witness that wherewith God's books, the Lord of what was and what shall be, had given thee glad tidings. Blessed be thy countenance for having turned, and thy heart for having advanced toward the wronged Exile, Whom neither the veils of glory nor the obscuring veils of the people of error prevented.

He arose amidst all beings and proclaimed with the most exalted call:

> "By God! That which ye were promised hath come to pass, and He for Whose meeting the heavens and earth were created hath appeared. Behold, O people, and be not of those who denied God's proof and rejected His bounty and disputed His signs and turned away from Him on His promised Day."

Blessed art thou for that which My Most Exalted Pen hath testified concerning thee in this exalted station. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that which hath been sent down unto thee from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones whom neither the world and its ornaments nor its trade and profit have prevented from My remembrance, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH03949: O Husayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee…

He is the One Who gazeth forth from His Most Exalted Horizon.

O Husayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the quarter of His prison, that the breezes of utterance may draw thee unto the Horizon of the All-Merciful, and bring thee nigh unto a station wherein naught shall be heard save His remembrance, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

Hearken unto the call from the quarter of ʿAkka: "Verily, there is no God but He, the One, the All-Informed." He hath sent down the verses, made manifest the clear proofs, and guided all unto His straight Path. He hath appeared, and hath revealed whatsoever He willed, as a bounty from His presence, and hath summoned all unto the Most Sublime Height. Among men are those who heard the call and turned unto it; among them are such as heard and turned aside; and among them are those who dealt with it in such wise that the tears of the denizens of nearness were made to flow.

Give thanks unto the Lord thy God, inasmuch as He hath strengthened thee to acknowledge what hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book. Thy letter hath been presented before His face, and the servant in attendance hath read it. We have answered thee with a Tablet that hath spoken forth before the faces of all the world:

> "The kingdom is God's, the Lord of all that was and shall be."

We entreat God to succour thee and to confirm thee in His remembrance and His praise, and in the service of His mighty, His most firm Cause.

Say: Unto Thee be praise, O God of existence and Lord of the unseen and the seen, for having made me attracted by Thy verses, turned toward Thy horizon, and attentive to Thy sweetest call, which hath been uplifted between earth and heaven.

O Lord! Thou beholdest the one who seeketh, directing his gaze toward the furthermost goal beneath the shadow of the canopies of Thy majesty, and the poor one standing at the dawn of Thy wealth before Thy face. I beseech Thee by the Supreme Paradise, by the Highest Garden, by the fire of the Lote-Tree of Thy Command, and by the light of Thy Manifestation on the Mount of Thy knowledge, that Thou mayest assist me in the promulgation of Thy Cause among Thy servants.

O my Lord! I entreat Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy favour to make me firm and unswerving in Thy love, and steadfast in Thy remembrance. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04509: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon.

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath believed and turned unto His straight path. Hear My call from the direction of My prison, then speak forth My remembrance and praise amongst My servants.

We aid those who have cast away what is with the people, holding fast to that which hath been sent down unto them from the presence of One mighty and powerful. This is a day wherein the fire speaketh and the light speaketh, yet most of the people are heedless. He Who was hidden in the eternity of

eternities hath come, and through Him are revealed the mysteries of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Beware lest the doubts of the people prevent thee from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O concourse of the earth! The call hath been raised from the most exalted horizon—hasten ye and be not of them that hesitate. All things have attained their fulfillment through the appearance of the Lord of all beings, to this testifieth every discerning sage.

By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the Lord of all men speaketh before the faces of the parties, as a grace from Him—and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Among the people are those who heard the call and turned away from it, and among them are those who turned towards it and hastened and attained and said:

> "Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world, and Thine be the glory, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of the Messengers."

Take hold of the Book of God with such strength from Him that the hosts of the oppressors shall not prevent thee—they who denied the proof of God and His testimony and committed that which caused the tears of the sincere ones to flow.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH11886: Ha, Sin. Upon thee be My Glory and My…

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

Ha, Sin. Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. Beseech God that He may make His servants aware of that which hath dawned forth from the horizon of His Will, that their tongues may speak forth "The Lord hath come", that their hearts may be adorned with the seal "Verily I am God's", and that their eyes may be illumined by beholding the lights. The heedlessness of the servants hath prevented the divine bounty, and although the errors of the world cannot withhold the Ancient Lord from bestowing His grace, yet the people have deprived their own selves of the wondrous tokens of His mercy, favor and loving-kindness.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. God shall soon reveal that which He hath ordained for thee in His perspicuous Book. By God's life! Were the people of the earth to peruse but a single Tablet from among the divine Tablets with justice and fairness, they would all turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon and return from that which they possess unto that which is God's. Remind the servants with wisdom and utterance, and acquaint them with God's Most Straight Path and His Great Announcement. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and Testament and who have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden in His perspicuous Book.

BH07845: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which the people of the world are deprived of and forbidden from, save for a few who have rent asunder the veils and torn away the coverings. These are they who have arisen to promote His Cause with complete steadfastness. These are the men whom God hath described aforetime in His mighty Book, saying: “Neither merchandise nor traffic beguile them from the remembrance of God.” The verses have been sent down and the evidences are manifest. The Speaker of the Mount is seated upon the throne of Revelation, yet the people remain heedless. Praise thou the True One, exalted be His glory, Who hath aided thee and enabled thee to attain this most great bounty. His generosity hath encompassed the world and His munificence hath pervaded the realm of being. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the misguided have not prevented from nor deprived of the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Great.

BH07702: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

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

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. His are power and majesty; His are greatness and dominion. He hath sent forth the Messengers and hath revealed the Books, as a bounty from His presence; and He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He hath ordained the laws and hath sent down the commandments, that His servants may be preserved and His creation may advance. Whoso cleaveth to them shall be saved; and whoso turneth away shall perish. We beseech God to succour His servants with that which will draw them nigh unto Him. He, in truth, is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

My Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness that thou didst turn unto the Prison, didst enter therein, didst stand before the Countenance of the Wronged One, didst hear His call, and didst behold His horizon. Recognize, therefore, this Most Exalted Station, and be thou of the thankful. We ask God to confirm thee and to grant thee success in that which He loveth and approveth, and to aid thee to act according to that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08022: Today the ocean of bounty is surging…

In the Name of the One God!

Today the ocean of bounty is surging and the Sun of Truth is shining forth and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of loving-kindness. Blessed are they whom the intoxication of self has not prevented from the Lord of all beings nor deprived of the supreme horizon. We beseech God—glorified be His majesty—to bestow from the hands of grace that which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting remembrance.

Your letter arrived in the Most Great Prison. We have seen and heard. The world at every moment proclaims in most eloquent utterance its own change and transformation and evanescence. Nevertheless

most are occupied with it and deprived of God's eternal kingdom, save whom God wills. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make you attracted by His verses, speaking His praise, and holding fast to His mighty cord. And praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of those who know.

BH09742: Today the people of God are those souls who…

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

Today the people of God are those souls who are holding fast to the cord of the love of God—glorified be His majesty—and are clinging to the hem of His grace. How excellent is the state of that servant who has arisen to serve the Cause of God and has protected the people from the whisperings of the misleaders and the cawers. The triumph of God's Cause is through wisdom and utterance, naught else. This Wronged One in the Most Great Prison is occupied with the remembrance of the friends. We beseech God to keep all steadfast on His path and to assist them in His remembrance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Thy mention was made in the presence of this Wronged One, and this Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of grace that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

BH01723: Praise sanctified from severance and decline befitteth the Peerless…

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

Praise sanctified from severance and decline befitteth the Peerless Object of all, Who created the world and adorned it with the light of recognition. The bearers of this light are the Prophets and Messengers who, by the command of the Ancient King, have stepped forth into the arena of manifestation for the salvation of the peoples of the world. However, some of mankind, due to their preoccupations, and some due to lack of capacity, and others due to the consequences of their deeds, did not attain to the blessed and goodly Word of Unity. Yet others regarded the world as non-existent and hastened with heart and soul to the horizon of the All-Merciful, until that light culminated in the Lord of the world and the Exemplar of nations, He Who speaks of the Most Great Name and relates the Mighty News. Upon Him be the blessings and peace of God, and upon His family and companions through whom appeared God's authority among His servants and His fear among His creation, and through whom was revealed the judgment of the Book and the Cause encompassed all regions.

And further: O beloved of my heart, thy precious letter arrived, from which wafted such fragrances of love that were it to be styled a Tablet it would not be improper, for it had a complete effect and complete influence. Glorified be your Creator and magnified be your Maker and Confirmer! After being apprised of it, it was presented before the Master, Who said:

> "God willing, they will return, adorned with the blessing of health and well-being and partaking of the feast of attainment to His presence. Verily He is the Kind, the Forgiving."

End quote.

Praise be to God, the affiliated ones in this land are sound and healthy. These days they attained the honor of His presence at the mansion for two days, and the spiritual beloved Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon him

be the peace of God, delayed one steamer specifically to meet that beloved one and then returned. As for the letter of the beloved of the heart, his honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be Baha'u'llah's peace, it was seen and all of it was heard. However, before the arrival of your letter, the beloved of the heart Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah's peace, had already proceeded to that direction as commanded. What must now be adhered to according to the command is this: whatever arrives and they are able to obtain should be delivered to the creditors, and they should consult about affairs and act as they deem advisable, placing their trust in God.

If there are excess goods they should distribute them to various places. If they request someone specific, certain souls can be sent from this land for that purpose. This matter must remain confidential and not be mentioned to anyone. In any case, consideration for them is necessary, and since they are trustworthy and the thought of betrayal has never crossed their minds, it is hoped that affairs will be set right. Whoso is for God, God is for him—unless some other firm purpose is intended from this upheaval.

Another submission: Some time ago a letter was sent to that beloved and it is not known whether it arrived or not. And this letter was sent after that beloved's arrival in Beirut. God grant it does not arrive with "Verily we are God's and to Him we return." May the hands of destiny and decree of Truth give life and bestow vitality and bring it before the most luminous gaze. Knowledge is with God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. To his honor the esteemed master, the great Afnan, upon him be from all the Most Glorious Glory, and his honor the most luminous star Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, I present my utter evanescence and nothingness. And likewise I send greetings to all other friends. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01213: Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatest and the Most Powerful

Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds, Who hath enabled His loved ones to turn unto Him and to stand firm, and hath blessed them to acknowledge and confess the blessed word "There is none other God but Him," and hath adorned them with the ornament of justice and fairness. These are the servants whom God hath described in His mighty Book as honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command. And prayers and peace be upon the Ensigns of His guidance and the Banners of His victory and the Cities of His knowledge and the Oceans of His grace, through whom every name was established upon the throne of glory and bounty, and the Sun of every attribute shone forth amidst humanity, and the Most Great Word encompassed all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, until the Names culminated in their Lord Muhammad—verily He is the Manifestation of the blessed Word, praiseworthy in His Cause and obeyed in His judgment—and upon His family and companions, the pearls of wisdom and understanding and the sources of ordinances and laws.

And further: the letter of that honored brother arrived and after its reading and review, it was granted audience before the Master. They said these matters are contingent upon consultation. Praise be to God, the soul that ascended did so with utmost joy and fragrance and with the light of certitude and assurance, attaining the horizon of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds. Neither wealth nor poverty of the world,

nor the doubts and intimations of the nations, nor hardship and adversity and difficulty and tribulation prevented him from the Word of Unity nor deprived him from the Most Great Ocean. This is what transpired and all must mention with utmost sanctity and purity that which hath been revealed and flowed from the Kingdom of utterance and the realm of possibility. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon him at all times mercy from His presence and favor from His own Self, and to give him to drink, from the hands of bounty, the Kawthar of eternity in the highest Paradise and the supreme Heaven. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Convey to each of the relatives the greetings from the Wronged One and console them. In truth, that which causeth burning grief and sorrow hath befallen those who remain. However, by the life of God, that departed one hath attained unto the ocean of God's mercy and dwelleth in utmost joy and assurance with those near ones and sincere ones. The relatives too must in truth be joyous, for whatsoever appeareth from the Just, the Wise, is pure good. God, exalted be His glory, He is the All-Patient, the Concealer, the All-Forgiving, the Ever-Relenting, the Forgiver, the Merciful. In truth, sorrow in these days is not permitted. Were the proofs of this matter to flow from the Pen, the Perspicuous Book would be witnessed.

O Abdullah! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all names and Creator of heaven. The mother and sister and other sister and two sons—all are remembered before the Wronged One. We make mention of Hibatu'llah, upon him be God's peace and favor, and We beseech God, exalted be His glory, for each one that which causeth elevation and ascendancy. This mention shall not be erased from the Book of the mindful ones and the scroll of the knowing ones.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Aid Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and draw them nigh unto Thee, and ordain for them the best of what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy favor a blessing from Thy presence and a bounty from Thy own Self. Verily Thou art God, the Lord of all worlds, and the Goal of all who seek, and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

A hundred thousand praises and thanks unto the Goal of the world Who hath enabled His loved ones to achieve that which is the cause of enduring mention and an everlasting name. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth from the heaven of divine Will and the ocean of divine generosity that He may preserve that honored one and his relatives in all conditions beneath the shadow of His favor with utmost joy and gladness. Verily He is the most powerful of the powerful and the most generous of the generous, and praise be unto Him for He is the Lord of all worlds.

And regarding the matters you had written about, it was presented and They said to hold fast to whatever emerges from consultation, and the members of consultation are the certain, assured, and designated souls—upon them be God's peace and favors. It is very difficult to find someone who would at once take the shop's goods and pay the debts, for after the appearance of treachery in this land, blessing hath halted. Therefore one must act according to what is now easiest and most beloved and most beneficial. This servant asketh for you the good of this world and the next from the heaven of bounty of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the exalted Throne. Make mention of the women from this evanescent one. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant patience and adorn with the garment of

forbearance. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH02761: Praise befits and is worthy of the Sovereign…

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

Praise befits and is worthy of the Sovereign of Manifestation, Who through His existence brought all things into being. His generosity is manifest through Him and His bounty is evident through Him. He is the Dawning-Place of the light of divine unity and the Manifestation of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." Upon Him be the blessings of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and upon His family and companions through whom the traces of misbelief were erased and the decree of divine unity was established, through whom the clouds rained down and the Word of the Cause was exalted amidst the parties.

Thereafter, your letter arrived and after being read and reviewed was presented before the Lord and achieved the honor of His attention. He said: We beseech God to assist him in that which will cause the manifestation of praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Today is the day for the manifestation of deeds. We have ever counseled the servants of God to fear God […] Man has been and continues to be well-known. It is hoped that the effulgences of the Luminary of utterance which have shone forth from the horizon of God's Book will illumine all and adorn them with the raiment of the Most Great Infallibility. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. He hath said, and His word is the truth:

> "Men whom neither merchandise nor selling diverteth from the remembrance of God."

We beseech God to protect the believers from the evil of the ungodly, and likewise to protect the cities and habitations of the people of divine unity. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

In truth, the ungodly and aggressors have surrounded the believers and their towns and villages from all directions, attacking from every side. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, by His Prophets and chosen ones, by those who were martyred in His path and strove in His Cause and aided His religion, and by the Manifest Book and its Bearer, to ordain for His loved ones the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne and earth.

Praise be to God that you have arrived at the Sublime Gate and associated with the friends. Convey my greetings to his honor Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the peace of God. He has been and continues to be mentioned before the Lord. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

BH09559: Praise be to the Lord of the worlds, Who…

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

Praise be to the Lord of the worlds, Who hath educated all beings and hath called Himself in the Most Great Book the Lord of all worlds. The manifestation and emergence of this most exalted station hath

appeared in this most great Revelation, inasmuch as His grace hath embraced all, and the clouds of His mercy have rained upon all parties. His bounty hath encompassed existence itself, and His favor hath encompassed both the seen and unseen.

Thereafter, two letters were received from that honored one and esteemed friend. As to the first, it was deemed inexpedient to present it before His presence, but the second was presented and achieved the honor of being heard. This is what the Lord of the Final End spoke in reply, blessed and exalted be His words:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Hear the call of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Verily the Divine Lote-Tree speaketh and the fruits cry out, and the Herald before His face saith to thee: Praise be unto Thee for having manifested Thy Beauty and that which lay concealed in Thy knowledge and was recorded in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein the countenance of the world hath been illumined by reason of the advent of the Ancient King with His Most Great Name. Rejoice, O people of the earth, then hearken unto that which the Speaker of Sinai uttereth. Beware lest what the people possess prevent you from His Choice Sealed Wine. Draw nigh with radiant hearts and take the cup of the Choice Wine in His Most Glorious Name, then drink thereof in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

O Rasul! Thou wert present before the Wronged One, thou didst witness His signs, hear His utterance, and recognize His character. It behooveth thee to make mention of Him among the religions with joy and fragrance. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Protector over what was and what shall be. Know of a certainty that nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which shall make thee steadfast in His Cause and hold fast to His Extended Cord. We have made mention of thee time and again, before and after thy presence, whereunto bearer witness honored servants. Preserve what thou hast been given in thy Lord's name and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of existence, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee and attain Thy presence, despite Thy knowledge of my transgressions. I testify that Thou art indeed the All-Kind, the Forgiving.

Say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest favors, and Thy mighty signs, and the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy pardon, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Then assist me, O my God, in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted. Verily Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." End.

Praise be to God! The grace and favors of God, glorified be His majesty, have encompassed your circumstances. You have spent some time here and have witnessed with your own eyes the manifestations of God's favors, exalted be His glory. Before any request was made, He bestowed His grace and extended hospitality. You yourself can testify to the effulgent rays of the Sun of grace and mercy. At the time of departure, that which indicated the absence of means was done. This much I submit: the debt for what was given to that group on that day remains to this day. This servant, both due

to the abundance of correspondence, as your honored self knows, and because he was perplexed as to what to write, delayed in sending a reply.

In any case, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He may open the door of His favor and transform these constraints into abundance. He is the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent. Be not grieved! I swear by the Sun of Truth that rises from the horizon of the prison, there was a time when the Ancient Beauty Himself had no spare garment to wear. He would wash the one He had, dry it, and put it on again. Keep this matter confidential. The purpose is that you should know how circumstances were in the past and not be saddened by the hardships that have befallen you. In the eyes of people, poverty and wealth are causes of elevation and abasement, but in the sight of God, rank and station depend on acceptance, steadfastness and certitude.

You have been in the prison and have witnessed the conduct and association of the True One. There is no need for this evanescent one to elaborate. Praise be to God, the love of God exists in your heart, and the appraisers of the world cannot determine the value of this precious pearl, being utterly incapable of setting its worth and station. Convey my greetings and praise to the friends. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who hold fast to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH01551: Befitting and proper is good mention and pleasing praise…

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

Befitting and proper is good mention and pleasing praise for the gathering of the friends of God, who have become detached from self and attached to God. Trust in God is a firm cord and resignation to His will is the most upright and secure handle. How blessed is the soul that has attained to this most exalted station. “Whoso trusteth in God, sufficient unto him is He.” I beseech God to give His friends to drink from the cup of trust and to bestow upon them from the chalice of reliance. The prosperity of the world and its development is a book that tells of its ruin. Blessed is the soul whose heart is free and detached from the world and all that is therein. Such a one is worthy to make mention of the blessed Word of Unity.

Praise be to God that the favored community has attained to this station and acknowledges and confesses the oneness of God. For the exaltation of the Word of Unity they have borne a hundred thousand afflictions and faced the arrows of martyrdom in His path. The soul has no station in this regard, nor does the spirit have any rank. Would that we were like the leaves of the trees, which have no motion of their own—their movements come from the wind, and the wind appears through the Will. Would that we servants too had our motion and stillness proceed from the Will of God, exalted be His glory. Though this station has not yet appeared, there is hope that through divine confirmations and the endeavors of His friends it will become manifest. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and take as intercessors the Lord of “Were it not for thee” and His family and companions, that perchance the door of joy may be opened and His relief may come, and He may purify His servants from defilements and grant them ease. Verily He has power over all things.

And further: the beloved of the heart, that is, the honored Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, has repeatedly made mention of you and has presented before the face of the Lord that which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness. It is hoped that from the ocean of divine bounty and the infinite mercy of the All-Merciful He will manifest through him that which will cause his mention and name to endure as long as His names and attributes endure, and in every moment grant him a portion from the cup of His favor. He is the Powerful One Whom the power of the world cannot withhold and Whom the hosts of nations cannot prevent from His purpose. His is the power and the strength and the might, and His is the sovereignty and the greatness and the authority.

This servant, at all times, beseeches God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His friends of the manifestations of His Most Bountiful Name and to grant them from the ocean of His gifts that which is befitting. This evanescent servant has ever been occupied with the mention of the friends and has sought and continues to seek for each one that which is conducive to the exaltation and advancement of God's friends. The purpose of this letter has been to mention the friends so that it may be known before all faces that this servant has not forgotten and will never forget them, and has sought and continues to seek blessing and bounty and mercy for them.

Another matter to mention is that the spiritual friend, the honored Aqa Muhammad Hasan, son of the martyr, upon both of them be the Glory of God, who was present at the beginning of the exile and has never fallen short in service and attendance—the utmost favor and consideration exists and is evident regarding him. He has recently acquired a shop and intends to engage in business. Therefore I request of that honored master that care be taken in his transactions and that whatever he requires be carefully obtained and well-packed so that it may be preserved from damage and loss during transport and reach him safe and sound. It is certain that your honor will exert the utmost effort in what has been mentioned, and surely blessing and favor from God has encompassed and will encompass this. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH00266: Today the Euphrates of divine bounty floweth…

Section 1: "Today the Euphrates of divine bounty floweth…"

In the Name of Him Who is manifest and Who calleth aloud before all men!

Today the Euphrates of divine bounty floweth from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful, and the heaven of utterance is adorned with the stars of inner meanings. Perfect wisdom at times uniteth and at times separateth, and whatsoever appeareth is from God and is pure justice and unmixed good. Failure to attain unto the recognition of this most exalted station is the cause of anxiety and the source of fear. This is the Day of the Most Great Joy mentioned in the divine Scriptures and recorded by the Pen of Command. Blessed are they whom the happenings of the world have not prevented from the Ancient Lord, nor deprived of the Most Great Name. Were the ear of one's true nature to become but slightly attuned to hear, the attraction of the blessed word "The Kingdom on that day shall be God's" would seize all, in such wise that neither outward conditions, nor afflictions that befall, nor divine decrees that descend would hinder or deter them from turning unto Him.

O Haydar-ʿAli! The Sun of loving-kindness is manifest and visible above all heads, its radiance having encompassed both the kingdom of earth and heaven. The penetrating eye beholdeth, and the attentive ear heareth the exalted call from every direction. The pearls of wisdom and utterance are at all times manifest and evident. Beseech the True One that He may set aflame the benumbed world with the fire of the Blessed Tree. He is the One Who is powerful—neither the happenings of the world nor the might and wrath of rulers and divines could prevent His loved ones from the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Summit.

Convey My greetings to the people of God. We beseech Him to guide all and to open the gates of relief through His finger of power. By the life of God! Today the sun riseth in their name and the rains descend especially for them. When the time cometh, that which is now concealed shall be revealed. This Wronged One is visible and manifest, alone and without any veil or covering. The pharaohs of the earth and the tyrants of the lands behold Him and hear that which hath been sent down from His presence. Were the people of the earth to ponder on that which hath appeared, all would hold fast to the Straight Path. They regard the idolaters as earthworms and their clamor as the buzzing of flies. Make mention of the sanctified and assured souls through God's verses, give them glad-tidings of His bounty, and remind them of His evidences. Verily, remembrance profiteth the believers.

His honor ʿA, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath been and is before Our gaze. We have sent down for him, both before and after, that which cheereth the eyes, and in the Crimson Book from the Most Exalted Pen that which none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for whosoever hath turned toward My horizon, attained My presence, and heard My call, that which shall profit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The Son in his communion with God, blessed and exalted be He, said:

> "Thou knowest what is in my soul, and I know not what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

Were man to reflect but slightly, he would hold fast unto trust in God and resignation to His will. The tongue of the Wronged One beareth witness unto this from the presence of God, the Knower of the unseen.

We make mention of M.N.Sh. Nothing can equal the Word of God—this is evident and manifest. We beseech God the Exalted to reveal unto him that which is ordained for him. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We behold him beneath the canopies of grandeur, and We beseech God to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to assist him in that whereby His Cause, the firm and mighty, may be uplifted. This Wronged One maketh mention from the prison of those whose names have been sent to the Most Great Prison. We beseech God to aid them all to serve the Cause—that is, to engage in mention and praise with wisdom and utterance, and to guide others to the extent possible. On the Day of Revelation, all the divines of Persia turned away, while certain souls who had no standing in their gatherings ascended the standard and were seated upon the throne of certitude.

O Abbas Kh-A! Jinab-i-Haydar-ʿAli made mention of thee. The Sun of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, hath turned from the horizon of prison towards thee. Perchance its effulgences may cause the

dispirited to attain unto the warmth of divine love. He is the Powerful One whom the power of the world could neither prevent nor weaken. He appeared and, with perfect steadfastness, called out before the faces of all peoples, commanded all to that which God desired, and gave them the glad-tidings of the waves of the ocean of His grace. O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn towards him who is named Muhammad and Ahmad and give them the glad-tidings of My turning towards them from this remote spot. Praise be to God! In the days when most of the people of the world turned away from the Ancient Beauty, ye attained unto acceptance. Count this bounty as great and preserve this grace by His Name. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Sulayman! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One with the ear of nature and hold fast unto the firm cord of God. The world is transient and what is with God endureth. Strive that thou mayest succeed in performing a deed whose fragrance will not be cut off and whose mention will not be erased from the scroll of them that have turned towards God. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Muhammad-ʿAli Haydar! Thy name was sent to the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he and blessed art thou. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He withhold thee not from the outpourings of His days and grant thee a portion of the choice sealed wine through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. His generosity brought existence into being, and His bounty adorned the world with its means. We beseech of Him that which is befitting. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Rida Quli Kh-A! Today the hosts of God are those who make people aware through deeds, character, wisdom and utterance, and who guide them to the horizon of the Peerless Friend. The visible hosts and manifest ranks hath God, exalted be His glory, entrusted to the manifestations of power, namely the kings. They, through these hosts, protect and safeguard cities and realms. And the friends, through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, conquer hearts and souls. Sword and spear have been removed, and spirit and delight have been established in their place. This is the firm decree that hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the Mother Book. Blessed are they that hold fast! Blessed are they that attain!

O Ali Kha! Reflect upon what hath befallen this Captive. God, the Tablet and the Pen bear witness that My sole purpose hath been the reformation of the world, the unity of nations, the advancement of existence and the upliftment of souls. Yet that which hath come to pass hath caused the Pen to tremble in its recounting. Since it hath occurred for the sake of God, it hath attained the station of life itself—tribulation in His path is rest, and calamity in His love is counted as bounty. O Pen! Turn thy face towards him who is named Ali Kha, that he may hear the call of the Wronged One and be of the thankful.

This is the Day of service and the Day of utterance. Blessed is he whom neither the world's vicissitudes nor the ignorance of the divines hath debarred from the splendours of the Day-Star of Revelation, who hath rent asunder the veils and, through His Name, hath dispersed the doubts. Today the adornment of the world and the riches of nations cannot compare with a single word sent down from the heaven of the divine Will. Blessed are they whose names have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen.

O Najaf-ʿAli-Kha! All are asleep in this night of heedlessness, but the Wronged One is awake. All are silent, while this Prisoner speaketh in remembrance of His loved ones. In truth, whoso speaketh of aught but

God is accounted as silent, nay rather as dumb before God. Hold fast unto unity and cleave unto concord. In your gatherings, despite the idolaters, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Word of Unity. The former people were deprived of the light of true unity, and thus were they debarred from the rays of the Sun of Truth and remained deprived thereof, save whom God willeth.

O ʿAli Kha! We counsel the friends of God to observe righteousness and fear of God, and We bid them to that which promoteth the Cause of God. The helper of His Cause and its supporter throughout all ages and centuries hath been the fear of God. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it and taken shelter beneath its standard. Praise thou the Desired One of all worlds, Who hath remembered thee in this night in the Most Great Prison and hath illumined thee with the effulgences of the Sun of His utterance. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desire, and glory be unto Thee, O my Hope and my Beloved, for having guided me unto Thy Cause, whereby the limbs of all names have quaked and the hearts of the learned have trembled. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the power of Thy most exalted Word, to make me steadfast in Thy love and to enable me to drink the choice wine of Thy revelation from the hands of Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Section 2: "O Pen! Blessed art thou for having made…"

O Pen! Blessed art thou for having made mention of the friends of God and His chosen ones, and for having guided them to His straight path and His mighty announcement. Make mention at this hour of him who hath been named Hidayat, that he may guide the people to the supreme horizon, the station wherein hath been raised the shrill voice of the Most Glorious Pen. Beware lest the happenings of the world prevent thee from mentioning the peoples. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the perspicuous Book.

O Hidayat! Today the call is raised high and the horizon of Revelation is illumined with the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings, the ocean of utterance is surging in the realm of possibility, and the Sun of proof hath dawned and is shining before the faces of all religions. Blessed is the soul that hath turned towards it and hath not deprived itself of the sweet savors of revelation and the fragrances of remembrance. We beseech God to assist thee to serve His Cause in such wise that thou mayest occupy thyself day and night with the refinement of the souls of His servants, and quicken those who are dead in the valleys of heedlessness with the living waters that flow from the lips of the Will of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds, and lead them to the precincts of the Friend. Take what hath been revealed unto thee, holding fast to the cord of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! The call of the Wronged One hath been raised at all times in such wise that both kings and subjects have hearkened unto it. At all times, without any veil or hindrance, We have summoned the peoples to that which is the source of true wealth and spiritual riches, and We have commanded that which God hath willed, and We have counselled the kings to observe the Most Great Peace, that perchance the fire of war might be stilled and the world might be freed from this grievous calamity. They regarded the counsellor as a mischief-maker and counted pure mercy as vengeance. We beseech God to make them aware and acquaint them with His purpose. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

O Murad-Ba'd-ʿAli-Murad! The World is come but they recognized Him not, for His raiment and name were changed. Blessed is he who hath made his desire the desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Today all must renounce their own will and desire and fix their gaze upon the Will and Good-Pleasure of God. This is the truth. We beseech God to assist thee in that which is enduring and everlasting. Vain imaginings have withheld the world from the Lord of all names. They are occupied with themselves and are heedless of the Truth. Soon shall they witness the recompense of their deeds. Verily thy Lord and the Lord of the Throne doth witness and see, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Mahmud! The Wronged One of the world hath awakened the heedless servants with His call and cry, that all might attain to the praiseworthy station, which is the station of man's knowledge of that which profiteth or harmeth him. However, those who turn to Him are few and those who hearken are rare. Strive that thou mayest be the cause of guidance to a soul, or by some deed immortalize thy remembrance in God's Book. This Wronged One hath been in the hands of His enemies from the earliest days until now. Today is tranquil and bright; tomorrow is unknown. The command is in God's hands. O Pen! We have created thee for the remembrance of Our loved ones. Beware lest the fire of thy love be quenched. Make mention of them by My command and remind them of My verses. Verily thy Lord is the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing.

Remember him who is named Muhammad-ʿAli and give him the glad tidings of My regard for him from the prison, that the attraction of My utterance may seize him and draw his heart near to the horizon of My loving-kindness. I am, verily, the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

All the world sought the Truth, and the people of Persia sought the Qa'im. At His mention, all smiled, were stirred, arose, and uttered "May God hasten." Yet when He appeared, the first group heard but turned away, while the second approached with swords of hatred and martyred Him. This Tongue does not wish to utter the words "Nay, unto…" as We have forbidden cursing. Today the ocean of mercy surgeth and the sun of bounty shineth. We beseech God to aid all to do what beseemeth His Day.

O Baqir! The unconscionable ones of the world have reached such a state that they cite what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen as proof of their own truth, while remaining heedless and unaware of its Source. The misleader of the world who counteth himself the guide of nations is, by the life of God, unaware and heedless of the Cause. It is not known whether he hath truly taken the path to hell or is merely confused. We beseech God to aid him to return unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Hearer, the Answerer. Praise be to the Goal of the world Who hath mentioned thee and hath turned toward thee in the Most Great Prison. He is, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

O Ja'far! The Lord of Power from the direction of the Most Great Scene declareth: Thou seekest the meeting and We seek the encounter, but the heedless servants have intervened. Each day a saying appeareth and they engage in consultation regarding the Wronged One. Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create me and make me manifest, and caused me to know Thee and to hear Thy most sweet call from the Most Exalted Horizon. Thou knowest, O my God, that I have desired to attain Thy presence and to stand before Thy face. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and

the splendors of the light of the sun of Thy grace, not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy verses in Thy days and the manifestations of Thy power amongst Thy servants, to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence and to accept from me what I have done in Thy path. O Lord! Make my will to be dissolved in Thy will and my desire in Thy desire, such that I seek only what Thou hast ordained for me and wish only what Thou wishest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Praise be to God! Each of the names mentioned has been blessed with divine verses and illumined by the light of the Lord's proof. Beseech God to preserve what He has bestowed, for He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mention Siyyid Mustafa—upon him be My glory—and give him the glad-tidings from the Wronged One. His name has repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and been revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Say: O Siyyid, reflect upon Muhammad—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—and His manifestation in Yathrib and Batha. The humiliation that befell Him was first from the opposition of His relatives and kin, second from the opposition of the divines and mystics, third from the neglect of the people of the city and surroundings, and fourth—which was greatest of all—from the seven scholars who later ascribed many partners to Him, even while they considered themselves believers and the most excellent of all people. Those who were created by His Word would sometimes exalt others above Him and at times far above Him. Though they may not openly acknowledge this statement, from the evidence the matter is clear and manifest.

O Mustafa! God willing, may your will be seen as effaced in God's Will and your desire in His Desire, that you may arise to serve His Cause by His Will and undertake His service—which is His mention—with wisdom and utterance, with spirit and fragrance. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of the Wronged One's favor.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be the eternal glory of God. Convey My greetings to Mirza Kuchik from the Wronged One. He has attained to My mention before and to the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, through which all things have spoken:

> "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven."

We beseech God to confirm him and ordain for him that which leads to eternal mention and everlasting name. O Haydar-ʿAli, convey greetings to the other loved ones from the Wronged One. God willing—the names are many but time is scarce, indeed like non-existent elixir. From every direction, letters and petitions arrive continuously, all seeking replies. Though by God's grace, from the first day We proclaimed the Cause of the Ancient King before the faces of the world, verses have been revealed and descended like rain from the heaven of God's Will—God forgive me—tongue has no access here and there exists no likeness or parallel. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of contentment, which is the most excellent ornament of the world, to engage them in His service and confirm them. Verily, He has power over all things.

Mention all the relatives of Muhammad-Ali on behalf of the Wronged One, especially Abbas-Quli who has always been and continues to be in Our sight, and whose mention has repeatedly been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to assist him in His mention, enable him to serve Him, and remind him of His verses time after time. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Guardian over all in the heavens and earth. There is no God but He, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH00502: All praise, sanctified above imagination and conjecture, utterance…

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

All praise, sanctified above imagination and conjecture, utterance and description, befitteth the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court of the Goal of all the worlds, Who raised high the banner of existence with His Pen and with ink unfurled the standard of unity. Blessed are they who have held fast to the Most Great Law and who have taken shelter beneath the standards and banners of Truth, exalted be His glory. Their purpose is to exalt the Word and their aim is to elevate the stations of humanity. The opposition of the oppressors and the clamor of the deniers did not hold them back from ascent nor prevent them from their goal. These are the manifestations of divine attributes and the Hands of the Cause among the high and the lowly.

And the blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the people, their Master, the refuge and shelter of the servants, through Whom the horizon of oneness was illumined and the luminary of detachment shone forth, through Whom the fragrance of submission was diffused and the straight path was made manifest, and upon His family and companions who cast aside all else but God and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book. Through them the Word was exalted and the breeze wafted, and the decree of the Divine Will was established and the potency of His Purpose was revealed, and through them God's dominion and power encompassed all things and His awe and sovereignty were made manifest.

To continue: Your spiritual friend's letters arrived repeatedly, their verse and prose were presented before the countenance of the Master and attained the honor of His hearing. However, due to intervening circumstances, some were answered while others remained pending. O friend of my heart! God, the All-Knowing, and all creation bear witness that you have ever been and are present before this ephemeral one's face and are mentioned before the Master. Whenever your letter arrived, its verse brought joy and its prose caused delight. However, recent events have dispelled all gladness and joy. In prison, nothing is observed save sighs and tears. Every believer must lament and every godly soul cry out, for most lands of the believers have been taken by unbelievers, and they continue in their pursuit. Each day a herald proclaims that this country has fallen, that land has been conquered. Truly, for the believers and sincere ones, these matters are a grievous torment. Until now, none knows what has been and is the cause of this great abasement after supreme glory. Protection is possible and deliverance is possible; nevertheless, despair has encompassed hearts, preventing them from turning to the remedy.

In any case, this servant and you and the believers dwelling in every land must, with complete helplessness and absolute humility, beseech God, exalted be His glory, for protection and the exaltation of the Word of Unity. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. The atoms of creation testify and bear witness that His Holiness the Existing One, may our spirits be sacrificed

for Him, had no desire save the glory of government and nation. Nevertheless, they have brought about that which has changed the dust of sorrow upon the hems of the believers.

On this day the honored master, His Holiness Aqa Siyyid Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, sent your heart's beloved letter to the Sacred Presence, and after its presentation and hearing, He spoke these words:

> "O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! Upon you be the peace of God and His favors. The Wronged One testifies that you have acknowledged the unity and oneness of God and have witnessed what God witnessed before the creation of earth and heaven—that there is no God but Him. You have held fast to the handle of His grace and clung to the hem of the robe of His bounty and mercy, and you have been mindful of His verses, speaking His praise, and patient in tribulations in His path. We beseech God to assist you in what He loves and is pleased with, and to enable you in all conditions to draw near unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

We have turned from eloquent speech to luminous utterance. Today it is incumbent upon all to turn unto God, exalted be His glory, in repentance and contrition, that perchance the all-encompassing tribulations and afflictions visited upon this favored community may be lifted, and that its lost glory may be raised aloft like a banner upon the most exalted station in all the world. We have ever beseeched God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of His servants, for that which would lead to the elevation of the stations of the people of divine unity and the exaltation of their ranks. Throughout the nights and days We have held fast to that which preserveth, exalteth and uplifteth His servants. Yet there hath befallen Us that which hath caused every seeing one to weep and every hearing one to lament. And now We find Ourselves in the Most Great Prison, subject to the will of the oppressors and the heedless. Each day witnesseth the appearance of some tyranny and the manifestation of some decree.

Praise be to God Who hath adorned this Wronged One with the ornament of patience and resignation. He, verily, is the All-Patient, Who commandeth His servants to show forth beautiful patience. Convey My greetings to the friends and bid them to wisdom and utterance. Corruption, conflict and contention have ever been and shall ever be condemned. That which today is the cause of the exaltation of man's station are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed are they that act, and woe unto them that neglect.

O My loved one who art present before Me! The world hath been laid waste by vain imaginings. Glory be to God! The vain imaginings of the divines of Persia have been manifested in the kings, for all are occupied with imaginings. One deviseth instruments of slaughter while another seeketh to outdo him in this endeavor. Day after day they devise new schemes to destroy life from the visible world, creating ever more devices. Their peace and war revolve around the cities and lands of the people of divine unity. When one becomes displeased with another, he immediately bestows upon him one of the dominions belonging to the people of unity.

In brief, peace and war today center upon the lands of Islam. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist the people of unity that perchance they may discover the cause and reason for what hath occurred and arise to set things aright, though this be most difficult. For the primary cause is that man must observe

with his own eyes. The riches and ornaments of the world have prevented the eyes of the princes from witnessing. Yet there is hope that after this blindness is removed and heavenly assistance arriveth, they will see, come, and discover. The matter is in the hands of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

If you wish news of this land, it is somewhat unsettled and disturbed. A new governor hath come whose intention and purpose are unknown. Knowledge is with God. God willing, it will be for the best.

As for what you wrote concerning Aqa Mirza Musa, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, in truth many steadfast, upright and distinguished souls grieved for this person, for he had been shown the utmost favor. Nevertheless, without cause there occurred that which was truly a source of great regret. However, this servant hopeth that henceforth he will arise to do that which will elevate his station. His apparent interest also lay in manifesting steadfastness. In any case, after mentioning him in the presence of the Lord, He said: "O Musa! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the throne and earth, the Lord of the hereafter and this world. Until now the glance of favor hath not been withdrawn from thee, for God hath loved and continueth to love faithfulness. Thy mentions, thy tears, and thy services have not been forgotten. We have repeatedly remembered thee and counseled thee concerning that which causeth the exaltation and elevation of being. We beseech God to assist thee with the hosts of the seen and unseen and to raise thee up through His power and sovereignty. Verily He is powerful over all things. Grieve not over anything. Trust in God in all matters. Say:

My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me. Ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the cup of nearness and reunion. The fire of remoteness hath consumed me—transform it into the water of eternal life, O Thou Self-Sufficing One! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy grace and the lights of the sun of Thy proof to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then forgive, O my God, my heedlessness and whatever hath proceeded from me. Verily Thou art the Generous, the All-Bountiful."

This servant also mentioneth him and conveyeth greetings, and beseeecheth from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever is the greatest cause of his exaltation and elevation. Verily our Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

Concerning the apple of your eye, Aqa Mirza Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be God's peace, you wrote, and after it was presented before Him, He spoke these words: O Abdu'l-Husayn! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all worlds! Thy name was presented before the Wronged One, Who hath made mention of thee with this manifest remembrance. We beseech God to assist thee and to aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, that thou mayest make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance throughout all possibility. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy Revelation, the mysteries of Thy Book, and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto the court of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things,

and by Thy grace which hath encompassed all existence, not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee, and for the sincere ones among Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

It is hoped that he may be among those servants whose attributes God, exalted be His glory, hath described in the Book: "No fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve." And likewise He saith: "Neither merchandise nor traffic beguile them from the remembrance of God." In these days, from the land of Ta, the mother of Aqa Mirza Siyyid Husayn, upon them both be the glory of God, hath again sent a petition to the Most Holy Court, and hath likewise written to others requesting her son who is in your service. Last year also when she attained the presence of the Most Holy Court, she repeatedly made this request. Now, according to instructions, you should send her son to his mother. Furthermore, convey greetings on my behalf to your honored brother Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, upon him be the glory of God. His letter was received and presented before Him. God willing, a response will be sent. What you forwarded was received and accepted. Convey greetings from this servant to the friends in that land. For each one I seek the confirmation of humility, submissiveness, steadfastness, and worship. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH00928: O beloved of my heart! Upon thee be…

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

O beloved of my heart! Upon thee be the glory of my Lord, my Sovereign, and my Master! At every moment and from all directions, the signs of the Revelation of the Revealer of verses are manifest and evident. The ocean of utterance surges with its waves, the sun of bounty shines with its radiance, and the divine Lote-Trees of the garden of truth are adorned with wondrous fruits. It is not known what has prevented the servants and deprived them from turning to the horizon of Revelation. Praise be to God, He has bestowed sight and granted hearing, yet as can be observed, though every soul is distinguished by these two great gifts, they are not employed in their proper place.

O beloved of my heart! The preoccupation of the servants with the desires of self and passion and the ornaments of this world has caused heedlessness, and when heedlessness gains strength it is transformed into error. In the eyes of those endowed with vision, that which has become the source and cause of these unseemly matters is the recompense of deeds, otherwise the Cause of God is more manifest than the sun. His verses are revealed at all times in such wise that pens are powerless to record and tongues fail to describe. His evidences in the divine Books are like unto a surging ocean, and the manifestations of His power and might are such that no fair-minded person can deny them. All know that despite the enmity of the people of the earth and the opposition of various factions, He stands firm before all faces and has spoken that which has shattered the idols of vain imaginings and raised high the standard of divine unity in an impregnable stronghold. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His dominion!

The letter of that beloved one numbered 7 dated the 26th of Safar, and likewise number 8 dated the 14th of Rabi'u'th-Thani, arrived from Ya and Kaf. At present, due to lack of time, a brief response is offered, as there has not been and is not the opportunity to address each matter in detail. I hope for forgiveness. I

beseech God to grant ample time, for verily He has power over all things. In any case, after reading the letters, all were presented before the countenance of the Goal of all the worlds and attained the honor of His attention. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance—His word, exalted be His glory and mighty be His utterance and great be His station:

In My Name, the One manifest before all men

The Book sent down by the Lord of the Seen and Unseen to draw hearts and souls unto God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting. He proclaims amidst all peoples: By God! The All-Bountiful hath come riding upon the clouds, and the necks of those who denied God, the Lord of existence, are bowed before Him. He is the Euphrates of wisdom among all creatures and the Banner of Power for the party of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. And there was inscribed upon it by the Most Glorious Pen:

> "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving."

O Amin, hearken unto the call of God, the True King, the Manifest. He maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison with verses before which all verses bow down, and with an utterance through which the Utterance itself hath spoken: "The Truth, the Knower of the unseen, hath come!" Through Him power hath been made manifest between the righteous and the wicked. Blessed is he who hath acknowledged and confessed, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. Neither the occupants of pulpits nor the turban-wearing divines who violated the Covenant and Testament, who denied God's proof after its appearance and His bounty after its revelation, could prevent Him. They perceive not. They follow vain imaginings and know not. They drink fetid water and understand not.

Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and reject not the Truth through what ye possess. He hath come for your salvation, if ye but knew. Cast away what the people have. The Self-Subsisting calleth out on this Day whereon the sealed wine hath been unsealed by the finger of power at My glorious station.

O Amin, glorify My loved ones on My behalf, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the lights of My loving utterance. Every name hath been mentioned by the tongue of the Wronged One as a bounty from God, the Lord of the Promised Day.

Hearken in Persian: The souls mentioned have attained the bounties of the True One, exalted be His glory, and now there is no opportunity to make specific mention of each one. O Amin, praise the Goal of the world that thou hast become a means of grace, making mention of the loved ones and seeking from the cloud of divine mercy for each one that which shall never be erased from the Book nor its fragrance cease from the world. Today the Sun of loving-kindness is dawning and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of grace. The ocean of utterance is ever-surging and the verses all-encompassing. Blessed are they who hold fast to justice and equity and who speak with truthfulness. In every city and region convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the righteous and cause them to attain the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy word and loveth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The bounties of God have been and are limitless, and His generosity has not and will not accept any bounds. Those beloved of the heart have attained to that which the pen is powerless to befittingly

describe. Whenever your letter arrives, the ocean of favor surges forth, and unto every soul are bestowed the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Such is the grace of the All-Bountiful One. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid that beloved one in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. Praise be to God, you have been and are achieving this.

That which was sent has arrived, meaning that which was written in your letter. This year, praise be to God, those who seek admission come with permission and some without permission, from every tribe. I beseech God to ordain for each one that which the heaven itself needs, let alone the people of earth. Three leaves of arrival were sent as per your request. Your letter mentioning the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, upon them be the glory of God, was seen. God willing, the answer will flow forth and descend from the ocean of favor and the kingdom of utterance, and will be sent. However, that beloved one had not mentioned the other loved ones of God, upon them be the glory of God, specifically the mention of the beloved of the heart, Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God.

In all conditions, this evanescent servant beseeches from the ocean of divine generosity, for the loved ones, that which will cause their protection and exaltation. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The servant, on the first of the month of Rajab, 1305

BH01003: The world is illumined by the light of knowledge…

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

The world is illumined by the light of knowledge, yet darkened by the dust of the hearts of the transgressors. The sign of the Day when the heaven shall bring forth a manifest smoke was made manifest aforetime, and the Kingdom on that Day shall be God's' is delayed and postponed. With this great tribulation and mighty darkness that hath encompassed the world, how can the peoples be worthy of the effulgent dawnings of the Sun of divine favor? All have heard of the Cause of the existence of bounty and have witnessed the precedence of mercy and grace, yet have forgotten the cause of their own creation. I loved to be known' was the cause, yet they have forgotten the cause and reason of their own existence.

They have abandoned mercy and clung to vengeance, such that naught can be heard from all directions save the clash of swords. The Tongue of Power at every moment whispereth in the innermost heart, saying: Fix your gaze upon this verse and hold fast unto it: 'Lo! though it be but the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be within a rock, or in the heavens or in the earth, God will bring it forth.' Glory be to God! The cry hath ever been raised, yet they hear not, and the Kingdom hath ever been God's, yet they see not. What hath hindered them? Vain imaginings. What hath veiled them? The heedlessness of the peoples.

Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the world and Bestower of favors upon the peoples! Withhold not Thy bounties from Thy servants, and disappoint them not from the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy grace. Purify them from whatsoever hath hindered them from drawing nigh unto Thee and from

walking in the ways of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Beloved of my heart! Thy letter arrived—it was an ocean of love. Thy missive reached Me—it was a book comprehensive in the degrees of affection. After it was read and perused, it attained the honor of being heard by the Lord. He said:

"O ʿAli, upon thee be the peace of God and His favors! Praise be to God that neither profit nor loss defiled the holy souls nor held them back from turning unto Him. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you! The cup of love hath strange effects and wondrous properties. I swear by the Luminary of Batha that this world is not worthy of joy or sorrow, nor deserving the attention of the sincere ones and them that are nigh unto God. For were it worthy, it would have been yours and with you. The world and its adornments are, in the estimation of them that are detached, as a piece of leather paste sewn onto the finest garment—nay, even more detestable than that. It befitteth not the free—it is good only for its people. Verily, it is carrion, and they that seek it are known. We beseech God, exalted be He, to exalt you through His Name, to draw you nigh through His grace, and to make you the ensigns of His remembrance amidst His creation and the standards of His justice amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

"Convey unto the believing, unified, and assured ones the greetings from the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist them, preserve them, and ordain for them the blessings of the heavens of His grace and the gifts of the clouds of His bounty. Verily, He is the Generous, the Possessor of great favor. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful." End

Praised be God! Pure intention, clear purpose, and manifest deeds have caused the fragrance of detachment, love, affection, trustworthiness and truthfulness to waft through the cities of justice and equity. Every unbiased one has perceived it and every unprejudiced one has acknowledged it. One word has been recorded in the book of divine favor which is in truth the light of knowledge and the Most Great Luminary of books: "Whoso is for God, God is for him." This blessed word is, in the estimation of the mystics, beyond the stations of effacement and existence. This evanescent servant gazeth upon this word and cleaveth unto it, beseeching and imploring God—exalted be His glory—to make its effects manifest unto all His servants. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As to your mention of him who is in truth the solace of the eyes, Aqa Mirza Mihdi—upon him be God's peace—the servant beareth witness that he is among the triumphant ones. Convey my greetings unto him. His letter was received and from it wafted the fragrance of love, affection, sincerity and devotion. In truth, his entire letter appeared to this evanescent one as a single word: "Verily I am for God alone." Well is it with him! He hath drunk from the ocean and hath not contented himself with the river. He is among those servants from whom one cannot witness excessive attention from the Source, for the doors of "Is there more?" would open. In truth, he is worthy of a hundred thousand mentions and salutations. On this night, mention of him flowed from the blessed tongue in such wise as to attract hearts, cause bodies to soar, let alone spirits.

Concerning what thou didst write about the petition of Aqa Abbas—may God assist him—some time ago a letter arrived from the beloved of hearts, His Holiness Samandar—upon him be the Glory of God—and

they forwarded the petition of the aforementioned one. A Tablet was graciously revealed; after perusing it they should forward it. The mention of this Abbas opened a door to the meeting with the spiritual beloved, Haji ʿAbbas—upon him be God's peace and favors. We beseech God to assist him, confirm him and draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions.

The petition of Haji Yusuf—may God, exalted be He, strengthen him—arrived and one blessed Tablet was sent to be delivered to him. Convey my greetings to the friends of that land. I beseech from God whatsoever leadeth to the manifestation of praiseworthy character. In truth, the horizons are illumined and radiant through goodly character. Likewise, I seek divine confirmation that they may hold fast unto wisdom and fix their gaze upon it. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Specifically, they commanded: Write to Ali:

> "O Ali! Thou art remembered in all conditions. We counsel thee to observe wisdom. Take hold of it and leave all else."

End.

As to the mention of falling short in services—God is the witness and creation doth testify that that beloved of hearts hath ever been steadfast in service, vocal in remembrance, adorned with truthfulness, illumined with faithfulness, and embellished with trustworthiness. Praise be to God for all of this. Verily, He is the Helper, and He is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Peace and praise be upon you and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01168: O friends of God! Every soul today who desires…

In the Name of God, Exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing in all creation!

O friends of God! Every soul today who desires to drink from the chalice of divine knowledge and attain the light of certitude must first purify their heart with the water of the utterance of Him Who is the Aim of all worlds. Likewise must they purify their hearing and sight to such degree that names will not prevent them from turning towards Him, nor will the veils of beauty and the clouds of majesty hold them back from the Self-Subsisting Lord. In brief, they must sanctify their thoughts from the mention of all else but God, that they may become worthy to turn towards Him and capable of drawing near. Today the ocean of utterance is surging and the luminary of grace is shining forth. The previous people—namely the Shi'ites—were prevented by their vain imaginings from the Dayspring of Certitude. They occupied themselves with names while remaining heedless and veiled from their Lord. The divines, with utmost tyranny and injustice, uttered unseemly words from their pulpits—all have heard and know this. What was the cause of this turning away, the reason for this blindness? And whence arose this enmity against the Truth?

O servants! Ponder, that perchance ye may discover the purpose and not be deprived of the Most Great Ocean through clinging to the gulf of names. The One Whose presence they sought throughout ages and centuries—they issued the decree for His death and martyred Him. Hearken unto the call of the trusted Counselor! Cleanse your hearts wholly from the doubts and allusions of the past, for all the words and deeds of that party were rejected on the Day of His Manifestation. Today the trees cry out "The Truth is

come!" and the fruits proclaim "The Kingdom is God's!" Deprive not your hearing and sight from witnessing and hearkening to the divine call. Leave the idolaters to their vain disputations.

This Day is the Day of God—names have no station therein save for those souls who are the cupbearers of the choice-sealed wine and the Hands of the Cause of the Self-Subsisting Lord. These are they who have arisen with complete detachment to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. The ornaments of these fleeting days did not prevent them from the everlasting bounties and the eternal, perpetual feast. These are servants whom the ornaments and adornments of the world did not hinder. They have turned with illumined hearts and radiant faces to the Supreme Horizon, and answered their Lord, the Lord of all beings, when the call was raised between earth and heaven. These are honored servants, these are they who are brought nigh. The sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful so transported them that they sacrificed their lives. All else besides God did not prevent them from turning unto Him.

O My loved ones in the two villages! Know ye, then recognize that the Revealer of verses hath turned toward you from the direction of the Prison, and the Manifestor of clear evidences hath sent down for you that which will solace your eyes. And He Who conversed on Sinai calleth you from the horizon of Revelation, even as griefs encompass Him from the wickedness of the evil ones. Rejoice ye in My remembrance, then thank your Lord, for He hath sent down for you that which will draw you nigh unto Him—from which every possessor of smell perceiveth the fragrance of His bounty, His grace and His mercy that have preceded all that was and that shall be.

Hear ye the call of the Wronged One! By the Sun of Truth, whosoever hath attained unto the hearing of the Word findeth himself free and detached from the world and all that dwell therein. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of the lights of the Sun of true unity. By God's life! The Shi'ih sect hath been recorded in the Crimson Book by the Most Exalted Pen as being among the idolaters. Strive ye, that ye may attain unto that for which ye were created from nothingness. The objectors of the Bayan are seen to be veiled anew from God, exalted be His glory, through their attachment to imaginary names. They have forsaken the Self-Subsisting and cling to vain imaginings. They are indeed among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

O My loved ones! I counsel you, after recognition of God, to steadfastness supreme, and to trustworthiness and godliness. The hosts of triumph and victory have ever been pure and acceptable deeds and character. We beseech God to make His loved ones the emblems of His remembrance in His lands and the standards of His guidance throughout His realms. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We have repeatedly made mention of the loved ones in the land of Kha and those regions, and there hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will that which containeth in every word a treasury of utterance and concealed waters of life. Ask thou God to grant the power of hearing and sight, and likewise the strength of steadfastness, that they may arise with legs of iron to support this new Cause and may speak the words "We are God's" with such utterance that silence shall not overcome it, nor shall the insinuations of the doubtful prevent it. Glory be to God! Despite all that hath been witnessed and is now being witnessed, the barking ones lie in wait for the believers. Convey to all the greetings of the Wronged One and counsel them to observe the manners and

character of the Concourse on High. Verily thy Lord is the Generous, the Bountiful. He loveth His loved ones and maketh mention of them ere they make mention of Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Light shining from My most exalted horizon be upon you, O My loved ones and friends, and upon those who will be attracted by the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH01196: O ʿAli, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness!…

He is the One speaking from His Most Exalted Horizon!

O ʿAli, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison. The effulgence of the lights of the Day-Star of Truth hath shone upon His loved ones. Today mercy hath preceded all else and grace hath encompassed all things. Praise be to God that on the Day of Recompense thou hast attained unto the hearing of the call of the Lord of all beings and hast drunk from the Kawthar of utterance. The fruit and result of this deed shall never be effaced from the divine ledger. We beseech God to aid thee in preserving that which He hath bestowed. The glance of His loving-kindness hath been and continueth to be directed toward thee. Nothing escapeth His knowledge; He witnesseth and seeth all things, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thou didst mention Muhammad. We have verily forgiven him, purified him, and appointed for him a station. The grace of thy Lord hath indeed encompassed him from all directions. He is, in truth, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We have mentioned him before in such wise that nothing which thou beholdest can equal it, as this Great Announcement doth testify.

Convey My greetings to the handmaiden of God. Blessed is the servant who is engaged in serving the friends of God, and blessed are those handmaidens who act for the sake of God alone. Say: O My handmaiden, O Tusi! These are the days of the Most Great Manifestation; His light hath encompassed the world. In the Most Great Prison, while surrounded by encompassing sorrows, We are occupied with thy remembrance and make mention of thee. The deeds of no soul have ever been, nor shall ever be, lost in the sight of God. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

Mention was made of Mashhadi Allah-Virdi. Praise be to God that he hath turned toward the Most Great Ocean in days when the darkness of repudiation hath encompassed the world. God hath verily aided him to turn toward Him and attain His presence. He is, in truth, the Protector of those who turn unto Him. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance, that he may rejoice and give thanks unto his Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto the cord of His Cause with such tenacity that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to separate thee from it. This is the binding command that hath in this moment been sent down from the Pen of the Most Great Name.

O Sadiq! Thy mention hath been made before the Countenance, and thou hast attained unto these verses which have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of mercy. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while Thou wert wronged at the hands of the heedless ones.

O Mihdi! The Book Manifest speaketh before the faces of all who dwell in the heavens and the earth, and giveth glad-tidings unto all. However, the veils of glory have deprived the heedless people from beholding the lights of the Manifestation of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Praise be to the Lord of Eternity Who hath enabled thee to attain this most great bounty, which is the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His verses.

O Abbas-Ali! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One of the horizons and say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me to know Thee. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy grace to make me steadfast in Thy love and holding fast unto the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. He hath verily aided thee to serve the Cause of God and to make mention of Him amongst His servants. That which thou beholdest today shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My verses and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Thou seest my poverty and Thy wealth, my weakness and Thy strength, my powerlessness and Thy might, my ignorance and Thy knowledge. The poor one knocketh at this moment at the door of Thy generosity, and the unlettered one turneth toward the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom.

I beseech Thee by that treasure which Thou hast deposited in the hearts of them that are sincere amongst Thy servants to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love and standing ready to serve Thee. Praise be unto Thee, O my God and my Lord, for having shown me the billows of the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of the orb of Thy bounty. I implore Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen, to assist me and Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Thou art in truth the Lord of all men. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ali! Praise be to the Lord of the world. Each of the souls mentioned in thy letter hath attained unto that which every discerning one hath inhaled and continueth to inhale therefrom the fragrance of divine favors. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee the reward of meeting Him and to decree for thee and His loved ones that which shall profit you in His days. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We conclude Our utterance by making mention of him who hath turned unto his Lord, the All-Merciful, and hath drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious, the Bountiful—he who heard My call and turned in the first days toward My horizon, and whom the rapture of My remembrance so seized that he soared in My atmosphere, cast away all else beside Me, and arose to extol My praise amidst My creatures and to serve Me amongst My servants. We beseech God to strengthen him under all conditions and to make him a standard for the triumph of My wondrous and glorious Cause, through which the limbs of the world have quaked, and the hearts of all nations have been convulsed, and all the tribes of the earth have lamented, except such as God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. Blessed is his eye for what it hath beheld, and his ear for what it hath heard, and his

face for having turned toward God, and his heart for having been drawn unto God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return.

BH01214: Praise sanctified above all mention of the world…

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

Praise sanctified above all mention of the world and its peoples befitteth the Lord of Eternity, Who through His Most Great Name conquered the world and made manifest the path of salvation. The purpose of the creation of beings and the manifestation of existence hath been the bestowal of His grace and the expression of His generosity and bounty. Through His will He brought them from nothingness into being, and through His wisdom He ordained the means of glory and exaltation, that all might ascend the ladder of knowledge to that most great station of glory and supreme nobility which is the recognition of His sacred Being. Glorified be His majesty, magnified be His bounty, and exalted be His grace!

The letter of that beloved of the soul, which was even as a brilliant and radiant sun, illumined the court of existence. This pure radiance hath been and is from the effulgences of the lights of divine love. What can this servant mention and what can he express in describing this station, when even those who have attained thereunto are seen to be powerless and wanting in its comprehension? For this is the station of love, the prince of all stations.

> "I need a mouth as wide as heaven itself, To tell the praise of that which angels envy."

After its perusal, and with joy and delight, it was presented before the face of the Lord. He said:

> "Praise be to God! They are adorned with that which beseemeth them. The atoms of creation bear witness to their trustworthiness, faithfulness, station and rank. O Muhammad—upon thee be the peace of God, the Single, the One! The riches of the world and the wealth of nations cannot compare with a single word of yours which hath been manifested through trustworthiness and faithfulness. The ornaments of the world are not mentioned before the trusted ones of God. That which is worthy of mention are those qualities which have been manifested among the servants from the friends of God. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the finest raiment in all the world. This is the shield of protection that preserveth the station of man. We beseech God that He may illumine the world through this luminary of detachment and adorn it with the ornament of trustworthiness. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Peace be from the Wronged One upon the friends of God who are there, and upon those whom neither the doubts of the people have withheld from the Truth, nor the clamor of the ungodly from turning towards God, the Lord of the worlds."

In truth, the letter of that beloved was a herald of joy. This servant has always been and continues to be joyful at the happiness of that beloved of hearts. Indeed, a single drop of joy is witnessed as an ocean. Through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, this servant has been and remains confident and assured that whatever appears and transpires is pure good. "Whosoever places his trust in God, He is sufficient unto him." Witness to this statement was the letter of that true traveler and spiritual emigrant who

appeared solely through the Absolute Will—that is, the honored beloved, Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be God's peace, grace and mercy. It arrived, and by the testimony of the loved ones, he has attained the most excellent of deeds, as it has been previously said: "The most excellent of deeds are the most difficult."

His letter was presented to the Master upon arrival, who repeatedly said: "Blessed be he, and may it be wholesome unto him." At tea time, when the Branches of the Blessed Tree and the people of the pavilion of infallibility were present, He repeatedly mentioned him, and concluded with these blessed words: "We beseech God, the Exalted, to send down upon him and upon them from the heaven of His grace a blessing from Him, a grace from His presence, and a mercy from His side. There is no God but He, the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful."

This evanescent servant sends greetings to the number of the drops in the seas to him and to the loved ones of that land, and beseeches for each one the outpouring of the True Generous One. Verily, He has power over all things. In response to the letter of the spiritual beloved, Aqa ʿAli, upon him be God's peace, a letter was sent containing [expressions of] grace. God willing, may it be the cause of joy and unity. And as for the known matter, let them mention whatever they deem advisable. I beseech God, the Exalted, to teach you what is best for you. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Another submission: The missive from the spiritual beloved Haji ʿAbdu'l-Karim, upon him be God's peace, arrived. Indeed, it was distinguished. Praise be to God, he is confirmed. I beseech God, the Exalted, to assist him, confirm him, and draw him near. Verily, He has power over all things. Final submission: As commanded, at this time the true emigrant and special traveler, that is, Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be God's peace and grace, has brought news of the spiritual beloved Haji Husayn, upon him be God's peace and mercy. The purpose is to express grace towards them. Indeed, they have performed what most of the people of the world are heedless of. They have always been and continue to be remembered. Likewise, as commanded, whenever their letters arrive, the loved ones of that land should write about his conditions. He repeatedly said: "Verily, He loves faithfulness in all things."

BH01256: Praise be befitting unto the Lord of all desires…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

Praise be befitting unto the Lord of all desires, Who, through His complete power, hath brought forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the shells of the ocean of knowledge, and through these two precious pearls hath bestowed perfect order upon the world and guided His servants to the realm of immortality. In all conditions His purpose hath been and is the exaltation, elevation and loftiness of the station of His creation, that all may attain unto that which shall assist and protect humanity throughout all worlds. At times He appeareth in the form of a lamp, and at others in the guise of an army. In truth these two are two banners, nay rather two pavilions—the station of rest and the seat of security have been and ever shall be beneath the shade of these two pavilions. Blessed is he who hath chosen therein a place for himself.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Desire and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by the Banner beneath whose shade, despite its loftiness and grandeur, the heaven itself doth dwell, that Thou aid Thy chosen ones and loved ones in a manner befitting the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. O Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine, detached from all save Thee and turning unto the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which he seeketh from Thy mighty grace and all-encompassing favor.

And now, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived like a flowing spring. We took it in the name of Truth and drank of its mention. Its fruit was joy and its effect was gladness. After its reading and perusal, it was honored to be heard before His presence. Though the Temple be hidden from sight, yet his mention and name are present. Praise be to God, thou art favored with the Most Great Bounty and known by the name of the Peerless Beloved. We beseech God, exalted be He, to open before his face the gates of His mercy and make him a standard of His steadfastness among His creation. We ask Him to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and of all His worlds. Peace be upon him from Us, and upon those who follow him, and upon those who acknowledge the unity of God, His uniqueness, His grandeur and His sovereignty.

God, exalted be His majesty, is witness that that beloved of the heart hath ever been, and still is, remembered—both in His presence and in the presence of the Branches, may my spirit be a sacrifice to the dust of their feet. Fellowship and reunion are indeed a mighty bounty; likewise, separation and remoteness are a grievous affliction.

At the mention of "[the board and pieces]," He said: "Praise be unto God, and thanks and laud be unto Him; and unto Him belong glory and majesty. His loved ones, with all their faculties and in all their members, are, with the utmost love, hopeful and expectant of service unto Him. Well is it with them, and wholesome is it for them. Verily, he hath drunk of the choice wine of love, and the Wronged One saith: Well is it with thee, O Aḥmad! Upon thee rest My greeting and My glory. Call the friends to remembrance on behalf of the Wronged One and convey unto them My salutation. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good." Thus ended His words.

Glorified be God! Who could have imagined that Alexandria would become a dwelling-place, or that the glances of divine favor would be turned thither? Whence came these transformations? From what source arose these attractions? What relation hath Yā to Ṭā? What relation hath Alexandria to ʻAkká? It is love that draweth; it is passion that carrieth away. The lions of the world are beneath its chain; the heroes of the nations are captives of its will.

In any case, we beseech God to make reunion our portion, and to illumine, with the light of meeting, the expanse of separation and remoteness. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Almighty.

The joyful tidings are these: on this night, which is the first of the honored month of Rajab, the handwriting of the honored and kind Áqá ʻAlí-Akbar—upon him be the peace of God—arrived. His verses were both limpid and savory, and were presented in the gathering of the chosen ones. In truth, the fragrance of sincerity and love was diffused therefrom; likewise, in His presence, they attained unto the glances of favor. Every word thereof bore witness to love, and was a testimony to submission and

affection. I convey my greetings to him and say: Formerly thou hadst been touched by the river; now thou hast been overtaken by the sea. Well is it with the people of the cloister, how intoxicated have they become therewith! In truth, that wine of which the poets have spoken, saying that it existed before the vine, they have spoken aright; truth is on their side. For this wine is the wine of love, and by the testimony of God, exalted be His majesty, love hath been made the cause of creation. There, not only was there no grape—there was not even the father of the grape.

We conclude these words at this time with the remembrance of our Purpose and His loved ones there, and We make mention of Qurratu'l-Ayn Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing, he is adorned with refinement and embellished with virtues. May he hold fast in all conditions to that which is befitting. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat.

The servant, First of Rajab 1305

BH01722: Praise be to the Lord of all desire, Who…

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

Praise be to the Lord of all desire, Who is worthy and deserving, Who hath distinguished between the ungodly and the believers through the blessed word "There is none other God but God." This blessed word is the decisive utterance. Every word that hath proceeded from the Mouth of His Will hath been and is the decisive utterance. His words are powerful, His verses all-encompassing, and His proofs penetrating—yet the servants remain heedless, save those whom our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, hath willed. He is the All-Bountiful, the One Who hath united hearts and minds through His most exalted Word. He hath gathered the peoples of the East and West at one table and one feast, and with most eloquent utterance hath called all who dwell on earth to unity and concord.

Blessed are they who have comprehended the station of unity and concord and have held fast unto it. Woe betide the heedless! Blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the world and upon His family and companions, through whom the sovereignty of God and His power were made manifest, and the treasures of His grace and favor were revealed. Through their justice oppression was shaken, through their belief in unity the limbs of misbelief trembled, through their standards the standards of the deniers and transgressors were lowered, and through their banners the banners of the heedless and the wayward were brought low.

O thou beloved of my heart! How wondrous is this messenger, how wondrous this sign that hath appeared and become manifest! The electric current arrived bearing news of thy arrival. This news was a clear glad-tiding and a trustworthy herald. After being informed, we proceeded to the Holy Court where it was presented before the countenance of the Lord and was blessed to attain His hearing. He said:

> "O Physician! Upon thee be My peace and My glory! Thou hast ever been remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. From the Holy Land, the honored Afnan hath mentioned thee

in every instance. Praise be to God that thou art blessed with health and enjoying His bounty. Today, the bounty that is acceptable in the sight of God is the bounty of recognition and certitude. Blessed are they who have attained unto them, and woe betide the wayward!"

This land manifesteth itself differently each day. We beseech God to assist His servants to observe justice in all matters. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We likewise beseech Him to assist thee in that which causeth the exaltation of being and the advancement of souls. Say:

"My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having taught me Thy word of unity and revealed unto me that which was hidden from the eyes of most of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and by Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

Praise be to God! Thy presence in that land hath been and will continue to be a source of joy. God willing, thou wilt occupy thyself with wisdom and utterance in uniting hearts and refining souls, that perchance the people of unity may arise from their lethargy and become deserving of divine mercy, and that through this bounty the remaining cities and lands may be preserved and protected from plunder, oppression, tyranny and transgression in the sheltering shadow of God, exalted be His glory, which is an impregnable fortress. Verily, God hath power over all things.

This servant beseecheth Him to ordain for the people of unity what He ordained for them in the beginning of days, and to manifest through them His power, His might, His influence, His sovereignty and His will. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. I convey greetings to the friends in that land, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for each one that which leadeth to eternal salvation and everlasting joy. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Answerer, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you.

BH01746: Praise be to God Who sealed the Messengers…

In the name of God, exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be to God Who sealed the Messengers with the Seal and the Books with the Furqan, whereby He distinguished between truth and falsehood until the Day of Reckoning. Upon Him be the blessings of God, His peace, His mercy and His favors, and upon His family and companions who aided His Cause with true aid and strove in His path with true striving.

The letter of that spiritual friend arrived. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the mention and praise of God and spoke of your health and well-being. After its perusal and consideration it was presented before the face of the Lord. He said:

"We beseech God, the Lord of creation and the Protector of servants and lands, to open before their faces the gates of goodly things, to rain down upon them from the heaven of His

generosity the showers of His mercy and blessing, and to ordain for them the good of the latter and former worlds and whatsoever draweth them nigh unto Him in all conditions."

O ʿAli, this Wronged One hath made mention of thee and continueth to do so, and seeketh from God whatsoever is best for thee and His loved ones, for none but God, exalted be His glory, knoweth what harmeth and profiteth. Verily He knoweth and seeth and heareth, and He is the Hearing, the Answering. We beseech Him to aid you outwardly and inwardly, to set right your affairs, and to ordain for you that which shall gladden your eyes and rejoice your hearts. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. From this spot We send greetings to the friends of God and His loved ones whom He hath enabled to acknowledge the oneness of His Being and the sanctity of His Self from all likeness and comparison. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Praise be to God, you have been and continue to be remembered. The hearts and souls of the friends in all lands and regions are turned toward you, and all make mention of your love, unity and accord. In truth, repeated mention of you has arrived from the cities and regions of Iran. This evanescent servant beseeches the eternal Truth, exalted be His glory, and hopes that He will adorn all matters with the ornament of rectification and manifest whatsoever is best for all. His grace encompasseth all and the gate of His bounty is open. Soon He will transform hardship into ease, severity into comfort, and loss into profit. He is verily powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be not grieved in any way. The divine favors are countless and His grace all-encompassing. We hope that He will manifest that which containeth the good of this world and the next. O spiritual friend! His honor Aqa Mirza Husayn arrived in those parts. As it happened, no opportunity arose to present a reply to the letter of that spiritual friend. You have been and continue to be remembered. In perfect joy, gladness and delight, hold fast unitedly and in harmony to whatever remedies are devised and implemented. The intent is that no negligence or laxity in affairs should come from the friends, and they must make every possible effort at rectification. The rest of the matters are in the grasp of God's power, exalted be His glory. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

I convey greetings to the loved ones and friends of that land. God is witness and aware that I am gladdened by their gladness and saddened by their sadness. However, God saith: "Whoso placeth his reliance on God, He is sufficient unto him." Therefore I remain patient, calm, silent and assured. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon thee and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02544: The Most Exalted Pen is bewildered as to what…

He is the One Who calleth before the faces of all peoples.

The Most Exalted Pen is bewildered as to what it should mention. Every sect among the sects seeketh after truth, and entereth monasteries, synagogues, mosques, churches and temples in the name of truth, turning toward God in love. Yet they remain heedless and deprived of His Most Great Appearance, the Mighty Announcement, and His verses which descend like torrential rain at all times. Glory be to God!

The people of the Gospel cling to two pages while remaining debarred from the Mother Book. And the people of the Furqan, despite countless verses having descended from the heaven of Divine Will and the kingdom of the Lord's decree, are seen to be heedless. The people of Iran, throughout ages and centuries, made mention of the Qa'im and clung to names, yet when the horizon of the world became illumined and distinguished by the Most Great Light, all turned away and became inflamed with the fire of hatred and animosity. In such case, what can be said? The vain imaginings of the servants have prevented them from the Dawning-Place of Divine revelation and the Dayspring of the Sun of certitude.

Reflect upon what hath come to pass. Consider the vainglory of the Shi'ih sect: they deemed themselves the foremost of the world and the most exalted among nations. Yet when the balance of justice was set up, they were found to be the most lost among the peoples of the world. They spent their entire lives occupied with successor-games and likewise with other names such as Chiefs and Nobles and the like. On the Day of Judgment there appeared from those heedless souls that which hath appeared from no oppressor to this day. The divines of that sect are, one and all, engaged in cursing and reviling. Blessed are they who, with the arm of knowledge and the power of certitude, have rent asunder the veils of glory and become illumined by the lights of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai.

Praise thou the Goal of all beings, Who aided thee to turn unto Him in days when the most learned and accomplished of those parts turned away and engaged in opposition. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations, for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge and guided me to Thy path. I beseech Thee by the hearts which Thou hast made treasuries of the pearls of Thy love, and by the blood which hath been shed in Thy path, to make me in all circumstances steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the pharaohs of the earth nor its tyrants who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and have denied Thy signs and disputed Thy proof, shall prevent me. I testify that Thy power hath encompassed all created things and Thy mercy hath preceded all existing things. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02967: A praise sanctified above all meaning and utterance befitteth…

In the name of the Goal of the world and the Sovereign of nations!

A praise sanctified above all meaning and utterance befitteth the Lord of all creation, Who illumined the world with the light of His knowledge and adorned the hearts of those who have turned to Him and drawn nigh unto Him with the seal of "We are God's." In the midst of abasement the light of glory dawned from the horizon of will, and in the midst of poverty the sun of wealth rose and shone forth from the heaven of purpose. Glorified be His dominion and glorified be His proof. There is none other God but Him.

Thy letter was received and read before the face of this Wronged One, attaining the honor of His hearing. Praise be to God that thou art renowned among the people of the world as a standard-bearer of the Cause of God and art celebrated for thy love for Him. This most exalted Word hath appeared like a peerless gem from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen: Well is it with thee and blessed art thou! We

beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

The answers to the petitions of those who have turned to God have been sent down from the heaven of His will. We beseech God to assist these souls to drink from the hidden oceans within His divine words and verses, and to receive their portion and share of the fragrance of His revelation. That distinguished one hath ever been and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. The decree of attaining His presence, the reward for attaining His presence, and mention of attaining His presence have been recorded for thee by the Most Exalted Pen. Neither the passing of centuries and ages, nor the changes in the world, nor the clamor of the peoples shall erase this mention. To this testifieth every seeing scholar and every informed mystic. Should wisdom at some time require it, they may turn towards it, but the friends of God must at all times fix their gaze upon wisdom and hold fast unto it, for this most exalted Word hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen.

Convey My greetings to the friends and gladden them with the effulgences of the Sun of divine favor. Verily He is with them, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have turned to God and have said:

> "Praise be to Thee for having shown us Thy straight path and Thy mighty message."

BH03217: All praise, sanctified beyond the comprehension of creation, befitteth…

In the Name of the one true God!

All praise, sanctified beyond the comprehension of creation, befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the True One, Who hath, without any earthly means, through the motion of the Most Exalted Pen, made manifest and established His Cause. The ranks of those who would prevent it held Him not back, nor did thousands deter Him from exercising His power. The armies of the world cannot compare with the power of the Most Exalted Word, nor can the might of nations prevent the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

O My leaf! Thy letter was received and came before the eyes of the Wronged One. We heard thy call and from the Kingdom of utterance have bestowed an answer. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee at all times to that which causeth the exaltation of His Word and the advancement of His servants. Convey My glory to Rida. O Rida! Let not the days of attaining His presence and meeting Him fade from thy sight. We beseech God to aid thee to such deeds as will cause their fragrance to remain forever in the world and their mention to endure in the scrolls of all peoples. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous One. Each of the children is remembered in the Prison. Make mention of them all from the Wronged One. We beseech God to protect them all beneath the tabernacles of His grace and to give them to drink, at every moment, from the milk of His knowledge, that they may attain, beneath the shadow of His loving-kindness, unto

the station of “Blessed be God, the best of Creators.” His mercy hath preceded all, His grace hath encompassed all.

Regarding what thou didst write about the turning of those left behind toward that direction—thou and the leaf are witness that several years ago this Wronged One gave permission to all the emigrants and neighbors to return to their own countries. And now, after considering the letter, mention was made to each one. However, in these days the sea is turbulent, yea turbulent, and movement is very difficult. We beseech God to aid all to that which is beneficial for all and befitting for His days.

BH03281: This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaks…

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon.

This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaks, yet most of the people neither know nor hear. The proof has been perfected and the Cry has been raised and the Rock has cried out, yet most of the people are heedless. The signs have encompassed them from every direction, yet they see not. They pass by the signs of God and His manifestations, yet they understand not. They have denied the Truth and His proof, and turned away from His Cause and His sovereignty, having followed the embodiments of idle fancies and vain imaginings. I know not by what proof their faith is established, and for what reason they have turned away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Baqir! When thou didst hear the call from the most exalted horizon, and the wine of thy Lord’s utterance, the Lord of all beings, did intoxicate thee, say: My God, my God! My outer and inner tongue bear witness to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest Thy Cause before the faces of Thy creation, and with the finger of Thy power hast rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and the curtains of vain imaginings, such that the oppression of every oppressor and the turning away of every heedless one did not prevent Thee. Thou didst arise with supreme steadfastness and called all to Thy most exalted horizon. Among them were those who heard the call and hastened until they drank the wine of recognition from the cup of Thy bounty, and among them were those who hesitated, and those who turned away, and those who pronounced sentence of death against Thee.

O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant standing at the door of Thy grandeur, clinging to the cord of Thy grace, and awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the hearts that were melted in Thy love, and by the breasts that were pierced by the arrows of the enemies to exalt Thy Word, that Thou make me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. O my Lord! Withhold me not from the river of Thy bounty which has flowed from the Pen of Thy grace. Then make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, such that neither the crushing doubts of the learned nor the tempestuous allusions of the divines may move me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

BH04358: O Ya’qub [Jacob]! The Divine Joseph hath been surrounded…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Ya'qub [Jacob]! The Divine Joseph hath been surrounded by the wolves of the earth, and the Purpose of the world findeth Himself afflicted among the peoples. At this hour the Wronged One is bewildered and astonished, for He observeth that every fire is extinguished and quenched by a single cup of water. What manner of fire is this that hath been kindled in the heart of the Wronged One—neither the waters of the opposition of the divines have prevented it, nor the oceans of the tyranny and objection of the school.

Having never attended school nor studied books of learning, through divine power and celestial might and glory, openly and without any veil, He summoned and guided the divines and rulers of the earth to the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawning-Place of inspiration.

O Ya'qub! The opposition of the world did not prevent the Most Great Name from proclamation, and the bullets of the peoples' factions did not hold Him back from His purpose. Every fair-minded one hath testified to His power and every person of insight hath become aware. Without any helper or assistant He hath aided His Cause with the Most Exalted Pen.

The intention is that the fire of hatred which is aflame in the hearts of diverse factions may be stilled by the Kawthar of divine counsel and the Salsabil of heavenly mercy, and that the light of unity and concord may illumine the horizons. This is not difficult for God thy Lord.

One of the friends of Truth mentioned thee, and We made mention of thee. Praise be to God that on this dark night thou hast attained unto the light of the traces of the Chosen Pen. Be grateful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glorified be Thou, O Thou Who art the Purpose of those in the heavens and on earth!"

BH04567: O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory…

He is the Proclaimer of Truth and the Herald of Justice

O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letter was received and was honored to be heard in the presence of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. Praise be to God, from it wafted the fragrance of the companions of the Crimson Ark. Its perfume bore witness to thy steadfastness, thy orientation and thy acceptance. The grace of God hath been and is with you.

Grieve not over anything. That which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for you in the Scriptures and Tablets shall become manifest. This Wronged One hath mentioned His Afnan in all conditions, and that which cannot be imagined nor comprehended hath been ordained. This is a word sent down from the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The desires of the servants cannot alter the Will of God, nor prevent the Supreme Word from penetrating. What hath been uttered by the Tongue shall appear letter by letter in the earth. The transformation of this earth and the events of the world cannot change or erase what hath been recorded. Verily it hath flowed from the Pen of Establishment; erasure shall not overtake it throughout the duration of the dominions of earth and heaven. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One in His Praiseworthy Station.

Convey to the Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree and the honored mother and those in the household greetings from the Wronged One, and remind them of that which hath been revealed. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those who love you and hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of Lords.

BH04470: Blessed is the heart that has turned…

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

Blessed is the heart that has turned, and the face that has been directed, and the eye that has seen, and the ear that has heard when the Call was raised from the Ultimate Tree that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Your name has been brought before the Wronged One Who makes mention of you in such wise as to attract the hearts of those whom the veils of the world have not prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is your father who attained in the earliest days when the Call of the King of Names was raised between the heavens and the earth. He turned after hearing, when every remote scholar turned away from the Most Exalted Horizon. He heard and responded, saying "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all seekers!" Thus has the Most Ancient Pen moved in the arena of the Tablet by the command of God, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. When thou dost behold the waves of the ocean of My utterance and art attracted by the choice wine of My bounty, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst reveal the decree of the Trumpet, causing those in the kingdoms of knowledge and learning to swoon away, to teach me that which will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause which Thou hast preserved from the winds of rancor and hatred that blew from the hearts of Thine enemies who adorned their heads with that which elevated them among Thy servants and usurped Thy right in Thy name, to make me attracted to Thy verses, speaking forth Thy praise, and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Ancient."

BH05131: This is a Book sent down by the Lord…

In the Name of Him Who rules over all names!

This is a Book sent down by the Lord of creation and the Lord of the throne and earth unto all who dwell on earth, that the fragrances of revelation might draw them to the highest horizon—the station wherein is raised the rustling of My Most Glorious Pen. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath seen and turned toward it, and woe unto the heedless ones! O peoples of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful. He hath come with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and calleth you unto that which draweth you nigh unto Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Beware lest the authority of the transgressors or the might of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, hold

you back. Be fair in the Cause of God and His Manifestation, and be not of the oppressors. When thou hearest the call from the highest horizon, turn thy face toward the House and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and behold Thy signs, and guided me to Thy path, and aided me to turn toward Thy horizon, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Quickener of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance before the faces of Thy creation, and by Thy clear proofs which have appeared and been made manifest among Thy servants, to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Then write down for me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH05531: The Primal Point hath said: Should any soul appear…

In the Name of the One God

The Primal Point hath said: Should any soul appear and bring forth a single verse, reject him not. Now verses have been revealed equivalent to all previous Books, yet the immature ones of the world have rejected Him and have uttered that which no idolater ever spoke and no oppressor ever voiced. Today the people of the Most Exalted Paradise are souls who consider all else but God as non-existent and count it as naught. The tales of old do not prevent them from the highest horizon, nor do names deprive them from the shore of the ocean of meanings. In all conditions they are seated upon the throne of certitude and repose upon the seat of assurance. With perfect composure and dignity they arise to aid the Cause and with the hosts of wisdom and utterance they conquer the cities of hearts. Say: O people of the Bayan, be fair and speak with justice. Be not of those who, after witnessing, denied, nor of those concerning whom the Desired One of all creation hath said in the Qur'an:

> "How many a sign do they pass by and turn away therefrom!"

Blessed is the soul that was not deprived and attained unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Thou, verily, render thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

BH05274: The irrevocable Command of the Ancient Lord hath dawned…

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

The irrevocable Command of the Ancient Lord hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine will, exalted be His glory and His greatness. This Command hath appeared from the realm of creation in the form of the Primal Word. He is the reformer of the world and the educator of nations. His fragrance is the true attractor and the spiritual magnet. He guideth seekers to their goal and showeth the way to aspirants reaching their desire. He adorneth the newly grown with the ornament of maturity and embellisheth youth with the manners of the Concourse on High. Blessed is the soul that hath found and held fast unto His fragrance. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist thee in the days of thy youth in that which causeth the elevation of being and the advancement of souls. Say:

My God, my God! I have sensed the fragrance of Thy utterance and have turned to Thee, and have beheld the Luminary of Thy manifestation and have directed myself toward Thy holy court. I beseech Thee by the pearls of wisdom and utterance which have appeared from the treasuries of Thy Most Exalted Pen to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and service to Thy Cause. By Thy glory, O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I love naught but what Thou lovest and desire naught but what Thou desirest. I beseech Thee to enable me to achieve what Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH05520: Praise be to God Who hath given His friends…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

Praise be to God Who hath given His friends superiority, excellence and ascendancy, and will continue to bestow these upon them. The intentions of the world cannot prevent His Will, nor can the clamor of the nations hinder His Purpose. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thy letter arrived and We heard thy call, and this Most Holy, Most Sublime Tablet hath been sent in reply, that thou mayest drink from the hidden oceans contained within the divine verses and engage thyself in the assemblage of the world with praise and glorification. The divines of Iran have prevented the servants from believing and have deprived them of the Most Great Sea. Consider the time of the Apostle of God, that is, His Holiness the Seal—the divines were shut out while the shepherd attained. Verily the grace is in His hand and the bounty in His right hand. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was imprisoned in the hands of the nations. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the manifestations of Thy bounty in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me in Thy worlds. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05941: O Akbar! Thy letter was received and read before…

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

O Akbar! Thy letter was received and read before the face of the Wronged One. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which the peoples of the world, despite their yearning and desire, are deprived of. Today Zion crieth out and Jerusalem is adorned by His footsteps. Blessed is the soul that hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and hath become detached and free from all else besides God. Reflect upon the days of the Spirit. Annas and Caiaphas, who were among the learned of that age, pronounced the death sentence upon His most pure blood, while certain tax collectors were honored with the grace of faith. With one exalted word, Peter, who was occupied with fishing, became a fisher of men, and now

in all cities and regions his name is exalted and his cause is remembered. We beseech God that He may strengthen thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest drink from the Kawthar of bounty and bestow it upon the servants. This is not difficult for God to accomplish. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty to make me one of those whom Thou hast aided to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to champion Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bestower.

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BH06287: The Tongue of Grandeur speaks this most exalted word…

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

The Tongue of Grandeur speaks this most exalted word in the Kingdom of Utterance:

> "O concourse of earth and heaven! He has come Who was treasured in the treasuries of infallibility, hidden in the repositories of grandeur, preserved in the breasts of the chosen ones, and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds."

O Muhammad-i-Rida, when thou hearest My call and what My tongue has uttered, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to attain unto the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen and adorned me with the ornament of faith in the realm of possibilities. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am he who has sought Thy nearness and Thy presence, to stand before Thy throne and at the door of Thy grandeur. Wouldst Thou turn away from Thy door him who hopes in Thee, or disappoint him in what he seeks from the wonders of Thy grace and favors? I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Life which has flowed from Thy Pen through Thy Will and Purpose to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence. I testify that Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

BH06677: The Fire hath spoken from the Blessed Tree…

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

The Fire hath spoken from the Blessed Tree, and the Intended One hath come with might and power. Before His face marcheth the knowledge that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Chosen. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the Most Exalted Pen. Beware lest the hosts of idle fancies prevent you. Cast away what the people possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. The world hath been illumined with the lights of the Manifestation, yet the people have turned away, having followed every

deluded impostor. We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee in a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men.

That which was hidden from all eyes hath been revealed, as witnesseth the Mother Book. It speaketh before all faces, saying: "The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come with power and sovereignty." Thus have We caused thee to hear the scritching of My Most Exalted Pen, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving. God hath heard thy call and answered thee through His grace. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Master of existence, and glorified be Thou, O Lord of Lords!"

BH06527: Hearken unto the remembrance of God in the Persian…

He is the Hearer and the Seer.

Hearken unto the remembrance of God in the Persian tongue. The whole world hath been brought from nothingness into being for the specific purpose of recognizing this Most Great Revelation. The True One hath appeared in the Kingdom of verses and hath called out to all, guiding them to the highest horizon. However, the divines of Iran have forbidden the people from turning towards it, and have issued the decree for the shedding of the pure blood of the Lord of mankind. They have committed that which hath caused the Mother Book to weep. We beseech God that He may guide all and cause them to attain the highest horizon. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In every land the croaking is raised and shall continue to be raised. Blessed are they whom neither the world nor the nations have prevented from the Straight Path. These are the treasures of the earth and the riches of its countries. Blessed are they and joy be unto them, and happy and wholesome be it unto you, from God, the Lord of Lords. Praise be unto the Goal of the worlds Who hath mentioned thee and illumined thee with the lights of the Luminary of His Cause.

BH06599: 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 and that He Who hath come from the heaven of grace is the Most Great Name through Whom the mysteries have been revealed and the traces have appeared. Whoso holdeth fast unto Him hath held fast unto God, and whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy letter reached the Most Holy Court. We heard thy call, and there descended from the heaven of divine mercy and lordly favor that which shall endure as long as the eternal kingdom shall endure. We beseech God to assist thee in that which causeth the perpetuation of mention and name. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and unite the nations, and by the influences of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to forgive me and my parents. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, looking unto Thy horizon. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and the present, and

that which shall profit me in all Thy worlds, O Thou Lord of all beings! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH06669: O Karbila'i Ramadan, upon him be the Glory…

O Karbila'i Ramadan, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Desired One in the beginning and in the end.

The gate of attainment unto His presence hath been opened before all who dwell on earth and in heaven, and the nightingales of utterance have warbled upon the branches. The Desired One hath come from the horizon of might with proof and testimony. How many a servant hath heard and hastened with his heart unto God, the Lord of all men, and how many a servant hath heard and turned away—verily, he is among the worshippers of idle fancies.

Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee with the Pen before which all pens have bowed down. When thou attainest unto His verses and findest the fragrance of revelation from His manifestations, say:

> "My God, my God! Aid me to turn unto Thee and to be detached from all else but Thee. Then cause me to drink the wine of steadfastness from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Subduer of nations, to make me in all conditions one who speaketh Thy praise and remembrance and who gazeth toward Thy horizon. Then write down for me that which shall make me mighty through Thy might and uprising to serve Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

BH07218: Say: In the name of God and by God!…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Say: In the name of God and by God! Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then drink from it at times in My Name, at others in remembrance of Me, and yet again for love of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Cast aside vain imaginings beneath thy feet. Say: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come with the lights of certitude. Cast aside what the people possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the conditions of creation hold you back from the Truth. Cast aside what the people have, clinging fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is the Day wherein the Day itself proclaimeth with its most exalted call, saying:

> "O peoples of the earth! He Who is the Lord of Days hath come with a Cause before which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of the earth can stand. Turn with your hearts unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken in the Most Great Prison because of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm, and all who are established and trustworthy.

BH07130: The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath…

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

The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet whereby the world hath testified before the faces of all nations that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Wronged One summoned the people to the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, in days wherein the tribes wailed in fear of God, the Lord of all worlds. When the rays of light had encompassed the horizons of all lands, a band of wolves emerged from behind the veil and desired to shed My blood without any proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Among the people are those who turned towards and then away from Us due to the doubts of the dubious ones. Say: Where is your steadfastness and where is your faithfulness? Fear God and be not among the wrongdoers. We aided the Cause on a day wherein the limbs of all names trembled before the onslaught of the transgressors. We beseech God at the end of this epistle to assist thee to help the Wronged One through the standards of wisdom and utterance and the hosts of remembrance and exposition. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

BH07835: Nothing escapes His knowledge. He witnesses and sees…

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

Nothing escapes His knowledge. He witnesses and sees, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He has appeared and made manifest His straight path, and guided all to that which profits them. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him, and among them are those who have turned away, and among them are those who have openly denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He who loves Me has mentioned thee, so We have remembered thee in a perspicuous Tablet which speaks before the faces of the world: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” Blessed is he who has heard and attained. Woe to the heedless! Vain imaginings have prevented those on earth from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. They have taken their idle fancies as lords beside God. Verily, they are among the perishing ones. The verses have been sent down and the evidence has appeared, yet most of the people are in evident delusion. Give thanks to God, thy Lord, for having remembered thee and revealed unto thee that whereby the eyes of those endued with understanding are solaced. Praise be to God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne!

BH08367: In the Name of Him through Whom the Sun…

In the Name of Him through Whom the Sun of Utterance has dawned forth from the horizon of contingent being!

Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I bear witness to that which the tongue of Thy utterance hath testified in the heaven of Thy knowledge, and to that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I have turned toward Thee in Thy days and have desired the wonders of Thy grace and the traces of Thy Pen. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy gifts and favors, and by the pearls hidden in the sea of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to ordain for me

that which will solace mine eyes, gladden my heart and dilate my breast. O Lord! Change my weakness into strength through Thy power, and my agitation into tranquility through Thy assurance, in such wise that the mutterings of the oppressors and the clamoring of the deniers may not hold me back. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. 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-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08973: Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy straight path and made me aware of Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy Cause in the kingdom of creation, and by the wisdom which Thou hast made a fortress for the protection of Thy servants and a city for the safeguarding of Thy creation, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the lowing of any calf nor the croaking of any crow nor the swords of those who have arisen to extinguish Thy light shall prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have taken hold of Thy Book and uttered Thy praise before the faces of Thy creatures. O Lord! Aid them through Thy grace and assist them in that which befitteth Thy days. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful.

BH09136: O Ali! Today the Tree of Utterance, which hath…

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

O Ali! Today the Tree of Utterance, which hath been planted by the hand of grace in the highest Paradise, speaketh forth this most sublime Word:

> "O peoples of the earth! The Lord of all names hath come, the Sovereign! Hearken unto His call, and deprive not yourselves from serving Him, nor your faces from turning unto the splendors of His countenance, nor your hearts from drawing nigh unto His horizon, nor your ears from hearkening unto His call, nor your hands from taking hold of His Book, nor your feet from arising to carry out that which ye have been commanded in His perspicuous Book."

Blessed art thou, O Ali, for having attained unto His traces and turned towards Him at a time when every heedless and distant one, every dubious learned one, and every stubborn ruler turned away from Him.

BH09327: God, glorified be His majesty, beareth witness unto His…

In His Name, the All-Subduing Lord of Names!

God, glorified be His majesty, beareth witness unto His oneness, and this Wronged One testifieth to that which hath been sent down aforetime and afterward from the heaven of divine wisdom in the Book of God. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and hearkened unto the divine call; such a one is reckoned

among them that are nigh in the perspicuous Book. Thy name was present before Our face in the Most Great Prison, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed especially for thee, that thou mayest know and be among the thankful. We send greetings to the friends of God and counsel all to fear God and to that which conduceth to the exaltation of His Word. Glory be upon thee and upon the sincere servants of God.

BH00028: Glorified and Holy is our Lord, the Lord…

Section 1: "Glorified and Holy is our Lord, the Lord…"

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

Glorified and Holy is our Lord, the Lord of the angels and the spirit! The revealed verses have encompassed the world and the manifest evidences have encircled it. The pearls of the Ocean of the Beloved of creation, glorified be His majesty, are manifest and visible before all faces, and the Blessed Tree crieth out with the most exalted call. Despite these manifest outpouring favors and infinite mercy, the people of the world remain heedless. Some have heard and denied, while others have seen and turned away. True indeed is God's word, the Most High, the Most Great:

> "How many signs in the heavens and the earth do they pass by? Yet they turn aside from them!"

Some have perceived the divine fragrances and with the finger of certitude have rent asunder the veils and torn away the shrouds. These are they who shine forth from the horizons of the heavens of fidelity, truthfulness, certitude and assurance. The ornaments of the world and the adornments of nations are to them mere illusion and utter nothingness. Wealth did not prevent them from drawing nigh, nor did power hold them back from sacrificing their wealth and lives. Hasan of heaven sacrificed his life in the land, and Husayn of the realm of inner meanings outwardly laid down his life. What had the one drunk, and what did the other imbibe?

Glory be to God! The minds of all the world are bewildered and stupefied. How well spoke that desert-dwelling nomad:

> "I would not trade a single piece of felt for the whole world."

By felt he meant to express his love and sincerity. Glory be to God! These souls, despite possessing wealth, worldly position, honor and station among the people, were not prevented by what they possessed from attaining unto what God possessed. What state was that when the people demanded from them the word of denial? And what grace was it that preserved them? With utmost joy and assurance, with spirit and fragrance, they proceeded to the place of sacrifice. Likewise the souls before them—His Holiness Kazim—the wolves of the earth did what will never be erased from the book of sorrows, nor ever shall be.

My God, my God! Inscribe the names of Thy loved ones in the book of them that strive in Thy path. Since Thou hast forbidden verbal profession, keep them firm upon the straight path that all may, with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance, make Thy servants aware and grant them a portion from the ocean of knowledge. O Generous One! Every possessor of a tongue hath testified to the precedence of Thy mercy, and every possessor of vision hath acknowledged Thy magnanimity. With the hands of power, take hold of the hands of the weak ones, guide them to the kingdom of Thy might, and bring them into the spacious arena of Thy protection, that all may discover the sweetness of Thy utterance and become aware of the ocean of Thy bounty. O Merciful One! Since Thou hast created, show mercy and transform this remoteness into nearness, that all may come and find, and choose their dwelling beneath the canopies of Thy mercy. Thou art the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O beloved of my heart! Your sublime letters and successive missives have arrived, each having a wondrous effect and novel influence, bestowing upon every element of existence an impact and condition. Though one contemplates many meanings, words to express them are not at hand. Praise and gratitude be to God, each one of these letters was, as it were, speaking with most eloquent tongue in sanctification, glorification, remembrance and praise of the Goal of all the worlds. Exalted be your Teacher, exalted be your Guide, exalted be your Supporter, exalted be your Inspirer, exalted be your Protector, exalted be your Helper, unto the endless End. It behooveth this servant to speak of the everlasting sovereignty of the Kingdom and to supplicate for God's favors and bounties, the ocean of His generosity and the sun of His grace, that there may be manifested from all things that which will draw him nigh unto the supreme Summit and the most exalted Horizon.

On each occasion the letter of that beloved of the heart was presented before the throne of the Lord of Names and attained the honor of being heard, and each time the light of bounty dawned and the sun of grace shone forth, and at every moment it was thought that the elixir of the merciful utterance would adorn the world with a new element and a new spirit. Exalted be His bounty and mighty be the waves of the ocean of His bestowal and the effulgent rays of the sun of His utterance, until on this night—the nineteenth of Jamadiyu'th-Thani—another letter was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. The Lord—exalted and sanctified be He—spoke:

> "In My Name through which the Kingdom of Utterance was manifested in the realm of creation."

The Mother Book speaks, calls and gives glad tidings to all of what has been sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds. The Mother of the Bayan calls out saying: "The All-Merciful has come with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of the earth can stand." The heaven calls and summons all to the Dawning Place of the Manifestation, yet most of the people remain heedless. By God! The ocean of divine knowledge has surged, and each of its waves heralds to humanity what has appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the Goal of all who seek Him. Those who have arisen to aid the Cause are among the triumphant in My perspicuous Book.

The All-Merciful has described them in the Furqan as "men whom neither trade nor commerce can divert from the remembrance of God." We testify that this was revealed for My loved ones whom neither the

profits of the world, nor the treasures of nations, nor whatsoever is possessed by princes and kings could prevent from turning towards the lights of their Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. They have forsaken what the people possess, holding fast to that which has been sent down to them from the presence of the Powerful, the Ancient. These are men whom neither earthly power nor heavenly might can weaken. They have cast away all that imagination can grasp, yearning for the meeting with God, the Beloved of those who know Him.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who holdest fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, and uttereth My praise! Hear My call from around My throne:

> "There is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed."

Say: O people! Fear God and make not this world your homeland. Turn to the homeland of the All-Merciful; it is the most glorious station for you, did ye but know it. Sanctify your hearts from envy and hatred. This is what ye have been commanded in God's Book, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Take the sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then drink thereof with remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: Beware lest ye follow your desires. Follow that which ye have been commanded by an Ancient Commander. Do the threats of princes frighten you? By My life, they are but slaves, and I am the true Sovereign. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur in this noble station.

We have delivered unto them the messages of their Lord openly and have sent down unto them clear verses, for I am the Almighty, the Powerful. The heaven hath come with the smoke of destiny, yet the people are prevented from turning to the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: The ocean of knowledge hath surged—and it is My knowledge—and this is the straight path. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Lord of Names, Who hath come with proof and evidence. Be fair, O people, and be not among the oppressors. Consider My Cause: Have I ever desired aught for Myself on earth? Reflect on what hath appeared from Me and be not among the transgressors. By My life, I have not preserved Myself for less than a moment—My deeds bear witness to this, if ye be of the fair-minded. From My tribulations, the Supreme Pen trembled and raised the cry of lamentation, saying:

> "After Thee there shall be no Cause, O Lord of Names, and no pen after Thee, O Thou through Whose remembrance the remembrances of all who remember have been erased! How can I move across the tablet after Thee, and who would hear my shrill voice? Nay, by the lights of Thy shining, radiant face!"

Thus have We sent down verses before and at this time, as a command from Our presence, and I am the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them glad tidings of the river of My loving-kindness, the ocean of My mercy, and the heaven of My grace, and remind them of My verses that have encompassed the heavens and the earth. Say: Know ye the station of this Day and deprive not yourselves of that which hath appeared in truth, and be not among the heedless. That which grieveth you today shall pass away, and there shall appear what God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, hath ordained for you. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon whoever heareth thy word concerning this Cause, whereby the heart of every oppressor hath been shaken and the limbs of the ungodly have trembled.

Praise and glory befit that Self-Subsisting Lord Who, without helper, supporter or outward cause, raised aloft the banner of "The Kingdom is God's" to the highest station in the world, and planted the standard of "Verily I am the One Who abideth after all things have perished" upon the most exalted places of earth. Great is His majesty and exalted His dominion and power! O leaf! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names. The tribulations of these days and their severity, and the trials of the loved ones, have been mentioned in the books of the past and future. Today is the day whereof it is said "the day when the sky will bring forth a visible smoke," and "thou shalt see mankind as in a drunken state, yet they are not drunk: but severe is the punishment of God." Observe what was spoken: "The Day when men will be like scattered moths, and the mountains will be like carded wool." The divine Books are filled with mention of the hardships of the Day of Judgment. Praise be to God, His loved ones have borne them and have been blessed with patience and steadfastness.

O thou who gazest toward My horizon! The people have not been and are not heedless. The pearls of wisdom and utterance that were ever hidden within the shells in the ocean of divine knowledge have, through the power of the Supreme Pen, been made manifest and visible before all faces, yet the knowing one is missing and the seeing one is nowhere to be found. In truth, the Word is that which was revealed aforetime: the ears of these people have not been and are not capable of hearing. Every person of insight beareth witness to this. Where are the ears, where are the ears, where are the ears? And where are the eyes, where are the eyes, where are the eyes?

Nevertheless, in all conditions the Omnipotent Cause and the pervading Will have prevailed and shall continue to prevail. We beseech God that this victory may be achieved through spirit and joy, not through the deeds of ravening beasts. In every age the idolaters strove with utmost effort to extinguish the light, yet found themselves to be losers and saw themselves powerless. No thing among all things hath ever prevented or will ever prevent the operation of the divine Will and Purpose. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and gladden them with the lights of the Luminary of utterance that hath shone forth from the heaven of the Pen of the All-Merciful. We beseech God to assist all to that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Cause and the elevation of existence. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

Praise be to God! The waves of the sea of bounty and the rains from the clouds of the favor of the Lord of all beings are pouring down and following one upon another. Yet nostrils have become useless and perceptions idle and void. The fragrance of utterance has encompassed all creation, yet none perceives it. Moreover, if they had not claimed faith in what they possess, the superstitions and ignorance of people would not have reached such a degree. For instance, the followers of the Gospel attempt to prove their religion with two pages, while remaining heedless and turning away from the oceans of meanings and the purpose of the Lord of all worlds. This evanescent servant begs and hopes from the Truth that He may bestow one drop from the ocean of His knowledge upon the heedless ones of the world, and grant one particle from the light of His recognition to the blind ones of the earth. Perchance they may then hold fast to that which is the cause of salvation for all, and the world may be freed from successive calamities and continuous afflictions.

Today nothing is heard from all directions save the clashing of swords. Four persons, nurtured by pride, do not allow the world to find rest and be adorned with the light of wisdom and utterance. Their multitude, power and capacity have prevented them from attaining the Most Great Peace, even though such capacity has never been and will never be the cause and means of profit. Rather, it is the cause of manifest loss. Alas! Alas! Where is understanding? Where is understanding? True spoke he who said: "People are asleep; when they die, they awaken." But now no awakening is evident. And true spoke he who said: "Verily, a true believer is rarer than red sulfur." In any case, we hope from His boundless generosity that His hidden grace may encompass and pervade all, and guide them to the sacred court of nearness to the Lord of all beings—may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation be a sacrifice unto Him. The plea and supplication are from the servant, and the response and acceptance from his Lord.

As to what you have mentioned regarding the matter of "between two matters" and have written that praise be to God, in these days through the hidden divine favors, deliverance has been achieved from that known matter of "between two matters"—after this was presented before the Presence of Divine Unity, these blessed words were revealed, He says, blessed and exalted be He:

O Varqa! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. In the Tablet of Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be My glory, the purport of these supreme words was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: Praise sanctified above the mention and utterance of all creation beseemeth the Goal of all beings, in that His loved ones, through hope of His promise and fear of His warning, transgressed not His commandments. They trampled corruption under foot and raised up the hand of power for the reformation of the world. O Varqa! Upon thee be My mercy. Beseech the True One that He may adorn all with the raiment of sanctity and confirm them in that which is conducive to the manifestation of human virtues.

Although in the Psalms, Tablets, Scriptures and Books, conflict and corruption have been wholly forbidden, and firm commandments have been revealed enjoining love, fellowship, trustworthiness and reformation, most people are still observed to be in doubt and uncertainty. Day and night the tongue is occupied with the mention of the friends and uttereth that which is the cause of exaltation and the means of glory and loftiness of the Cause and the elevation of the Most Exalted Word. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that understand! However, evil and treacherous souls have been and are seeking to deceive the sincere and pure ones. Glory be to God! Although they observe that corruption is the cause of the world's ruin and the abasement of nations, they cling to it and hold fast to schemes and craftiness. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to prevent them through His sovereignty, might and power. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Section 2: "That which you wrote concerning S, may God…"

That which you wrote concerning S, may God assist him, is a cause for wonderment. Despite having traveled the world and witnessed the ups and downs of affairs and seen profit and loss in various lands, he remains heedless of thoughts whose harm returns to himself and others, and is still occupied with vain imaginings. In any case, after this matter was mentioned in His presence, He said that one must pray for him. The flame of this rejected deed is like the flame of the tongue—every fire may be extinguished, but

the fire of the tongue leaves its trace throughout centuries and ages. One word bestows eternal life while another brings everlasting death. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in recognizing what harms and benefits him and what will save him from destruction.

In His presence, they heard directly from the Tongue of Grandeur words that are the cause of the reformation of the world and the salvation of himself and all on earth, yet they did not turn away from their imaginings. Due to the love that existed between us, I have besought and continue to beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for their protection. Verily our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth has power over whatsoever He willeth.

Concerning what you mentioned about Haji Mirza Musa, it is exactly as you wrote. However, Haji Abdul-Karim, upon him be the glory of God, is very enkindled and loving, and through love for him has mentioned and continues to mention his acceptance. Your petition mentioning him was sent by the aforementioned Haji, upon him be the glory and favor of God, to the Most Holy Court, and an answer was revealed and sent that he might rejoice and be among the thankful ones. In truth, your honor has acted with wisdom according to the words of our Lord:

> "Be not assured by everyone who comes, and believe not every speaker."

Nevertheless, in all conditions, mere forbearance and the manifestation of love and affection is beloved, just as you have acted.

They mentioned Mirza Nabil-i-Akbar (Nabil-i-Qa'ini), upon him be the glory and favor of God, and likewise mentioned his enkindlement with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, and also mentioned those souls who through his guidance and direction have attained to the Most Great Path, the Straight Path, and the Mighty Announcement. These matters were presented in His presence, whereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused bodies, let alone spirits, to soar. His blessed and exalted Word:

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker

Praise be sanctified beyond the comprehension and minds, and exalted above the recognition of all who dwell in the realm of possibility, befitting the most holy and sacred court of the Intended One, Who through wisdom and utterance has taken possession of the cities of the hearts of the people of possibility. The turning away of the peoples of the world, both lowly and noble, and the heedlessness of the nations, both learned and mystic, did not prevent Him from His purpose. The veils of error and the clouds of glory did not withhold the power of His Pen and the penetration of His Will from conquest. His standard is "He is God" and His banner "The Lord of all beings has come." Blessed are those souls who hearkened to His call and with sanctified and pure hearts took shelter beneath His banner. Exalted is the Word and exalted its power, mighty is the Sign and glorious its station, and exalted is its influence.

O Balance! Today the Balance speaks saying "I am verily the All-Knowing Discerner." The true balance has been and ever shall be the love of God. Blessed are they who are illumined by the light of His Cause and enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote Tree. Give thanks to the Goal of all mankind that thy mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur, both before and after. The riches of the world and the remembrances of nations all return to nothingness, but the verses of God and what He hath ordained

endure forever. The oppression of tyrants, the clamor of aggressors, and the vicissitudes of ages and centuries neither alter nor efface them. In the realm of the Supreme Pen there is no obliteration, only affirmation upon affirmation. We beseech the Lord thereof to increase His confirmations unto thee at all times and make thee a herald in His Name and one who proclaims His remembrance. Verily He is powerful over all things.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Son of Mary said:

> "Thou hast given me that which the learned and the wise have failed to comprehend."

How many scholars, nobles, princes and mighty ones are deprived, their names erased from the book of acceptance and favor, while how many servants who were outwardly counted among the weak and ignorant have attained the highest station of glory, exaltation, knowledge and wisdom. God effaceth what He willeth and confirmeth what He willeth, and with Him is the Mother Book. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee, for thou hast drunk of the sealed wine and hast bestowed it upon others. This is a great bounty—recognize its station and be of the thankful ones.

Praise be to God! They have received the greatest portion and mightiest share from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Goal of all beings, and have recorded in the book of the world their righteous deeds and the bestowal of the Revealer of verses. This word is preserved from obliteration in the divine Treasury of Infallibility and sanctified from change. Those souls who have been quickened by a new spirit and who have turned toward the eternal realm through the divine wine of utterance—their mention was presented at the Most Holy Court, and these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance specifically for the aforementioned souls. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks thus—this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Karbila'i Husayn from Khuy, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer

O Husayn! Hearken with thy spiritual ear to the call of the Wronged One, that it may draw thee from thy earthly homeland to thy divine homeland, and lead thee from transient abasement to everlasting glory. His bounty hath no bound or end—before a single drop from this Ocean, all the seas of the world cry out "Would that we were with thee!" Every mention is humbled before the mention of God, and every sound is submissive. The water of life hath been breathed into the reality of creation through His utterance. The trumpet hath been sounded and the decree of resurrection hath appeared—praise be to God, the Kind, the Forgiving! If thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of eternity which lieth concealed within the words of the Lord of Names, and hast found thyself detached from all else besides God, say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and revealed that which was hidden from eternity in the treasuries of Thy power and the repositories of Thy protection. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen, by Thy call which was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and I implore Thee by Him at Whose appearance all names bowed down, and by the stream of Thy utterance in the realm of creation and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty amidst all religions, to make me firm, steadfast, immovable and upright in Thy Cause. I moreover beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, in such wise that I move not except by

Thy will, nor act save as Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

This was revealed for Asadu'llah of Nishapur, upon him be the Glory of God:

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

The Hidden has appeared and the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. He hath come for the life of the world, yet the peoples are in evident doubt. O Asad! Whoso hath attained unto this Day and hath arisen to help his Lord through wisdom and utterance, he verily is the lion of the jungle of knowledge before his Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that have attained. Hearken unto the Call—verily it speaketh in every state: The Promise hath come, and the Promised One proclaimeth: He is God; there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

By God! This is the Day of Return, yet the people are turning away. Blessed is he who hath soared on the wings of certitude in this holy, luminous, fragrant and exalted atmosphere. Take hold of the verses with the hands of submission and contentment, then recite them—they will draw thee to the Kingdom of utterance. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. Nothing profiteth Him nor doth any matter harm Him. He hath appeared and revealed what He willeth through His all-pervading grace. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of Mine utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Wronged One of the world, and Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Glory of the worlds.

This was revealed for the brothers Aqa Khalil of Khuy and Aqa Javad, upon them be the Glory of God:

He is the True, the Faithful!

O Khalil! Verily the Glorious One remembereth thee from the prison precinct and calleth thee unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. He hath accepted afflictions for the comfort of all in the kingdom of creation, and thereby the seal of the Choice Wine hath been broken—blessed are they that drink thereof. At His Name all names have bowed down, and by His command the ocean of knowledge hath surged—exalted be God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. We beseech God to assist His servants to turn unto Him—verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Blessed is the soul that hath not been hindered by the doubts of the barking ones nor frightened by the might of the idolaters. Give thanks unto God thy Lord that He hath assisted thee and caused thee to know that which most of creation hath been prevented from knowing. Thy Lord is verily the All-Informing, the All-Knowing. How many silent ones have spoken in My days, and how many speakers have been prevented from this beauteous Remembrance. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to remain steadfast in His Cause—verily He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty. We remember thy brother and give him glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O Javad! The Dawning-Place of thy Lord's verses hath appeared, yet most of the people are turning away. The Call hath been raised before the faces of all men, yet most of the people are heedless. They see, yet they deny—verily they are abased in the Book of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. We beseech God to

assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering.

This was revealed for Haji Ahmad Salmasi, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom

This is a mention from Our presence for one whom the attraction of the Call drew to the Most Exalted Horizon, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thy Call attracted me, and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree was ignited, and the light of Thy Cause illumined me, and the choice wine of Thy utterance intoxicated me, and the influence of Thy Most Exalted Pen transformed me, and Thy grace guided me, and Thy generosity made me know Thee. I beseech Thee by the Luminary of certitude, which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy heaven, to make me in all conditions one who speaks Thy praise, who stands firm in service to Thy Cause, who gazes toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, who holds fast to the cord of Thy wisdom, and who acts according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book.

Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Kind. O my Lord! Aid me to remember Thee with wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. All things have spoken before the faces of mankind with the signs of Thy unity and that which proved the sanctification of Thy Self from peers and the exaltation of Thy Being above all likeness. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

This was revealed for Mulla Aqa of Salmas, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the All-Wise Teacher!

Glorified be God! The Most Exalted Pen is bewildered and all things are deep in thought. What has occurred that hath prevented the servants from drawing nigh unto the Truth? Has there ever been seen among the parties on earth a Cause greater than this Cause, or has there been witnessed a Book more exalted than the Mother Book which speaketh before all parties in the hereafter? Nay, by His true Self! All books are dependent upon this Most Great Book and all scriptures circle round it. All the seas of the world cannot equal one drop from the ocean of its knowledge. He is the Self-Subsisting One Whose appearance was heralded and Whose praise was uttered in previous Books.

The peoples of the world turn toward temples out of love for His name, yet they remain heedless of His appearance and veiled from His verses. Some among the former peoples are deprived of even a leaf of the Most Great Book and are forbidden even a word from the Mother Book. Consider the people of the Furqan—deceitful, heedless souls have tormented the helpless people in the pit of vain imaginings, to such extent that until now they remain deprived of the breezes of revelation and bereft of the effulgences of the rays of the Sun. O Mulla Aqa! Hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the Sun of Thy Manifestation, the Sea of Thy knowledge, and the Heaven of Thy grace. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven, to make me hold fast unto Thee and be detached from all else save Thee. O my Lord! Thou art the Powerful One by Whose Most Exalted Word the hearts of the chosen ones and the near ones were attracted. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Guardian over all names, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that the oppression of the oppressors, the plotting of the plotters, and the cawing of the crows shall not prevent me. Then cause me to be among those who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and 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 dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for Aqa ʿAli of Salmas, upon him be the Glory of God.

In the Name of Him through Whom the sea surgeth and the fragrance wafteth

Today the Book of God speaks for itself, the Sign of God is manifest, and the Light of God is resplendent. Yet the heedless servants are deprived of the light of certitude by the darkness of fancy, and are barred from the presence of the Self-Subsisting by their vain imaginings. The cleaving of the heavens, the splitting of the earth, the spreading of the signs, and the rising of souls from their graves—all these are apparent and witnessed. Likewise, the seal of the choice wine has been broken, the Balance is set up, and the Path is laid out. But only those possessed of vision attain unto these and rejoice in beholding them. A few prevaricators of the world have become veils and have prevented the people of the earth from the supreme bounty and the greatest good. These are the veils of glory and the coverings of error. Beseech ye God that He may deliver His servants and rend asunder, with the finger of power, the concealing veils. They are His servants and His creation. Should He have mercy upon them, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful, and should He chastise them, He is the Ruler over what He willeth.

Section 3: “Praise be unto Thee, O my God…”

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having opened before the faces of Thy servants the gates of Thy tender mercies and Thy favors, and for having guided them unto Thy path, and made them know the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration, and the Source of Thy commandments. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and strengthen my limbs through Thy power and might. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

Would that this servant were with them and attained unto that which they have attained! I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid them to drink of the choice wine of utterance from the revealed verses and to witness the lights of the Sun of bounty from the horizon of the Tablets. His grace hath encompassed all. The accepted souls have been mentioned before mention and likewise after the mention of names they have attained unto another mention. Who is capable of enumerating this supreme bounty? None, by God, except His Self, the One Who dominates the worlds.

As for your mention of Aqa Mirza Majid, upon him be the Glory of God, and your request for his remembrance, after it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, the carpet of utterance was spread out and the ocean of bounty surged. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Varqa! Upon thee be the glory of the Lord of all beings and the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Throne above and the earth below. The mention of Majid hath repeatedly flowed from the Pen of bounty. He turned and attained. Neither the doubts of the dubious, nor the clamor of the heedless, nor the roaring of the aggressive ones prevented him. Give him the glad tidings of My mention of him, then send unto him what We have sent unto thee, that the Call may attract him and draw him nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O Majid! This is the Day of assistance, and assistance hath ever been and still is through the teaching of the Cause.

The loved ones must guide the servants to the pathway of the Purpose of the worlds through wisdom and utterance. Perchance rejection may be transformed into acceptance, darkness into light, the pond into the river, and bitter fluid into sweet water. In all conditions, keep your gaze fixed upon wisdom, for some are weak and are disturbed by the might of the deniers and the ungodly. Speech in measure is the water of life for hearts, but if it exceeds bounds it becomes the cause of the kindling of the fire of hatred and animosity. Divine grace hath encompassed all and His mercy hath taken precedence, therefore the teaching of the Cause must be carried out with moderation and be made manifest. We beseech God to assist His loved ones and aid them in His mention and praise. Verily, He is the Helper, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Every word is a speaking book and a manifest scroll. Through the grace, care and mercy of the Goal of all worlds, from the beginning of the Cause until now the call has been raised, the Pen has moved without helper or assistant, the banner has appeared and been unfurled. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to make His servants aware and grant them vision, that they may witness the effulgences of the light of His grace in all things and hear His call from the most exalted horizon. Exalted is the care of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth!

Mention was made of the beloved of the heart, his honor Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the Glory of God. In truth, what was written is correct and they are deserving. After being presented at the Most Holy Court, special verses were revealed and sent for each of the names that were submitted. A hundred thousand congratulations to them, for they both attained His grace and became the cause of abundant good. Divine grace has seized them. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

May God, exalted be His glory, grant His servants the power to hear and the capacity to accept after understanding. Praise be to God, the Cause is firmly established and the banner of the Manifestation is raised. Whether willingly or unwillingly, the servants have accepted and will accept. There is no escape nor refuge save unto Him. I beseech His all-encompassing grace, His all-embracing mercy, and His universal generosity. His servants are powerless and weak, and He is the Giver, He is the Strong, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what was written about His honor who bears the name of the Goal and his brother, upon them both be the Glory of God, after being presented in His presence these manifest verses were revealed. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Speaker

O thou who drinkest of My Sealed Wine! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The one bearing thy name hath aforetime been adorned with the ornament of grace and illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of bounty. He sought attainment unto His presence, and God is well aware, doth Himself speak and doth Himself testify that the presence of them that have turned unto Him hath ever been and shall ever be beloved. However, the weakness of the servants hath become a barrier and a mighty obstacle. A certain oppressor in this land was seated in authority and engaged in tyranny and corruption. In truth, at no time, whether by day or by night, had he and justice ever dwelt in one place. Indeed, the city wherein he resided was deprived of the effulgences of the Day-Star of justice. Glory be to God! Tyranny was beloved to him and oppression desired, justice rejected and equity banished. Though the Angel of Death hath taken his place in justice, though he is gone, his influences remain. Certain souls had permission from years past, nevertheless at present it appeareth not expedient, inasmuch as most of the people of these lands are inflamed with the fire of hatred.

Convey My greetings to the aforementioned one and give him the glad-tidings of the lights of the Sun of the tender mercies of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God, exalted be He, to inscribe for him from the Pen of Command the reward of attaining His presence and standing before His countenance. Verily, He is powerful over all things. As to the second one, We have named him at the Throne ʻMidhat'. Give him the glad-tidings of this manifest bounty and this loving-kindness that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth.

O Nightingale! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all mankind. Give glad-tidings unto the leaf who hath been named Tuba and her daughter. Verily We have heard their call and have made mention of them in such wise as cannot be equaled by the mentions and deeds of all peoples. O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, which God hath made a fountain of utterance for all creation and a river of knowledge for them that are assured. Rejoice, O My handmaiden, in My mention, My loving-kindness and My bounty. Praise be unto Him Who hath aided thee and enabled thee to turn unto that which nothing in all creation can equal. The glory of God be upon thee and upon thy daughter and upon every handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

The bounty of God hath taken thee and His loving-kindness hath guided thee in days wherein most of the men of the world have turned away, though all were created for turning unto Him and were brought from nothingness into being for His recognition. Shouldst thou ponder this all-encompassing, pre-existent bounty, thou wouldst cry aloud and utter "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" And We make mention of another leaf whom thou didst mention in thy letter. In truth, the station of the leaves and handmaidens in this Cause is most exalted, for they have accepted that which the learned and accomplished ones, by their own admission, are powerless to comprehend and recognize. Give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and remind her of My verses.

By My life! Were she to find their sweetness, she would swoon away in that very moment. And We make mention in this perspicuous Tablet of him who hath been named Ali. O Ali! We beseech God that names may not hold thee back from the Lord thereof. Set thy feet upon all else but God and lift up thy head through His love. Blessed is the head that hath been adorned with the crown of His love and hath bowed down before His loved ones. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous.

He is possessed of grace and bestowal, His is the bounty, might and glory, for He hath adorned all created things through one of the relationships that referreth to His Most Holy Station. Blessed is the ocean that taketh pride in its relationship to His verses, and the rain that is associated with His mercy, and the sun that is mentioned in connection with His effulgences. This all-encompassing, infinite grace that hath encompassed land and sea and heaven hath surely singled out and distinguished His servants, who are the treasuries of His love and the repositories of His remembrance, through His favors, and will continue to do so. Soon will He elevate their stations, ranks and degrees. Verily He is the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving.

The pen-marks of that beloved one which were sent before, in view of the waves of the sea of love which at times are above, at times below, at times before and at times after—a sovereign that hath power over the changes and transformations of the will and purpose in the world of existence—the answer thereto is now submitted without arrangement. In truth, the disorder of the world ariseth from this station of differences, although this slight disorder gathereth together and taketh on the pattern of order and arrangement. However this station is special to the horsemen in the arena of hearing and sight. In any case, that beloved one's letter which was adorned with the date of the tenth of Jumada'th-Thani was a wondrous essence, for it gave both hearing and sight their portion of nearness and attainment—nay rather, it bestowed perfect joy and delight upon heart and spirit. Praise be to God that from every word thereof wafted the fragrance of detachment and spread abroad the sweet scents of sincerity. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen thine arm to shatter the idols of vain imaginings and the temples of idle fancies. Verily He is the Single, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

After its reading and perusal, on wings of yearning it ascended to the Most Exalted Station and was presented before the face of the Lord of Names and achieved the honor of His attention. This is what the Intended One spoke in reply—the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the Commander, the Speaker, the Powerful, the Mighty

The Beloved One's Book calleth out, and the Word speaketh with most eloquent utterance, and the letters speak before all faces. By the life of God! The purified ear heareth from all things the glad-tidings of His manifestation and His days. Glory be to God! The poison of heedlessness hath affected all limbs, members and veins, and hath prevented all from attaining to understanding and awareness. Now they are seen to be in the throes of death, save those souls who have been healed with the Supreme Medicine of the Most Great Name. Make mention of the loved ones of that land before the Wronged One, that hearts may be illumined with the light of knowledge and souls set ablaze with the fire of love. O Varqa! O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! If they truly attain unto a drop from the ocean of bounty, they will find themselves detached and free from all else besides God. In these days one of those

who have turned toward God newly sought assurance and certitude, and in reply We spoke these exalted words:

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

O Perfumer! Thy letter came before the Wronged One and was honored with His glance of favor. Praise be to God, the fragrance of acceptance wafted from it. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee, and make thee among those who, when they hear, say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Desire of the world, for having made us recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Source of Thy firm, unshakeable, mighty Command!"

Thou didst seek assurance. The time for such words and utterances hath passed, for there hath appeared that which, from the beginning of the world until now, the like of which hath not been witnessed. Today the light shineth forth from the highest horizon of the world, and the fire in the Blessed Tree speaketh with the most exalted call, while from the heaven of divine Will there descend, without interruption, books, scriptures and epistles. The pens of the world, the thoughts of nations, and the power of books are incapable of reckoning them.

Today the temple of assurance speaketh: "Praise be to Thee, O Gracious Bestower!" and the tongue of certitude uttereth: "I believe in Thee, O Wronged One!" They spoke of the splitting of the moon—the splitting of the sun became manifest, appearing at the time when Shaykh Muhammad Hasan Najafi, who was the pivot of the divines of Iran, strayed from the path and returned to his abode.

O questioner! The sun of assurance shineth resplendent from the horizons of the heaven of God's Tablets. Today, the Friend (Abraham) hath said "My heart is at rest," and He Who conversed with God (Moses) uttereth "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!" With one Pen We struck down all the swords of the world. Hast thou not seen? Hast thou not heard? Return to the Tablets; verily they will draw thee to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Reflect upon what hath come to pass, and ponder what hath been revealed, that perchance thou mayest attain unto the splendors of the Day-Star of the All-Merciful's utterance and be seated upon the throne of assurance. All that existeth in heaven and earth cannot equal one of His words. The Truth is distinguished from all else by all His signs. Blessed are they who are adorned with the ornament of justice and equity. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Helper.

We beseeched His Majesty the Sultan for that which was the greatest means for the manifestation of the Day-Star of assurance in all regions and certitude among the servants. He rejected it and committed that which caused the Concourse on High to weep and lament. Say: O friends! Strive that perchance through the fire of the All-Merciful's love, the veils that have intervened may be consumed. The veils are such matters as prevent man from drawing nigh and turning towards God. Blessed is the soul that hath rent asunder the intervening veils through the power of detachment and the armor of might, and hath arisen to render assistance through wisdom and utterance.

Section 4: “Ye are accounted before God as the trees…”

Say: Ye are accounted before God as the trees of His garden of inner meanings. Preserve this station through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. Reflect upon the Pharaohs and tyrants of the world, and likewise upon the treasures and palaces of those heedless souls. By the Life of God! The days of life in this world have been, in the eyes of them that possess insight, less than a moment. O My loved ones! Fear the All-Merciful, and be of such character that nothing whatsoever, no name among names, no mention among mentions, may hinder you.

The Shi’ih sect hath remained deprived of the One Who owns the Names, and on the Day of Judgment they were seen to be lower than the idolaters, as ye have witnessed and heard, and now see and hear. Even now they occupy themselves with cursing the Truth from all pulpits. We beseech God, exalted be He, to reinforce you with the hosts of utterance and draw you nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Gracious.

The power of the world is powerless before His might, and utterance is humbled before the dawning splendors of the Sun of His utterance. It is hoped that through the divine fragrances of revelation and the manifestations of boundless heavenly grace and mercy, this Most Great Community will appear with such power and might that the doubts of the world and the whisperings of the nations will not hold them back from the Most Great Name, and they will arise to serve the Cause with penetrating vision, attentive ears, and steadfast feet, devoting themselves to the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of all peoples. Verily our Lord is the All-Knowing Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty.

How strange, utterly strange, that recently Hadi Dawlat-Abadi has become a leader of the people and has intended to organize a party from among the Shi’ih. By the life of our Beloved! He is among those of whom it is said: “They have changed God’s favor into blasphemy and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition.” Strange that he has never been, nor is he now, aware of the foundation of the Cause. It is not known by what wings he flies or to what he clings. “They who denied the meeting with God and His signs are indeed among the greatest losers in the Book of our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.”

Concerning what you wrote about the translation of the divine verses revealed in the Tablets to the Kings, after it was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur—thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

> “Well done indeed! We beseech God to assist him in translating what was revealed to the kings. He is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing.”

O Varqa! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. Beseech God not to deprive His servants, that all may attain to that which is the purpose of creation. If they would hearken with outer and inner ears and observe with penetrating eyes, the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful would so attract them all that they would find themselves detached and sanctified from all that exists. Glory be to God! The false sayings of the past have become a barrier and have held back the servants

from the Kawthar of utterance. We beseech God to protect His community and illumine all with the light of unity. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Convey greetings to all from the tongue of the Wronged One. Say: O loved ones of God! He has counseled you with wisdom and counsels you in this Tablet with the same. You should meet with all peoples of the earth in perfect spirit and fragrance. Convey to the heedless such utterances as contain hidden within them the sweetness of sugar and the delicacy of milk, for certain deniers are seeking to find pretexts to which they may cling and thereby bring about that which would cause confusion and disturbance. If they act according to what has flowed from the Pen, soon will the fruits of the Tree of Utterance and the effulgences of the Sun of Knowledge become manifest from every land. Blessed is he who has heard and acted upon that which he was commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This servant and that Beloved One and other trusted ones must remind the loved ones and beseech for each from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever will cause the upliftment of the Word and the exaltation of the Cause. In these days some news has arrived from the Land of Ta. Surely it has spread to those lands as well. Regarding the aforementioned person, all must remain silent and still. Some time ago, this matter was written and sent to the Land of Ta as commanded. Last week this servant also submitted and sent a brief note, the purpose being to deliver the blessed and holy Tablets to their recipients that they might attain unto them. In these days, previously revealed verses are being and have been read in His presence. God willing, they will be sent complete and accurate. This is among His other favors, a bounty from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

As for what you wrote concerning the Kingdom, after being submitted to the Most Holy Court, this supreme utterance was revealed, His words, blessed and exalted be He: “O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings! The intended meaning of ‘Kingdom’ in the first degree and primary station is the Greatest Scene, and in its final station is the realm of similitudes between the world of might and the material world. Whatsoever exists in heaven and earth has its likeness therein. When concealed in the power of utterance it is called Jabarut, and this is the first station of limitation. When it becomes manifest it is called Malakut. It derives power and strength from the first station and bestows it upon what is below.” These worlds and the worlds of Will, Purpose, Decree, Destiny, Eternity, Perpetuity, Age and Time have repeatedly been revealed from the Supreme Pen in certain Tablets. Blessed are they who attain! As for what has been interpreted in Persian as “padshahi” and “jahan-i-payandih”, both are correct and acceptable.

Regarding what was mentioned about the Most Exalted Habitation and the Dawning-Place of the elevation of sacred places and stations of the world, by command its mention and implementation are not permitted in these days. Should God will it, He will mention it.

Truly the hearts of those near and the souls of the unified are inflamed and consumed by mention of what occurred in that place. This deed of the Shi’ih party shall never be erased from the book of existence. No rebellion in the world can compare with it. O Beloved of my heart! Nevertheless, today the ungodly of the world and the corruptors of nations, like that party, are occupied with vain imaginings and idle fancies. The words of the past have exactly repeated and appeared anew. Shame upon them and their sense of justice and their deeds! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to purify the ears and

illumine the eyes and cause justice and fairness to appear. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

They have claimed the Persian utterance has been altered. This statement has previously caused myriads upon myriads of helpless people to go astray, for by this statement the decree of the Book is nullified and every falsifying atheist finds opportunity and gives free rein to the steed of falsehood and hatred. God, exalted be His glory, through His grace and favor in this Revelation has unveiled and made manifest these concealed matters and unknown conditions. May my spirit be sacrificed for His favor and His unveiling! They had formed a divine group and considered themselves unified. God protect us and you from the calumnies of these people. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Another missive from that Beloved One hath been received, wherefrom wafteth the morning breeze. Praise be to God, it was fresh, for it appeared from a pure nature, and was refreshing, being adorned with remembrance and praise of the Beloved. After its recitation in the Most Holy Court, the servant findeth himself incapable of expressing what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered at that time, save to a known measure. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

The servant in attendance hath appeared and presented before the face of the Wronged One that which the tongue of thy heart and the pen of thy outward being have uttered in praise of God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that thou hast held fast to God's Covenant and His Testament, and neither the tempests of the Pharaohs nor the hurricanes of the tyrants moved thee, and neither the veils of the divines nor the barriers of the theologians prevented thee. Thou hast urged forward the steed of resolve in the service of God, the Sovereign of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Remind the servants of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My tender mercy. Say: O My loved ones! This is the Day of Utterance, a Day the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. Aid ye the Wronged One with the hosts of goodly deeds and virtuous character. This is what ye have been commanded in diverse Tablets, as doth testify to this the Lord of all creation from His mighty prison.

Say: Beware lest love of these fleeting days withhold you from the enduring, everlasting grace and eternal, perpetual life. Cast away what the people possess, clinging fast to that which is with God, your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Verily, He hath come at the appointed time, riding upon the clouds, to teach you that which will draw you nigh unto Him. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty and of mercy that hath preceded earth and heaven. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We have sent down, at all times, that which hath enraptured the Concourse on High, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: By God's life! That which ye possess shall profit you not. Soon shall ye behold the recompense of your deeds. Fear ye God, O people, and be not of those who turn aside. The Hour hath come and the gates of hell have been opened. This is what ye were promised in God's Books, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Hearken unto God's counsel, for it shall profit you in all His worlds. To this

testifieth He Who speaketh and will speak: “There is none other God but I, the Single, the All-Informed.” The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have heeded the Call and have said: “Yea, O Lord of all names!” and upon those who hearken unto thy word in this firm, mighty Cause.

God’s grace is evident, His favor is present, His mercy hath preceded, His heavenly table is descended, His verses encompass all, His evidences are manifest. Yet vain desires arising from idle fancies have deprived the servants of the bounty of the ultimate goal and the mercy of the Lord of Glory. Glory be to God! A mere drop from ancient tales appearing from illusory souls is regarded by them as vast as an ocean, while an ocean of utterance, surging with waves of divine knowledge at its highest point, is considered by them as but a drop. What hath caused such heedlessness, that they are deprived of beholding the lights of the Sun of Truth at its meridian? Yea, O my beloved!

By my Lord and thy Lord, these matters have arisen from deeds and pride. Glory be to our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and earth! He hath commanded us at all times, and counseled in the Psalms and Tablets, to show forth courtesy and the consideration which are characteristics of man. Therefore, we beseech Him, exalted be He, to unveil for them as He hath unveiled for us, for His mercy requireth pardon and grace. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. O my Lord! Aid them to turn unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Concerning the two Blessed Tablets they mentioned, it would be most fitting and preferable for these to remain with that beloved one. Regarding what they wrote about that land, namely the land of Ta and its darkness, in truth the prevention of the effulgence of the light of utterance from the horizon of that city—the cause and reason in the first station and primary rank is exactly what that beloved one wrote. However, in view of the helplessness, petition and supplication of that beloved of the heart and the friends of that land, after being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, the radiant lights of the Divine Sun of forgiveness dawned and appeared from the horizon of grace.

His is the bounty and the glory, His the generosity and bestowal, His the grandeur and majesty, His the kindness and favors. By the life of our Purpose and your Purpose, after this matter was presented, the waves of the sea of favor appeared in such wise that this servant was utterly unable to comprehend it. However, in that moment the heart was occupied with thanksgiving and praise that that beloved of the heart became the cause of this most great bounty and supreme favor. This is the station of a hundred thousand “well done” and “congratulations.” It is hoped that henceforth signs of awakening, consciousness and recognition will appear from all directions of that city. They will surely convey these glad tidings to the friends of that land, and this is the most great victory and all-encompassing grace.

His Holiness Ismu’llah Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin and Jinab-i-Mishkin-Qalam, upon them both be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, were mentioned due to that beloved of the heart’s mention, and greetings and congratulations were conveyed on behalf of that beloved one, and they and all those circumambulating send greetings. Whenever that beloved one is mentioned, those present seek favor, mercy and kindness. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning what they wrote about the fund for the Writings and contributions, after this matter was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, He said it was necessary for Varqa himself, upon him be My glory, favor and mercy, and after several minutes this supreme word was revealed—His blessed and exalted Word: "Jinab-i-Amin should proceed to that land, consult, and act accordingly." The intention is that the request of that honored one should also be considered, and Amin had written something about this matter some time ago. End quote.

In any case, that beloved one is ever adorned with the favor, grace and mercy of the Purpose of all worlds. I convey greetings to the friends of that land. God willing, may they be assisted through complete determination, steadfast uprising and eloquent speech in mentioning, praising and serving the Cause, in such wise that its effects become manifest and evident in all regions. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty, He heareth and seeth and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. I mention the eyes and saplings of the garden of divine knowledge with most wondrous remembrances, and I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for an everlasting eternal blessing for each one. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Munificent.

Glory and remembrance and praise 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 the mighty throne and the exalted seat.

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Section 1: "Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court…"

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court of my Beloved, Who hath caused His loved ones to be enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined with the light of His knowledge, to such extent that neither the opposition of His servants nor the turning away of the peoples of the lands could extinguish or impede it. Glorified be His majesty, widespread be His bounty, exalted be His station, and there is none other God but Him.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of the heavens! Thou seest and knowest that in my mention I have intended naught but Thy mention and the mention of Thy loved ones, and I desire for them naught save what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy generosity and bounty. I know with certainty that Thou hast written for them only that which will exalt them among Thy servants through Thy Name and make them signs of Thy Cause and standards of Thy victory. O my Lord! Aid them through Thy bounty and generosity to that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and will acquaint them with that which will attract the hearts of Thy creation. Verily Thou art the One Who cannot be weakened by the conditions of the servants nor hindered by the clamor of them that dwell in the lands. O my Lord! Enable

them through Thy favors to remember Thee with spirit and fragrance, and with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And further: the letters of that honored beloved arrived—both what was sent to this land and what was dispatched to Mim and Sad. Praise be to God, each was a clear book in remembrance and praise of God, glorified be His majesty, and the fragrance of steadfastness and constancy wafted therefrom. In such days when steadfastness is as rare as the philosopher's stone, praise be to God they attained unto it. How many were the servants who claimed love and sent petitions to the Most Holy Court, and in response to each a perfect proof and conclusive testimony was sent. Nevertheless, they remained deprived of the Lord of Lords by the buzzing of a fly, and were barred from the Most Great Ocean by the whisperings of souls who never had and have not any awareness of this Cause. In one of the Tablets revealed from the Pen of the Cleaver of Dawn, this blessed verse appears, His words, blessed and exalted is He:

Thou seest mankind as but earthworms, and their clamoring as the buzzing of flies. Such souls are worthy of this Most Great Revelation, who behold all save God as non-existent and as naught. For thirteen hundred years the Shi'ih sect was occupied with vain imaginings. From the early days of Islam, a few individuals in tattered garments and with humbled necks, with visible sighs and lamentations, preyed upon the hapless people. In every town they entered, they would seek a secluded place to reveal secrets and manifest hidden mysteries. Then, after mentioning Nahiyih and Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and two or three fabricated traditions, they would depart. The helpless people, unaware of these deceptions, were thus led to a point where it caused the shedding of the Most Pure Blood. Those fabrications appeared in the form of sword and spear, and there befell the Desired One that which no tongue can tell nor pen record.

Now too, similar souls have appeared and are secretly engaged in misleading the people. From the beginning of this Revelation until now, in every land, divine verses have been revealed the like of which have never been seen; nevertheless, the servants remain heedless and veiled. After all the claims of the former sect, it became clear and evident on the Day of Revelation that they were the most lost among the peoples of the world and the most ignorant and tyrannical of all communities. The deniers of the Bayan have followed in the footsteps of that sect. Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath reached such a point that they again cling to that which they have seen with their own eyes to be contrary, opposed, and devoid of fruit and effect. This servant beseecheth God to bestow justice and grant insight, that His servants may not be veiled as the former sect, nor fall into the well of falsehood and vain imaginings. Verily our Lord is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The letter of that loved one was presented before the Face on a certain night, and these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Desired One of all the worlds. His words, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the Helper and the Succourer

O Mihdi! Your letter was presented to the Wronged One, We heard your call and listened to your mention. We beseech God for whatsoever will cause the exaltation of His Most Sublime Word and the advancement of His loved ones. Were the people of the earth and those who claim divine love to ponder with justice and fairness upon that which hath been manifested, all would turn from what they possess to

that which is with God. Verses have been sent down like rain, and Tablets shine forth like unto the sun, yet some among the people of the Bayan remain heedless and turn away. God hath ever been the Concealer and likewise the All-Patient, and He hath commanded His servants to observe sublime concealment and beautiful patience.

If thou shouldst arrive in the land of Ha and Mim, convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Say: O people of God! Reflect upon the deeds and words of the former party, and contemplate the fruits of their actions, that perchance ye may be preserved from the deceptions and wiles of the barking ones. From time immemorial this blessed and exalted word hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen:

> "Believe not every claimant, neither trust ye in every newcomer. Whoso desireth to know Me, must look upon Me with Mine eye, and he who regardeth Me with any other eye shall never know Me."

This is specific to this Manifestation.

Glory be to God! Some of the deniers of the Bayan have raised objections concerning the mention of Divinity, their purpose being to cast doubts in the hearts of the weak ones. It is evident that the people of the Furqan, despite their rigidity and torpor, are more discerning than the deniers of the Bayan, for that party, despite their loss and error, accepted the words "Verily I am God" from the Divine Tree, while from Him Who, single and alone, hath appeared and stood and spoken before the faces of the divines, princes and jurisprudents from the beginning of the Cause, they accept not these words.

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! Say: O heedless ones of the world! The Exalted One hath specifically mentioned this Wronged One in the beginning of the Bayan, saying: "He is the One Who uttereth in every condition, 'Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me"' unto the end of the verse. By My life and His life! Were it not for His mention, this Wronged One would not have uttered these words, except before those who are truly wise and mature. The Exalted One Himself, when mentioning this Revelation, declareth: "Verily, I am the first of them that worship."

Say: O people of the Bayan! Look with fairness and read the Persian Bayan, that perchance ye may attain unto a drop from the ocean of divine knowledge and preserve yourselves from the doubts and idle fancies of the former party. From the beginning of the Cause until now, there hath befallen this Wronged One that which hath no likeness or parallel, yet from those who claim to love Him there hath appeared that which causeth the heart to lament and the being to be consumed.

O Mihdi! Make mention of the friends in every land on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God that thou hast attained His presence and heard His call. The clanking of the chains of the people of error did not prevent thee from the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Day-Spring of heavenly evidences. With the finger of certitude thou didst rend asunder the veils and didst attain unto His presence, hearing and vision. In the land of Ha and Mim, make mention of the children of the Friend and the inheritors of Him Who conversed with God. Say: Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! The station of each one is manifest and visible. We have heard mention of each one and beseech God to aid you in that which will exalt His Cause. We have heard your call and witnessed your turning unto Him, and We enjoin upon you that which will elevate your stations. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Section 2: “Blessed is he whose strength is not weakened…”

Blessed is he whose strength is not weakened by the might of the tyrants and pharaohs of the earth, and blessed is he who remains standing when the doubts of the deniers and the hints of the suspicious would cause him to falter. God hath aided and will continue to aid—whoso is for God, God is for him. Rejoice in what hath been sent down to you from My Most Exalted Pen before and at this time, and say: O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! We beseech Thee to grant us steadfastness in Thy Cause and firmness and constancy in Thy Mighty Message, whereby the limbs of the nations have trembled and the pillars of the world have quaked, save those rescued by the hand of Thy grace and the arm of Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect and strengthen His loved ones that they may see and hear with their own eyes and ears, and not be deceived like the former party by the whisperings of the evil ones of the world who secretly cast doubts, imagining themselves to be learned while being—God forbid—heedless of the Truth. Would that they had understood the root of the matter! Nay, by God, they are in manifest error. We beseech the Most High to aid His servants in that which befitteth His days. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding what was mentioned about two souls in Qarabagh, Haji Yusuf and Mulla Mamish, upon them be the glory of God, who have drunk from the chalice of recognition and remain firm in the love of God, aflame with the fire of knowledge—these matters were presented before the face of the Desired One and attained the honor of His hearing, and these manifest verses were revealed specifically for them from the heaven of the grace of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

This is a Book sent down by the Desired One to guide people to His straight path and draw them near to the station wherein the Tree calls out: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the worlds.” O Yusuf! Hear the call from the direction of the Wronged One. He makes mention of thee and aids thee to draw nigh unto the ultimate goal and the highest summit, the station whereon is established the throne of thy Lord’s grace, the Forgiving, the Generous. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to turn unto Him when every learned one turned away. Say:

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee and seek from the ocean of Thy bounty that which will render me detached from all else save Thee, speaking Thy praise and soaring in Thy atmosphere. I testify that the choice wine of Thy utterance hath seized me and the pure water of Thy expression hath intoxicated me. I beseech Thee by Thy glance and Thy call, and by the Command whereby Thou hast subdued all created things and attracted all beings, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will purify me from the doubts of those who have denied Thy Manifestation, disputed Thy signs, and turned away from the Dawning-Place of Thy attributes and the Source of Thy commandments. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and in service to Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for Mulla Mamish, upon him be the glory of God:

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O Mulla! Hearken to the call of the Lord of all beings from the precincts of the prison. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto God, purifieth thee from transgression, and causeth thee to drink from the Kawthar of life through the hands of grace and bounty. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bestower. We have revealed unto thee on this night that which will draw thee unto God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O people of the Furqan! Open your eyes, for the All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty. Beware lest the doubts of men debar you from the Greatest Outlook, or the might of the oppressors frighten you—they who have violated the Covenant in the final abode. When thou hearest the utterance of the Wronged One and drinkest the choice wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by the Word whereby the earth and heaven were attracted, to make me one of those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Who art the Lord of the heaven and the Kingdom of Names. O Lord! Thou seest my tears and hearest my sighs. I beseech Thee by the rustling of Thy Divine Lote-Tree and the murmuring of the water of Thy loving-kindness to enable me to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy Manifestation, Thy power, Thy grandeur, and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of any good that Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God! Each one hath attained that which is the cause of eternal salvation. Today the sun of loving-kindness hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace. That which is incumbent upon God, exalted be His glory, is to manifest and proclaim, and that which is incumbent upon us, His servants, is submission, contentment and the preservation of His bounties. The servant at all times beseecheth His favors and seeketh His grace, that all may remain protected from the whisperings of the ungodly ones and hold fast to the cord of the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds. Verily our Lord, the Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer, and verily He is worthy to answer. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Lord of the world to come and of the first.

God, exalted be His glory, is my witness that this servant hath ever loved and continueth to love the mention of His loved ones, and seeketh divine confirmation. That cherished friend is well aware of the frequency of this servant's writing—from every direction it cometh, and most times engaged in writing while in His presence, therefore time is scarce. The purpose is that if there be delay or postponement in any matter, this is due to lack of time and opportunity; otherwise, the light of love and the fire of affection are manifest and ablaze from every limb. His is the praise and the glory, His the grace and bounty. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH00139: Glorified be God! The station of ears hath been…

Section 1: "Glorified be God! The station of ears hath…"

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

Glorified be God! The station of ears hath been so exalted as to transcend all description and mention, inasmuch as they hear at every moment the testimony of God. Likewise is the station of sight sanctified above all limitations, for it hath attained unto the vision of the Dawning-Place of verses and the Dayspring of evidences. Yet what befitteth this grace, this mercy, and this bounty! By the life of our Beloved, the most precious things of the world, its treasures and riches, both manifest and hidden, are unworthy of mention in this station. Exalted be the greatness of our Lord, and exalted His might and power! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou before Whose days the tongue is bewildered, knowing not with what mention to occupy itself in the presence of the manifestations of the light of Thy countenance. By Thy glory, O my Goal and the Goal of the world, my Beloved and the Beloved of all nations! Every eloquent one is speechless, every mature one is as a child, every mighty one is powerless, and every strong one is weak.

By Thy glory! Were it not for Thy grace, nothing among all things, no mention among all mentions, and no description among all descriptions would profit me. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who illuminest the horizons of hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, to assist Thy loved ones to serve Thy Cause in such wise as would exalt Thy commandments, elevate Thy remembrance, and accomplish that which Thou hast desired through Thy grace. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest the one who hath sought Thy presence, presented himself before Thy gate, heard Thy call, turned back at Thy bidding, and held fast in Thy path to that whereby Thy mention was exalted among Thy servants and Thy creation. O Lord! Ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions and be unto him a helper, a companion, and an intimate friend. Verily, Thou art the All-Compassionate, the Forgiving. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.

Thy beloved letter dated the 24th of Rabi'u'th-Thani diffused the fragrance of reunion and truly manifested the presence of attainment unto the divine presence. This is among the greatest bounties of God, glorified be His majesty. Though outward nearness may, in accordance with consummate wisdom, remain concealed for a time, He hath opened the gates of correspondence before the faces of His servants. Though it may not completely remedy the fire of separation, yet He hath graciously bestowed such a measure of the light of reunion that the heart may not be entirely deprived of joy nor the radiance of happiness remain wholly veiled. Unto Him be praise, grace, mercy, loving-kindness, generosity, munificence, and bounty, both in the beginning and in the end. There is none other God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. After reading, beholding, and considering it, it was taken to the Most Exalted Horizon and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. After complete permission was granted, the entire letter was submitted and was honored to be heard. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the All-Merciful, uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His utterance and sublime His proof:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Praise be to God that thou hast attained His presence and witnessed with thine outward eyes the waves of the ocean of utterance. For every moment in His presence a hundred thousand thanksgivings and praises are required, for despite the opposition of the peoples of the world, the tyranny and oppression of most nations, the prevention of hinderers and the enmity of opponents, the Hand of Power hath, through infinite means, guided thee to the Most Exalted Goal and Supreme End and caused thee to attain His presence—exalted be His dominion and great His power! The faculty of comprehension is powerless and inadequate to fathom this supreme bounty. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends of God.

Say: Strive that perchance ye may quicken the dead in the valleys of heedlessness through the infinite waters of mercy flowing from the Divine Pen, and revive the withered plants. By the life of God! That which had ever been preserved and concealed within the treasury of divine protection and the repository of heavenly wisdom hath been made manifest. Hold fast to the propagation of the Cause of God. Praise be to God, thou art enkindled with the heat of His Word, adorned with its light, and aware of its manifestation and exaltation. Night and day thou shouldst be occupied with conquering hearts and minds through the hosts of knowledge, wisdom and utterance. With thy inner and outer tongue proclaim these words:

O King! O Worshipped One! O Adored One! O Beloved! Through the hands of power and the arms of might, Thou hast delivered these servants from the clay of ignorance and unknowing. Aid them to shatter the idols of vain imaginings in such wise that the imaginings of the past and the remote past, as well as the doubts of the atheists and the signs of the brayers may all be utterly dispelled, and the lights of the Sun of sanctification, detachment and transcendence may purify and illumine the world. O Merciful One! Deprive not Thy servants of the heaven of grace and ocean of bounty. With a single decree Thou canst transform fire into light, ignorance into knowledge, and tyranny into justice.

Thou art He Whose power the tyranny of the ungodly and the prevention of hinderers could not prevent. O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm! We are bodies before Thy countenance and dead before Thy throne. Quicken us with a new spirit and adorn us with a new attire. We beseech both the fire of Thy love and the light of Thy grace. Withhold not from Thy servants the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy mercy, nor restrain the outpourings of the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou art the Bestower, the Compassionate. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Say: Today is the day of victory and the day of service. Through the Name of thy Lord, efface self and passion, and give the temple of fear of God its dwelling upon the throne of the heart. I swear by the Sun of Truth that the light of godliness hath ever been and shall remain a helper and supporter. We beseech God that He may purify all through deeds and qualities that are the cause of world order and the unity of nations. Well is it with them that act and woe betide the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Grace is perceivable and bounty is evident. In every word of the divine utterances, the ocean of mercy is surging, and from each of His statements, spiritual sustenance descends from the heaven of truth. I beseech God to awaken in every soul a hunger for this bounty, that all may hasten with heart and soul and attain it. This enduring gift bestows eternal spirit and everlasting life.

Glory be to God! Although the light of utterance has encompassed all possibility and proof and evidence are manifest and brilliant at every moment, yet the deniers remain occupied with the vain imaginings of the past and are deprived of the lights of certitude. Fie upon their faithfulness! They appear exactly like the people of the past, even though those people were found to be, on the Day of Reckoning before God, the most lost, the most abject, the most unjust, and the most heedless among all the peoples of the world.

O beloved of my heart! Eyes that have witnessed the loss of the former people nevertheless cling to that path and hold fast to those vain imaginings. These immature ones of the world were not and are not worthy of mention. Where is the station of those souls and the station of the detached ones who have passed like lightning beyond all save God and consider all else absolute nothingness? These are the horsemen of this field—upon them be the blessings of God, His mercy, and His grace.

In all conditions, that Beloved and this servant and other loved ones must beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which causes wisdom and awareness, that perchance those veiled and heedless souls may become aware and attain the fruit of existence. Verily our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and earth, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bestowing. Every knower and informed one, every learned and seeing one bears witness to His grace, His bounty, and His mercy.

Regarding the payment of the debts of the Blessed Leaf, the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, what was written according to the command, after being presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, this utterance shone forth from the Dayspring of proof, His blessed and exalted Word:

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be the eternal Glory of God! The Truth hath been with thee in all gatherings, homes and lands, bearing witness to thy service, thy remembrance, thy praise and thy promotion of His mighty and wondrous Cause. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to service and been accepted in the presence of the Wronged One. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty.

We beseech God to assist the teachers of His Cause in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and the sanctification and glorification of His Cause. From all directions have the righteous servants sought ordinances and commandments, until there dawned from the Dayspring of His Will that which would lead to sanctification, glorification, enduring might, eternal wealth, and the exaltation and advancement of souls. For several years there was delay in its proclamation, until at last, through pure grace and bounty, it was sent forth. The law of Huquq was revealed from the Supreme Pen, although this ordinance had been recorded as a firm decree in all divine Books and inscribed by the Pen of His Will. We have commanded Our trusted ones not to demand it, for the fruit of this greatest bounty returneth unto the servants themselves. Whosoever desireth should offer it with the utmost joy and radiance. Thus hath the Lord of the worlds decreed, as a bounty from Him to all peoples. The devoted ones should fix their gaze upon the glory of God's Cause and upon that which leadeth to its exaltation. Blessed is thy work in My path and thy proclamation of My firm and mighty Cause.

That which was conveyed to the Leaf of Paradise—upon her be My Glory, My Grace and My Mercy—hath been accepted before the Throne. Blessed are they that act. He who was named after the First Pillar of

the two Names of his Lord hath repeatedly performed that which hath been accepted. We verily extol him from this Most Exalted Station and make mention of him as We mentioned him before. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

Praise be to God, thy deeds are accepted and thy efforts appreciated. Indeed, thou hast attained unto that which, when mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur, was heard by the denizens of the Kingdom, let alone those who have attained the presence and circled round the Throne. This is of God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. He is verily powerful over all things.

Mention was made of Aqa Muhammad-Rida, son of the deceased one who attained and ascended—upon them both be the Glory of God. After being presented before the face of Him Who is our Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in earth and heaven, these verses shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine Knowledge. His mighty utterance, exalted be His mention:

Muhammad-Rida hath repeatedly been mentioned in the presence of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. Some time ago, that which perfumed the world with its fragrance was sent. We beseech God to assist him in that which befitteth His days. Verily his father attained unto that which brought solace to the eyes of wisdom and utterance. The grace of the All-Bountiful Lord encompassed him at the time of his ascension. By the life of God! The pens are powerless to make mention of him and souls are incapable of comprehending his station. Blessed be he and blessed be they that have attained.

As to what was written about the clamor arising after arrival—this is not the first heedlessness that has appeared, nor the first association that has emerged, nor the first transgression that has troubled the hearts of the sincere ones. The opposers should be informed that despite these evil deeds of the Shi'ih and their divines that have grieved the world of the spirit, they have again determined to establish such a party. God protect us and thee from the evil of these people. We beseech God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth, to assist them in rending asunder the veils that have prevented them from drawing nigh unto God, the Manifestor of clear proofs. In truth, man is bewildered and the world is bewildered. The party that counted themselves the most learned and most excellent have been found to be the most lost and abject of all the peoples of the world. In all conditions we must seek divine confirmation and ask for heavenly success. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

As to the mention thou hast made of the ascension of the two departed, blessed and cherished souls—upon them be the Glory of God and His favors—after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sweetest words were revealed from the tongue of the greatness of the Lord of all beings. His word—exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

He is the Forgiving, the Generous

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Badi' who has ascended to the Supreme Companion in the days of God, Lord of the throne and earth, that the breathings of revelation may attract him and he may be illumined by the lights of the Luminary of his Lord's tender mercy, the Kind, the Generous. By God! At the moment of mention there hath been sent down upon him from the heaven of grace and bounty that which the hearts of the mystics are powerless to comprehend. Rejoice, O Badi', once again through My

greatest favor. We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and revealed for thee that which the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise recite with myriads of them that are drawn to My call.

Through My mention the ocean of bounty has surged and through My remembrance the fragrance of God, the Lord of the worlds, has wafted. Through the light of My utterance sorrows have been changed to supreme joy and smoke to the radiance of My mercy that has encompassed all in the heavens and earth. Through My acceptance the holy countenances have come forth from their chambers in the All-Highest Paradise to hearken unto this wondrous and glorious call. Blessed art thou, O Badi'! Joy be to thee, O Badi'! We congratulate thee on this supreme bounty, even as We gave thee glad tidings through My manifest remembrance. Upon thee be the Glory of God, His light, His mercy, His favors and His grace that has encompassed the world. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

All the relatives should recite these verses and with utmost joy engage in the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. Now in the most exalted Paradise melodies are raised and perfect, complete and supreme joy and gladness are manifest. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Mighty, the Wise.

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be My Glory and My favor! The Most Exalted Pen desires to make mention of thy brother who was named Zaynu'l-Abidin. We testify that he attained to recognition when heedless servants denied Me, and held fast to affirmation when the manifestations of negation opposed Me, and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when most of mankind turned away, and drank the choice wine of utterance when the peoples of the earth were forbidden it, save those whom God, the Mighty, the Bestower, pleased to exempt. Blessed art thou, O Zaynu'l-Abidin, in that We have sent down for thee from the heaven of revelation that which the world cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God to send down upon thee at all times from the heaven of His grace a mercy, and from the horizon of His loving-kindness a light, and from the treasuries of His bounty that which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes and the eyes of the relatives who have heard and turned and responded when the call was raised from God, the Lord of Lords.

Section 2: "Glorified art Thou, O Answerer of those who…"

Glorified art Thou, O Answerer of those who call upon Thee and Refuge of the distressed! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, by Thy sweetest call from the most exalted horizon, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy, to adorn those who turn to Thee each day with the ornament of Thy grace, bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thou art He Whose gifts are not prevented by the hosts of rejection, nor is Thy grace impeded by the gestures of those who have denied the Source and the Return. The effulgent Glory shining forth from the Dayspring of loving-kindness and favor, and the radiant Light gleaming from the horizon of might, be upon thee, O thou who believest in God and His signs, who holdest fast to the cord of His grace and cleaveth to the hem of His generosity. We give thanks to God on thy behalf and praise Him for His favor unto thee. He hath indeed purified thee at thy ascension and forgiven thee through His mercy. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God! Each of the departed hath attained that which transmuteth the sorrow of death into joy. Nay, were people to discover and perceive its fragrance, all would be filled with joy and would raise their voices in His praise and glorification. Praise be to Him in all conditions. From the beginning of the Cause until now, the glances of loving-kindness have been directed toward that beloved one and his brethren and family, upon them be the Glory of God. Who is able to thank Him as He deserveth to be thanked, or praise Him as befitteth His glory, majesty and bounty that hath encompassed all existence?

Concerning what was written about Faran and the request for special mention of the friends of that land, after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these manifest verses were revealed. His Word, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty:

> "O friends of God in Faran! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth you and hath revealed for you that which shall never be exhausted throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly dominion. Ye have attained unto mentions that shall neither be erased nor perish, nor be altered by the length of ages and centuries. Rejoice in God's loving-kindness and favor, then aid Him through His remembrance and praise and the promotion of His mighty and impregnable Cause. Preserve what ye have been given in the name of your Lord. Thus doth He command you as a token of His grace. He is the Truth, the Possessor of the visible and the unseen. Grieve not over the happenings of the world. Ye have attained unto that which none of the denizens of the Kingdom of Names have attained, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of Lords. Take ye My Book through My power. Verily it will draw you nigh and cast upon you that which will preserve you from the evil of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The mountains have passed away, the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, yet most of the people know not. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken in days when sorrows have encompassed it from all sides through that which the hands of every ignorant doubter have wrought."

This is the Day of remembrance and utterance. Strive ye to reform the world and educate the nations, but through wisdom and utterance. Keep your gaze fixed upon this in all conditions. This is what the Wronged One hath decreed in the Scriptures and Tablets. Praise be to God! Ye have attained unto that for which ye were brought from nothingness into being. The people of the world are held back from drawing nigh by ephemeral conditions; they cling to that which they themselves testify is subject to perishing and extinction. O friends of God! Strive ye, perchance ye may succeed in performing deeds that will guide the people. Most of mankind are tormented and bewildered in the depths of vain imaginings. Perchance ye may deliver them through the name of the True One and illumine them with the light of the Sun of Truth. The names of all are mentioned and the deeds of all are witnessed. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom the clamor of the oppressors hath not deterred.

As to thy having made mention of the spiritual beloveds—His Honor Áqá Sháh Khalílu'lláh, His Honor Áqá Muḥammad-Háshim, and His Honor Ustád 'Alí-Akbar, upon them be the Glory of God—on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of the month of Rajab, four hours after sunrise, this was presented in the Most Exalted Horizon. After the names had been specifically submitted, there was sent down, for each one, a

most exalted and most holy Tablet from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of mankind. God willing, they shall attain unto that wherefrom the fragrance of divine favor is diffused, shall drink deep from the ocean of the verses, and shall be confirmed in that which is the cause of the perpetuation of existence.

This is that which was revealed for His Honor Sháh Khalílu'lláh, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the Speaker of Truth.

O Khalil! Hear the call of the Glorious One. He makes mention of thee from the prison, even as He mentioned thee before, and hath revealed for thee that which hath caused the eye of utterance to be gladdened throughout all creation. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the Most Generous.

Say: O company of the heedless! Come ye, that I may recite unto you the verses of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise. Behold, behold! By God, the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged before all faces, and the fragrance of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been wafted. Beware lest the doubts of the world hold you back from the Most Great Name. By God, the Truth! The seal of the Choice Wine hath been broken through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Drink ye, O people, and be not of the abject.

Say: Where are the Pharaohs of the earth? Where are their treasuries and their riches? Where is their might and their power and their wealth? Where are their standards and their banners? Fear God, O people, and be not of the negligent. The world itself speaketh unto you, and desireth to remind you of its changes and transformations and its evanescence. Cast away today what the people possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Say: That which hath been created on earth shall profit you not this day. To this testifieth the Book of God, the True Sovereign, the Just, the Manifest. Thus hath the Pen spoken that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that have recognized Him.

O Khalil! Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the hosts of the world nor by the oppression of the nations—a steadfastness by which the servants of the earth shall themselves stand firm. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Expounder. Glorify those whom I love on My behalf and remind them of My verses, and acquaint them with that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty, that they may hear and be of those who render praise.

The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee, and upon them that have believed in God and have acted according to what hath been ordained in His perspicuous Book.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Muhammad-Hashim—upon him be Baha'u'llah

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

A Book hath the True One sent down from before God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and it uttereth that which the Sovereign hath commanded—He Whom the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, could never withstand. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My

prison. Verily, it shall confirm thee in that wherein thou art engaged. Verily, thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Be thou a herald of His remembrance, and cleave fast unto His cord, and cling tenaciously unto His outstretched robe. We have sent down from the heaven of proof that whereby the hearts and souls of men have been attracted. Some among them have been drawn by the magnetism of the Call, while others have denied this Cause which holdeth dominion over all that was and all that shall be. Blessed is the stalwart soul who hath arisen to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, and blessed is he who maketh mention of that which the croaking of those who have disbelieved in the promised Day could never prevent. When thou dost perceive the fragrance of My utterance and dost hear My call, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having enabled me to recognize Thee. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and standing ready to serve Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee, by the hands that have been raised toward the heaven of Thy bounty, and by the hearts Thou hast made treasuries of Thy knowledge and repositories of the pearls of Thy wisdom, to aid me under all conditions to remember Thee, to glorify Thee, and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Then ordain for me that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

This was revealed for his honor Ustad ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God.

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

Glorified be God! The proof shineth like unto the sun, resplendent and manifest, and the evidence standeth clear and brilliant before the faces of the world. Nevertheless, all remain deprived and forbidden from the straight path and the mighty announcement. Though but a drop, they are far from the ocean; though but a mote, they are veiled from the sun. Today the morn of hope hath dawned and the breeze of providence hath wafted. Blessed is he who hath risen from the slumber of heedlessness and adorned himself for service. The deeds of an entire people cannot compare with a single deed performed on this day. Say: O friends! The fire of utterance is ablaze in the Tree of the All-Merciful, and the light of the Cause is shining from the horizon of grace.

All must hold fast to the cord of unity and cling to the hem of concord, arising in both night and day with wisdom and utterance to that which will cause the elevation of the Cause and the upliftment of souls. This day is precious; know ye its station and act in a manner befitting thereof. Blessed art thou, O ʿAli-i-Akbar, for thou hast attained unto My mention, both before and after. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest bounty and His providence which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee strong through His power, steadfast in His service, soaring in the atmosphere of His love, and speaking His praise amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon the servants of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Praise be to God! The mentioned names, together with the people of Faran, have all attained unto the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. We beseech God, our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, to assist them in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Verily, He hath power over what He willeth and is worthy to answer. This servant hath ever sought and continueth to seek that which leadeth to exaltation and elevation. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Furthermore, for all the names of the party of God which that beloved one sent to the Most Holy Court, sacred and exalted Tablets were specifically revealed and dispatched, and likewise the answers to the petitions that were with that beloved one. Praise be to God! The Sun of providence hath risen and the Ocean of bounty is manifest. Who is that lost one whom His grace hath not sought?

Some time ago, a detailed letter containing divine verses and heavenly evidences was sent. God willing, it will have arrived by now. Despite the abundance of writing, of which that beloved one is aware and informed, and the lack of opportunity and scarcity of time, praise be to God, there was revealed from the heaven of providence for all that which the eye of creation hath never witnessed the like thereof. This evanescent servant beseecheth Him to educate the world through His traces and to illumine all through His lights. Mention was made of the brethren, the household, and the delight of the eyes—upon them be the Glory of God—at the supreme horizon, and these pearls appeared from the ocean of divine utterance. Blessed are they that attain! His blessed and exalted Word:

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

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Aforetime and now hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and likewise have thy brethren attained unto His holy verses. Convey to each one of them the greetings of the Wronged One. Praise be to God that ye have drunk from the choice wine of divine love and received your portion from His utterance on the Day of His arising. This is a mighty bounty manifested and revealed by the Self-Sufficing Lord. We make mention in this station of My handmaiden and give her the glad-tidings of My mercy. We beseech God to strengthen her and enable her to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Convey My greetings unto her. Blessed is she and blessed is every maidservant who hath believed in her Lord and attained unto His verses. He is verily the Mighty, the Generous.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Nuru'llah, that this remembrance may strengthen him to remember Me, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thy name hath been presented before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for thee this Luminous Tablet that joy may possess thee in the days of Him Who conversed with the Burning Bush, and draw thee nigh unto Him. He is verily the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Diya'u'llah! Blessed be thy name and blessed be he who named thee thus. Rejoice in My remembrance from which the fragrance of My loving-kindness, that hath encompassed all creation, is diffused. We have revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom endureth. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother, and upon those whom neither the tempests of allusions nor the doubts of them that have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, have caused to waver.

O spiritual youth! Again and again do We make mention and command the loved ones of that land to convey the greetings of the Wronged One. Recite the verses of God that ears may attain unto that for

which they were created and brought from nothingness into being. The name of each one hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Happy are they and joy be unto them.

The waves of the ocean of loving-kindness have encompassed all things, and the light of the Sun of Truth hath surrounded all. His is the praise, and His the thanks, and His the glory, and His the splendor. There is none other God but He, our Lord and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And praise be to God, our Lord and the Lord of the exalted Throne.

BH04756: God beareth witness, before and after the creation…

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

God beareth witness, before and after the creation of all things, that there is none other God but Him. His are the grandeur and the power, the might and the sovereignty and the choice, and He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Glorified art Thou, O King of existence and He Who sitteth upon the throne of manifestation in Thy praiseworthy station! I beseech Thee by those through whom Thy signs were spread throughout Thy lands and the fragrance of Thy utterance was diffused amongst Thy servants, to aid Thy loved ones and Thy friends to manifest Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance and to exalt Thy Word amidst all religions.

O Lord! Thou seest them clinging to the cord of Thy obedience and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. They have turned with their all unto Thee and desire to act according to what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets and Thy Books.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the rains of Thy blessings and favors were showered upon Thy creation throughout centuries and ages, to assist them in all conditions to remember and praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for the detached among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Then send down upon them that which shall profit them in this world and the next and forgive them through Thy bounty and generosity and Thy mercy which hath preceded all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth.

There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. Thou art He Whom the doubts of the heedless and the signs of the opposers cannot hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH10756: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee inasmuch…

…My God, my God! Praise be to Thee inasmuch as Thou hast brought me forth from the loins of one of Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Sender of the winds, to confirm me in steadfastness in Thy Cause, and in whatsoever, in all conditions, may draw me nigh unto Thee. O Lord! I have turned wholly unto Thee, and I implore Thee to unlock before my face, through Thy power, the door

of Thy loving-kindness. Verily Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting….

BH01914: Praise be worthy and befitting that Intended One Who…

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

Praise be worthy and befitting that Intended One Who favored one of the parties of the world with His special favors and honored them with the adornment of recognition and unity. His mercy has encompassed the world and His grace has adorned all with the wondrous and lofty blessings of wisdom and utterance. Great is His generosity, supreme His bounty, and mighty His bestowal. There is no God but Him. And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom the world was adorned with the light of recognition, and through Whom was opened the gate of Names in the Kingdom of Creation and the gate of Attributes to those in earth and heaven, and upon the brilliant stars and radiant manifestations and exalted words—namely His family and companions through whom the breeze of the All-Merciful wafted over all possibility and the fragrance of His garment diffused among all religions, and through whom His authority appeared and His blessing descended and His banner was raised—blessings whose mention has no end and whose termination cannot be seen.

And then, O beloved of my heart, your letter arrived speaking of your love and your remembrance and your praise and your turning to God and your trust and your resignation and your submission to God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth and the Possessor of greatness and glory. After its reading and [my] joy and delight, I approached the Most Great Spot and presented it. He said: “Convey to him My glad-tidings and My greetings.” You are ever mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. God is witness and the Book testifies that We have beseeched for you from the ocean of His grace and heaven of His generosity that which endures by the endurance of His most beautiful names. We beseech God the Exalted to send down upon him and upon His loved ones there mercy from the heaven of His grace and rains from the clouds of His generosity. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

This evanescent servant testifies that mention of that beloved of the heart and other beloved ones has ever been and is upon this carpet. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, not to deprive the world, that is its people, of fairness and to grant them a portion from the ocean of truthfulness that all may attain to what He loves and is pleased with. In all cases I beseech joy for those who believe in divine unity. Verily He is the Reliever of supreme anguish and the Remover of harm through His name, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding the countenance of the spiritual friend, His Honor Haji Muhammad Husayn, upon him be God’s peace and favor, in accordance with that beloved’s mention, thirty-two bento and one Ottoman [coin] arrived previously. In truth, he acts above the human station and tells of the Kingdom of giving. From beginning until now, whatever he has done has been crowned with acceptance. This is another blessing. We beseech God to strengthen him and aid him and enable him to do what He loves and is pleased with.

I convey greetings to the friends of that land and the loved ones of that quarter, and I beseech for them the favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, and His mercy and bounty and generosity. And He is the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on 28 Sha'ban 1305

BH02373: God is Most Great! God is Most Great! His…

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

God is Most Great! God is Most Great! His signs are manifest and evident in all things. Were all the minds of the world to contemplate and reflect upon a single one of His signs, they would prove incapable of describing it. In a single leaf of a tree are inscribed and visible volumes of knowledge and wisdom, and the ocean of creation is apparent and surging. Exalted be His signs and magnified be His evidences! And blessings and peace be upon the first sign that shone forth from the horizon of Will and Purpose, and the first Word whereby was adorned the preamble of the Book of Unity and Love—He Who was named Muhammad in the Book of Names and by the Most Beautiful Names in a Tablet which none has seen save God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and upon His family and companions through whom flowed the rivers of generosity in the world and through whom was made manifest the decree of the Lord of Eternity amongst the peoples—blessings which no understanding or mind can encompass and which none can enumerate.

And further: the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived. It gave fresh life to the dejected one and bestowed movement and speech upon the still and silent one, for from each of its letters wafted the fragrance of unity and the scent of detachment. Well is it with thee and joy be to thee! After its perusal and the joy it brought, I proceeded to the Most Great Prison where it attained the honor of being heard. Glory be to God! From the earliest days until now they have dedicated themselves to mention and praise and service to the Cause. Indeed they have performed that which has had and continues to have few equals or parallels. To this testifies this Wronged One, this Stranger. Praise be to God Who aided him and caused him to soar on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of His love, the Mighty, the Wondrous, and adorned him with the ornament of His love amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Praise be to God! Night and day they are engaged in remembrance and in this field they are mentioned, meaning they are occupied with the remembrance of God and are mentioned in the presence of the Remembered One. The pen is powerless to make mention of this station and the maidservant is unable to describe it. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to shower His grace and bounty upon them at all times. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. And that which was sent arrived with this servant through that spiritual beloved, he who is turned towards the Most Exalted Names, his honor M.H., upon him be the glory of God, the Most Glorious. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths.

BH00075: The servant attained unto the presence of his Lord's…

Section 1: "The servant attained unto the presence of his…"

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

The servant attained unto the presence of his Lord's mercy, and having washed his face and hands, turned towards the Supreme Horizon. When he arrived, He for Whom all in the kingdoms of command and creation would sacrifice their souls said:

Today is a feast and tomorrow is a fast. O servant in attendance! Today thou art blessed with divine bounty, tomorrow with abstinence from all else than Him. He commands and decrees, He forbids and bestows in all conditions and deeds. Verily, He is praised in His actions and obeyed in His command. Praise be to God! At that moment the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which intoxicated the servant to such extent that he forgot himself and all else, and the servant was immersed in the ocean of His utterance. His pervading Will summoned him once again, whereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted word:

> "We have intended to move; it has been long since We visited the garden."

Then, according to the binding command, preparations were made and He proceeded to the garden, accompanied by a group of the faithful. Along the way, mercy rained down from the heaven of grace until the garden became the seat of His throne. When He was established, He commanded the gathering to be present. When they had assembled and partaken of tea before the countenance of our Lord and the Lord of all worlds, He commanded me to bring forth pen, ink and paper. When these were brought, He for Whom all in the kingdoms of command and creation would sacrifice their souls spoke in your remembrance. How sweet is the fragrance of utterance by which God quickeneth all creation! He giveth life to whomsoever He willeth through His grace and mercy, and bestoweth upon whomsoever He desireth through His sovereignty. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Now I convey in Persian that by chance on the previous day your letter arrived, and after it was presented in His presence in the garden, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Desired One of all worlds, and that time was noon on Friday. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Speaker of Truth

The Book speaks with truth before the faces of creation. Verily there is none other God except Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He has sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast the justice of God behind their backs, clinging to every remote oppressor. They have abandoned righteousness and cast aside equity, holding fast to the hem of tyranny without any proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They behold the verses yet deny them, and hear what has been sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty yet turn away therefrom. They are indeed among the transgressors in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

They have denied Him through whose grace God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, has written, and have disputed with Him Who bore afflictions for their salvation, and have committed that whereat all things have lamented. They are indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. They have turned away from Him unto Whom the Concourse on High has turned, and for Whose path the Spirit, the Faithful Spirit, has been sacrificed. Thus did the Tongue speak in the Bayan when the Ancient Beauty was walking therein, contemplating the mysteries of His mighty and wondrous Cause. By God! At His utterance arose the lamentation of the Primal Point and the cry of the Prophets and Messengers. Blessed is he who has shattered the idols of vain imaginings and rent asunder the veils of those who disbelieved in the signs of God, the Powerful, the All-Informed.

The servant in attendance has brought thy letter and read it before Our face. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that whereat the ocean of utterance has lamented before the faces of all religions, and the Concourse on High has soared on the wings of grace and bounty until they circled round the Throne in this noble station. Thus has thy Lord taken the Kawthar of His utterance and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of His grace and the murmuring of the waters of His loving-kindness, yet most of the people are among the heedless. They are debarred from that for which they were created, as attested by Him Who speaks at this hour—He is God, the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have found from thy letter the fragrance of thy turning unto God, thy love, thy sincerity and thy rising to aid His mighty and great Cause. Blessed art thou! We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to do that which He loves and is pleased with, and to manifest through thee that which shall never end throughout the eternity of His names and attributes. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth, yet most people are among the deniers. We love not to compel the servants by force, but rather by their own free will. Blessed are they that understand. Joy be unto thee for having held fast to the cord of remembrance and utterance in support of the Cause of this wronged and lonely One.

O Husayn! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. In previous ages the Hand of Power caused the servants to attain, willingly or unwillingly, to that for which they were created. In this Most Great Revelation it is beloved that people should enter of their own accord and drink from the Salsabil of utterance. The Kawthar of utterance is present, the sealed wine is manifest before all faces, but the cup-bearer is rare. Ask thou God to raise up detached teachers for this mighty Cause who will act in a manner befitting this Day. Though praise be to God some are adorned with the ornament of detachment and have done in the path of God that which has amazed the Concourse on High—how many souls who possessed wealth, bounty, glory and station nevertheless drank with utmost eagerness the Salsabil of martyrdom from the hand of bounty. The martyrs who with complete willingness and desire hastened to the place of sacrifice—all have seen and know of them. Yet this has not awakened them. They mention the sacrifice of old and glory in it, and though there is no doubt of his station, yet where are the stations of these souls compared to that? The difference is as between the Pleiades and the earth. Say:

My God, my God! Send forth one who is illuminating, detached, kind, compassionate, content and thankful, that he may guide Thy servants beneath the shelter of Thy most great mercy and acquaint them

with Thy straight path and Thy mighty message. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We beseech God to raise up souls who are worthy to impart this Most Exalted, Most Blessed Word, that they may guide the servants into the Goodly City and make them aware of that which God hath willed. He is powerful and mighty. There is no God but Him, the Lord of the throne and the dust, the Lord of the Hereafter and of former times.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and counsel them in that which befitteth the Day of God. By the Sun of Truth, every word that proceedeth from detached hearts is penetrating. Strive that perchance hearts and minds may be sanctified from the tales of the past and adorned with that which befitteth the Divine Day. Today the Word of God is effective, and the joy and gladness of the sincere proceed from it. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless.

This evanescent servant ever beseecheth the Eternal Truth for success on behalf of that beloved one, for His grace hath encompassed all, His confirmation hath assisted, and He hath enabled that beloved one to serve, to aid, to mention and to praise Him. Regarding what was written about Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], that he was sent to the known villages to teach the divine Tablets, and likewise concerning the mention of his steadfastness and the names of those who have ascended unto God—upon him and upon them be the glory of God—these matters were presented before Him Who conversed upon Sinai. This is what God hath revealed in reply:

He saith, blessed and exalted be He: O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou didst turn unto Him and attain unto the word "Here am I," and thou didst hold fast unto service and became a bearer of Tablets. Well is it with thee, pleasant it is for thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty, praise thy Lord for this supreme grace. Remember thy Lord, for He hath remembered thee in the prison. We beseech God to enable thee to preserve that which He hath bestowed. The people of Baha are souls whom names have not withheld from the Creator of heaven. They know none but the Truth and mention none but the Truth. Such souls are worthy of this garden, this city, and this station. By the life of God, the Concourse on High take pride in such souls. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Garden. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower.

As to what was written regarding the honored beloved ones Mirza Mahmud and Aqa Abdu'l-Muhsin, upon them be the glory of God, after presentation before the countenance of the Lord of Religions, a Tablet from the heaven of bounty was revealed and sent for each, that that beloved one may deliver them. Likewise, especially for Ustad Abidin, upon him be the glory of God, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent forth. It is hoped that through the Kawthar of the utterance of the Beloved of the worlds, they may become detached and freed from all else save God. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Habib-i-Ruhani Aqa Muhammad Rida, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, that they intended to proceed with the honored Jinab, that is Jinab-i-ʿAli Beg, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, to the Most Holy Court—after this matter was presented before His

countenance, this supreme word descended from the horizon of the Divine Will, He doeth whatsoever He willeth. His words, blessed and exalted is He: "'Ali, upon him be My glory, is granted permission." Likewise, specifically for Jinab-i-Muhammad Rida who hath attained, at this moment again the light of permission hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will. However, these matters are contingent upon wisdom and consultation. Should it be agreeable, they may proceed; otherwise, for the first, the reward of attainment, presence, hearkening and beholding shall be inscribed and recorded in the Book of the Lord of all things by the Supreme Pen, and the second hath already attained and received his portion from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance.

This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, to aid His loved ones in whatsoever today conduceth to the exaltation, elevation, manifestation and spread of the Word of God. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Karbila'i Baqir, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion—after presentation before the Throne of the Intended One, these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of Will. His words, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Will and the light radiating from the direction of My prison be upon thee, O thou who hast attained the choice wine of faith in the days of the All-Merciful and hast turned unto Him when most of the peoples of the world turned away. We, at this moment, make mention of thee with a mention through which God hath sent down upon thee in every time His mercy and His loving-kindness. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We beseech God, exalted is He, to spread for thee the carpet of forgiveness and to adorn thee with the ornament of pardon and beneficence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We were with thee at the time of thy ascension and We manifested Ourselves unto thee through My Name, the Forgiving, whereby the companions of Paradise and the black-eyed maidens in the highest Paradise were entranced. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, at the time of ascension thou didst attain unto the favor of the Truth. We have purified thee and forgiven thee and ordained for thee a station in the highest Paradise. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

The divine mercy hath preceded and His grace hath encompassed all. That which is everlasting and enduring hath been revealed from the Kingdom of utterance. Well is it with him. Likewise mention was made of his survivors from the Tongue of Grandeur. That beloved one should give them the glad-tidings and remind them that they may attain unto true joy and spiritual delight through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and His favors.

Concerning the mention that was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Baqir, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], from the people of Ya—after presentation before His countenance, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him. I beseech the True One that they may discover from it the divine fragrances of revelation. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, whoso findeth it will detach himself from all else and from all names. His words, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty:

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

O Baqir! Your mention hath come before the Wronged One, and the glance of loving-kindness is directed towards thee. God, exalted be His glory, hath appeared with His everlasting favors and heavenly sustenance, and standeth manifest before the faces of the world. Yet most factions have turned away and risen against His harm. The kings have recognized that it was not in their interest to acknowledge Me, as have likewise the ministers and the divines, notwithstanding that My purpose hath been most explicitly revealed in the Divine Books and Tablets, and the True One hath loudly proclaimed that this Most Great Revelation hath appeared for the betterment of the world and the exaltation of the nations. His wish is that all be illumined with the light of unity and consort with one another in love and harmony, so that the whole earth may be regarded as one country and one land. However, those souls who are deprived of truthfulness and sincerity have imagined the Truth to be like unto themselves, and thus they strive and endeavor to extinguish the divine light. Would that the servants knew! Would that the people understood! For were they to become aware and discover the Purpose, all would turn towards Him and would utter the blessed words "We are God's!"

Section 2: "Beseech God not to deprive the rebellious ones…"

Beseech God not to deprive the rebellious ones from the ocean of His bounty and bestowal, nor the ignorant from the effulgences of the Sun of knowledge, that all may come and find. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My mention in My prison—a mention that cannot be equaled by the mentions of the world and whatsoever is with the nations. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Mulla Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto God's favor and especially revealed for him was that which hath had and hath no likeness. How many are the accepted souls who exist today and have not yet, outwardly, attained unto a single word. Those who have attained should occupy themselves day and night in praise and thanksgiving to the Purpose of the worlds. In these days the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh at all times; from every direction petitions and letters wing their flight, and the waves of the ocean of favor are manifest. Therefore, they desire not to deprive any of the servants, but those souls who say "Is there any more?" and repeatedly seek the everlasting bounty from His abundant grace—this matter dependeth upon the will of God, exalted be His glory.

If they attain, they must increase in thanksgiving; otherwise they must utter the blessed words "Praised is He in His doings and obeyed in His command." In any case, after mentioning their name in the Most Exalted Horizon before the countenance of the Lord of all mankind, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for them from the heaven of the favor of the Purpose of the worlds. God willing, they shall attain unto it and be illumined by the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of utterance. His blessed and exalted Word:

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

The Most Exalted Pen is bewildered as to what it should mention, for the signs of the world and the evidences more manifest than the sun are apparent and visible. The Luminary of power is shining and evident before all faces, and the ocean of wisdom and utterance is manifested in such wise that for none of the fair-minded is there any possibility for hesitation. The Blessed Tree is adorned with mature fruits, and the Book is at all times being sent down from the heaven of knowledge. Nevertheless, the people have turned away from the Self-Subsisting Lord and have clung to the dawning-places of idle fancies. The brilliant pearls that have appeared from the Ocean of the All-Merciful's grace are visible and present before every face. At every moment proofs and evidences appear and shine forth without pause. Glory be to God! They look but deny, they see but comprehend not. I know not by what cord they are clinging, or upon what path they are walking.

O Muhammad! One of My loved ones hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee with a mention from whose horizon light hath shone forth. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging to that which hath appeared from Thee and been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will. I beseech Thee by the arms of Thy power and the hands of Thy might, to aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause and to acknowledge that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. By Thy glory, O Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations! This servant of Thine hath acknowledged the oneness of Thy Being and the greatness of Thy Cause, and hath confessed to that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy Will regarding Thy commandments and Thy laws. I beseech Thee to manifest through him that which beseemeth Thy days and shall endure in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The aforementioned souls have, praise be to God, each been blessed with the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, especially the exalted lady, the Leaf of Paradise, and likewise the speaking spiritual leaf, and the ladies, the Mother of Muhajer and the Mother of Dhabih, upon them be the glory of God and His favors. Praise be to God, all have been and are mentioned in the remembrance of the Desired One of the worlds. Some time ago, Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, made mention of that beloved of the heart and mention of the honored ladies in this servant's letter, and likewise made mention of that which they sent. All was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and was accepted and adorned.

The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist His loved ones and handmaidens at all times to that which is befitting. In truth, from the earliest days the leaves of that land have clung to the Blessed Tree. Despite the upheaval of the world and the opposition of the nations, they have done that which standeth as a brilliant and steadfast proof of their love, steadfastness, devotion and adherence. Divine confirmation and success have been and are their companions. Verily, our Lord and your Lord, and our Goal and your Goal is the All-Seeing, the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Another missive from that beloved of hearts has, like a spiritual key, unlocked the door of true affection. Praise be upon thy hand and arm! By the life of our Beloved, he has been and is a sincere seeker, an upright speaker, possessed of triumph and victory. If, for example, he were to raise but a kerchief upon a staff, he would be the sovereign of banners and the uprooter of the standards of oppression. The Dehhak of the world has made it ready both for vengeance and for the manifestation of justice from the Lord of

grace. A mere span or two of scorched, blackened, meaningless sanctuary became the standard of Kaveh and led the armies of nations. It is hoped that through God's grace—exalted be His glory—His antecedent mercy, and His perfect bounty, the arising of that beloved one will become the cause of life, thereafter transforming the remoteness of people to nearness, ignorance to knowledge, and tyranny to justice. This is not difficult for God to accomplish.

The migrants and helpers whose names and mention had never been heard in any gathering, dwelling in a barren valley inherited by woeful stones, living among harmful beasts, each later became, through the effulgences of the Word, seated upon the throne of understanding in the highest station of contingent being. These stories of old have been heard and witnessed by all. Moreover, the deeds, steadfastness and stations of the chosen ones of this Cause have been and remain sanctified above any parallel or likeness, past or future. These are the souls who were mentioned before mention itself, and were known and existed before existence itself. One drop from the ocean of meaning of the blessed words "The believer is alive in both worlds" suffices—though verily this ocean hath no shore or bound. Blessed is he who ariseth from his station, casteth off his garments, and entereth the sea in the name of his Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. After its recitation, consideration and perusal, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. This is what the Tongue of our All-Knowing Lord hath spoken in this station. His blessed and exalted Word: He is the One Who watcheth over His loved ones.

O Husayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of the worlds! The Sun of Truth hath willed to send forth one of its effulgences which hath shone forth from the Luminary of Revelation, the One Who conversed on Sinai, and to manifest, as a token of grace unto the friends of God, exalted be His glory, one Word that hath appeared in the Kingdom of utterance from the Mother Book. Today the waves of the ocean of grace and the lights of the Luminary of justice have encompassed all, yet most are heedless and unaware. They behold the signs yet deny them, and pass them by, turning aside therefrom. The books of the world have been encompassed, and the scriptures are manifest before all faces.

By God's life! For some time now this Wronged One hath, out of pure loving-kindness towards His loved ones, been speaking, else the people of the world were neither worthy to hear nor fit to behold, save those whom the hand of grace and bounty hath seized from God, the Lord of all mankind. Most behold the blessed Tree with its boundless novel fruits, and likewise the ocean and its waves, and the sun and its radiance, yet are deprived and forbidden therefrom. Gladden the loved ones with the mention and utterance of God, and give them the glad-tidings of His grace.

Today the true Herald calleth out from every direction and giveth glad-tidings, yet the heedlessness of men hath prevented them and deprived them of the Kawthar and Salsabil which flow at every moment from the divine Pen. Remember My loved ones there with a mention that will attract the hearts and minds, and illuminate them with the lights of utterance, that the earth of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, may be illumined thereby. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Loving. In each letter thereof lieth concealed an ocean of meanings and utterance, yet the people do not understand. They worship the idols of their own selves, yet perceive it not.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear God, and follow not the desires of those who have denied the signs of God, the Lord of existence. We have sent down from the Mother Book that which hath caused the highest Paradise to quiver and the Concourse on high to be attracted, yet most of the people know not. At every moment there descendeth that which God hath made the Kawthar of life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath turned, and taken, and drunk thereof, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled.

Say: By the life of the Desired One! Your glory, your might, your power, and your riches shall pass away—to this your own realities bear witness, even if your tongues deny it. Fear God and follow not those who have denied God's grace and mercy, His proof and His Cause. Indeed, they know not. Glory be to God! Such means of grace have appeared from the Causer of causes that the eye of creation hath never seen their like. Sinai crieth out "I have attained unto Him Who conversed with me!" and Heaven proclaimeth "I have attained unto Him Who illumined me!" The fragrance of utterance hath captivated the dwellers of the highest Paradise, and the breezes of revelation have seized the reins of the chosen ones from the hands of the ardent lovers. The dust hath been stirred to speech by the breezes of the morn of revelation, and the mouldering bones have been quickened. Attraction and rapture have encompassed the whole of creation, yet the unjust ones of the world have said and continue to say that which causeth the world of existence to cry out "Would that I had never been!"

In any case, thou and the friends should beseech the True One to unlock the sealed gates with the keys of utterance, and not to deprive His servants. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. Convey to all the kindred My greetings from this Wronged One. His is the praise!

Convey My greetings to all those who are related to thee. To Him be praise, thanksgiving, gratitude and bounty, for He hath bestowed upon thee and thy kindred that of which most of the people of the world remain heedless and veiled. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My proof rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

In every instance there is a wave from the ocean of grace and a radiance from the sun of mercy. Praise be to God, the place is blessed and seeketh, and the Giver bestoweth. God sufficeth us and He is the best Protector, the best Lord and the best Helper.

Concerning what thou hast written about the heedlessness, oppression and transgressions of the people of the Bayan, and likewise about the progress of the children who have ascended from barren lands through the breaths of revelation and have attained to the Kingdom of utterance—verily the divine traces in those who have turned unto Him appear more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye, transforming their very being in an instant and leading them from the corner of ignorance to the realm of knowledge. Glory be to God! His Holiness the Martyr of Zavarih sacrificed his life through but a single word. The details thereof have been revealed in certain Tablets from the Tongue of Grandeur—that which causeth hearts and souls to burn and be attracted.

Concerning the exaltation and progress of the children that was mentioned, in this connection a blessed word was revealed from the Tongue of Him Who is the Purpose of the world and the Herald of nations, the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. His mighty Word declares: "In the

Revelation of Him Whom God shall make manifest, His one-year old spiritual children are mightier than all the Bayan, for were they not mightier they could not surpass it and judge what is other than truth." And He—exalted and glorified be He—saith in another place: "If they were not mightier, they could not enter into the new Revelation and see that Revelation within its shadow." For they have rent asunder the veils of names and, with the aid of the Beloved of the world, have shattered the idols of vain imaginings. This power cannot be weakened by the might of the world. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Section 3: "Concerning what thou didst write about the attraction…"

Concerning what thou didst write about the attraction, enthusiasm, longing and yearning of the people of the village—Glory be to God! Until now none has been seen who heard the divine verses and did not submit, except those whose essence was compounded of wickedness, indecency, rancor and hatred. The deniers of the Bayan have recently desired to move and speak contrary to the Will of God. They have chosen for themselves the station of the Shi'ih. Alas for the servants! Their deeds give them the lie but they perceive it not; their words deny them but they know it not. They were previously Shi'ih—what then was the cause of their avoidance of it, and what now is the reason for choosing it again? That which was in the hands of that heedless and oppressive party was, by the testimony of God, false. It was due to His patience and protection that most matters were hidden from view until such time as God shall reveal the measure thereof from His presence. He verily is the Strong, the Almighty, the Powerful.

The people of the village have been and are blessed with the favors and bounties of God, exalted be His glory, from the first dawning of the Day Star of Revelation from the horizon of the world. May God honor their faces by turning away from aught else but Him. On this blessed day each one hath been blessed with special favors. Mention of each was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur—mention that was adorned with the jewels of favors and bounties. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Mention was made of His Honor Áqá Mullá 'Abdu'l-Ghaní—upon him be the Glory of God—that he had sought, from the heaven of grace and bounty, a favor for himself, his wife, and his son. After this matter had been presented in the Most Exalted and Most Holy Court, a blessed Tablet, especially addressed to him, was sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. I beseech God to honor him therewith. Verily, our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

His blessed and exalted Word is this:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

This is a Book which hath been sent down, through grace, from before God, the Most High, unto him who hath been named 'Abdu'l-Ghaní, that the verses of his Lord may draw him nigh unto a station wherein all created things proclaim: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

We have, verily, sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Render thanks unto God, for He hath fulfilled His promise, made manifest His path, and brought forth His proof, that He may draw you nigh unto Himself in this Day wherein the

Herald calleth from a near place, saying: O concourse of the earth! The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Promised One hath come with a proof the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. Unto this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur in His mighty and inaccessible station.

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One. We make mention of thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto the pavilions of thy Lord's majesty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! That which hath been sent down for thee surpasseth all the ornaments and riches of the world. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen proclaimed with the most high call. Blessed is he who hath heard and said:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!"

We make mention of thy wife and give her glad tidings of My tender mercy and compassion which have preceded all things, and of My light wherewith the earth and all that is thereon have been illumined. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The Divine Lote-Tree calleth out to its leaf, and the Master to His handmaiden:

> "Behold the grace and bounty of God! He, from within the Most Great Prison, hath remembered thee with that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that are devoted to the One true God."

Blessed is the ear that hath heard My call, and the foot that hath hastened in the path of My good-pleasure, and the eye that hath beheld My tokens, and the heart that hath turned unto My glorious and wondrous station.

We make mention of thy son and beseech God to strengthen him to remember and praise Him, to draw him nigh unto Him at all times, to shower upon him mercy and grace from His presence. He is verily the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

O Abdul-Ghani! When thou hast taken the cup of My loving-kindness from the hand of My bounty and drunk therefrom in My love and My Name, say:

> "My God, my God! I testify that all names have bowed down before Thy Name, and the earth and heaven before Thy Command. I beseech Thee by the light that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, and by the Word whereby Thou hast illumined the hearts of Thy loved ones, to number me among such as have not been held back by the censure of the censurers from turning to the lights of Thy countenance, nor by the scorn of the aggressors from drawing nigh unto Thy horizon. O Lord! Thou knowest and seest that this servant desireth naught save the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the effulgences of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation. The cup of Thy bounty hath taken hold of me, the Kawthar of Thy utterance hath attracted me, and Thy prevailing Will and all-encompassing Purpose move me as Thou pleasest. O Lord! Illumine my outward and inward being with the lights of Thy most exalted Word in Thy days. Then write down for me that which will exalt me through Thy generosity and bounty. Thou art verily powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And likewise mention hath been made of two souls from among the people of Ya—Ustad Muhammad Hashim and Ustad Ali-Rida, upon them be Baha'u'llah—who have turned unto the Most Great Ocean. The divine bounties have ever been and are directed toward the beloved ones. Specially for each of these two souls a Tablet from the heaven of the bestowal of the Desired One of all the worlds hath been revealed and dispatched. The servant beseecheth his Lord to give them to drink of the Salsabil of His recognition from the chalices of His verses. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

In regard to Aqa Muhammad Hashim, the head of the post office, upon him be the Glory of God, concerning whom they had written: previously a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him, and now again another Tablet has been revealed. None can reckon the bounties of God's Most Great Ocean—they are truly beyond the comprehension of the world and its peoples. This servant conveys greetings to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid him, that he may attain unto the new and everlasting life through the divine Tablet. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Lord of Yathrib and Hijaz.

If one were to reflect with fairness upon the Manifestations of old, and likewise upon this Most Great Manifestation and Momentous News, the tongue of his soul would utter the blessed words "there is none like unto Him." His word, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, which speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

Today the attraction of the Divine Word hath seized the realities of all things, and each at every moment giveth voice to a word. Blessed are they who have attained unto hearing. This Wronged One hath at all times summoned the servants unto the Lord of Creation, and at every moment hath appeared with clear proofs and evident testimony. Nevertheless, they have clung to vain imaginings and remained deprived of the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy. Whence hath such heedlessness arisen, and whereby hath such bounty been withheld? From smooth and solid rocks do rivers flow forth, yet hearts and souls remain frozen and lifeless. We beseech God that He deprive not the people of the world from the ocean of His mercy, nor hold them back from turning toward Him and drawing nigh unto Him. Thy mention hath ever been before the Wronged One. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and Thy handmaidens through the Pen of Thy Command, for having caused me to hear Thy call and to witness Thy signs. My Lord! Ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds and draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou, verily, art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

And concerning what was written about the Tablets of Mim of Mihnih and Ha and Kha of Khayrabad: sixteen were sent. O thou beloved of my heart! From the earliest days of this Most Great Revelation, and even before it, verses have encompassed all regions like rain, yet to this day the servants have not become aware. Each day they manifest some new wrong. Strange it is that they remain heedless of that which would cause their exaltation, elevation, glory and advancement. Each soul is occupied with digging a well for himself, yet perceiveth it not. Soon shall they find themselves in the lowest depths.

Concerning the sons of Imad, upon them be the Glory of God—after being presented before His presence, two Most Holy, Most Pure Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and sent forth. God willing, they will attain unto them and be illumined by the Luminary of utterance which hath shone forth

from the horizon of the divine Tablet. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. That which they sent has been forwarded by the honored Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, along with other transmitted pages. The deeds of that beloved one and the honored Mulla Abbas-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, have been accepted. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make them both springs for His loved ones and rivers for His servants. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

On this day, which is among the blessed days of the month of Ramadan, seven hours having passed, this servant proceeded to the Ultimate Goal. Mention was made before His presence of the departed and elevated father Mir Abbas-Ali Beg and the honored elevated brother Mir Muhammad-Vali Beg, upon them both be the Glory of God. And specifically for each was revealed that which hath perfumed the world and from which every possessor of smell hath inhaled and continueth to inhale the fragrance of grace. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaketh the truth:

He is the Speaker of Truth

We desired to make mention of him who ascended to the Supreme Companion, as a command from God, the Lord of all beings. O Abbas-Ali! Rejoice in thy station. The Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth desired to make mention of thee. We purified thee at the time of thy ascension and ordained for thee in the Most Exalted Station that which illumined faces and brought solace to the eyes of those near unto God. We beseech God the Most High at this time to spread for him the carpet of mercy and forgiveness and to adorn him with the ornament of pardon and favor. Verily He is the Lord of the world and the Desire of the nations. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Muhammad-Vali! The Mother of Utterance maketh mention of thee at this time in the Kingdom of knowledge with a remembrance whereby the ocean of forgiveness and pardon surgeth before all religions, and the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Bestower, wafteth. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have attained unto God's commanding Word in His days and for whom the verses of their Lord, the Most Merciful, were sent down from the heaven of proof. We testify that they are among the triumphant ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. By My life! When I made mention of thee, I beheld a host of angels and the Spirit approaching them both with the verses of their Lord and the fragrance of grace, pardon and bounty. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in this mighty, wondrous station. The glory from Us be upon them both and upon those who have ascended to the Supreme Companion with clear certitude. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The fragrance of divine verses and the drops of the rain of the Most Merciful's mercy have encompassed them and the host of angels and the Spirit. His is the grace, the bounty and the generosity, and by His command are both existence and non-existence. The servant beseecheth his Lord to send down upon them both, at all times, mercy from His presence, for He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

The aforementioned souls, whether from among the kindred or others, have all been and continue to be the recipients of special favors. Praise be to God, mention of each one hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and hath been recorded and inscribed by the Pen of Command in the Book of Deeds. The ocean of loving-kindness hath encompassed all, and the Sun of Grace hath shed its radiance. Qurratu'l-ʿAyn Vali-

Aqa hath been mentioned repeatedly. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid him, to grant him success, and to manifest that which will cause his traces to spread throughout the earth. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. I convey greetings and praise to the loved ones of that land. God willing, from every utterance from the words of Truth, glorified be His majesty, may they attain unto a new and wondrous life. The favors of God, praise be unto Him, are continuous, and likewise continuous are the life and love and sincerity of those souls. May they hear and attain true joy and be adorned with life everlasting. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you all and upon those who are with you, whether female or male, whether young or old. Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH00495: O Jalal! Hearken with thine inmost ear…

He is the Speaker in the Return

O Jalal! Hearken with thine inmost ear to the Call of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, and arise to render service. Today upon the face of the sun was seen this most exalted Word: O peoples of the earth! Let not vain imaginings deprive you of the Lord of all names, nor let idle fancies withhold you from the sealed wine. His signs have encompassed the world and His verses have embraced all things. He hath sacrificed Himself and all He possessed for the reformation of the world and the salvation of nations. Every person of insight beareth witness and every fair-minded one testifieth that He hath not for a moment sought to preserve Himself. He hath ever raised His call before the faces of rulers and divines and heroes, and hath ordained that which would ensure the tranquility and assurance of the peoples of the world.

Yet most have rejected the counsels of God and accepted not His decree. In particular did the people of the Bayan commit such acts as caused the outpourings of the True Bestower of bounties to be stayed. Say: O people of fairness! If ye deny this Most Great Revelation, what thing is worthy of mention or befitting to acknowledge? Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, turn from oppression to justice, and from fancy seek the station of certitude. This Most Great Revelation hath never been, nor is it now, dependent upon the acceptance and acknowledgment of anyone. Rather, all are dependent upon His acceptance. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and afflict not yourselves anew with personal imaginings.

Say: O Hadi! Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. If thou art truly a seeker of truth, turn to His Writings and ponder His verses. By God's life! They shall enrich thee above all else and acquaint thee with that whereof thou wert heedless. Today the Lote-Tree is laden with countless fruits—behold and be not of the negligent ones. The waves of the ocean of utterance surge before all faces at their utmost height, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth are manifest and visible. O Hadi! If thou deniest this bounty, with what excuse wilt thou justify thyself before God? Fear the omnipotent, all-compelling Lord. Be not the cause of leading souls astray. Leave the vain imaginings of the past to the former peoples.

Consider the Day of God and that which hath appeared therein. O Hadi! Today the mountains cry out "The Self-Sufficient, the Most High hath come!", the heavens proclaim "The All-Merciful hath come!", and the trees declare "The Chosen One hath come!" Were one to attain unto hearing ears, one would hear from all things the glad-tidings of His appearance. Today the fragrances of utterance are diffused and the

dove of knowledge warbleth upon the highest branches. Soil not thyself with the clay of idle fancies and deprive not thyself of the ocean of meanings.

Thy friends have spoken and continue to speak of perversion. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. These were the vain imaginings of the former peoples throughout ages and centuries. They clung to certain calumnies and thus deprived themselves of the ocean of bounty on the Day of Judgment. The wickedness of the Shi'ih sect reached such heights that they cursed the Truth from their pulpits with loudest clamor and issued the decree for His martyrdom. O Hadi! Reflect upon that which hath appeared and speak with fairness. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of proof that this Wronged One speaketh with truth and uttereth for the sake of God. Thou wert and art unaware of the root of the matter.

Hearken unto the words of the faithful counselor and observe and listen with the eye of justice and the ear of fairness. Fear God, cast aside thy desire and take hold of thy Lord's command, for unto Him shall be thy return and final dwelling. Hasten to His good-pleasure, then read what hath been sent down from the kingdom of His utterance. Beware lest the vain imaginings of them that have broken His Covenant and Testament hold thee back. Look with thine own eyes and hearken with thine own ears. By God's life! The eyes of others shall not suffice thee, nor shall the ears of others avail thee, nor shall thy fancies guide thee, nor shall thy conjectures uplift thee, nor shall thy riches profit thee. I counsel thee for the sake of God, and thou, for the sake of God, hearken unto that which shall enrich thee above all else save thy Lord.

O Hadi! Hear the counsel of him who counseleth thee for God's sake and desireth naught but thy good in thy latter end and beginning. Adorn thy head with the crown of God-fearingness, thy temple with the robe of justice, and thy heart with the ornament of fairness. Return to the evidences of God with penetrating vision, illumined heart, sanctified soul and praiseworthy character, that there may be revealed unto thee that which was concealed from thee. Know thou of a certainty that thy perversity shall not profit thee and thy might shall not bring thee nigh unto Him. Cast off thy burden, then make God's Word thy protection. Conceal not God's Faith and His religion, deny not His verses and be not ungrateful for His bounty.

He hath manifested His sovereignty, fulfilled His promise, aided His party, and raised the standard of His utterance amongst His servants. He hath made known His Revelation in His lands, sent down His verses, revealed His proofs and caused all things to speak His praise. By God! This is the Great Announcement. O negligent one! Beware lest thou object to this mighty Cause, and O ignorant one, lest thou be heedless of it. Be not of those who have disputed it. Place thyself in the presence of God, then judge fairly in His Cause. Beware lest thou deny him whom God's Books and Scriptures have acknowledged, and oppose him through whom the ocean of knowledge and wisdom has surged.

O Hadi! Hear My call. Cut not down the Tree of Justice and Equity with the sword of tyranny, nor veil the face of godliness behind the covering of oppression and transgression. Let thy will be absorbed in the Will of thy Lord, and thy desire in His desire. Abandon the creed of those who believed not in Him and His verses, and who disputed His commandments and ordinances.

Reflect upon the world, its changes, alterations and passing away. Where is Chosroes and his palace, Parviz and his ministers? Where are the kings of the earth, their palaces and treasures? Where are their armies and their riches? Did that which they amassed profit them, or that which they acquired exalt them? Nay, by Him Who split the grain and created the soul! The irrevocable decree transformed their palaces into tombs and their joy into grief. Where is their gladness and their comfort, their delight and their contentment? Their company has been scattered and their gathering dispersed. Their houses became empty, their roofs fallen in, their trees uprooted, and their fine garments worn out. By God's life, My heart lamenteth and My pen mourneth. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

O friends of God in His lands and His loved ones in His realms! We counsel you to trustworthiness and godliness. Blessed is the city that hath been illumined by their light. Through them the station of man is elevated and the door of tranquility is opened to all in creation. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto them and recognized their station, and woe unto him who hath denied their rank and deprived himself of their adorning.

O people of God! Trustworthiness is as the sun. Wealth and security depend upon it. It is the pillar of the pavilion of justice and the fortress of equity. Today the hosts of divine religion are goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Strive that ye may attain unto that which hath been recorded in God's Book by the Pen of the Ancient of Days.

O Jalal! We beseech God that He may aid thee and cause thee to return to thy land illumined with the light of the Sun of divine utterance, that all may be enlightened and refreshed by the reviving breaths of God's revelation. Convey My greetings to the people of Shin. Say: O friends! Hold fast unto unity and harmony. We beseech God to manifest through you that which shall cause the comfort, mercy, tranquility and ease of the people of the world. Blessed are they who strive to unite hearts.

O Jalal! Say: Today the Sun of bounty hath dawned from the supreme horizon, and the ocean of generosity hath appeared before the faces of men. The sincere ones, both men and women, are adorned with the ornament of God's bounty, glorified be His majesty. He hath forgiven thee and those who desired forgiveness. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: Know ye the value of these days and arise to make good what hath passed. A mighty journey lies ahead; forget not what is needed for the journey and hold fast unto it. God, glorified be His majesty, commandeth that which shall cause the salvation and ease of the peoples of the world. This Wronged One hath been and is a captive in the hands of enemies throughout all days, and hath never sought to preserve His own life. The people of justice and fairness bear witness to what hath been mentioned. Like the spring rain, Tablets have descended from the heaven of God's mercy upon those regions, and there hath been and is no purpose save the guidance of mankind.

Mention the people of N and Y [Najafabad and Yazd] from one who was imprisoned, and give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness. Blessed is Our servant Al-Wahid, who attained My presence and stood before My countenance and soared in My atmosphere and drank the choice wine of My utterance and

offered up his soul in My path, and blessed are those who aided him until they were martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Those souls who have borne tribulations in God's path are all mentioned before the throne and have attained special favors. This Wronged One has ever mentioned the servants and handmaidens of that land. The reward of no one is ever lost with God, nor shall it be. He observes the deeds and hears the words—He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O party of God! Today is the day of service and assistance. Deprive not yourselves. In this transient world, occupy yourselves with gaining eternal stations. Life passes more swiftly than lightning—every edifice faces destruction, and death pursues every life. The possessor of wisdom is one who remains not heedless and who holds fast to that which leads to exaltation, glory and elevation.

O Jalal! We have mentioned thee before and at this time—verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Regarding what thou hast mentioned about the Huquq, this matter depends on the willingness and acceptance of souls. Reminding others of it is beloved, but demanding it is forbidden. Its benefits return to the souls themselves. Whosoever pays the Huquq of God with spirit and fragrance and with eagerness and longing, its acceptance is permitted; otherwise, thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Behold, then mention what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "O mankind! Ye are the poor in relation to God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised."

This matter pertains to the Trustee [Haji Amin], upon him be My glory, and We also give thee permission—if someone desires with perfect willingness and love to pay the Huquq, thou mayest accept it. Verily He commands all with what benefits them in every world of God's worlds, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the Most Great Prison while in the hands of the heedless. The glory shining from the horizon of My heaven of bounty be upon those who have turned their hearts to My horizon and have heard My sweetest call when it was raised between earth and heaven. These are men whom the ranks of enemies did not prevent, nor were they frightened by the might of those who were heedless of what they were commanded by the Creator of heaven. They arose and proclaimed before the faces of the divines and princes:

> "The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth from His most exalted horizon to all who are in earth and heaven."

Blessed are they that hear, and blessed are they that have attained, and woe unto the heedless and the deniers. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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BH02425: O Kazim! Upon thee be the Glory of God!...

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Kazim! Upon thee be the Glory of God! Despite the call of the Divine Lote-Tree and the raising of the cry between earth and heaven and the shining forth of the rays of the Sun of Manifestation from all directions, the people of the earth remain heedless and unaware. Eyes are veiled, ears deprived, for most are observed to be worshippers of names, cleaving to them while remaining bereft of God, glorified be His majesty. The former people for years were worshippers of names and idols, unknowingly. The people of the Bayan are also afflicted with this malady, save whom God willeth. Although the people of the Bayan have heard and continue to hear the cursing, rejection and condemnation of the former people openly declared from pulpits without any concealment or veil, yet they are occupied in establishing such a people themselves. By God's life! Were the station of true unity to be mentioned, all would be struck unconscious, save a few. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Patient, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Kazim! Some time ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for thee. We beseech God in all conditions that He may aid thee in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word, that perchance the dead may attain unto new life through the breezes of the revelation of the Desired One of all worlds, may emerge from the graves of heedlessness and become aware. Each of the souls mentioned in thy letter attained to that which hath no equal. Convey to the friends the greetings of the Wronged One and give them glad-tidings. We beseech God that He may aid all to that which is conducive to the remembrance of the peoples and the reformation of the world. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Say: My God, my God! Have mercy upon Thy servants through Thy mercy which hath preceded existence both seen and unseen, and deliver them through Thy might and power. Then preserve them through the hosts of revelation and inspiration. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, then make them of those whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Scriptures, Books and Tablets, that there may be impressed upon their hearts the sign "Verily we are God's, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty."

O Kazim! Upon thee be My glory! Beseech God that He may free hearts from all else save Him, in such wise that names may not veil them nor ancient tales deprive them. Glory be to God! Throughout ages and centuries they clung to names—consider what was and what became its fruit. We beseech God to make known to them what is intended in His days and to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of the former time. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy word concerning this firm, this manifest Cause.

BH03133: Unto Him belongs the sovereignty of earth and heaven!

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This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Might while He was seated upon the throne of utterance in days wherein the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!" The Balance has been set up and the Path calls out: "The Truth has come, the Knower of things unseen!"

Blessed is the soul that has shattered the idols of desire and believed in God, the Lord of this praiseworthy station.

O Muhammad! Hear the call from the direction of grandeur—verily He remembers you with that which draws you near and calls you to that which uplifts you. He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be!" and it is. The door of grace has been opened to all who are on earth and in heaven, as testified by Him Who possesses the secrets of what was and what shall be. We bear witness that you departed from your homeland, turning toward the Most Exalted Homeland, the station wherein speaks the Supreme Pen, until you arrived and attained His presence and heard the call of the Wronged One. Give thanks to your Lord, for He has aided you to turn toward Him, to attain His presence, and to hearken to His sweetest call by which the people of the graves have arisen. Remind My servants on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness. We counsel all to uprightness, religiosity and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, may be exalted.

O Karim! We have remembered your father and mother before, and adorned them with the ornament of forgiveness. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Kind, the Forgiving. And We remember those in your household and give them the glad tidings of My mercy which has preceded existence itself. Say: O people of God! Beware lest names keep you back from their Creator. Cast them behind you, turning with your hearts to God, the Mighty, the Loving. The croaking of hypocrisy has risen in all directions—this is what We foretold you before and in this inscribed Tablet.

O Karim! Hear the call of your Lord, the Merciful. He left one place and shone forth from the horizon of another place, and drank tea. Then He revealed for you that from which the sincere perceive the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors, and those near to God inhale the fragrance of the garment of their Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have cast behind them the idle fancies of men, turning to God, the Mighty, the Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05599: O ʿAli! The names of the servants have been…

In the Name of the one God!

O ʿAli! The names of the servants have been prevented from their Owner and Creator. In the pool of names they have drowned. Glory be to God! The Most Great Ocean surges before all faces, and the Purpose of the world is manifest and evident from the horizon of the Most Great Name. Nevertheless, they remain deprived and forbidden.

In past ages and centuries they prided themselves before all parties and peoples in the name of successorship and guardianship and the like. Yet on the Day of Retribution, they martyred the Truth through Whose word a thousand guardians and successors could be created. And now some among the people of the Bayan cling to those same names and hold fast to those same things.

By the life of God! Had the Supreme Pen turned to the peoples of the world as it did to the people of Iran, most assuredly the majority would have entered the Most Great Ocean. Even as in this land some

entered before any teaching, while upon Iran the verses rained down and were sent forth like the rain. Nevertheless, they are seen as dead, save whom God wills, the Lord of all worlds.

We beseech God to make thee possessor of a sanctified heart, that thou mayest be a treasury for the brilliant pearl of unity. The Command is in God's hand—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

BH05654: The Mother Book in the Kingdom of Utterance maketh…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon.

The Mother Book in the Kingdom of Utterance maketh mention of the friends of God, that the mention and the utterance may draw them to the Heaven of Knowledge. O Buzurg! From the beginning of days until now We have made mention of the loved ones of every land with such mention as the ears of the world have never heard the like thereof. The purpose was that the rancor and hatred of the people of the world might be transformed into love and fellowship. Most rejected it, cast the counsel of God behind their backs, clinging to the idle fancies and vain imaginings they possessed. That which befell thee hath been mentioned before the Face, and thy deed hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Lord of the nations, for having made known unto me Thy straight path and enabled me to acknowledge Thee on a day when most of the servants denied Thee, and made me turn toward Thee when the people of the lands turned away. I beseech Thee, O Thou King of existence and Lord of the seen and the unseen, to assist me to serve Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures and to make me ever gaze toward Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Generous. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one turning toward the horizon of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05887: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the One Warbling upon the Branches

This is a Book sent down in truth and it speaketh before all faces: Verily I am the Wronged One, the Stranger. I have stood before the faces of the world and summoned all unto the All-Knowing Single One. Among them were those who denied, those who turned away, those who pronounced sentence to shed My radiant blood, and those who uttered that which caused the Concourse on High and the denizens of this exalted station to lament.

O Muhammad, justice is lost and equity non-existent. This Wronged One, without veil or covering, summoned all parties to the truth in days when hearts and limbs trembled and quaked from fear of pharaohs and tyrants. When the Cause became somewhat manifest, the deniers of the Bayan emerged from behind the veil and rose up against the Lord of all beings, perpetrating that which no party among all parties had ever perpetrated. Ask thou of God that He may preserve thine own party, that perchance they may remain protected from the vain imaginings and idle fancies of the former party, namely the

Shi'ih, and may attain unto the lights of true unity. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the Call and responded—verily such a one is among the people of Baha in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08617: O my leaf! Thou hast attained unto My mention…

He is manifest from His most exalted horizon

O my leaf! Thou hast attained unto My mention and My traces, both before and after. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor, this supreme providence, and this mighty gift, and say:

> "All praise be unto Thee for having guided me in Thy days and given me to drink of the cup of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the station wherein Thy call was raised and which Thou didst make Thy Most Sublime Vision, and by the mountains whereon the tabernacle of Thy glory was upraised and which were honored by Thy footsteps, to make this Thy handmaiden steadfast in Thy Cause and turning her gaze toward Thy horizon, in such wise that neither the incidents of the days nor the hatred of those who have denied Thee, O Lord of all beings, may prevent her. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and strengthen me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH10662: This is a Book from Us to those who…

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

This is a Book from Us to those who are on earth, that it may draw them unto God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of the earth, hearken unto the divine call on this luminous Day, and meditate upon His Cause, and with the ear of your innate nature hear that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will, that haply ye may attain unto your goal and be blessed with His presence. These are the pearls of utterance which have been sent down from the treasury of the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that attain thereunto.

BH10801: Say: O oppressed servants throughout all regions!…

He is God, exalted be His glory. Wisdom and utterance.

Say: O oppressed servants throughout all regions! On the Day of Reckoning He summons all unto the Lord of Creation. The purpose is that those possessed of sight and hearing may with justice and fairness hearken unto the divine verses and reflect upon that which hath been made manifest. This is the divine counsel. Blessed are they who hold fast unto it and act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book.

BH11856: We beseech God to assist His people that they…

…We beseech God to assist His people that they may observe the most great and exalted Fast, which is to protect one's eye from beholding whatever is forbidden and to withhold one's self from food, drink and

whatever is not of Him. We pray God to confirm His loved ones that they may succeed in accomplishing that which they have been commanded in this Day….

BH01119: O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory! This Day…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory! This Day is the Day of God, and all the perceptions of the world and its peoples, and the wisdom and schemes of the people of knowledge and insight must needs be referred back to His Truth and His Cause. That is, all must observe that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Word and the upliftment of souls. From certain lands, lamentations and moaning have been raised, for some souls attribute themselves to the Truth yet commit that which causeth the Supreme Pen to wail.

Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath so encompassed some that they occupy themselves at all times with the desires of self. Some have gone from this land to Kurdistan and have uttered that from which the Book of God is sanctified and remote, and have committed that which causeth the very eye of justice to weep. Likewise in the lands of Ha and Mim. Warn the people of God not to place their trust in every soul, nor to believe every speaker. If one beareth a Book but acteth contrary to the divine commandments, they should shun him. The loved ones of the Lord of all creation are distinguished from the worshippers of self and passion. We beseech God to enable all to attain unto that which beseemeth His Day.

Today all must hold fast unto the fear of God and act with righteousness. Thou art witness, and God doth testify, that in the divine Tablets all are commanded to sanctification, detachment, goodly deeds, and praiseworthy character. Nevertheless, some have shown no mercy to themselves or to the Cause of God, and are consumed by the fire of self and passion. The Wronged One uttereth speech at a time when His heart, His Pen, and His limbs lament, and at His weeping do weep the company of them that are nigh, the sincere ones, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven.

These are words I uttered aforetime: My affliction is not My imprisonment and what hath befallen Me at the hands of Mine enemies, but rather those who claim relationship with Me yet perpetrate what causeth Satan himself to flee, let alone man. Such utterances have repeatedly been revealed from the Pen of the Most Merciful.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! The servant who is present hath arrived and presented before the face of the Wronged One the letter thou didst write to him, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of Will that thy heart might rejoice thereby. Praise be to God, thou dost speak in remembrance and praise and art confirmed in service. This is a great bounty. We beseech God to aid thee every day, nay every hour, nay every moment. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Convey greetings to all the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and counsel them to trustworthiness, faithfulness, chastity, and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted. The petitions of some have attained the Most Holy Court and answers have been revealed. Let them convey them that hearts and minds may be attracted by the utterance of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Thou didst mention Lutfu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God. We made mention of him before, and at this time with a mention whereby the hearts of them that are nigh have been attracted. Today the Sun calleth out saying:

> "Blessed is he that sitteth, yet hath arisen to serve the Cause, and he that is silent, yet hath spoken in praise of God, and he that is still, yet hath been stirred by the breezes of revelation, and the heart that hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds."

At every moment all things speak My praise and utter My glorification. Today the Mount is transported with joy, for it hath attained the presence of its Interlocutor. Blessed are they who, for the sake of God, occupy themselves with wisdom and utterance in the reformation of heedless souls. O ʿAli-Akbar! Behold, then call to mind when thou wert present before My face and didst hear My call. This is that call which the Daysprings of His Cause and the Fountainheads of His decree in ages and centuries past besought from the Self-Subsisting Lord to hear. Thou hast attained thereunto and wert present before His countenance. Rejoice thou and be of those who render thanks.

Thou didst make mention of His Honour ʿAli-Asghar, upon him be My glory. Give him the glad-tidings from Me and remind him of My verses, then send unto him that which was sent unto thee from the presence of One Who is the All-Knowing Expositor. O Asghar! Thy name was present at the Most Great Scene and thy mention descended from the Supreme Pen. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all things, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou through the movement of Whose Pen all created things were set in motion. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and utterance, and by the mysteries of Thy Book, to make me adorned with righteousness and piety, and crowned with supreme steadfastness. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O Rida! He who loved Me made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with a beauteous remembrance. Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. He heareth the call and remembereth whom He willeth. He is verily the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and sent down unto me that which the treasuries of the seen and unseen cannot equal.

O Isma'il! That station for which pure spirits and holy souls sacrificed themselves with utmost detachment hath been sullied by some with the clay of idle fancies. Beseech thou the True One that He may aid His people to purification, sanctification and truthfulness. The confections of heedlessness and pride have captivated their desires. We beseech God that He may not withhold from them the waves of the ocean of His mercy and forgiveness, that they may perchance become aware and act as beseemeth them. Convey My greetings to all the loved ones in that land and set them ablaze with the fire of the Word. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Almighty.

BH02065: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The pen…

He is the One Who standeth forth through grace, and speaketh through justice.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The pen is bewildered what to record. Vain imaginings and idle fancies have so taken hold of the hearts and minds of the heedless that their elimination has become most difficult. The Qaim appeared, yet those who awaited Him and who considered themselves the most God-fearing and learned among all peoples committed that which caused the Eye of Grandeur to weep. And the people of the Bayan, who witnessed with their own eyes and heard with their own ears the deeds of the former people, now walk in the footsteps of that oppressive group and cling to the same names.

Hadi Dawlatabadi is occupied with leading the poor people astray. He is among those who have contrived a Holy Land and a Jabulqa and Jabulsa. A whole world of idle fancies and a realm of vain imaginings hath newly appeared. Pray that God, exalted be His glory, may protect His servants.

They say the Bayan has been corrupted. The Book of Certitude, which was revealed in the presence of the maternal uncle in answer to his questions and which mentions the exile of this Wronged One, they have nevertheless attributed to the dayspring of idle fancies. In such circumstances, what can the pen write and what can the tongue utter?

That which hath been sent down from the Dayspring of God's Will is as manifest as the sun and is distinct from all else. No person of insight hath been nor will be confused by it. Beseech God to assist His loved ones to preserve souls, that they may not be afflicted with idle fancies as were the former people.

By God's life! The pen and paper are bewildered. That honored one beareth witness that from the beginning of the Cause until now, this Wronged One hath caused verses to rain down like copious rain from the heaven of grace, and hath acted beyond the power and might of all the peoples of the world. No barrier prevented it, no thing became an obstacle. We summoned all with the most exalted call to the highest horizon. Most rejected the counsel of the trusted Counselor. They cast the advice of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies. The people have turned away, the government is heedless, and the ignorant ones of the earth have found opportunity and committed that which no group had ever committed.

Some time ago, sublime and wondrous Tablets and sacred and prevailing verses were sent in the name of Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. By God's life! Every letter thereof proclaimeth:

> "The gate of heaven hath been opened, and He Who was hidden in knowledge and concealed from sight hath come."

Convey My greetings to each and every one of the loved ones in that land. Give them all glad tidings and make them joyous through God's grace. Say: O people of God! Occupy yourselves with the remembrance and praise of God and the victory of His Cause. Whatever befalleth Us, We are content and thankful. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to achieve the Greater Steadfastness and to accomplish that which He loveth and desireth. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have hearkened and have said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics!"

BH02547: The Book has been revealed, verses are witnessed…

He is the One manifest from His Most Glorious Horizon!

The Book has been revealed, verses are witnessed, and divine commandments and laws are present before all faces. At all times the Pen of the Most Merciful declares:

> "Fear God, O peoples of the earth! Be not of the wrongdoers, and deny not Him Whose sovereignty, power, grandeur and authority ye acknowledged throughout the ages and centuries. Turn ye unto God, your Lord, and be not of those who turn away."

Your letter arrived and was honored to be heard in the presence of the Wronged One. Verily he was one who recognized God and His verses, and acknowledged the oneness of His Essence and attributes. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who made thee recognize the Straight Path of God and His Great Announcement.

In these days the Sun of Justice is veiled behind clouds of oppression, while the Wronged One calls out from the horizon of tribulation and commands all to that which is befitting. Convey My greetings to the people of God. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, to aid them in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to enable them to draw nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Regarding what thou didst mention about His Honor the Nazir, upon him be My Glory, and Muhammad-Aqa—what occurred was without consent. In truth they acted without the knowledge of His Honor the Nazir in a manner contrary to the divine Books, Scriptures and Tablets. Today relationships are cut off and the relationship with God is beloved and present. Praise be to God that His Honor the Nazir, upon him be My Glory, has attained unto this, and whatever occurred without his permission—its harm returns to the heedless souls who committed it.

The effulgences of the Sun of Divine Laws shall encompass the world. The day is bright, adorned with the lights of the Sun of Truth. Neither beautiful nor ugly deeds remain concealed. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to acquire eternal ranks in this transient realm. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

In all cases the mercy of God has encompassed and preceded all. Should He wish, He will forgive them both, for He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. In these days the covenant of the Kurds has returned and a new governor has come. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praised One.

We make mention of the loved ones in that land and counsel them to purity and holiness. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon them, and the mercy of God and His grace and bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

BH03237: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Hearer and the Answerer.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth verily standeth in His place in every world of His worlds. Whoso acknowledgeth Him hath acknowledged God and His signs, and whoso turneth away is accounted among the idolaters in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

O Ruhani! There hath come before the Wronged One that which God cast upon thy heart concerning the proving of His Cause, the exaltation of His remembrance, and the revealing of that which was hidden from the Supreme Pen in His Books and Scriptures and His Manifest Tablet. Rejoice in that God hath testified for thee that He aided thee in the early days and made thee know His straight path, and hath sent down for thee that which cannot be equalled by all the remembrances of the world nor by whatsoever the kings and rulers possess.

Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth and thy pen for having flowed with that which, in this Cause, hath brought joy to the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. The servant in attendance before Us hath offered it up, and We have found from it the fragrance of thy praise and recognition of this Great Announcement, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled and the backs of the idolaters have been broken. We have sent thee in these days that which testifieth before the faces of the world that there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.

Give thou the glad-tidings from Me to My handmaidens and the leaves of the Tree of My loving-kindness, and remind them of My verses, and illumine their hearts with the Light of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet through the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

When the breezes of My verses stir thee, say: My God, my God! Thy presence is my hope and meeting with Thee my desire, and serving Thee the yearning of my heart, and laboring in Thy path my wish and my joy and my delight. I beseech Thee by the Word wherewith Thou hast adorned Thy Books and Scriptures to ordain for me the reward of those who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and given up their spirits in Thy path. Then ordain for me, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy Most Great Throne and Thy Exalted Seat. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who believed when the Desired One came with a wondrous command.

BH03701: In My Name, that standeth before all men

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A Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to him who hath turned towards God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call might draw him to the supreme heights and the hand of bounty might give him to drink of the Kawthar of eternity. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. He giveth what He pleaseth to whom He pleaseth and withholdeth from whom He willeth. He, verily, is God, the Possessor of the Promised Day.

Thy letter was presented and the servant who was present before the Countenance laid it before Us. We have answered thee with this irrevocable Tablet which speaketh amongst the world that there is none other God but He, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen. Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in God in all matters. Beware lest the events of the world sadden thee. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's

loving-kindness, the Possessor of existence. Soon will the world and all that thou seest today pass away, and there shall remain for thee what hath been ordained in the Tablet of God, thy Lord, Who speaketh from His praiseworthy station. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. He hath ordained for every one who turneth unto Him that which shall profit him in every world of His worlds. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and heard the yearning of My heart, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to attain unto the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen and for having remembered me when I was in the hands of the enemies. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee and the tears of them that yearn for Thee and by the pearls of the shells of Thy utterance in the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants with the wisdom which Thou hast commanded all to observe in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. O my Lord! Thou seest the sorrowful one seeking the ocean of Thy joy and the grief-stricken one the Kawthar of Thy gladness. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things and by the Word through which all things have appeared, to ordain for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

BH04282: From time immemorial the religious leaders have deprived…

In the name of the one incomparable God.

From time immemorial the religious leaders have deprived the people of the world from the purpose of creation. The greatest veil hath been and continues to be the divines at the time of Divine Manifestation. Their leadership hath prevented and continueth to prevent them from turning to the supreme horizon. Consider the Shi'ih divines throughout the ages and centuries—they were vocal in remembering God, exalted be His glory, and from their pulpits would recite "Would that I were with Him"—that is, with the Qa'im. Yet when the Most Great Gate was opened and the Ancient Luminary appeared, they occupied themselves with cursing and reviling Him, and finally pronounced and carried out the death sentence against Him—such that the Bridge trembled and the Balance wept.

Now Hadi of Dawlat-Abad from among the people of Sad clingeth to those same vain imaginings and hath trained and continueth to train the helpless people in the manner of the Shi'ih sect, although on the Day of Judgment he witnessed that former sect to be the most lost among all peoples. The faculty of hearing and sight hath been taken from him, and this is his recompense.

We beseech God that He may guide thee to remain steadfast in such wise that the doubts of the transgressors and hints of the opposers may not deprive thee of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this Most Great Remembrance and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, Who hath appeared among the nations, in that Thou hast turned toward me from the direction of Thy prison and remembered me in such wise that the remembrances of all others cannot equal it. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the All-Bountiful,

the Generous. I beseech Thee to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy Command that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04347: O My Supreme Pen, hearken to My Call! Wherefore…

He is the Ruler over all names

O My Supreme Pen, hearken to My Call! Wherefore do I hear Thy lamentation and cries? At one time I behold Thee bewildered in the remembrance and utterance of God, and at another time I observe Thee as one perplexed and pale because of that which hath been perpetuated against Thy Lord by every foolish contumacious oppressor. Abandon that which the populace posses and what Thou seest today. Proclaim unto the people the glad tidings that arose and shone forth from the horizon of God, the Lord of all creation. Say: By God! The gate of heaven hath opened, and He Who hath been promised in the books of God, the Gracious, the All-Praised, hath appeared. Nothing of that which ye posses shall profit you, To this beareth witness He who hath God's perspicuous Book.

O ye who have ears! Hearken to the call of God, the Lord of all names and the Creator of heavens. He verily summoneth you unto that which bringeth you nigh unto Him. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Glory from this exalted station. We have desired naught but the salvation of nations and the betterment of the world, yet the people turned away from Us and committed that which caused the pillars of the Primal Word to be dispersed. Thus have their souls prompted them. Verily, they are accounted in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning, to be of those who are in grievous loss.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Lay aside the books of the populace and take hold of the Book of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Nothing In this day shall profit you save through this perspicuous Book. The proof of your Lord hath filled the whole world and yet the people are in a state of strange stupor. They have raised the idols of their desires and set aside their Lord. Verily they are in grievous loss. The glory of God be upon thee and upon whomsoever turneth unto Him and says:

> "All praise be to Thee O Lord of the World; O Thou who art the Desire of every understanding heart."

BH04169: O people of the world! The Light…

In the Name of God, the All-Powerful!

O people of the world! The Light of the Ancient One is shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Great Name, and the Fire of the Tree is blazing and speaking forth on the Mount of Knowledge. Strive that ye may attain to that which hath had and hath no likeness or equal. Today the Hand of Bounty bestoweth the Water of Everlasting Life.

Blessed are they who have rent asunder the veils and shattered the idols of vain imaginings with the power of certitude. These are the hands of God's Cause amongst His servants and the dawning-places of the suns of knowledge in His lands. The might of the heedless hindereth them not, nor doth the clamor of

the aggressive turn them aside from their purpose. Their concern hath been and is the betterment of the world and the salvation of nations. Every seeing one beareth witness and every knowing one testifieth.

From the beginning of days until now We have been afflicted with the derision and wrath of enemies. No barrier hath prevented Us and no veil hath intervened. With supreme steadfastness We have arisen to promote the Cause of the Lord of all being. But the heedless and ignorant servants regarded bounty as vengeance and light as darkness, and each day they wrought that which caused the Pen to be thunderstruck and the Tablet to tremble.

We beseech God not to deprive His servants of the splendors of the Sun of Justice, that all may consider with fairness that which hath appeared and been revealed. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Possessor of all that is, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the Messengers!"

BH04456: Glorified be God! The Author of the Bayan declares…

In the Name of the One God, the Speaker

Glorified be God! The Author of the Bayan declares:

> "Let not the Bayan veil you from Him, and turn not away from Him on account of its letters. The entirety of the Bayan is as but a leaf before Him—if He accepts it, it is accepted, and if He rejects it, verily He is to be loved in His Cause and obeyed in His decree."

Nevertheless, those who turned away from the Bayan clung to names while remaining heedless of and turning away from their Creator and Lord. By what command, by what proof, and by what evidence did they accept the Bayan while inflicting upon its Revealer and Sender that which the Pen is powerless and incapable to mention? Every fair-minded one has testified and continues to testify to the power of the Most Exalted Pen and the Most Sublime Word, and every person of insight has been and remains witness.

O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and oppose not Him Who has made every command dependent upon His acceptance and every decree upon His approval. Fear God and be not among the wrongdoers. This Wronged One has accepted the harm of the world for the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of God's Cause. From the earliest days until now, He has been in the hands of the oppressors and the heedless, as all have seen and heard, were they to be fair. We beseech God—exalted be His glory—to grant His servants fairness and to adorn them with the ornament of truthfulness. Your mention was made in the presence of this Wronged One, and this most wondrous, most exalted Tablet has been revealed for you from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings. Take hold of it with the power that is with Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

BH05111: That which thou didst send hath come before…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

That which thou didst send hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We discovered the fragrance of thy love. We have answered thee with this epistle. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee to serve Him and His loved ones, and to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We had previously revealed unto thee a Tablet and sent it to thee, that thou mightest discover therefrom the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the utterances of the transgressors, who have violated every covenant and every pledge, and who have spoken that which no faction among all factions hath ever spoken, debar thee. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to turn toward Thee and to recognize Thy path, and for having revealed unto me that which the treasuries of earth and heaven cannot equal. I beseech Thee to assist me to serve Thy Cause and to ordain for me the good of the latter end and of the former time. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who hath given thee to drink of the Kawthar of My love and cast unto thee My Word. He is assuredly among those who are brought near in the Books and Tablets. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom neither the prevention of any preventer, nor the derision of any derider, nor the might of any oppressor, nor the doubts of any ignorant one have hindered. They have turned toward the Supreme Horizon and have taken the Cup of Eternity in My Most Glorious Name, despite those who have denied the Beginning and the Return.

BH11885: O Ghulam! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the One Who commandeth righteously

O Ghulam! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings. Render praise unto the Desired One of the world and the Educator of the peoples, Who hath confirmed thee in such wise that thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Prison and been recorded in the Book of God. All the peoples of the world were expectant, and at all times made mention of the days of His manifestation. Yet when the arena of existence was illumined with the lights of the Luminary of His Cause, instead of submission, hatred appeared, and in place of acceptance, denial became manifest, and at the time of turning towards Him, aversion was witnessed. Such is the state and station of those souls who have followed their own selves and desires, and remained heedless of the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon. Fie upon them for what their hands have wrought in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds!

We beseech God to grant thee success, that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Verily He aideth His loved ones and assisteth them through the hosts of revelation and inspiration. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. I counsel thee and the loved ones in that land to that which will increase the fire of love and the light of knowledge. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The Wronged One calleth upon God and beseecheth Him to ordain for thee

from His Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH05794: The servant in attendance was present before His countenance…

In the name of the Desire of the world

The servant in attendance was present before His countenance and recited your letter in full, and it attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God that you turned towards Him in days when the Shi'ih divines and jurists turned away from the Truth and issued the decree for shedding His blood. All the peoples of the world were awaiting the promised days mentioned in the divine Books, yet when the blessed Tree appeared, adorned with the choice fruits of wisdom and utterance, all drew their swords intending to cut it down, save whom God willed. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the deniers did not hinder and the might of the aggressors did not prevent from turning towards Him, who took the cup of utterance in the name of the Beloved of all creation from the hands of bounty and drank it in His name. By the life of God, he is assuredly among the people of Glory in God's Book, the Lord of all beings.

O Hasan after Muhammad, praise the Goal of all worlds Who mentioned you and caused you to attain the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to assist you and him who is named Ali in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to ordain for you both that whereby your mention shall endure. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer.

BH06407: Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Cause…

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

Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Cause, fulfilled His Promise, rendered victorious His hosts, sent down His Books and dispatched His Messengers, making them the gates of guidance amongst His servants, the manifestations of His names amidst His creation, and the mirrors of His attributes throughout the cities and regions. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! Thou hast been mentioned by one who hath loved Me, soared in the atmosphere of My love, and arisen to serve My Cause. We make mention of thee in this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. By the life of God! Nothing in all creation can equal it, as doth testify the Lord of all beings. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me when I was silent, and for having turned toward me when I was still. I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou hast made the Quickener of Thy servants and the Sovereign over all names through Thy power and might, to make me steadfast in Thy love and vocal in Thy praise. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all in the heavens and on earth.

BH07181: Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One…

In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused throughout all lands.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance hath laid it before Him. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: My God, my God! Thy remembrance hath attracted me, Thy call hath stirred me, the breathings of Thy revelation have quickened me, and the manifestations of Thy bounty have encompassed me. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, taking refuge at Thy threshold and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word through which Thou didst create earth and heaven, and by Thy Prophets and Messengers, and by the lights of the dawn of Thy Manifestation, to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and to keep me from what Thou hast forbidden through Thy wisdom and Thy will. Then write down for me, O my God, that which will gladden my heart, expand my breast, and bring joy to mine eyes. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07834: The Kawthar of utterance is the Desire…

In the Name of the One True Friend!

The Kawthar of utterance is the Desire of the world. Through it He hath quickened and continueth to quicken all beings. The corrupted ones have debarred the servants from the path of divine unity. The corrupted ones are they who have usurped the station of Truth in the name of Truth. Glory be to God! The rain-clouds of the All-Glorious pour forth their bounties at every moment, and the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree appear manifest before all faces. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to behold them and hath received its portion of these fruits and signs. And woe unto those souls that are deprived and forbidden from the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. Praise thou the Purpose of the world Who hath confirmed thee in turning unto Him and hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and hath revealed unto thee these verses. We beseech God that He may aid thee to quaff from every verse the choice wine of utterance and from every word the Kawthar of exposition. He verily is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH08170: God, exalted be His glory, has bestowed the world…

In the name of the Everlasting Speaker!

God, exalted be His glory, has bestowed the world upon kings who are the manifestations of His power. Through visible armies they have protected and continue to protect the visible cities. But the hosts that are specially reserved unto the Ancient Being, exalted be His utterance and His remembrance, have ever been and still are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. The friends of God must, through the fear of God, conquer hearts and keep breasts purified from whatsoever is unseemly. Blessed is he who, through wisdom and utterance, through spirit and fragrance, remindeth the servants and draweth them unto the horizon of awareness. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee with these sublime words. This remembrance is the king of remembrances and this call is sovereign over earth and heaven. Blessed are they that advance and woe unto those that turn away.

BH06517: All praise and thanksgiving befitteth the pure hearts at…

All praise and thanksgiving befitteth the pure hearts at the threshold of His mighty Oneness, Who hath bestowed upon the world the Most Great Order through the light of justice, Who hath adorned the realm of existence with righteousness, and through equity hath dispelled the darkness of oppression. Exalted be His greatness, sublime be His loftiness, glorified be His dominion, and mighty be His proof. There is none other God but Him….

O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Praise be to the Goal of all creation, Who confirmed thee and, on the Promised Day, purified thee from the idle fancies of the people. He granted thee thy portion of the sealed wine through the Name of the Self-Subsisting. Thou didst hear His call and behold His horizon. O My handmaiden! Great is this Day and mighty is this Cause. The Speaker on the Mount is seated upon the throne of Revelation. This is that Manifestation Whose mention and Whose Cause have been recorded and inscribed in the divine Books of the past and future. Blessed is the soul who, with the arms of certitude, hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings and hath made for the ocean of divine knowledge.

By the life of God! Of no profit to the servants is that which they possess, nor shall their might, their riches, their glory and their power benefit them. Today, from the highest station in the world, "The Kingdom is God's" hath been raised up, and the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" hath been unfurled. How excellent is the heart that hath been purified and sanctified from the smoke and dust and idle fancies of the world, and hath turned with complete devotion to the horizon of Revelation.

That leaf and the world bear witness that this Wronged One hath, from the earliest days until now, been in the hands of His enemies—at times beneath chains and fetters, at times captive in the hands of the adversaries. None but God, exalted be His glory, is adequately aware of that which hath befallen Him. By the life of God! The denizens of the highest Paradise and the inhabitants of the most exalted Heaven have lamented My tribulations. What We ask of the servants is justice and fairness. Let them not be content with mere words, but examine the evidences with penetrating vision and hearken with attentive ears.

The Cause is more manifest than the sun, yet the veils of the parties have prevented them, and the evident smoke hath kept all from beholding, save whom thy Lord hath willed. Blessed is the soul whom vain imaginings have not kept from beholding the lights of certitude. We hope that the radiance of the dawnings of justice and fairness may encompass the world, and that the hidden hand of power may assist and make manifest such souls as will speak with truth and conceal not what they have witnessed, and will guide people from the vanishing stream to the immortal Kawthar. Today the tongue of the inner mystery speaketh these exalted words in the detached heart:

O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have held fast to Thy most great signs and clung to the hem of Thy mercy, O Thou Who art the Lord of all being and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below. O Lord! The fire of separation from Thee hath consumed me. Where is the heavenly spring of Thy nearness and the celestial stream of Thy presence? The thirst of estrangement from Thee hath destroyed me. Where is the river of Thy mercy? By Thy glory, O Thou the Beloved of the worlds and the Desire of the nations, I long to lay my face upon every spot of the earth, that perchance it

might be honored by touching the dust that hath been ennobled by the footsteps of Thy loved ones and chosen ones.

Is there any ear, O my God, to hear the sighing of my heart and to see that which hath appeared from me? I beseech Thee by the tears of them that are nigh unto Thee in their sorrow for Thee, and by the sighs of them that are sincere in their separation from Thee, that Thou mayest aid Thy servants to draw nigh unto the precincts of Thy court, and adorn them with the ornament of justice in Thy days. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath opened the doors of hope unto the faces of Thy servants, and the doors of bounty and grace unto Thy creation. Have mercy upon them through Thy mercy, then assist them through Thy bounty, then uncover for them through Thy power and might that from which they have been debarred. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. The happenings of days and the doubts of men shall not withhold Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Praised….

The Sovereign of the Bayan, in the Bayan and in its essence and substance, maketh mention of Him Whom God shall make manifest—may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be sacrificed for His sake. He lamenteth, He imploreth, He counseleth that ye be not deprived through the Bayan of its Revealer and Sender. In most eloquent language He saith: “In the year Nine ye shall attain unto all good,” and He saith: “In the year Nine ye shall attain unto the presence of God.” Likewise they have mentioned in several passages this verse from the Quran: “In time shall they surely know its truth,” and “in time” refers to the year Nine. Were ye to count His mentions—may my spirit be sacrificed for His sake—in this connection, ye could not reckon them….

BH11875: Praise be fitting 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 fitting and worthy of the Desired One Who created through utterance, attracted through speech, and adorned assured hearts with the ornament of a wondrous new life through His blessed Word. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon His loved ones who held fast to the cord of service, achieved steadfastness, spoke with wisdom, and acted according to what was commanded by God, the Lord of the mighty throne. These are servants whom God has described, before and after, in His perspicuous Book. They are those who drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of our Lord the Merciful’s bounty and succeeded in guiding humanity to the straight path.

And now, O beloved of my heart, at this hour, being ten o’clock on the twenty-first day of the blessed month of Ramadan, the letter of the spiritual beloved Aqa Rasul, upon him be the glory of God, which he had written to that beloved one and sent, was presented before the Desired One of all worlds. After its presentation, these exalted words were revealed—may my spirit be a sacrifice for His bounty:

O servant in attendance! The words of Rasul have proven effective. From his acknowledgment and confession, the stars of favors have risen and the suns of grace have dawned. Praise be to God, he has mentioned that which has been and will be the cause of awakening for all souls, before and after. It is hoped that, having been purified and enkindled by the water of the utterance of the Desired One of all

worlds and by the fire of the Sacred Tree, they will arise with their whole being to serve the Cause of the Lord of existence. O Rasul, upon thee be My glory! Thou hast spoken the truth that it is the twenty-first of Ramadan. The people of Iran, male and female, learned and ignorant, are occupied in mosques, temples and gatherings with praising the Successor and cursing Muradi, save whom God willeth.

Reflect upon the heedlessness of that party, unaware that each one of those souls has been and is a hundred thousand times more wretched, more rebellious, more remote and more astray than this Muradi, for the Lord of the worlds drank the cup of martyrdom by the decree of those souls, and still they occupy themselves with cursing and reviling the Truth and His companions. Mentioning the Successor and acknowledging him becomes the cause of the exaltation of rank and station, not the cause of unbelief, for if unbelief appears from lack of understanding and acknowledgment, the proof of unity would seem impossible. In any case, the ignorance of people has been and is a barrier to speech.

We beseech God to assist all in what He loves and is pleased with. Praise be to God, thou hast attained, seen and heard. Now thou must associate with the servants in that land with complete steadfastness, wisdom and utterance, that perchance thereby a matter may come to pass. That land is ready. In truth, if a patient and detached one be found, it will become the cause of the guidance and turning of heedless souls. This is not difficult for God. We mention the friends and counsel them to justice, fairness, religious devotion, trustworthiness and the fear of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

In truth, the letter of your honor, after being presented, became the cause of the manifestations of bounties. Well done to you and congratulations! God willing, you will settle in that land and kindle and remind the servants with the fire of God and His light. At one time, this exalted word was revealed from the Tongue of Him Who revealed the verses:

> "Ask God to assist His loved ones to hold fast unto that which will sanctify the soul and exalt His Word."

Praise be to God, from your pen was manifest determination, and evident was your attention and devotion. God willing, you will attain to that which you have intended and that which you have desired for the sake of God. The servant beseeches God, his Lord, to assist you, grant you success, and aid you. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy of answering prayers. Glory, remembrance, and praise be upon you and upon those who hear and acknowledge that which hath been sent down from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH00673: How delightful is the breeze of reunion that hath…

He is God, exalted be His majesty, grandeur and power.

How delightful is the breeze of reunion that hath wafted, and the fragrance of meeting that hath been diffused at this hour, five hours before sunset, for a distinguished letter bearing spiritual and divine glad-tidings hath arrived. It hath opened the gate of truth and renewed the covenant of presence. In truth, the pen is a great sign from the Ancient Lord, and ink is the supreme gate of love and unity. These two have ever been and shall continue to be the movers of the cord of love. Were the favors of God, exalted be His

glory, and likewise the effects and fruits ordained for these two to become manifest, the world would be struck with wonderment. Glorified be their Creator, their Educator and their Originator.

On this day, the twenty-fourth of the blessed month of Ramadan, at seven o'clock, while this lowly one was sitting still and silent, the Clear Book arrived—that is, your letter. It was a true breaking of the fast, and a spiritual fulfillment of yearning and longing. The fragrance of the pen was diffused in such wise as to dispel all traces of weariness, cares and sorrows. Praise be to God, spirit and heart were adorned with the ornament of joy and gladness. After reading it with delight and joy, I approached the Shrine and attained the honor of hearing these exalted words:

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

O Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy! The servant who is present read the letter which was present before the face [of God]. From every word wafted the fragrance of sincerity, humility, submissiveness, and praise and glorification of God, the Blessed, the Exalted. Each of its words testified with most eloquent utterance to thy devotion, thy steadfastness and thy turning unto Him. Well is it with thee! Pleasant it is to thee! Thou hast taken the cup of divine knowledge from the hand of bounty and drunk therefrom in the name of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Blessed Tree hath made mention of its Afnans and continueth to do so. His grace hath encompassed them in all conditions and He is with you wheresoever ye may be. Praise be to God! Ye are mindful and are remembered. The slumber of idle fancies hath prevented the world from beholding the lights of truth and perceiving the effulgences of the Day-Star of divine favor.

Glory be to God! The favored community remaineth until now heedless and veiled from the cause of afflictions, tribulations and their abject abasement. The cities and habitations of the people of divine unity are surrounded, while the ungodly encompass them. Every day a tree is uprooted by devastating winds and a lamp is extinguished. This most grievous malady hath seized the realm of the people of unity, yet despite this they neither have sought nor seek to remove this darkest of afflictions. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, that through the breezes of the spiritual morn He may grant awareness to His servants, that perchance they may arise from the sleep of heedlessness and act as behooveth them. The Law of God preserveth His servants, and the fear of God restraineth them from that which is forbidden.

Yet in this day these two are as rare as red sulfur. Blessed are they who have held fast to the Most Great Law and the mightiest ordinance. We testify that they are the knights in the arena of divine knowledge among all religions. Nothing whatsoever hath prevented them, neither the veils of the world nor the coverings of the nations. These are they whom God hath described in His mighty Book, saying: "Neither merchandise nor traffic beguile them from the remembrance of God." Blessed art thou, O Afnan! We beseech God to open before thy face the gates of grace and blessing, and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Almighty, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

O Siyyid Aqa! Upon thee be the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. Thy mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One and His grace hath encompassed thee.

Praise be to God! Thou hast attained unto that which was the purpose of creation. Peace and glory be upon you, O Afnan, and the mercy of God and His blessings and His loving-kindness and His favors.

The effulgences of the Sun of true divine unity have shone upon your honor and the rain of divine mercy hath descended upon your noble being. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of the world's peoples that despite the encompassing enemies and the might of the princes and divines of Iran, the way of communication and association with news and writings remaineth open and evident. Tongues cannot adequately render thanks for this peerless blessing unless His grace assist them. His gratitude hath ever outstripped those who are thankful, His praise those who praise, and His mercy the dwellers of the heavens and the earth. In these days the government hath changed. I beseech God to adorn the throne of sovereignty with the form of justice and equity. Verily, He hath power over all things. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Eternal Truth to make your honor a dawning-place for the spreading of His verses and laws and a wellspring of His outpourings[…]

Concerning the mention of Aqa Khan and his arrival with others, as well as the counsel and conversation with him which they had recorded—this was one of the fruits of His Highness's journey. This matter is evidence of the promotion and will of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise bears witness to His true blessings and favors. After this matter was presented before Him, they were inspired to deliver the Word of Truth and imparted that which was manifestly guidance and evident counsel.

O Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God and His favors. This Wronged One hath in all conditions proclaimed the Word of God with the most exalted call, and hath summoned all to that which preserveth them, profiteth them and strengtheneth them. In one of the holy Tablets these words were recorded: Should this Wronged One be drowned in the sea, He would arise from the mountaintops crying "The Kingdom is God's!" And should He be buried in the earth beneath its layers, His call would be heard from the heaven, drawing the servants to the most exalted Paradise. No impediment existeth in that realm and no veil remaineth. The Command is in His hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

In this night thy mention was made repeatedly. Should the servants turn unto that which profiteth them, they shall have attained; and should they turn away, verily He is independent of them. His perspicuous Book beareth witness unto this. In times of tribulation, hardship and adversity, He speaketh and hath spoken without concealment that which is the cause of the supreme triumph and the guidance of the nations. Now the Wronged One and His Afnan hold fast to wisdom and utterance, and speak that which guideth the servants to the Path. Whoso wisheth, let him accept, and whoso wisheth, let him turn away. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

From the heaven of utterance, rains have descended in such measure that preservation and presentation have not been possible save in limited measure. Concerning what was written about that land, truly freedom, civilization and its means are daily increasing, especially now that it hath become the place and residence of His Highness. And concerning what was written about the empty shop with the sign "I have placed my trust in God"—truly this is a most perfect merchandise and great in the sight of God. After this matter was presented before Him, they said that this exalted word is like unto a magnet, nay rather greater, attracting that which is the cause of bounty, blessing and nearness unto God. This bounty hath

no likeness or equal. Praise be unto Him for what He hath ordained for His Afnan. We beseech Him to aid him with the hosts of grace and favors. Verily He is the Strong, the Powerful.

They smiled much at these words and uttered that which shall have its effect hidden and concealed in the world. God shall soon make it manifest through a command from His presence. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

To the beloved of the heart, Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, I convey greetings and make mention that God is witness and testament that the servant hath ever been and is present before Him. I beseech the Most High to make him one of the interpreters of revelation and inspiration. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you, who love you and who hear your word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH01257: Praise be unto the Lord of all desires, Who…

He is God, exalted be He in might and power

Praise be unto the Lord of all desires, Who befitteth and deserveth it, Who hath given strength unto His loved ones, bestowed power upon them, and made them the cause of unity, harmony and the reformation of the world. Through them He hath united the hearts of His servants and raised the banner of His victory and the standard of His might. I pray and send salutations upon the first light that shone forth from the horizon of existence from the Educator of the seen and unseen, through Whom appeared the decree of unity among the peoples and the command of prayer at the most exalted station, and upon His family and companions whom God made the treasuries of His knowledge, the mines of His wisdom, and the repositories of His laws, and through whom were manifested God's dominion and power, His signs and His might.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived, removing all that caused sorrow and bestowing all that brought joy upon every element of body and being, hair and sinew and vein. Glory be to God! In the Tablet of Wisdom mention is made of the penetrating power of the Word. God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the elevated Seat, speaketh the truth. This servant beareth witness that the word of the loved ones courseth and floweth through and penetrateth all elements—how much more so the Most Exalted Word of God! This evanescent one is incapable of describing its effect and penetrating power. After its reading and perusal, he proceeded to the Most Great Shrine where it was presented before His countenance and attained the honor of His hearing. He said:

We beseech God to aid him in nurturing, reforming, and uniting. We ask God to assist him in all that he hath purposed for the betterment of His loved ones' affairs. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God! All that hath transpired hath been and is for the good, for there hath been no betrayal, waste, excess, or unseemly matters. The deed is clear and evident as the sun. We beseech God to bring about reformation. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of all the loved ones in that land and convey Our greetings. We beseech God to aid them all in patience, tranquility, and that which befitteth man's true station. In truth, the loved ones of that land are deserving of mention and favor. God willing, it hath reached and will reach them. Upon them be God's peace, mercy, favor, and kindness.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to ʿAli, upon him be God's peace and favor. We beseech God the Most High to strengthen him through His grace, to make him a standard of His remembrance, and to manifest through him that which shall endure as long as His names endure. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

This evanescent servant also begs to be remembered and greeted by him. Furthermore, let that beloved of the heart convey this evanescent one's greetings, praise, and mention in whatever manner is befitting. I beseech God to remove whatsoever hath caused separation and distance, and to waft the fragrance of meeting and reunion. Verily, He hath power over all things.

The letter of that beloved of the heart was a perfect example and comprehensive explanation. It is hoped that through God's grace—exalted be His glory—that which causeth joy and gladness to hearts and souls shall be made manifest. This evanescent servant is assured of the favors, but that beloved of the heart must, as commanded, carry out whatever he deemeth advisable. God willing, victory and triumph accompany that beloved one. Praise be to God, his steps are blessed and love and sincerity are present. In such case, divine assistance shall surely arrive and that which causeth reformation shall appear.

At this moment He spoke regarding the affairs of the Afnan, upon him be God's peace and favor. The command was given to consult, that Haji Mirza Hasan and Haji Muhammad, upon them be God's peace and favor, should be present and consult, and whatever resulteth from the consultation should be followed. Now too, that honored one should consider and consult whether that place or another place would be advisable according to the time, and act accordingly. In all cases, all must do that which is beloved and acceptable in God's presence. Upon their return, they should go there and convey greetings from the Wronged One. I ask that He may grant thee success, strengthen thee, draw thee nigh, and cause thee to return unto Us. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. End.

Indeed, since His Holiness the Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, hath newly arrived in these parts, his satisfaction must be considered. This matter is essential. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God to aid all in that which He loveth and is pleased with. This evanescent one's request is that whatever that honored one deemeth advisable and conducive to joy and gladness, he should convey to the loved ones of that land on behalf of this servant. The glory, mention, and praise be upon your honor and upon God's sincere servants.

BH02204: Praise be to the Intended One whose Cause has…

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

Praise be to the Intended One whose Cause has been healing and whose decree has been and is unity. He commanded His loved ones to fellowship and unity, and through that unity illumined the horizons. The Salsabil mentioned in one place is the spring of love—blessed is he who has drunk and attained, and woe

unto him who has denied this manifest grace. A hundred thousand thanks and praise unto the Ancient Lord who has purified His loved ones from treachery and all that is unseemly. Praise be to God, they are adorned and embellished with the ornament of truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness and fidelity. And I pray and send peace upon the Ocean of Oneness through whom were raised the banners of detachment and established the decree of God and His Command and the will of God and His sovereignty, and upon His family and companions through whom the Herald called out from all directions:

> "The gates of cities and lands have been opened in the name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty."

And then, by the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, your letter was an ocean of joy and a heaven of delight, for the luminary of truthfulness was dawning from its horizon and the sun of trustworthiness rising from its direction. After the joy obtained and the manifest delight observed, it was brought before His presence. He said:

> "Blessed is he and those with him and whosoever holdeth fast to justice and fairness in all matters. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of sanctity and holiness. The Wronged One beareth witness to their trustworthiness and their love and affection and their turning to God. We beseech God, exalted be He, to open before their faces the gates of His blessings and favors and bounty and generosity and grace."

End quote.

To Him be praise and glory. His favor encompasseth, His grace sustaineth, His mercy assisteth, His bounty existeth. Assuredly that which is expedient and conformeth to consummate wisdom shall be made manifest. The servant testifieth to His favors and kindnesses and grace and mercy which have preceded the existence of His servants. We beseech God to assist His loved ones through the means of the heavens and earth and to confirm them through His bounty and generosity. Verily He is the Munificent, the Generous. And praise be to Him, for He is our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earths. I send greetings and praise to all the loved ones of that land. Each one, praise be to God, hath been and is mentioned and is feasting at the table of favor and the banquet of grace.

On their behalf, this servant hath placed his face of powerlessness upon the dust of humility and uttereth the words "Thine is the praise and Thine is the thanks." Powerlessness is from us and might is from Him; turning is from us and bestowal is from Him. Verily He is the Forgiver and He is the Chosen One in the beginning and in the end. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the sincere servants of God.

BH02662: Praise be to God Who hath attracted the lands…

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

Praise be to God Who hath attracted the lands and those within them through the fragrance that hath been wafted from the direction of the Hijaz, whereby the light of reality hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His Name, the All-Bountiful. And blessings and peace be upon the sovereign of

the Messengers and the Guide of all paths, and upon His family and companions, through whom the standards of misbelief were reversed and the banners of divine unity were raised to their loftiest heights.

And now, at this time when three and a half hours have passed from the twenty-sixth night of the blessed month of Ramadan, He appeared and commanded these exalted words to be written, specifically for that honored one and the spiritual friend Aqa Muhammad-Tahir:

Write to Nuru'llah and Muhammad, upon them both be greetings, that which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness. O Nuru'llah! His honor Zein, upon him be the peace of God and His mercy, hath made mention of thee and hath sought for thee that which betokeneth the favor of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to preserve thee and guard thee from the wicked and evil ones, and make thee one who speaketh His praise and serveth His loved ones, and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee with that which will elevate thy station among the servants. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His near servants. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

And I counsel you to show love towards the Afnan. You must in all conditions be mindful and seek their good-pleasure. Verily, God is with His patient and sincere servants.

His honor the Name of God, Zein, upon him be the peace of God and His mercy, hath remembered and continueth to remember you, and likewise his honor Ustad ʿAbdu'l-Karim, upon him be the peace of God. Praise and thanks be to God that in your early youth you have been blessed with that which the divines, princes and elders of Iran are veiled from, save whom God willeth. This is a mighty favor—every person of insight beareth witness to its greatness and every informed one testifieth thereto. This servant seeketh for you that which is the cause of prosperity and salvation in the divine worlds. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And peace and remembrance be upon you both and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded in His perspicuous Book.

BH09556: Praise be unto Thee, O our God, for having…

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

Praise be unto Thee, O our God, for having given us to drink the choice wine of Thy knowledge from the chalice of Thy bounty, and for having ordained for us to attain unto Thy presence and to stand before the gate of Thy grace.

We beseech Thee by the Mystery that lay hidden within Thy knowledge, and by the Pearl that remained concealed within the shell of Thy decree and destiny, to ordain for those who have heard Thy call and responded to that which Thou hast prescribed for the sincere ones among Thy creatures—those whom neither the might of the world could dismay nor the power of the nations enfeeble, who hastened with their hearts to the horizon of Thy Revelation and attained unto that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur had uttered on the Mount—that which Thou hast ordained for them.

Thou art He to Whose generosity the entire creation hath testified, and to Whose munificence both the seen and the unseen have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

BH10294: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Creator…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Thou seest one of Thy servants who hath turned unto Thee, attained unto Thy days, responded to Thy call, and held fast unto Thy cord, and who, despite his lack of means, hath accomplished what every possessor of wealth was prevented from doing. O Lord! Aid him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, draw him nigh unto Thee, and ordain for him through Thy grace and bounty that which shall endure in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10151: My God, my God! Thou seest me in all…

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 in all conditions moved by Thy command and enjoying Thy favors and bounties, both outward and inward. I beseech Thee by this grace which Thou hast ordained for me without any merit on my part, to assist Thy loved ones to arise to that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted amongst Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Sender of verses and Revealer of clear signs, by Thy Most Great Name whereby the hearts of the peoples of the world were stirred, to ordain for him from whom the fragrance of Thy love hath been diffused that which befitteth Thy generosity and bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH10153: My God, my God! Thou seest those who have…

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

My God, my God! Thou seest those who have turned towards Thee in the midst of those who have turned away, and the manifestations of justice among the oppressors. I beseech Thee by Thy manifest light and by the fire of Thy love which blazeth forth on the Day of Judgment, to ordain for Thy loved ones all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Then adorn them, O my God, with the ornament of glory and power. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Then write down for whosoever hath desired the stream of Thy presence and service to Thy Cause that which will draw him nigh unto Thee, and make him content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for him through Thy firm command and irrevocable decree. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10156: My God, my God! The light of Thy countenance…

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

My God, my God! The light of Thy countenance hath guided me, and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree hath attracted me, and Thy most exalted Word hath taken hold of me, and Thy most sweet call hath awakened me. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and by Thy Cause which hath been made manifest on this Day, to assist Thy chosen ones to serve Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Then assist him whom Thou seest turning unto the lights of Thy countenance and desiring the wonders of Thy mercy and bounty. O my Lord! Send down upon him from the heaven of Thy generosity that which will make him firm and steadfast, clinging and holding fast to Thy luminous hem and to Thy firm and mighty Cause.

BH10144: I beseech Thee by Thy Name the All-Bountiful…

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

I beseech Thee by Thy Name the All-Bountiful, and by Thy Name the All-Merciful, and by Thy Name the All-Knowing, and by Thy Name the All-Wise, and by Thy Name the Self-Subsisting, and by Thy Name the All-Loving, and by Thy Name the All-Munificent, and by Thy Name the All-Forgiving, and by Thy Name the All-Bestowing, that Thou forgive Thy loved ones and purify them from the defilement of the world and its suspicions and its idle fancies, and adorn them with the lights of certitude through Thy mercy and Thy bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest the one who hath desired to enter the precincts of Thy generosity—ordain for him the good of both this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of all creation and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath.

BH10528: My God, my Master, my Support, my Beloved…

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

My God, my Master, my Support, my Beloved, and my Desire! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book which speaketh before the faces of the parties in the final return, such that no veil hindereth it and no cloud obscureth its light, to ordain for him who hath drunk the choice wine of Thy love that which shall make him steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy service. Then write for him that which shall solace his eyes and bring peace to his heart. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH10593: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the Kingdom…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the Kingdom and Ruler of the Realm of Might! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy glory and Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby the hearts of all humanity were attracted, and by the Fire which Thou didst kindle in the Tree of Knowledge and in the hearts of Thy loved ones, to ordain for Thy chosen ones the presence before Thy face, and to decree for whoever hath turned unto Thee the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Creator of heaven and within Thy grasp are the reins of the Kingdom of Names.

BH03267: The esteemed letter of that spiritual friend arrived repeatedly…

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

The esteemed letter of that spiritual friend arrived repeatedly. Praise be to God, its words had drunk from the water of divine love in the garden of meanings. This garden is the heart of the believer, and that word is a sapling which appeared and was planted through love of the Divine Lote Tree. In all conditions, I have asked and continue to ask from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, for health, honor and bounty for that spiritual friend. I beseech Him, exalted be He, by His Prophets and Messengers and by Him through Whom the breezes of revelation were cut off, to open before the faces of His loved ones the gates of grace and mercy. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As for the matter of the apple of my eye, Aqa ʿInayatu'llah, upon him be the peace of God—it was presented before His presence and He said:

> "The True One, exalted be His glory, has loved and continues to love the craftsman. He should surely engage in a craft—this is beloved and acceptable."

O Rida, be not grieved by the vicissitudes of the world. God willing, the door of joy and relief and bounty and grace will be opened through the key of trust and resignation. Verily, He is God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Gracious, the Generous. Be not grieved. We send greetings to the friends and likewise to the family, and we counsel all to act according to what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Furqan. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Indeed, the news of the occupation of the apple of my eye, ʿInayatu'llah, was a cause of joy and gladness. Praise and thanks be to God. However, you must be informed of his movements, for he is a child and requires education.

To the spiritual beloved ones and true friends—his honor Ustad Abdu'l-Karim and his honor Aqa Ghulam-Ali and the joy of heart and inner being, his honor Aqa ʿAbdu's-Samad, upon them be the peace of God and His grace—I send greetings and ask for each one health and bounty and honor. Verily, God is the Kind, the Affectionate.

To the apple of my eye ʿInayatu'llah and likewise his honored mother I send greetings. God willing, he will strive earnestly to learn and acquire crafts. This is a work through which a person becomes beloved and regarded both with God and with people. Peace be upon you and upon the righteous servants of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on the 2nd of the month of Shawwal 1305

BH00630: Praise be to God! His divine confirmations have reached…

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

Praise be to God! His divine confirmations have reached us and His aid is more manifest than light at all times. The luminary of His grace is ever-shining; His bounty cannot be reckoned by the pen, nor can ink

suffice to recount His generosity. Every person of insight acknowledges His grandeur and every hearing ear confesses His sovereignty. His is the praise and the bestowal, His the remembrance and the glorification. In one instance He made the tongues of His loved ones the champions of His Cause, and through them He revealed that which caused decayed bones to stir. The decree of the Most Great Tongue is mightier than the sword, and utterance more powerful than the hosts and legions of creation.

Today the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, are skilled in treating ailments and steadfast in educating His servants. They nourish and apportion sustenance to the children of the world according to their measure and capacity. The Word, in its primary essence, is the water of life for the dead of the world and the hand of power for the salvation of nations. Through a single exalted word, it draws man from the darkness of idle fancies to the light of certitude, and from the deep pit to the lofty palace. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect His loved ones through the hosts of might and power and to aid them with the swords of wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and the bridles of all contingent beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the pearls hidden in the treasuries of Thy Most Glorious Pen to make him who seeketh Thee a bird soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, gazing toward Thy horizon, and speaking with wisdom and utterance amongst Thy creatures. Then reveal unto him, O my God, the oceans that lie concealed within Thy verses and hidden within Thy words, that the wine of mystic knowledge may so intoxicate him that he will speak that whereby the hearts of the followers of all religions will be attracted. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The servant was seated during the days of fasting, contemplating the mysteries of his Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, when one of the loved ones arrived with your letter. I took it and opened it, whereupon the house and all around it became perfumed, for it was adorned with the mention of our and your Beloved. I drank from the cups of your utterance the sweet waters of your sincerity, submission and orientation toward God. After being immersed in the ocean of my Lord's grace, I approached the Dawning-Place of mysteries and the Day-Spring of divine tokens, until I attained His presence and presented what had flowed from your pen in remembrance of your Lord. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the realities of all things were attracted. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O thou who art mentioned before the Divine Countenance! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon. He giveth thee to drink of the Kawthar of bounty from the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. Verily, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He knoweth what is hidden in hearts and minds, and seeth what is concealed in the treasuries of the breasts of the righteous. I was walking in the House and speaking the verses of thy Lord when the servant in attendance entered and presented before the Countenance that which the tongue of thy heart had spoken concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all mankind. We heard it and have answered thee through this Tablet, which God hath made an ocean of generosity for the world and a fountain of life for the dead. By My life! Were it to be cast upon stones, rivers would gush forth from them. Having drunk the sweet waters of mystic knowledge from the cup of utterance, say:

Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all existence, for having honored me with Thy mention and adorned me with the ornament of Thy Most Exalted Pen, from which the mysteries have been revealed in the beginning and the end. O my Lord! Thou seest me walking in Thy dominion to exalt Thy Word, and speaking among Thy servants what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy grace, and by the Lamp which Thou hast protected from tempestuous winds through the glass of Thy strength and power, to ordain for me that which will make me strong through Thy strength and powerful through Thy will, that I may cast upon Thy servants, with wisdom and utterance, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and sanctify them from the doubts of the people of Thy earth and the insinuations of those who have denied Thy favor. Then assist me, O my Beloved, in that which will attract the hearts of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of earth and heaven.

O my Lord! Withhold not this servant from the outpourings of Thy days, and deprive him not of the breezes of Thy revelation and Thy inspiration. O my Lord! Strengthen me through Thy bounty and fortify my limbs that I may cast aside my will, taking hold of Thy will, and move not except by Thy desire. Then write down for me, through Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, that which will comfort mine eyes and the eyes of Thy servants, and assure my soul and the souls of those in Thy lands. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Hear in the Persian tongue: I beseech God to assist thee in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Sun of God's favor hath dawned from the horizon of grace, and the Ocean of divine knowledge surgeth before thy face. Beseech God not to deprive His servants of the lights of the Day-Star of justice and fairness, for whosoever attaineth unto these will become detached from all else save God and will turn with heart and soul to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Make mention of Siyyid Mustafa, upon him be My glory, and Haji Siyyid Mihdi, upon him be My glory, and the other friends on behalf of the Wronged One, and remind them of the verses and favors of God. God willing, may they be assisted and acquire, in this transient abode and station, everlasting stations. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings and salutations to Faraj, upon him be My glory. We beseech God to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to adorn him with that which beseemeth these days. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering, the Forgiving, the Merciful. End.

His is the grace and the giving, His the favor and the glory. At every moment the Day-Star of His favor appeareth with manifest radiance. It hath been proven by argument and demonstrated by clear evidence that He cannot be described by any description save His own, nor known through any knowledge but His own. However, He hath appointed for His loved ones a spacious pavilion, and that is the confession of powerlessness and humility before the manifestations of His grandeur, His might and His sovereignty. This powerlessness He hath, through His grace, accepted and approved. His is the praise and the thanks for His favors and bounties.

Time and again that honored one has been and is mentioned in the assemblage of the friends, and likewise in His presence I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to bestow great profit upon the merchants of His knowledge. The people of the earth have not yet become aware and are heedless of the

fruits of the Tree of reformation, concord and unity. They know not whence they came and for what purpose they have come.

By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, were they to become aware to the extent of a needle's eye, all would detach themselves and lay hold—detach themselves, that is, from all else but God, and lay hold of service to Him and His good-pleasure. The Euphrates of mercy gives glad-tidings to the thirsty, the Point of knowledge summons the ignorant, and His loving-kindness bestows awareness upon the heedless. This is the day of the most great bounty, for the most great horizon is illumined with the lights of the Lord of destiny. Blessed is the soul whom the vicissitudes of the world render not sorrowful and whom the clamor of the nations prevents not from his purpose. This Day is the Day whose mention hath flowed from the Pen and been recorded in the Books of the past and of the future. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it, and drunk, and attained, and woe to the heedless, and woe to the deniers. The friends of God, wherever and in whatever place they may be, are remembered in the Most Holy Court. This lowly one hath mentioned and doth mention each of them with wondrous, sublime and exalted words of praise, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the raiment of distinction.

O my God, my God! Deprive not the temples of Thy loved ones of this robe. The temple is from Thee, the raiment from Thee, the ocean of generosity and bounty is from Thee. Ordain that which beseemeth Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Most Merciful of the Merciful.

To the honored brother Haji Faraj'u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant him success, that in every station, every place, every land and every region he may be engaged in service to the Cause and attain His favors. Mention was made of Bashir—praise be to God, he is well and occasionally mentions that honored one. God's power is great—from dark earth He hath brought forth a thousand kinds of fruits and flowers of sublime and varied hues. Perchance He will cause some glad tidings to appear from Bashir also, that is, that he may attain to some service. Verily our Lord is the Powerful, the Almighty. Glory and praise and honor be upon your honor 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 and the exalted seat.

The servant 9 Shawwal 1305

BH01450: O beloved of my heart! In view…

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

O beloved of my heart! In view of the multitude of letters requiring responses and correspondence from various quarters, there has not been, nor is there now, opportunity to mention to that beloved one all that is befitting. Therefore, I write briefly, and in this brevity, since the grace of God is concealed therein and the sweet fragrance of His bounty wafts therefrom, it is accounted as lengthy. Tonight, being the ninth night of the blessed month of Shawwal, I mention, as commanded, that which stirs the cord of love and brings to remembrance the days of attainment to His presence.

His exalted Word: All that was previously sent has arrived, and the items sent by the Afnan M.H.—upon him be all the most glorious Glory—and the Leaf of the Tree (S.)—upon her be my Glory and loving-

kindness—have all arrived, and specifically for each of the Leaves of the Tree a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. End quote. The servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen them and aid them to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with.

The arrival of the Leaves, and likewise the Holy and Impregnable Tablets which some have specifically requested—some are being sent in this instance and the remainder will be sent in the next. Praise be to God, the bounty of the All-Bountiful is manifest and evident at all times, and specifically revealed for that beloved one is that of which every letter testifies to the loving-kindness, compassion, and mercy of the Goal of all the worlds.

Another matter you wrote about: Aqa Jalil of Rasht has stayed in Kirmanshah and is occupied with writing verses and teaching. Although he was not commanded to teach, yet according to a letter he wrote to the bearer of the Name of Generosity—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—he has arisen of his own accord to serve. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant him divine confirmation and success. Some time ago, a letter was also sent addressed to him, but his name is Aqa Rasul while you wrote Aqa Jalil. In the matter of mentioning names, great care and attention must be observed.

Two years ago, one of the friends besought Tablets from the heaven of divine favor and wrote several names, but four names were written incorrectly—for example, writing Muhammad instead of Hasan, and Hussein instead of Ahmad. This causes delay and confusion. Although these servants write the names at the head of the Tablets according to how the friends mention them, in any case this matter requires attention and consideration so that names are written correctly.

Regarding the two sums of money about which you wrote in these days—one from the Land of Ha and another from ʿAliyyih—news of their arrival has come; God willing, they will arrive. As commanded, the sum of one hundred tumans must reach Jinab-i-Samandar—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—as it was assigned to him to give to two persons, which he has done and sent the receipt. That honored one must pay the debt of God, exalted be His glory. Likewise, deliver fifty tumans to the honored wife of him who ascended unto God (the late Mirza Ahmad Khan) and send the receipt.

And He said: We must impose a fine upon Jinab-i-Amin! We have one treasurer and he is bankrupt! Gracious God, there is one treasury belonging to God, and that is empty of funds. Indeed, by virtue of its exalted station, such a treasury ought to be freed and sanctified from earthly things and not be confused with the treasuries of the world.

Convey greetings and praise on behalf of this evanescent one to the friends of God in every place. At all times I beseech and implore from the heaven of the Lord of the Worlds' grace that He may increase their fire of love and illumine the hearts of all with the light of knowledge and whatever is befitting. Verily, He has power over all things.

A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Bayk—upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him, assist him, and open before his face a door of His grace. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who love you and hear your word concerning this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant On the ninth night of the month of Shawwal, 1305

BH00883: My God, my God! Thou seest the sincere ones…

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

My God, my God! Thou seest the sincere ones and the believers among the ungodly, the lovers among the adversaries, and those who have turned toward Thee among the heedless. I beseech Thee, O Ordainer of all things and the One Who called from the Mount, I implore Thee by Thy Name through which the horizon of manifestation was illumined, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy riches among Thy servants. O Lord! Thou hearest the call of Thy loved ones and beholdest their humility before the revelations of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee not to change their glory into abasement, nor their exaltation into debasement. I testify, O my God, that Thou hast raised them through Thy power and exalted them through Thy will and purpose, until their mention soared throughout Thy realms and their attributes among Thy creation.

By Thy might, O Sovereign of existence and the One manifest through Thy Name, the All-Loving, they desired naught save the exaltation of Thy Word and clung to naught save the cord of Thy grace. Ordain for them, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and adorn them with such ornaments as shall illumine the earth and heaven. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy mercy, nor from the revelations of the Orb of Thy grandeur. O Lord! I am Thy servant, and this is Thy Day wherein the earth hath been illumined by the light of Thy bounty, the heaven by the radiance of Thy countenance, the seas by the breezes of Thy generosity, and the mountains by the flowers of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Self-Subsisting, the Almighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O God, O Sovereign, O King! This scanty merchandise is known through Thy Name; exalt it through Thy power. All tongues speak by Thy might and acknowledge Thy power. From this drop, cause to flow the river of wealth, and from the ocean of Thy grace, the waves of abundance. Thou art the One with power to prefer a handful of dust above the heavens. Grant these servants dwelling in the shade of the Tree of Glory and shower upon them the rain of Thy grace and bounty. Thou art powerful and mighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Beloved of my heart! Thy call is the cause of exultation and the reason for enkindlement, and the hearts of lovers yearn for this exultation, for it hath been set in motion by the Sovereign of His Will and made manifest through the King of His Purpose. The letter arrived and the world arrived, for its horizon was adorned with the name of the Beloved and illumined by the light of His knowledge. After perusal, it was presented before His presence, whereupon He said: “Upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to manifest through you that which shall endure through the endurance of His attributes, and to send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His

presence, and to exalt you through His Name among His servants, and to spread your traces through His grace and generosity.

Praise be to God, ye have attained unto that which hath no likeness. This is the essence of glory, this is the treasure of wealth, this is the source of exaltation and the repository of the pearls of the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We beseech Him to adorn all possibilities with the lights of your trustworthiness, your religiosity, and your steadfastness. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Peace be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken unto your words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

It is hoped that the river will flow and the horizon will be illumined, and the light of trustworthiness will prevail and encompass all regions, for it is evident to all that this party hath had and hath no purpose save the reformation of the world and the edification of the souls of nations. God, exalted be His glory, is witness and testifier to this. In such case, His grace will surely encompass all and His bounty will prevail. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

I convey greetings to the spiritual beloved and true friend, his honor J, upon him be God's peace and grace. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that through his being complete reform may come to pass in all matters, and that which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness may be made manifest. Such grace has not been and is not far from the All-Bountiful Lord. We beseech God, our Lord and your Lord, to ordain his meeting and presence, for verily He is the Ever-Present, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Likewise, I convey greetings to the spiritual beloved, one of the two Most Great Names, his honor M.H., and to all other chosen ones, upon them be 95 [Baha'u'llah]. I beseech from the ocean of divine bounty that which will illuminate the world with the light of justice and fairness. Verily He is powerful over all things and is informed of and sees what is in the heart.

Concerning what was written about the spiritual friend, Aqa Siyyid Faraj'u'llah, upon him be God's peace, and likewise the mention of his patience, tranquility, submission, resignation, contentment and trust—these matters were presented and attained the honor of being heard. What his honor Ayn has written is correct and is confirmed. Praise be to God, the believers have been and are content with the blowing of the winds of divine will and heavenly destiny and decree. Their endeavor is service to the Cause and their purpose is the good-pleasure of the Beloved. This is the greatest adornment—blessed is the soul whose temple is adorned thereby. O Ali, upon thee be My peace. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and console him. We beseech God, exalted be He, to cause his father to enter the highest Paradise with the angels and the Spirit, to make him the companion of the Prophets and Messengers, and to send down upon him at all times that which indicates His grace, care, generosity and bounty. Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent.

Praise be to God, they intended the goal, arrived and attained. All the powers of the world are incapable of limiting this greatest bounty. Blessed is he and blessed is he who has ascended, and woe unto him who has denied God's grace, mercy, care and generosity—verily he is among the most lost in His clear Book.

The Sun is rising, dawning and shining—what more can an atom say or mention? This servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to manifest a special deliverance for his deliverance and ordain that which is the cause of salvation in this world and the next, for we have not been and are not aware of what harms or benefits us. He is the Knowing, the Informed. None is aware of the requirements of His consummate wisdom. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding what was written about his turning towards Iran, after presentation they said to consult and act upon whatever becomes manifest. Verily He is with them and there shall appear from them what is best for them. Glory and praise and laudation be upon you and upon those with you and those who love you and hear your word concerning God's Cause, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The servant 10 Shawwal 1305

BH00022: Praise and glory beseem the Lord of all worlds…

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

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

Praise and glory beseem the Lord of all worlds Who hath opened the gates of utterance through letters and made manifest the Purpose through the Word. Exalted be His might! He hath concealed the treasures of inner meanings in the vesture of words and guided the sincere and near ones unto them. Today the ocean of meaning surgeth in every word, and the sun of proof shineth resplendent from the horizon of every utterance. The pen falleth short of describing this station and its position is far beyond the reach of tongue and utterance.

O my God, my Purpose, my Adored One, the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful! In all things are visible the signs of Thy grace and manifest the tokens of Thy generosity. Have mercy and guide the seekers to their Quest and lead those who aim at their Goal. Though Thy servants are heedless, yet they are weak; though they are remote, yet they are hopeful. The veils of idle fancies have hindered them and the shrouds of vain imaginings have debarred them from drawing nigh. O Generous One! Behold them with the eye of Thy bounty and act in a manner befitting Thy grace. Deprive not these bare bones of Thy wondrous fresh spirit, and leave not this handful of dust bereft of Thy holy habitation. Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And now, on this night, the eleventh of the month of Shawwal, thy letter was received and it so happened that it was opened in His presence and was presented. Thus did the tongue of our Purpose speak forth from the Most Exalted Horizon. These are His words, exalted be His utterance and sublime His proof:

In My Name, that speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Varqa! Upon thee be My remembrance, My praise, My grace, My mercy and My glory. Blessed be thy temple in that thou hast chosen for it the robe of servitude unto God, the True One. By the life of God! Thou hast chosen what God hath chosen for thee. He who recognizeth it and knoweth its station will hold

fast unto it, will arise to serve the Cause, and will speak that which will draw mankind nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast spoken the truth, and We have revealed for thee that whereby all things were attracted, as a recompense for thy deeds and for thy mention of thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Verily, We answered thee before thy remembrance and after it, and at this moment when the Word of God hath shone forth from this manifest horizon. We have sent down for every name thou didst mention that which testifieth to My loving-kindness towards thee and My favor upon thee. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Give thou glad-tidings unto My loved ones from Me and remind them of that which will draw them nigh. I am the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. My mercy hath preceded My servants and My loving-kindness hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, at all times. He hath sent down for thee that which, were it to be cast upon the dust, it would speak; upon the bones, they would move and arise; and upon the dead, they would speak by God's leave, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent down the table of utterance as a grace from Our presence and transmitted it unto thee.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in all conditions and to assist thee in the victory of the Cause of this wronged, this exiled One. The servant in attendance hath read thy letter. We testify that thou didst turn to Him in the early days and didst hear what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered, and didst behold His most exalted horizon and the creaking of His mighty and wondrous Pen, whereby the Concourse on high was attracted, as were the dwellers of Paradise who rejoiced at the mention of My momentous news, who chose for themselves a path unto Him, and who attained unto that which none before them had attained. However, most of the people are heedless.

We heard thy call. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto contentment. From thy letter wafted the blessed fragrance of pure servitude. Verily it hath been accepted, and the Wronged One hath mentioned it with a remembrance that no earthly thing can alter nor can the words of the opposers conceal. Beseech thou God that He may enable all teachers to achieve that which befitteth this day. Give thou glad-tidings to all on behalf of the Wronged One and set them ablaze with the heat of the love of God, that perchance they may attain unto that for which they were created. Praise be to God that some of the loved ones in that land and its surroundings have attained unto that which is acceptable and remembered in the presence of God. Blessed are they! The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee, upon thy children, and upon those who hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

This time events unfolded most favorably, for this servant had intended to reach the Most Exalted Horizon and Supreme Summit. The servant of God arrived and delivered several letters to this servant. At the moment of arrival, as commanded, the letter from that beloved of hearts was immediately read and attained the honor of being heard. At that very moment, an answer descended from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all men—exalted be His bounty and great is His dominion. From the waves of the ocean of utterance, the degrees and stations of grace, favor and generosity are clear and evident. May my spirit be a sacrifice for His bounty!

Concerning what was written about the honored master, His Excellency A. and H., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, after being submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, these exalted words were revealed, His exalted Word:

"O Alif, O Ha! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all things and the Master of all beings. The error which thou didst suppose became the cause of the manifestation of bounty." And these exalted words were revealed from the Most Exalted Horizon specifically for that person. In every word is concealed an ocean of bounty and hidden a sun of grace. That which thou didst perform was in accordance with wisdom, and thou art commanded to act with wisdom. O A. and H.! I swear by the Sun of Utterance, there hath been ordained for thee that which the bird of imagination is powerless and incapable of attaining. Thou hast attained unto the blessing of recognition and received thy portion from the table of utterance, and thou hast been assisted to turn towards and act in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thank Him for this most great favor and say: "Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me time and again and revealed for me that which shall not pass away, by the everlastingness of Thy name, the All-Bountiful."

Verily, they have attained unto that which most of the people of the world are deprived and forbidden. One of their good deeds is that their sons, both before and after, attained unto that which is recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. In these blessed days the two sons, upon them be the Glory of God, together with two souls, upon them be the Glory of God, arrived at the prison and attained the honor of hearing, beholding and being present. This is a station whose greatness none save God, exalted be His glory, knoweth as it truly is.

Concerning what was written about Karbila'i Zaynal, upon him be the Glory of God, after being submitted, the Luminary of Permission shone forth from the horizon of will—His is the grace and bounty, and His the remembrance and glory. In these days a new governor has arrived in this city. Although until now nothing but good has been manifested from him, verily God our Lord knoweth what is in his heart and conscience, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And regarding His Honour Aqa Siyyid Muhammad Mimqani—upon him be the glory of God—They have written that after the presentation of a petition, a Most Sacred Tablet specifically for him was revealed and dispatched, that he might find therein the fragrance of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. His blessed and exalted utterance followeth:

He is the Speaker before all faces! God, the Lord of all the worlds, beareth witness that the Promise hath come to pass and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. He hath established the Laws, revealed the Book, and manifested His straight Path. He hath spoken before all faces and announced unto all His mighty Cause. Blessed art thou in that thou hast desired righteousness in the days of thy Lord, the Lord of the exalted Throne, when the shrill voice of My Pen hath attracted thee and thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My bounty. Say:

O my God, my God! Unto Thee be praise in that Thou hast given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and hast acquainted me with the Dayspring of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by those who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and have expended all that they possessed for the exaltation

of Thy Word and the triumph of Thy Cause, to make me severed from all save Thee and clinging fast to the cord of Thy providence. Then I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and He Who dominateth over the seen and the unseen, to ordain that in my mention there be an influence from Thy presence and a penetrating power from Thy realm, that it may guide Thy servants unto Thy most great Path and draw them nigh unto Thy most upright Cause. Verily, Thou art He Who is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. End.

You have made mention of His Honour Aqa Rida Milani and His Honour Aqa Muhammad Sadiq Davatgar—upon them both be the glory of God. After the presentation of their petition before the Sacred Presence, two Most Sacred Tablets specifically for them were revealed from the heaven of grace and bounty, that He might draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Merciful, the Forgiving. His blessed and exalted utterance followeth:

He is the Dayspring from the horizon of the heaven of utterance

A Book whose fragrances have wafted forth and whose signs have appeared! Blessed is he who hath heard Its call and beheld Its words. Verily, he is of those who have drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. O Rida! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord. Verily, He hath made mention of thee with a mention that hath set ablaze the hearts of them that have drawn nigh. Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies in these days and hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, He speaketh in every matter and calleth all unto a horizon wherefrom hath dawned the Luminary of utterance, by His Name, the Powerful, the Almighty.

When thou beholdest the billows of the ocean of My utterance and drinkest from the chalice of My bounty, say: O my God, my God! I bear witness that by Thy light have the earth and the heavens been illumined, and by the fire of Thy Cause have the hearts of the chosen ones been enkindled, and by Thy manifestation have the pillars of idols and the temples of vain imaginings been shaken. I beseech Thee to aid me to turn unto Thee, to be steadfast in Thy Cause, and to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou beholdest one who is needy and hath clung to Thy joyous Name. Ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee, then ordain for him whatsoever he desireth of the wondrous tokens of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

And this is what was revealed for His Honour Muhammad Sadiq:

In My Name, He Who is manifest in the Most Great Prison

A Book which the All-Bountiful hath revealed for him who hath believed in the Return, that utterance may draw him nigh unto the most exalted station. Say: O people! By God! That hath appeared which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of lords. The cry hath been raised in truth, and the Herald hath proclaimed: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Sovereign of necks!” The mountains have been crushed and the graves have been raised up by the Word of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The breeze of God hath blown and the fragrances of revelation have wafted forth, yet most of the people are in negligence and error.

Blessed is he who hath been refreshed by the pure waters of this limpid stream, and woe unto every heedless doubter! When thou hast attained unto My Tablet, turn thy face toward God, the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having mentioned me when I was silent in Thy remembrance, and guided me when I was heedless of Thy path, and awakened me when I was asleep. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to ordain for this servant all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Then adorn him, O my Best-Beloved, with the ornament of trustworthiness and godliness and whatsoever beseemeth Thy days, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Section 2: "The light of the Cause is shining…"

The light of the Cause is shining in all directions, and the Fire is manifest and ablaze in the Blessed Tree, and the ocean of utterance is at its highest surge in the realm of possibility, yet the seeker is nowhere to be found. As to what has been the cause of this prevention, and what it is, the people of the realms of justice and fairness are all bewildered, for that which hath appeared hath no precedent. At every moment an ocean of verses is revealed and the river of grace and bounty floweth from the right hand of the throne, yet the people circle round stagnant waters. This evanescent servant, throughout the nights and days, clinging to the hem of the Lord of all mankind, beseecheth that perchance He may bestow the cup of meeting upon the dead, may awaken the heedless, and may guide the ignorant to the ocean of knowledge. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As to what was written concerning the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Abdu'llah—upon him be the Glory of God and His favors—praise be to God, mention of him hath ever been and still is before the Most Holy Court. That beloved of the heart hath on every occasion presented mention of them before the Holy Court, and likewise Aqa Ali-Haydar—upon him be the Glory of God—and some of the friends of the land of Ta have made and continue to make mention of them.

As to what was written regarding the Holy Tablets, all was properly done. Praise be to God, they reached Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah Kh A—upon him be the Glory of God. The servant beseecheth his Lord to confirm him in that whereby his mention shall endure. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

As to what was written regarding the family of the spiritual friend A B—upon him be 96 [the Glory of God]—after being presented before His presence, these exalted words shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance—His blessed and exalted Word:

> "O Varqa, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings! In consideration of outward circumstances and the general comfort of the people, their return to A B—upon him be the Glory of God—would be good, but his remaining in that land is more beloved and excellent. In any case, in these matters consultation should be undertaken; whatever becomes apparent, acting upon it will be acceptable in the sight of God."

And as to what was written concerning the spiritual friends Aqa Mirza Sulayman and Aqa Mirza Mihdi—upon them both be the Glory of God—a hundred thousand thanks to the Best-Beloved of the world that He enabled them and confirmed them in their migration. They set out towards the Prison with pure intent and have been and are mentioned in the presence of God. He hath said, and His Word is the Truth:

> "Verily those who have migrated in the paths of God their Lord and have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, they are of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Upon them be the mercy of God, the Lord of the worlds."

And after being presented before the Most Holy Court, two Most Holy Tablets were specifically revealed and sent for them. God willing, they shall attain to supreme joy through the glad-tidings of this great bounty. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and sent down from the heaven of utterance the table of divine knowledge. Blessed is he who hath attained and woe unto the heedless! Today the heavenly table is being sent down at every moment and bounty from the heaven of generosity descendeth like a copious rain. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most great gift and have drunk of the sealed wine in the name of their Lord, the All-Glorious. Within this wine are concealed effects and treasured wisdoms. It sanctifieth existence from all else save God and at every moment increaseth the fire of His love. It causeth man to attain such a station that he beholdeth all else besides God as non-existent and as utter nothingness. This is of the bounty of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Ye have ever been remembered and continue to be remembered in the Most Holy Court. Preserve through His grace this most great bounty and keep it hidden from the thieves and the treacherous. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in a mighty fortress and a manifest prison.

And this is what was revealed for the other one, blessed and exalted be His words:

He is the One Who speaketh in the heaven of utterance

This is a Book sent down in truth unto people who know, and it guideth mankind unto the path of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of his Lord's utterance and hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His exalted station. When thou hearest the call from the Most Sublime Horizon, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto me Thy verses and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by Thy power which the hosts and ranks have failed to weaken, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the worlds of the unseen and the seen, to make me in all conditions moved by Thy will, holding fast unto Thy cord, and acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having remembered me time and again, for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn unto Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and generosity to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee.

Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. O my God, send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who broke not Thy covenant and Thy testament, and whom the clamor of Thy creatures and the doubts of those of Thy servants who have violated Thy trust, denied Thy beauty, and rejected Thy manifestation and Thy verses, did not deter. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to grant this prayer.

Praised be God! In these days the emigrants have attained in every day, and the fragrance of Revelation hath been diffused at every moment. They have attained unto that which hath no likeness or parallel. Their endeavors are praiseworthy, their deeds are righteous, and their presence and visitation are accepted. That spiritual beloved one must convey these glad-tidings unto them. This word was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, and its lofty station and exaltation are known and evident unto that one.

One of the two sons who outwardly had not attained permission. The beloved of the heart, his honor Amin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God—hath sent a letter to this servant requesting permission, and after it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court, it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance and permission. Blessed be their two sons and their mother, and those who have attained unto the bounty of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The loved ones of that land are all remembered, and this servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to illumine and set ablaze all of them at every moment with the light of steadfastness and the fire of love. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and the Lord of the Last and the First.

The letter of his honor A. and H., upon him be the Glory of God and His bounty, which was in his handwriting, arrived and after it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court, this response shone forth from the Dayspring of God's Command—His words, blessed and exalted is He:

He is the Guardian over all names

O Ahmad! The One, the Single, hath made mention of thee with verses whose fragrance hath been diffused throughout the world. Blessed is he who hath found and attained. Verily he is of the people of the cities of My mercy and My loving-kindness. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We have made thy deeds a trust from thee with God, the Powerful, the Trustworthy. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. Verily He created thee and manifested thee and showed thee that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His knowledge. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me through Thy mighty verses and aided me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon, and for having sent down unto me that which hath attracted the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names. By Thy might! Whenever I turn toward the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, I find within myself the fire of longing and yearning, and whenever I witness the heedlessness of Thy servants, bewilderment and despair seize me from every direction. I beseech Thee, O Sender of verses and Revealer of clear signs, by the effulgences of the lights

of the Sun of Thy Most Great Name from the horizon of the world, to assist me in all conditions to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Then send down upon me and upon Thy servants the rain of mercy and success. Verily Thou art the Cleaver of the daybreak and the Sender of the winds. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God! The waves of the ocean of bounty have appeared before the faces of men in such wise that none but the blind of the world would deny it. Every possessor of insight hath testified and doth testify, and every possessor of hearing uttereth and speaketh "Thine is the grace and bounty, O Lord of the nations!" Although the people are now heedless, yet there shall come a day when they shall remember and bewail their own selves. The servant beseecheth his Lord to purify their hearts from vain imaginings. Verily He is the Lord of mankind and the Master of days.

And concerning the two persons mentioned in the letter, after they were specially presented, there was revealed for each that which testifieth to the mercy, kindness and bounty of God, exalted be His glory. This is what was revealed for his honor Mir Ali Asghar Askui, upon him be the Glory of God. His words, blessed and exalted is He:

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

O Mir Ali-Qabl-i-Asghar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of Destiny. All the Prophets and Messengers came specifically to guide creation to the straight path, yet the heedless servants accepted not the message of their Lord in the early days of any of them. Some they denied, and others they called sorcerers, and there befell those Gems of existence that which caused the realities of all things to lament. Though their purpose was naught but the elevation of souls, each faction clung to some vain imagination and was deprived of the light of the Sun of Truth. Praise be to the Purpose of the world Who favored thee and guided thee to the horizon of understanding. Know thou the value of this station and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee and for illumining my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and Thy Cause, through which Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven, to make me steadfast in Thy love and to enable me to drink the choice wine of immortality from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

And this was revealed for Karbala'i Ahmad-i-Milani, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One Who standeth by His Name, the Self-Subsisting

O Ahmad! Ahmad (Muhammad) the Messenger—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—came with the verses of the Furqan. The followers of religions denied Him and called Him a liar. Whenever the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Source of heavenly commands appeared from the horizon of will, the people arose in denial and increased in hatred. And in those ages the might of kings and princes and the power of the divines were not as they are in these days. When the time of this Most Great Revelation arrived, it was observed that kings possessed supreme sovereignty and were firmly united, while the divines appeared with utmost power, and electrical currents moved in every direction, and fire-ships traversed land and sea.

All these things outwardly appeared as instruments of harm and impediments for the friends of God, exalted be His glory. Yet this Wronged One called out before all faces without any veil or covering, and summoned all to the straight path. The instruments of the world and the veils of the nations prevented Him not. Blessed is the strong one who arose to serve the Cause, and the speaker who spoke among the people. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to hold fast to His cord and cling to the hem of His mercy. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the All-Hearing, the All-Responding.

Section 3: "Praise be to God! That which was revealed…"

Praise be to God! That which was revealed specially for these two souls beareth witness to the grace, favor and mercy of God, exalted be His glory. The cause of this enduring bounty and heavenly food was the honored and beloved Jinab-i-Alif and Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Well is it with him and pleasant it is for him. In truth, from the earliest days until now they have stood firm in service and have been engaged in remembrance. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor that they have attained unto. Another letter from that beloved of the heart, which contained the water of life, arrived. Praise be to God, its pure water was the cause of joy and gladness, and its effect was the source of delight and expansion. Praise be to the true Benefactor Who confirmed that spiritual beloved one and singled him out for His grace. And after its presentation in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed from the Mother Book. His word, blessed and exalted is He:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O thou who speaketh My praise, who gazeth toward My horizon, and who standeth in service to My Cause! We have adorned thee with the ornament of Our loving-kindness and mercy, and have imparted unto thee Our Word, and have manifested thee for the promotion of Our Cause amongst Our servants. The servant who is present hath at this hour appeared, made mention of thee, and presented before Our countenance that which thou didst send. Thereupon the ocean of loving-kindness surged with the waves of mercy and bounty, and through it grace shone forth from the horizon of eternity. We have mentioned thee in such wise as hath enraptured the Concourse on High, and caused the Spirit to emerge from its Most Glorious Station in its longing to hearken unto My call, until it appeared before My face and proclaimed with the most exalted voice: O peoples of earth and heaven!

This is He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities! This is He in Whose remembrance the Books of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, were revealed! Beware, O people of the earth, lest ye deprive yourselves. Cast away what ye possess, then hasten with your hearts to the station wherein He Who is Self-Subsisting hath been established upon the Throne of Revelation and proclaimeth:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Blessed art thou for having confined thine affairs to My remembrance and praise and to the service of My Cause, the Mighty, the Beloved. Remind My loved ones on My behalf, give them the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy, and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance. We have sent down for them that which calleth out with the most exalted voice and testifieth to My grace and generosity that

hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. Joy be unto him who hath attained unto the lights of My Kingdom, and woe unto every remote denier.

The enumeration of divine favors is in truth impossible. Whenever mention was made of that beloved of hearts in the Most Holy Court and gained the honor of being heard, the ocean of loving-kindness was so tempestuous and the sun of grace so resplendent that all are incapable and fall short of describing it. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God that through the education of that beloved one and the friends, people worthy of this Revelation may appear, who shall see all save God as non-existent and all names as lost before His Name. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, his honor Huda, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Praised be God that the signs of his remembrance and praise are evident. He revealed that which testifieth to the sincerity of his intention and the purity of his nature. This is from God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. After mention was made of his name in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these sublime words were revealed from the heaven of grace. His mighty utterance, exalted be His proof:

We are the Manifest One, speaking in the Most Great Prison

Praise be to God that in the breath of the loved ones the effect of the water of eternal life is evident, whereby they give new life and bestow a fresh spirit upon decayed bones. O Huda! The Lord of all creation hath remembered thee before, and before that before, and at this moment. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thy remembrance hath ever been present in the Most Holy Court; thou dwellest beneath the canopies of grandeur. Though outwardly distant, blessed be thy heart for having turned, thy face for having been directed, thine ear for having heard, and thy tongue for having uttered the remembrance and praise of God among His servants. He is with thee, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to confirm thee in that wherein thou art. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee, upon those with thee, and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

And specifically for his honor the aforementioned Khan, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, one Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the Kingdom of grace and was sent. God willing, they will drink from the divine Kawthar that is concealed within the verses and attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness, upon which all degrees of knowledge depend.

This is what was sent down from the heaven of the will of our All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord to Ismail Pasha Khan Khu'i. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the One Who watcheth over His loved ones

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the bounty and the giving, His is the power and the might in this world and the next. He ordaineth in the Most Exalted Paradise for whomsoever He willeth that which shall never end, through the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names and His Supreme Attributes. He is the Powerful One Whom the happenings of the world cannot prevent from mentioning

His Most Great Name. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired before the faces of all people. He is the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the wine of divine love and turned toward His horizon in days when most of the people of the world were aflame with the fire of hatred and clung to the cord of rejection and heedlessness. Praise the Goal of all the worlds Who aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of His verses. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

The greatest glad-tidings is that thy letter arrived and was favored with attention and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Thank thy Lord and say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the horizon of Thy Cause, for having made me hear Thy call, for having given me to drink the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen through Thy grace and generosity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to ordain for me through Thy grace and mercy that which will draw me near unto Thee and benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. There is none other God but Thee, the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word 'Be' and it is. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me through Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Kingdom and the Dominion, and the Possessor of might and power. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

Concerning what was written about the beloved of hearts, Aqa Muhammad Karam (upon him be the Glory of God and His favors), after it was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, these verses were revealed. His blessed and exalted Word:

"O Varqa! Upon thee be My glory, My favors and My mercy. Thou hast been the cause of mentioning My loved ones and My chosen ones. We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of this deed. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Ayn and Ta have attained the station of standing before the gate of grandeur and glory, and heard the Call with their ears and witnessed the horizon of Manifestation with their eyes. Give them the glad-tidings of this Most Great Remembrance and this Supreme Favor which hath encompassed earth and heaven." In truth, the honored Ayn and Ta are holding fast to that which is right and are among those souls concerning whom He saith "and of them is he who hasteneth toward good deeds." We beseech God to assist him, strengthen him and make his influence enduring among the people. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

In truth, they do not hesitate in matters of goodness, even though outwardly circumstances may not appear favorable to their will and nature. Nevertheless, they strive and endeavor to the extent possible, nay beyond that, and are swift in good deeds. Well is it with him and blessed is he.

And concerning the mention of the beloved of hearts, His honor Haji Mirza Haydar-Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, after his name was presented at the Most Exalted Horizon, these supreme words were revealed. Thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He: The Wronged One

beareth witness to the arising of Haydar-Ali to promote the Cause of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Varqa! By the life of God, divine confirmation hath seized him and heavenly support hath accompanied him. At times he is occupied with writing, and at others with the mention and praise of the Desired One. The tribulations of the world and the hatred of the nations did not prevent him from accepting and teaching the Cause. The word of contentment hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. In the word of testimony of the Wronged One lie concealed the oceans of bounty and the hidden pearls of grace. From the beginning of days until now he hath not ceased in this manifest Cause and its promotion amongst the servants. Verily We were with thee and with him, We hear and see, and We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Glory be to God! The whole world was created for the recognition of this Most Great Cause and its promotion, yet none attained thereunto save a few chosen ones who are adorned with the distinction of His special favors and are blessed with His particular bounty. It behooveth all to supplicate God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of these few chosen ones whatsoever is worthy of His generosity and bestowal.

Another letter brought supreme joy to the Supreme Scene and attained the honor of being heard. Thy supplication was presented in its entirety, and after its completion these verses were revealed from the Dayspring of the favors of the Desired One of all worlds. Thus speaketh the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O thou who hast clung to My cord and drunk the choice wine of My utterance! The face of My mercy hath turned toward thee from the horizon of My prison, and calleth thee with that which diffuseth the fragrance of My utterance throughout My earth and My heaven, that thy remembrance may endure in My Kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. We were speaking the verses of My grandeur and gazing upon the horizons of My kingdoms when the servant in attendance appeared before My face and read that wherewith thou didst commune with God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Kingdom and the dominion, the Possessor of majesty and might. We have heard thy call and the yearning of thy heart and thy lamentation and cry in separation. We beseech God that through thy call He may raise the heads of the heedless from slumber. Verily He is the most powerful of the powerful and the most merciful of the merciful. O Varqa! Upon thee be the ocean of My glory and upon thy descendants. Verily thy Lord is the Announcer, the All-Knowing. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Desired One of all worlds.

Section 4: “In every word lie concealed the oceans…”

In every word lie concealed the oceans of bounty. In truth, that beloved of hearts hath attained unto the glances of the favor of the Lord of creation. A hundred thousand times blessed art thou! The servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant the servants success in turning unto Him, drawing nigh unto Him, and hearkening unto the verses of His grandeur. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Thou didst mention the spiritual friend, his honor ʿAyn-Qaf-Ya, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. His mention hath been and is before the Most Holy Court. Last week a special Tablet was revealed for him and sent with the Tablets for that land, and after his mention was presented at the Most Exalted Court, these sublime words were revealed specially for him from the horizon of favor. He saith, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the Speaker in the Prison of ʿAkka

We bear witness that the Eye hath drunk the wine of My loving-kindness from the chalice of My bounty, and hath heard My call when it was raised from the direction of My prison, and hath attained unto the fragrances of revelation in My days, and hath turned unto Me when most of My servants turned away. This is a testimony that hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he, then blessed is he, and the glory be upon him and upon whoever hath mentioned him in his book.

O Ba! Upon thee be glory! In every instance, from all directions, while the breezes of thy mention are wafting and blowing, thy remembrance is mentioned at the court of God, exalted be His glory, and thy name exists, adorned with the ornament of My Beautiful Name. Rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

This evanescent servant is, in most times, engaged in their remembrance. Praise be to God, they are aflame with the fire of divine love and illumined with the light of His knowledge, and this is the cause and reason for the joy of the hearts and souls of the friends. Concerning what they wrote about the mention of the friends of Saysan, upon them be the glory of God, after being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these suns of utterance shone forth from the horizons of divine knowledge, utterance and wisdom. His blessed and exalted Word:

In the Name of the Powerful Speaker

O people of Saysan! Repeatedly have ye been blessed with the revelation of the Most Exalted Pen. By the Essence that was manifested from the special treasury of the blessed word “I was a hidden treasure,” the world and all that is therein cannot equal one word revealed from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. Do ye know Who speaketh and Who hath turned towards you? By the life of God! If ye truly discover and know this, ye will behold yourselves detached from the world and all who dwell therein. The immature ones of the world have attempted to mislead sanctified souls. Verily I say, these days have no peer or likeness. Know ye their value. Ye shall not attain unto the station of knowledge save through the fear of God. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, to adorn your temples with the ornament of godliness and your heads with the crown of detachment. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed are ye and your dwellings. Verily, We perceive from them the fragrance of My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We counsel you to perform good deeds and manifest goodly character, then We counsel you to unity and harmony, and to wisdom, wherewith We have commanded you in the Holy Books and Tablets.

Contention and corruption have been forbidden. All must hold fast unto that which is righteous. Today if anyone reviles a loved one of God and he showeth patience, God will ordain for him the reward of a martyr. Blessed are the patient ones, and happy are the patient ones. O friends! The life of this world is not worth mentioning. Soon shall extinction overtake it. Strive ye that perchance ye may quicken a soul

with the water of divine utterance in a spirit of joy and fragrance, or sanctify a heart from the dust of idle fancies through the Kawthar of grace. The station of man is good deeds, while oppression and tyranny are the deeds of the foolish. In all conditions be ye thankful and merciful, not deniers and oppressors. Pray for those in authority, show not enmity. Were God to unveil to them what He hath unveiled to you, they would hasten with their eyes and hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, grace is in His hands, and power unto you and unto those who have held fast to His firm cord and His mighty announcement.

The mention of his honor Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, hath proceeded from the Tongue of Grandeur. We beseech God, exalted be He, to confirm him in His service. In the Most Holy Book hath been revealed concerning the education of children and the training of human beings that which is enduring and eternal, whose fragrance shall never fade. Verily, We glorify him from this station that he may thank his Lord, the Glorified, the All-Knowing.

I supplicate and beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist His party in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and the elevation of His Cause, and lead to the manifestation of sanctity and the emergence of detachment. Praise be to God, the companions of Milan, upon them be the glory of God and His mercy, have outstripped most lands and have drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds. And the people of Saysan, upon them be the glory of God, have attained to that which most of the people of the earth are deprived of. This is through the bounty of God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

Mention hath been made of the spiritual friend, his honor Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Glorious. Some time ago there was revealed from the heaven of the Will of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds, especially for him, that from whose every word the light of bounty shone forth and the Sun of Truth dawned. And now, after his name was mentioned in His presence, this utterance was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur:

His word, mighty be His proof and great His majesty:

> “O Ibn-i-Dakhil! Thou art he who hath attained unto My days, and hath drunk the choice wine of My utterance, and hath beheld the horizon of My Revelation, and hath heard My call. Verily, His Holiness the Trusted One hath made thy deed a treasure for thee with Him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Wise. Remind the people of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My utterance, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Say: This is the Day whereon the Herald hath called out from a near place, and the Cry hath been raised in truth from God, the Almighty, the Powerful. The earth hath been illumined with the light of its Lord, and the Mount hath attained unto Him Who converseth with it, the Mighty One. O Ibn-i-Dakhil! The people behold the signs of God yet deny them, and hear His call yet turn away from it. Say: O concourse of men! By God, the Lord of Destiny hath established Himself upon the Throne, and every hidden secret hath been revealed. Turn with illumined hearts unto His Most Great Prospect and His Most Pure Station. Beware lest the doubts of the people keep you back from the Self-Subsisting One, or the might of the wolves deter you from the Lord of the Final End. Cast the world behind you, taking the chalice of immortality in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious.”

When the utterance reached this most exalted station, all things cried out:

> "O servants of the All-Merciful! The Balance hath been set up, the Path hath appeared, the Most Great Ocean hath surged before your faces, and the fragrance of God hath wafted among you. Thank the Lord for this bounty which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have heard thy call and have turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

Glory be to God! For the sword of utterance there hath been and is no peer or likeness. The penetration of this sword is mightier and sharper than that of a sword of steel. Praise be to our Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath forbidden His loved ones from oppression and tyranny, and from corruption, conflict and contention, and hath made victory to lie in utterance and naught else. It behooveth us and all the people of the world to thank Him for this great bounty. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praise be to God! His honor hath attained unto service, teaching, attainment, reunion and the presence of God. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant him assistance and confirmation. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

That mention was made of his honor Habib Nurani and his honor Mulla Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God and His bounty, and likewise of the luminous attraction of the wondrous Beauty—this was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Varqa! O thou who gazest toward My horizon, who standest before the gate of My grandeur, and who speaketh My praise! All bounty is in the hand of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Verily He maketh the highest of His servants lowest, and the lowest highest. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Consider and reflect upon what hath come to pass. The sister of this Wronged One remained leagues distant from the Truth, while that handmaiden attained the honor of nearness and reunion. Yea, the banner there are no ties of kinship among you' hath been raised, and the standard on the day when man shall flee' hath been hoisted to the highest station in the world. This sister was not with Us and had not seen Yahya in this Cause. Out of love for the world and attachment to the possessors of glory and wealth, she passed by the Wronged One and joined the oppressor. She became associated and affiliated with the enemies in this great betrayal, and now burneth with the fire of hatred.

She hath manifested such deceit that the world is astonished thereby. She hath no knowledge of this Cause whatsoever, but hath adopted countless deceptions from certain manifestations of Satan. She hath appeared in supreme wickedness and risen up to harm the Wronged One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the new leaf and gladden her with the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. Blessed is she and blessed is he who hath recognized her, taught her and guided her to the path of God, the Lord of earth and heaven, the Master of the hereafter and of first beginnings." End.

He is God. O Mustafa! Upon thee rest the Glory of God, the Lord of all mankind. Take thou a cup from My sealed wine, and drink thereof in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, it shall draw thee nigh unto thy Lord, and shall admit thee within the pavilion of knowledge, wisdom, and utterance. Exalted is the All-Merciful, the Bestower of this most great bounty, and He Who giveth to drink of this purest Kawthar.

Shouldst thou attain thereunto, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Ocean of bounty; and grace be unto Thee, O King of the Kingdom of Names.

He is God. O Muhammad-Taqi! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, it shall draw thee unto Mine horizon, and shall cause thee to drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of My bounty. It shall preserve thee from all else save Me, and shall bring thee nigh unto the carpet of My holiness. Shouldst thou inhale the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast guided me, through the light of Thy Cause, unto the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-place of Thy clear tokens. I bear witness that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested that which shall cause the names of Thy servants to endure through the perpetuity of Thy Names and Thy Attributes. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is held the rein of all who are in the earths and in the heavens.

He is God. O Qasim! The Sun of Truth, in this darksome night, hath from the horizon of Akka turned toward thee, that He may make mention of thee. Knowest thou who He is? He is God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Praise thou thy Lord, then render thanks unto Him for this bounty, which, were it pressed by the hands of love and faithfulness, the Kawthar of life would drip therefrom for all who dwell in the realm of being. Cleave thou unto wisdom, then lead the people into the city of utterance, by command of God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

Section 5: “He is God. O Ustad! Abraham, the Friend…”

He is God. O Ustad! Abraham, the Friend, came, and they cast Him into the fire; Muhammad they called a liar; Moses they named a sorcerer; and the Spirit they denounced as an infidel. This unjust people have ever turned away from the Truth; their faces have failed to attain unto the light of acceptance, save whomsoever thy Lord hath willed. By the life of God! Thou wast not created for the world, but for My mighty Cause and My great Announcement.

He is God. O Khalil! Thou hast attained unto the wine of Revelation and hast drunk of the Kawthar of everlasting life from the hand of bounty. Thou hast been mentioned time and again. We exhort thee, and them that have believed, to serve the Cause of God, your Lord and the Lord of the Throne and of the earth, the King of the world to come and of this world. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. He enjoineth upon His servants that which shall draw them nigh unto Him and shall cause them to be of those on whom no fear shall come, neither shall they grieve.

He is God. O Muhammad-Sadiq: The will of the Herald is that He illumine the world with the lights of truthfulness and adorn the nations with the ornament of recognition. Yet, until now, no trace thereof hath appeared; and the people have uttered such calumnies as the like thereof hath not been heard in the world. They have denied the verses of God, His sovereignty, His testimony, and His proof. Behold, they are indeed among the heedless in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God that thy honor hath held fast unto the cord of truthfulness. Whosoever in this day attaineth unto the recognition of the True One is, by the Most Exalted Pen, recorded and inscribed among the truthful in the Crimson Scroll.

He is God. O Jibra'il Beg! By the life of God! The Israfil of the Cause hath sounded the Most Great Trumpet, and the minds and hearts which, in the temples of existence, were deprived and debarred from life, have been stirred by the Kawthar of divine utterance and have attained unto everlasting life. Though the deniers, outwardly, hear and speak and move, yet before God they are accounted and recorded among the dead. Verily, the Trumpet is the Most Exalted Pen. We have breathed therein, by a command from Our presence, and I, verily, am the Ancient Commander.

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing

O Nabil, upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the All-Glorious! On this mighty and wondrous day, Ali-Muhammad hath spread a feast and invited those who circle round. At this moment, the one named Jud, upon him be My glory and favor, made mention of thee and acted on thy behalf in that which hath been the hope of those near unto God. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee. Verily bounty is in His hand and generosity in His mighty grasp. He ordaineth as He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We send greetings from this most mighty and most glorious station to thy children whom We mentioned before.

He is God! O Abdullah Kh.! The Cause of God is manifest and the verses of God are revealed. Hidden mysteries are evident before all faces, and the waters of mercy flow from the Pen of Him Who is the Aim of all the worlds. We beseech God not to withhold His servants from the outpourings of His days nor deprive them from the ocean of His grace. Today all things are in rapture and ecstasy at the vibration of the Most Exalted Word through the appearance of the Lord of Names. Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear. You must be occupied with praise and thanksgiving to God, for the Supreme Pen hath turned toward you from the Prison of Akka. Verily, He loveth him who loveth Him and remembereth him who remembereth Him. He is the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

He is God! O Ali Kh! Upon thee be the Glory of God! Wonder upon wonder! From the beginning until now, not one among the divines of Iran hath become aware of His appearance and its nature. What hath been the cause of their prevention and the reason for their deprivation? With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in a mighty Book. This Wronged One hath from the beginning until now been in the hands of enemies—at times in chains, at times captive—until finally arriving at this Prison. We praise God for this and beseech Him to aid thee to be steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

He is God! O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The Divine Balance proclaims with the most exalted call: The Divine Balance is the blessed word "There is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." By this Balance all are weighed, and in less than that moment the reckoning of creation is complete. The loving ones are known by the light of their countenance, and the sinful by their marks. Glory be to God! The signs of the Resurrection and the tokens of the Hour have encompassed all, yet deeds are a mighty barrier that has prevented the servants from drawing nigh and has left them in the wilderness of remoteness. Praise be to God that you have attained to that which is the cause of prosperity and salvation. The power of princes did not prevent you, nor did the hatred of the divines deprive you. With an illumined heart you turned, and attained recognition of the Sun of Truth. Repeatedly has your mention been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto your Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

He is God! O Ali Mim Ya! The world is perfumed with the fragrance of the divine utterance, and with utmost joy and enthusiasm is engaged in glorification and praise. We beseech God to cause His servants to attain unto that which manifests wondrous and strange influences in the world. Through the word of acceptance, the earthly house became the point of adoration for the world, and the black stone the object of reverence for the nations. His power has manifested in every age that which is the greatest cause for faith and certitude. Blessed is he who has seen with his own eyes and heard with his own ears the call of God from the prison of Akka. He is indeed among the triumphant ones in this resplendent station. O ʿAli! Praise the Sovereign of existence that you are mentioned in His presence and known by Him.

The oceans of the world cannot compare with a single drop of the Kawthar of utterance of the Pre-existent Lord. It is clear and evident that the entire world was created from one drop thereof. The nobility of the oceans of the unseen and the seen has been and always will be from that drop. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

The mentioned souls, upon them be the Glory of God, the Lord of Oneness, are blessed with eternal life, for their mention has flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and is recorded in the Book with the ink of the Most Bountiful Name. For this ink is the source of unity and the dawning-place of concord. I beseech God to assist His loved ones in preserving what He has bestowed upon them, for if the manifestations of the light of grace and bounty specifically ordained for His loved ones were to appear even to the extent of a grain, all would cry out in the wilderness of existence "Here am I! Here am I!" In its concealment lie hidden mysteries, and in its revelation appear bestowals. Who can reckon that to which the birds of hearts and minds cannot soar? In all things the impotence of creation is evident and the power of the Creator manifest.

Mention was made of Haji Mirza Fath-ʿAli S., upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise of his certitude, steadfastness and enthusiasm. After being presented before the Lord of Names, these brilliant verses dawned from the horizon of grace in the highest heaven. His word, exalted be His glory and sublime be His utterance:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

The soul who today, in the name of Truth, has freed and detached himself from all that is with the people—he is as a pearl in the shell of the ocean of divine bounty. No description can attain to this station, for descriptions are limited by the boundaries of souls, while this station is beyond all mention and description. The highest rank and most exalted station are free from enumeration. Praise be to God! You have drunk from the choice wine of utterance in the name of the Beloved of all creation, and this is that same choice wine that had forever been sealed and hidden from all. In this Most Great Revelation, the Finger of God's Will removed its seal and proclaimed:

> "Come, advance, O people of Baha! Come, advance, O companions of My Crimson Ark! Come, advance with your hearts toward the Most Exalted Horizon, O friends of God!"

When you attain unto My call and the traces of My Pen, say: "My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath set me aflame, remoteness from Thee hath seized my soul, and distance from the precincts of Thy

nearness is my greatest enemy. I beseech Thee, O Thou at Whose call the near ones hastened to the place of sacrifice to offer up their souls in Thy path, and by Whose utterance in the kingdom of Thy might the hearts of the sincere ones were attracted, to make me in all conditions attracted to Thy verses, enkindled with the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, moved by Thy will, and speaking that which draweth people nigh unto the court of Thy companionship.

O Lord! Withhold not them that seek Thee from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor Thy lovers from the precincts of Thy nearness. Thou art He at Whose call the dwellers of the graves arose, the trumpet was sounded, and that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and preserved in the treasury of Thy protection was made manifest. I beseech Thee not to disappoint Thy servant of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! Aid me to remember Thee amongst Thy servants with wisdom and utterance, and to teach Thy Cause among the religions. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, to manifest through me, by Thy grace and power, that whereby the standards of Thy mention and praise may be raised, and whereby that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book may be spread abroad. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer."

This evanescent servant has, in truth, with utmost humility and supplication besought the Self-Sufficient One to make them the dawning-place of victory and triumph, and through His infinite bounty, the victory of His Cause has been through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and naught else. In this station, such utterances have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen as would, in an instant, transport man from earth to heaven. Glorified be the greatness of our Lord, exalted be His grace, mighty be His bounty, and magnified be His generosity, which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven.

As for what they wrote concerning certain laws, by command that which hath thus far been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen and recorded is being sent. Regarding the fast for a traveler on foot, its limit hath been set at two hours. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. And those souls who are engaged in arduous labor during that blessed month—this is what God, exalted be His glory, hath decreed, blessed be His bounty: Those souls are adorned with the ornament of God's pardon and favor, exalted be His glory. We have pardoned them as a bounty from Our presence and a mercy from Our side, and We are verily the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give them the glad tidings of that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His glorious and exalted station. However, during those days, moderation and concealment, out of respect for God's decree and the station of the Fast, is most fitting and beloved.

Concerning ablutions that were asked about—whether it is possible with the ablutions performed for obligatory prayer to also recite ninety-five times the Greatest Name and visit the Shrine of the Ancient Beauty, or whether ablutions must be renewed for each one—after submission to God, the Tongue of God spoke these words: Renewal is not necessary. In all matters His grace encompasses all and His mercy takes precedence. And He Himself suffices as witness.

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BH00390: Praise be befitting to the Sovereign of the Kingdom…

Section 1: "Praise be befitting to the Sovereign…"

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

Praise be befitting to the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Lord of the Realm of Might, Who through the key of the Most Great Name hath opened the gate of utterance and guided all to the straight path, to the mighty announcement and the firm and impregnable Cause. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

And further: O beloved of my heart! Two days ago a letter was written specifically for your honor, but its dispatch was delayed and this writing was attached to it. The confirmations of God, exalted be His glory, arrive successively, and that beloved one, praise be to God, is wholly engaged in His service and likewise recognizes the stations of grace and favor. Well is it with you and pleasant it is for you! The letters of that beloved one, praise be to God, all begin with mention of the friends and conclude with their remembrance, and likewise mention the cities that are the dwelling places of the friends. Praise be to God, through that beloved one's endeavors, mention is made in the letter of each city that he has visited, together with its friends, and this was presented at the Most Holy Court. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> "O Amin! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Success hath been and shall ever be thy companion, for thou art engaged in service and adorned with justice and fairness. Repeatedly hast thou made mention of the friends in Ardistan. Some time ago mention of each one flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Ra, Fa, Mim and Ha have been and are remembered. Convey to Mirza Hasan and his mother the greetings of the Wronged One. Say: O Hasan! God willing, mayest thou be assisted to serve His friends. Well-being, health and protection are for those souls who with clear certitude have entered beneath the shade of the Blessed Tree. By My life! They are assuredly among those who enjoy security in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Trustee! Verily We have mentioned every soul thou didst mention in thy letter, that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. And We have made mention of Our friends in the cities and villages as a command from Our presence, and verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

Mention was made of the friends of Pusht-i-Mashhad. After presentation at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for them. His blessed and exalted Word:

"O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He calleth you from the direction of the Prison and giveth you glad tidings of that which He hath ordained for you from His presence. He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The Herald hath proclaimed from every direction: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.' Verily the Trustee

mentioned you time and again; We made mention of you again and again as a bounty from God, the Lord of existence. Take the cup of success in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sender of the winds, for having manifested unto us Thy destined Cause and Thy sealed Wine! We beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and by the lands that were honored by Thy footsteps to assist us to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."'

Likewise, especially for the friends of the Gate of Isfahan, these verses from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Goal of all the worlds were revealed, blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "O Amin! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We have desired to make mention of My loved ones in that place. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have made mention of those whom thou didst mention in thy letter, as a mercy from Us upon thee and upon them. Remind them of the verses of their Lord and give them the glad-tidings of this bounty which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: Beware lest the doubts of the divines and what they possess hold you back from God, your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: Cast aside what the people possess and take what hath been sent down unto you from the presence of One mighty and powerful. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon you and upon every steadfast and firm one."

Thou hast made mention of Qamsar and those who have quaffed the wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Amin! We made mention of Khalil before, and revealed for him that which caused the eyes of utterance to rejoice in the garden of the wisdom of God, the Lord of all men. He is of those who have attained unto the verses of God and His remembrance, and the Supreme Pen hath borne witness unto him, and I am the All-Knowing, the Mighty Witness. O Khalil! Take in My Most Glorious Name the reins of the servants and draw them nigh unto the most exalted station. Say: By the life of God! Ye were created for this Day. Fear God and be not of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken unto thy word in this Cause whereby the earth hath quaked and the mountains have crumbled.

We make mention in this noble station of him who was named Abdu'r-Rahim and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of Lords. O Rahim! The Lord of Destiny maketh mention of thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene and consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee from the decree of God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Grieve not for what hath come upon thee. There hath come upon Us that which hath caused the Supreme Pen to lament at eventide and at dawn. We bid thee to beautiful patience, and I am the Mighty, the All-Patient. We make mention of thy son at this moment with that which shall be a treasure and honor unto him from God, the Lord of all religions.

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! I bear witness that thou didst turn to My horizon and didst hear My call and didst hold fast unto My cord and didst cling to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy, the Revealer of verses. Thou art he who attained unto acceptance when the divines and jurists of the earth turned away from God. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book from God, the Lord of creation. We beseech God to send down upon thee each day a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His

own Self, and to give thee to drink of the choice wine of utterance at morn and at eventide. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth and dispatched them unto thee, O Rahim, that thou mightest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have mentioned thee with that which no mention can equal. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy servants had turned away. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which the unity of Thine Essence was established beyond all likeness and similitude, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who were not weakened by the power of the world nor frightened by the might of the nations. They arose and said: The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bestower.

Section 2: "As to what you wrote concerning the blessed…"

As to what you wrote concerning the blessed leaf, the wife of the late Aqa Muhammad Ja'far, and her daughters—upon them be the Glory of God—after this matter was presented, these exalted words were revealed from the horizon of the utterance of the Desired One of all worlds—exalted and blessed be His words:

> "The honored lady and her daughters have ever been and continue to be remembered in the Most Holy Court. Give them glad tidings from Me and remind them of My verses. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and this world, and to decree for them the rewards of those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. This Wronged One has ever been speaking and mindful of the mention of the friends of God. O Amin, upon thee be My Glory! The gaze of God in these days is directed toward the pearls of love that lie hidden and concealed within the hearts and souls of His steadfast male and female servants. O Amin! This is the station of grace and the station of mercy that has preceded. At this moment each one has attained the outpourings of the True Bestower of Bounty. Blessed and welcome be it unto them! O Amin! The souls thou hast mentioned, both men and women, have all been blessed by the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds. By the life of God! We have mentioned each one with a mention that brings joy to the eyes of the people of the cities of justice and equity."

And likewise mention was made of Aqa Husayn (Givah-Kash)—upon him be the Glory of God. After presentation at the Supreme Height, a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed from the Dayspring of grace and bounty, that he might give thanks unto God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Verses have been revealed, rain has poured forth, the ocean is surging, and grace encompasses all. This servant beseeches for the friends that which leads to the guidance of all beings. In these days the effulgences of the Luminary of grace have shone forth in such wise that this servant is incapable of reckoning or properly mentioning them. In any case, I convey greetings and glorification to him and all other friends, and with the tongue of the secret and the secret of the secret I submit:

> "My God, my God! Deprive not Thy friends of the ocean of Thy generosity, and assist them all through Thy near angels that they may, with complete steadfastness, spend these two days in Thy service. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty."

In previous letters repeated mention was made of Haji Mulla Ibrahim—upon him be the Glory of God. His petition was presented and his mention repeatedly flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. After the presentation of his petition before the Divine Presence, a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed specifically for him, that he might drink the Kawthar of utterance from the words of our Lord, the Most Merciful, and speak among the servants with an assurance by which hearts and souls are made tranquil.

And likewise that beloved of hearts mentioned the friends of Asadabad. Two most mighty and holy Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and bounty specifically for Aqa Mirza Muhammad and Haji Shah Muhammad—upon them be the Glory of God—and were sent. Let them be delivered that they may find from the ocean of His verses the pearls of His dear and beloved love. This servant conveys glorification and greetings to all the friends and beseeches for each one that which leads to eternal salvation. At this moment these exalted words were revealed from the tongue of the Lord of all being—blessed and exalted be His words:

> "O servant in attendance! Write to Amin that if God, exalted be His glory, were to look with the eye of justice, few souls would be found worthy of mention by the Supreme Pen. However, since He is seated upon the throne of the Most Merciful Name, He looks with the eye of grace and is ever attentive. The Command is in His hands. He speaks as He wishes, and He is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days."

Likewise, blessed Tablets have been revealed specifically for the friends in the land of Kermanshah—some are being sent this time and some will be sent another time. Give glad-tidings through God's favor to that beloved of all, for all are mentioned and have attained His grace. At this time, the letter from the spiritual loved ones—his honor Aqa Rasul, his honored brother Haji Muhammad Hasan known as Misri, and his honor Aqa Muhammad Sadiq, upon them be the glory of God—along with that beloved one's letter which they sent from the land of Qaf, was received. However, there was no opportunity to reply. God willing, it will be sent later. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist them and aid them to help His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

A Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was revealed this time specifically for his honor Bayk, upon him be the glory and favor of God, and was sent to his honor Aqa Ali-Haydar, upon him be God's glory, grace and favors, for delivery. In truth, his honor Ali-Haydar is engaged in service and is mentioned before God. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. And a Greater Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for the beloved of the heart, his honor Haji Mirza H-Y, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. God willing, they will attain unto it.

At this moment in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these exalted words, glorified be His majesty: "O Amin, convey greetings and glorification from the Wronged One to his honor bearing the Name of Beauty, upon him be My glory and favor. God willing, may they be engaged

with complete dedication in serving the Cause of the Lord of all beings through wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who has turned to Him and heard His mention in this perspicuous Remembrance.

O Amin, mention all the friends in the land of Ta on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to set them ablaze with the fire of the Blessed Tree and illumine them with the lights of revelation until the horizons of the world become bright and radiant. Say: O friends of God! We beseech God to grant strength and bestow resolve, that your transient days may not deprive you from the eternal Kingdom and prevent you from the everlasting bounty. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous."

Mention was made of the two detached essences, the honored brothers Naddafan, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful. They are among those souls who are mentioned in the Supreme Concourse and the realms of truth, for that which was revealed concerning them testifies with the most exalted call to their acceptance, orientation, sincerity and steadfastness. Upon them and those with them be the glory of God and His favor. Glory, remembrance, exaltation and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the earthly realm and the Kingdom.

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BH01240: He heareth in truth, and He is the Answerer

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O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letter reached the Wronged One and the Glorious One presented it. When completed, My Most Exalted Pen was moved to make mention of thee and of that which thou didst desire from the sea of thy Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thou didst hear the Call in the earliest days and didst respond to thy Lord when mankind was in manifest error. Thou didst turn to the Horizon when most of the servants turned away. This is from thy Lord's favor upon thee. Be thankful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested Thy Cause, and guided the people to Thy straight Path, and remembered me while Thou wert in the Most Great Prison—a mercy from Thee unto Thy Afnan. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy bounty, and my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Adored One of those in the heavens and on earth."

We have mentioned thee before with a mention before which all mention bows down, and We mention thee at this time in this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed is the Afnan who hath held fast unto the Divine Lote-Tree, recognized its grace and station, and spoken in its praise on this Day whereon its rustling and its call have been raised in this glorious and wondrous Station. We wish at this moment to change from the eloquent tongue to the luminous one. Verily thy Lord doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

In the name of the Peerless Friend! Today all things circle round the prison of ʿAkka and utter a word which none save God, exalted be His glory, hath comprehended or will comprehend except by His command and leave. The Wronged One calleth out from the horizon of tribulation to the peoples of earth and heaven, and remindeth them through divine verses that they might attain unto fruits whose traces and mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. The ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance hath waves, and within it are concealed and hidden pearls of wisdom and mysteries. Blessed are they who are endowed with hearing and sight and have attained unto witnessing and hearkening. By the Sun of Truth! That which is lost today can never be regained, even as it is impossible to find a partner for the Lord. The loved ones of God must arise with complete dedication to assist the Cause, especially the Afnans of the Blessed Tree who in this Most Great Revelation have been adorned with the ornament of distinction and kinship, that they might protect the heedless servants from the vain imaginings of the former people. He is the Counselor and He is the Kind One.

And regarding what thou didst mention about the journey of the leaf of the Tree, the wife of the honored Afnan, upon them both be My glory and loving-kindness, the luminary of permission hath dawned from the horizon of will. However, this is contingent upon the requirements of wisdom and expediency, O honored Afnan, upon thee be My Glory.

O Afnan, upon thee be My loving-kindness. The smoke of vain imaginings and the dust of idle fancies have prevented the world from beholding. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath come for meeting, presence, and the bestowal of grace, but the divines and theologians of Persia became a barrier, preventing eyes from beholding and ears from hearing. This prevention from Persia hath influenced these lands as well. Beseech ye the True One to manifest that which shall be the cause of the world's salvation and the deliverance of nations.

Two Tablets, in response to thy request, have been sent down from the heaven of the favors of the Lord of all beings. Take copies thereof and deliver them, that perchance they may be illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine Tablet, and may remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My Tablet in My days and hath drunk therefrom the Kawthar of Mine utterance. He is assuredly among those who are nigh unto God in His Book, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to all the kindred, and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Day-Star of grace which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of justice. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and assist them and make them of those whom the might of the world hath not hindered from turning unto God, the Lord of the Ancient Days—they who heard and turned and responded in days wherein the limbs of the heedless trembled and the hearts of the doubtful were troubled. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have attained unto this momentous News.

Make mention, on behalf of this Wronged One, of the followers of Zoroaster, upon them be God's loving-kindness. God willing, may they drink from the chalices of utterance of the Goal of all worlds that were previously sent, that which shall free and detach their hearts from all else save God.

O Afnan! This blessed verse hath shone forth like the sun from the horizon of the Book:

> "Blessed is he who hath arisen from his place, cast away all else save Him, and hastened unto the Most Great Ocean and entered therein through His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

Blessed is the tongue that hath uttered this most exalted Word and this most great Sign, and hath received its portion from the ocean of its meanings. He is assuredly among the triumphant ones in the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH01259: In the Name of Him through Whom the Ocean…

In the Name of Him through Whom the Ocean of Divine Knowledge hath surged before the faces of all religions!

All praise, sanctified from the perception of all created things and the recognition of all contingent beings, befitteth the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of Him, the Self-Subsisting, Who, single and alone, stood up before the faces of the world and gave unto all the Most Great Announcement. Through His steadfastness, the standard of "God doeth whatsoever He willeth" was raised aloft, and the banner of "Verily, there is none other God but Him" was unfurled in the most exalted station. Neither the hosts and legions of the world, nor the rancor and hatred of the nations, could deter Him from His purpose. With power and authority He broke the seal of the Choice Wine and summoned all to partake thereof, that they might drink of that for which they were created. Yet all arose in opposition, save whom God willed. The Truth, glorified be His majesty, in all His Books gave His servants the glad-tidings of the appearance of this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement. Blessed is the soul whom neither the veils of the divines nor the might of rulers prevented from the divine path, nor deprived of the ocean of utterance.

Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant was presented before the Wronged One. We perceived the fragrance of thy remembrance and utterance, and witnessed thy turning and devotion at that time. We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance and praise, and to make thee among those whom neither the blame of the blamer nor the clamor of him who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, could deter.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My raiment and attainest unto the choice wine of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thee and made me recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs, and caused me to hear the trilling of Thy Pen and guided me unto Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy Command that hath surrounded all contingent beings, and by Thy Name whereby every mouldering bone was quickened and every wise decree was manifested, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, in such wise that the swords of the world shall not withhold me from drawing nigh unto Thy Most Great Name. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall be with me in every world of Thy worlds. Then protect me, O my God, from the suggestions of the faithless and the allusions of the cawers. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

As to what thou didst mention concerning thy brother Muhammad Ibrahim, We make mention of him at this moment as a token of the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. O Muhammad Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. He maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee to remain steadfast in this Most Great Cause, and to be trustworthy and chaste, and to act in such wise as to exalt the Cause of God amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Manifest Counsellor. Be not grieved by the oppression of the oppressors. Reflect upon the days of the Lord of the Messengers and the Seal of the Prophets, and likewise upon the days of the Spirit, the Son of Mary. There befell them that which caused the clouds to weep and the heavens to lament. Yet afterwards the lights of the Cause encompassed all regions. The names and traces of the idolaters all returned to nothingness, and the standard "There is none other God but He" was raised to the most exalted station. For every matter there is an appointed time and a fixed term. When its term is come, it shall appear in truth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention also of thy other brother who was named Ghulam-Rida, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. O Ghulam! The Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of the grace of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Fix thy gaze upon Him at all times and place thy trust in Him in all matters, holding fast to the means. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher. Praise be to God that thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hast attained unto the Most Great Word from God, the Lord of all beings. Know thou the station of this most great station and say:

> "My God, my God! Aid me to preserve this station, then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere servants. Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful."

Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly made mention of thee and of his honor Aqa Muhammad Isma'il. Mention of the friends hath ever flowed from his pen. We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance, and We beseech for him from the heaven of grace and bounty that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, shall endure. And as to what thou didst mention concerning turning towards this direction, in these days the heedless are intervening and preventing the hapless people. We beseech God to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence and meeting Him. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones, that they may perchance take a path to Him Who occupieth the throne. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning towards the Supreme Horizon—they who have heard and have responded:

> "Here am I, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of them that have drawn nigh!"

BH03159: O thou who gazest upon the Face and art…

In the name of the peerless one God!

O thou who gazest upon the Face and art present before the Throne! Hear the call of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

At all times the call of the Purpose of the worlds hath been raised, and the effulgences of the Day-Star of grace have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of prison. Blessed is the eye that hath attained and the ear that hath hearkened. Today upon the face of the sun this most exalted Word hath been inscribed and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen: Blessed is the soul that hath in this transient world acquired an eternal station and whom the events and manifestations of the world have not deprived of the splendors of the rays of the Most Great Luminary.

By My life, O My Afnan! Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Look, then remember those days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and wert with Him as He walked in the garden. God, exalted be His glory, hath ever loved faithfulness and commanded His loved ones to observe it. We testify that thou didst hear His call, wert drawn to His verses, wert enkindled with the fire of His love, didst speak His praise, and didst hope for the wonders of His grace. Thy Lord is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O My Afnan! Know thou with clear certainty that thy existence and continuance in service to the Cause is better than what thou hast chosen for thyself and desired from thy Lord. With supreme joy and greatest gladness bestow from the cup of the love of God. The Afnans of the Sacred Tree have come for teaching, yet in all circumstances ye must observe wisdom. We have chosen in the Most Holy Court someone to act as thy deputy in teaching the Cause of God. The Hand of Power hath outwardly and inwardly preserved and will continue to preserve Its Afnans.

We counsel thee to patience in separation. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient. He commandeth thee to beautiful patience. He hath ordained for thee that which causeth bodies to soar, let alone spirits. Thou hast been under the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Powerful. Know thou the station of this most great station and say: Thine is the grace, O Purpose of the worlds, and Thine the glory, O Glory of those in the heavens and the earth! The glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy word in this perspicuous Cause.

BH03635: The whole world was brought from nothingness into being…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The whole world was brought from nothingness into being for the presence before the Throne of the One Who conversed on Sinai. And when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace, all turned away and denied. Blessed is he who was not kept back from turning towards God by the opposition of the divines and rulers, and blessed is the steadfast one whom the winds of hatred and animosity did not disturb.

Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and there was revealed from the Supreme Pen that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. We counsel thee to preserve it. One word from the exalted utterances that appears from the Dayspring of the pronouncement of the Lord of Names is, in the sight of God—exalted be His glory—superior to all that is observed on earth. All

things that have been created—the ornaments of the world and its adornments, and likewise wife and children—all are divine bounties, but they are not lasting. The exalted word, however, is everlasting and enduring, and in every one of the divine worlds it is a steadfast helper and an unwavering companion to its possessor. It has been and ever shall be. “Wealth and children are an adornment 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.” We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and profit thee. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee by the light which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy grace to preserve me through Thy power and might, and to ordain for me that which will make me independent through Thy riches and steadfast in Thy Cause. Furthermore I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Educator of the nations, to ordain for me goodly offspring who will remember Thee among Thy creatures and aid Thee in Thy realm through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH03735: O Ibn-i-Ismi Asdaq, upon you both be My glory…

He is the Protector of those who are on earth and in heaven.

O Ibn-i-Ismi Asdaq, upon you both be My glory and My loving-kindness.

Some time ago you were blessed with the verses of the Supreme Pen. His honor A.T. attained the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, the divine hands of protection preserved him and he arrived in the prison-city with joy and fragrance. He heard the Call with his own ears and was blessed to behold the horizon of revelation. He has attained to that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. He mentioned you and those related to you, and each one attained to that which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting existence.

O Ibn-i-Asdaq! We beseech God—glorified be His majesty—to aid thee in that which befitteth this most great Cause and most glorious station. In thy journeys thou must move by such means as will cause the exaltation of the Word, the manifestation of godliness, and severance. The days are passing like lightning. Strive that thou mayest attain to that which is the cause of joy and gladness and the drawing near of the servants of God.

Convey My greetings to the people of God. We counsel them with that which will raise up the mention of God and His Cause amongst His servants and creation.

Say: My God, my God! Aid me to arise to serve Thee and cause to appear from me that which will speed the sincere ones to Thy path. O my Lord! Strengthen my outer and inner being with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

I beseech Thee, O God of existence, to rain down upon Thy loved ones the showers of Thy mercy and bounty, then ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world through Thy will and purpose. Verily Thou are powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH04338: O people of God! Great is the Cause…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Speaking

O people of God! Great is the Cause and great is the Day. The Seal of the Prophets and Guide of all paths hath spoken from God:

> "The Day when men will be as scattered moths, and the mountains will be like carded wool."

Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the ignorant and the hints of the heedless prevented not from the Purpose nor held back from turning to the Truth. Give praise to the Lord of the world Who confirmed thee and guided thee to the horizon of proof. The evidence hath been sent down, the proof is resplendent, and the path is clear, yet the servants remain debarred and veiled. Through vain imaginings they turned away from the Sovereign of certitude, and through conjecture they shut their eyes to the perspicuous Book. The recompense of deeds and the fancy of hopes have prevented the people of earth from their ultimate end.

Say: O concourse of earth! Neither your deeds nor your children nor what ye possess shall profit you this Day. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: Turn ye to the Truth. The world hath no station nor rank—it never had and never will. Detach yourselves from that which perisheth and hold fast unto that which endureth. This is the Most Exalted Word sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty. Take hold of it in the name of your Lord and leave all else beside it. Thus doth the Supreme Pen counsel you in this impregnable stronghold. The mercy of God hath preceded thee and He hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the world, and glory be to Thee, O Thou Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee to make me speaking in Thy remembrance, steadfast in the service of Thy Cause, and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

BH04527: The truthful and the false have ever existed…

He is the Hearing, the Answering

The truthful and the false have ever existed in the world. The Shi'ih sect considered themselves the most truthful and learned in the world. There was no test, and likewise no distinction between the servants. Therefore for one thousand two hundred years they accepted some and established for them the station of divinity, while others they denounced as unbelievers. The cause of this was the turbaned ones. The helpless servants followed the words of those false ones and throughout the ages were pleased and delighted with their own deeds and words. But when the appointed time came and the test appeared, all cursed and reviled the Truth, and finally issued the decree for His death. Reflect upon these matters so that thou mayest find the truth and become aware, for whoever becomes aware will no longer cling to those vain imaginings and will find himself free and unfettered.

His honor Amin, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, mentioned you and beseeched God that He might assist you and grant you success in that which is befitting the Days of God. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded. Woe unto the heedless. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04522: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the One Who speaketh in the heaven of utterance.

This is a Book sent down in truth for people who know, and it guideth mankind unto the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of his Lord's utterance and hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His exalted station.

When thou hearest the call from the most exalted horizon, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto me Thy verses and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by Thy power which the hosts and ranks cannot weaken, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the worlds of the unseen and the seen, to make me in all conditions moved by Thy will, holding fast unto Thy cord, and acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having remembered me time after time, and adorned me with the ornament of Thy knowledge, and enabled me to turn unto Thee. I beseech Thee to aid me under all conditions to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, and whom the clamor of Thy creatures and the doubts of those of Thy servants who have changed Thy bounty, turned away from Thy beauty, and denied Thy manifestation and Thy verses have not hindered. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayers.

BH04531: Praise be to God that thou didst migrate…

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

Praise be to God that thou didst migrate and set thy face toward the most exalted station, attaining that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. On the Day of Recompense the Divine Lote-Tree appeared with wondrous fruits, delectable produce and radiant leaves. At that time the winds of tests blew from the dawning-place of the will of Him Who causeth the morning to break, preventing most leaves from the blessed Tree and casting them to the dust. However, He preserved and strengthened His branches through the arm of power and the hand of might, until they attained His presence and were adorned by meeting Him. The days of attainment are surely remembered—a single moment's pause in

the Desired Land cannot be equaled by centuries and ages. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this: verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thou didst arrive and attain. Thy name was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. God willing, with perfect certitude and assurance thou wilt remain adorned with praiseworthy characteristics and occupied in the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. That which was sent was accepted. Blessed are My branches and My leaves who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the cup of My bounty, and My handmaidens who have attained to My remembrance and praise and My loving-kindness which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon My leaves. We beseech God to ordain for each one of them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer.

BH04424: The Commander commands and it behooveth the commanded…

The Commander commands and it behooveth the commanded to hearken.

Blessed is He Who hath sent forth His emissaries to His lands as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He desireth naught but the elevation of souls and their advancement, as this perspicuous Book doth testify. Say: O people of the earth! Cast away vice and lay hold of virtue, by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Your riches and whatsoever ye possess shall profit you not. Cast away vain imaginings and take hold of that which hath been vouchsafed unto you from God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Habibu'llah! The Supreme Pen maketh mention of thee. God willing, thou shalt attain thereunto and arise to serve the Cause with a service worthy of it. By the Sun of utterance which hath dawned from the horizon of the Mother Book, the teachers and servants of the Cause who are accounted in the Crimson Book as the chosen ones of God's Cause must needs adorn their heads with the crown of piety and their temples with the robe of detachment. Such is God's decree, both in the past and future. Well is it with them that act accordingly.

We beseech God that He may sanctify all those who are related, both male and female, from whatsoever is unseemly, and confirm them in that which shall cause the exaltation and elevation of the Word. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

We have made mention, and continue to make mention, of Jamal, upon him be My glory and mercy and loving-kindness. Give him the glad-tidings of My bounty and grace, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. The Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon him, and upon thy mother, and upon those who are with you, and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH04936: O Yusuf! Night and day the verses of God…

He is God, the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Yusuf! Night and day the verses of God are being revealed, His evidences are manifest, His call is raised, His path is visible, and His balance is established. Yet those souls who throughout ages and centuries awaited the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai are today veiled and deprived of the ocean of grace. They have abandoned the Book of Certitude and cling to vain imaginings. The fragrances of revelation have perfumed the world and the luminary of utterance has illumined all regions, yet there exists no eye to behold it, nor any ear to hearken to its call. Today the learned and the ignorant, the high and the low, all stand on the same plane. Whosoever turns and draws near—they are accounted among the people of certitude in the Manifest Book by the Pen of God, recorded and inscribed.

In all conditions, beseech God to protect thee. Some souls attribute themselves to the Truth while they follow the desires of self and passion. I am quit of them, as every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. The Truth is manifest and the verses are clear, and all have been commanded to sanctification and detachment for the exaltation of the Cause. Yet some have deviated from the straight path and have committed that which hath caused lamentations to rise and tears to flow. We beseech God to assist thee in that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer.

BH04803: The Book of God standeth before the faces…

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

The Book of God standeth before the faces of all who speak, and in every moment proof and evidence are manifest. A herald calleth out from the direction of the Throne and summoneth all who are on earth to the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the soul whom neither the chains of men nor the clamor of the wayward have kept back from the Self-Sufficing, the Most High.

O people of God! Count ye as precious this time and strive that ye may gain a portion from the effulgent lights of this Revelation and attain unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. In this day the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise are all engaged in praise and thanksgiving to God, inasmuch as the lights of His Revelation have encompassed all things. Were but a single melody from the melodies of the people of Paradise to reach the ears of the servants in these days, all would find themselves wholly detached from all else save God and would set their faces toward the most sublime summit and most exalted horizon. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of bounty and bestowal, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Sovereign of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy Will and the potency of Thy Purpose and the shrill voice of Thy Pen to ordain for this servant of Thine that which will draw him nigh unto Thee and profit him in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH04671: This night is among the nights of the blessed…

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

This night is among the nights of the blessed month of Ramadan. Wisdom has necessitated that We observe the fast. At night We speak, while in the day We are silent. Yet within speech lies concealed the treasury of silence, and within silence is stored the ocean of utterance. Is the world of ears destined to receive a portion of hearing this, or is the world of eyes assigned a share of beholding?

Glory be to God! The mysteries are manifest before the faces of the righteous, and the Book speaks with the most exalted call. A secret that was forever hidden and stored in the treasury of divine protection has become evident and manifest. Beseech the True One that He may not deprive His servants of the outpourings of His days, nor withhold them from the pearls of the ocean of His knowledge. He is the Bestower, the Compassionate.

When thou art stirred by the breezes of My verses and art given to drink of the Kawthar of My utterance, turn toward My direction and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my sight with beholding the traces of Thy Pen. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the revelations of the Day-Star of Thy Cause from the Supreme Horizon, to make me one of those who have hearkened to Thy most sweet call and have said: “Here am I, here am I, O Creator of the heavens!” My Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy bounty and hoping for the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and favor. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me what I have desired of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

BH11772: Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of wisdom and utterance!

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, and my Support, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances—He upon Whom Thou didst send down the Furqan, and through Whom Thou didst separate truth from falsehood, and light from darkness. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgent lights of the Day-Star of Thy generosity unto Thy servants, to ordain for this servant of Thine that which will exalt Thy name amongst Thy creatures. Then write down for me what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones.

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. Furthermore, I praise Thee and thank Thee for the blessing which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and Thy Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted Cause, to bless his footsteps among us and ordain for him that which will gladden hearts and bring joy to eyes. Verily, Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Alif and Ha, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all mankind. The Wronged One hath remembered thee before and after, and beseecheth God, glorified and exalted be He, to open before thy face the gates of gifts and favors, and to make the one whom We have named ʿAbdu’r-Rahman

confirmed in that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

BH05178: He, verily, hath come from the heaven of utterance…

He is the One manifest with truth.

He, verily, hath come from the heaven of utterance with a clear proof and hath summoned all to the supreme horizon. Blessed are they who are endued with true understanding, who have cast away transgression and wickedness and have held fast to righteousness and the fear of God. These are they who possess insight in this age and are numbered by God, the Lord of all worlds, among the people of the Greatest Vision. The Trusted One made mention of thee, whereupon We make mention of thee and bid thee to that which will exalt thy station in this glorious and luminous station. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of proof and have sent down therefrom that which delighteth the eyes of them that are nigh unto God, who have taken hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and have clung to His firm and mighty Command.

Say: O concourse of the Torah! The Friend hath appeared and the Interlocutor hath come, both giving glad tidings of that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast away what ye have heard from the manifestations of idle fancies. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with His Revelation. None denieth this save they who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Let not the turning away of them that have turned aside grieve thee, nor the doubts of the doubtful hinder thee. Take hold of My Book with My strength, in spite of them that have cast the Command of God behind their backs—these, verily, are among the idolaters. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings through His Self-Subsisting Name on this blessed and wondrous Day. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in this Cause. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH05222: O ʿAli-before-Muhammad! Praise be to God…

He is the One Who beholdeth him who hath turned towards Him.

O ʿAli-before-Muhammad! Praise be to God that in the earliest days thou didst attain unto the recognition of the Lord of all beings. Neither the veils of the divines nor the obscurities of the jurisprudents did prevent thee from the Most Exalted Horizon. This station is great. We beseech God that He may aid thee to remain steadfast in all conditions, inasmuch as the barking ones, the treacherous ones, and the calumniators lie in wait, seeking to find someone to whom they may impart that which leadeth astray.

Thou and the departed one who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion have ever been and continue to be remembered. In these days the honored ʿAttar, upon him be My Glory, made mention of you, and this most wondrous and most exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor especially for you, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful from His utterance and the sweet-scented breeze of divine knowledge from His Book.

The handmaiden, thy sister, upon her be the Glory of God, hath been honored with a divine Tablet, and there hath been revealed especially for her that which hath no likeness or peer. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon her, as a grace from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Convey to all the kindred ones the greetings of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor. Verily, He is the Protector of the men and women who are devoted to Him. The Glory be upon you from Us, and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH05595: O ʿAliyyih! The Hand of Loving-kindness took hold…

In the name of the Desire of the souls

O ʿAliyyih! The Hand of Loving-kindness took hold of thee and favored thee with Its confirmation. Through His bounty thou didst seek the most distant station, the ultimate goal and the supreme summit. Thou didst attain unto service and wert honored to hearken unto His call. Thy name is wondrous, thy mention is new, thine acceptance is recorded and thy love is accepted. The divine bounties are beyond reckoning and sanctified above comprehension.

The whole world, outwardly, hath turned away save a few, and they strive and labor to extinguish the divine light and cut down the celestial Tree. However, from the beginning of days the Tree hath appeared before the faces of all, bearing countless fruits. Not for a moment did it conceal itself or hide from sight. Time and again it was imprisoned, and time and again like captives it fell into the hands of enemies. Nevertheless, its tongue ceased not from praise nor its pen from movement. Glorified be His majesty and magnified be His power! There is none other God but Him.

We beseech God to confirm thee and preserve from obliteration that which hath been recorded. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy love and caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Source of Thy commandments. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing.

BH05628: O leaf, companion of the person of the name…

He is the Hearer and the Speaker

O leaf, companion of the person of the name of God "Jamal," upon both of you be the Most Glorious Beauty of God! The Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree makes mention of you and has granted from the ocean of utterance that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the world. Today the winds of self and passion and ignorance and blindness have caused most of the leaves of the world to fall and become deprived of the Lote-Tree, while you through boundless grace and infinite mercy have clung to it, gazed upon it and held fast to it. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, took hold of you and guided you to His straight path. You heard the call of the Wronged One and attained His presence. Give thanks to your Lord for this great bounty. His remembrance is the Sovereign of all remembrance and His Cause is the Sovereign of all causes.

Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land who are sanctified and detached from names and stories of old. O My leaves and My handmaidens! You have ever been remembered and have attained His grace. That which is now necessary and obligatory is steadfastness. Hold fast unto it. Blessed is the handmaiden who has detached herself from all else save God and has held fast to His firm cord and His manifest Command. The glory from Us be upon you and upon them and upon those women who have believed in God and have said:

> "We believe in Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and we have turned unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth."

BH05633: From the beginning of the Cause this Wronged One…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

From the beginning of the Cause this Wronged One sacrificed His life, spirit, wealth, honor and comfort—all—in the path of the Goal of all the worlds, and arose alone to promote the Cause—an arising that no circumstance could alter and no might of the ungodly could prevent Him from proclaiming the Cause. And likewise there befell Him such oppression from the oppressors as caused grief to the Concourse on High. And when the Luminary of God's Will, exalted be His glory, illumined the horizons, the people of discord emerged from their ambush and, with swords of hatred and animosity, attempted to slay the Lord of Names.

We beseech God not to deprive His servants of justice and fairness, nor withhold from them the waters of mercy. Praise the Goal of all the worlds Who granted success and guided thee to the straight path. The divines of Iran who considered themselves the most learned and excellent in the world wander in the wilderness of error, while thou hast attained to the recognition of the Goal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme gift and most exalted rank, then beseech Him to aid thee in preserving what thou hast been given from the presence of the Strong, the Ancient.

BH05970: O Khudabakhsh! The people of the world rejected…

He is the One Who rules over all names!

O Khudabakhsh! The people of the world rejected and denied God's bounty. He appeared to bestow upon all eternal life and everlasting sustenance and rest and prosperity, yet the people turned away and rose up to harm Him. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to serve His Cause and exalt His Word. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory be to God! The signs have encompassed the world and the evidences are more manifest than the sun, yet every faction clings to vain imaginings. Those who have denied God and His verses, and rejected His sovereignty and His manifestation and His power, have truly lost. They are among those who have perished in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel all to wisdom lest the clamor rise of those who have broken God's covenant and testament. Thus doth the Wronged One admonish you as a grace from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The honored Amin has repeatedly mentioned you and sought bounties for the friends in that land. We beseech God to illumine

all with the light of recognition and grant them a portion of the sealed wine. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH05868: In My Name that overshadoweth all names

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This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath turned toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned thee before in various verses, and at this hour through this perspicuous Tablet. We heard thy mention and made mention of thee, and saw thy name and revealed for thee that which attracteth hearts. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and to behold the tokens of Thy Pen and for having intoxicated me with the choice wine of Thy utterance. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Command which Thou hast made the key to the gates of Thy mercy and grace, and by the dawning manifestations of the Sun of Thy bounty in Thy days, to aid me in that which will draw me and Thy servants nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy most sweet utterance to manifest through me that which will spread abroad Thy mention and praise amongst Thy creation. Then ordain for me the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory rest upon thee and upon thy wife and upon every believing man and every believing woman who hath turned and hath said:

> “Here am I, O Thou Goal of the mystics and God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!”

BH05898: Equal to the previous Books, nay greater, have verses…

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

Equal to the previous Books, nay greater, have verses descended from the heaven of divine knowledge, and the horizon of the world is illumined and radiant from the dawning lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation. Yet the blind have no share in beholding it. They cling to vain imaginings and are occupied with their own selfish desires.

Blessed is he who was not prevented by the world’s rejection, nor deprived of drawing nigh unto the Truth by the veils of the nations. With the finger of certitude he rent asunder the veils, and with a pure and sanctified heart he aimed for the most exalted summit.

Say: O people of the world! Reflect upon the state of the Wronged One. Without any veil or covering He summoned all, with the most great call, to the straight path of God, and counseled them in that which would cause the exaltation of the Cause and the elevation of beings. Yet ears are lacking and no seeker is to be found.

Give thanks to the Lord of the seen and unseen, that He guided thee and caused thee to attain the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. He is the Ever-Flowing One whose outpouring hath encompassed all things. The

glances of His loving-kindness have ever been and shall forever remain turned towards His servants. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and He is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH05656: Today the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful…

In the name of the peerless Lord!

Today the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful is surging and the sun of the bounty of the True One is shining forth and manifest. We beseech God to enable His servants to witness and hearken, that all may come and find that for which they were created from nothingness into being. Glory be to God! Night and day the rain of mercy hath been pouring from the heaven of divine favor and His outpouring hath been manifested in utmost perfection at every moment, yet the people remain heedless. The True One hath at all times made mention of His loved ones and continueth to do so. No seeker hath been denied and no pursuer prevented. His path is clear and His proof manifest. Blessed is the soul that hath not been hindered by idle fancies nor deprived by vain imaginings from the Choice Sealed Wine.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Take it with the hand of certitude and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the mystics and Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth! The Trusted One hath mentioned thee, so We make mention of thee, and that which thou didst send hath come before the Wronged One and been accepted as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

BH06008: He speaks the truth in the Kingdom of Utterance…

He is the Speaking One and He is the Silent One.

He speaks the truth in the Kingdom of Utterance according to a measured degree, and remains silent concerning that which the ears of men cannot bear to hear. Verily, He is the All-Wise One Who speaks with measure. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most people are in strange doubt. They have turned away from the Truth, advancing toward the dawning-places of vain imaginings. They have denied Him in Whom they believed throughout ages and centuries. Say: Do ye not behold the effulgences of the Sun of My Cause? Be fair, by God, and follow not every ignorant one who hath turned away from God, the Lord of lords. They make mention of God with their tongues while the Mother Book beareth witness to their falsehood.

Say: This is the Day in which the breezes of the morn of Revelation have wafted. Blessed is he who hath inhaled their fragrance and hath awakened and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Sender of the winds!” Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath opened the gate of reunion before all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath attained the presence, and woe unto every heedless one who hath turned away by following those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My verses and been mentioned by the Pen of My will in this Prison which God hath made the Dawning-place of revelation and inspiration. We counsel thee and those who have believed to that whereby the Cause of God shall be uplifted amongst His servants.

BH05996: O concourse of kindreds! Hearken unto the call…

He is the One Who watcheth over all Names.

O concourse of kindreds! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all dominion in the Abode of Return. Verily, He summoneth you, in truth, unto God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Take ye My sealed wine in My Name, the Ever-Abiding, then drink thereof at the behest of the All-Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

Say: O concourse of the Furqan! Naught that ye possess shall avail you this Day. Cast away idle fancies, and lay hold on that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of whatsoever hath been and shall be.

This is the Day whereon the orb of proof hath shone forth from the presence of the All-Merciful. Turn ye unto it, and follow not the dawning-places of vain imaginings and idle suppositions. The carpet of your worldly knowledge hath been rolled up, and the ocean of true knowledge hath surged before your very faces. Draw nigh thereunto, then drink from it, by a command from the presence of God, the Lord of existence.

And when thou takest thy flight, with the pinions of certitude, unto the Kingdom of the All-Merciful and findest the sweet savours of the Divine Utterance, then say:

"O my God, my God! Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee, clinging fast to Thy Cord, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, and attracted by Thy verses. I entreat Thee by that sign at whose appearance every neck was bowed low, and at whose manifestation all signs were made to humble themselves, that Thou wilt make me one who speaketh and standeth in Thy remembrance amidst Thy creatures and in the service of Thy Cause.

> "O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty to ordain for me that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee, and to strengthen me in whatsoever befitteth Thy days. Verily, Thou art the One, the Alone, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful."

BH06240: The Mother Book hath appeared and summoned all unto…

He is the Manifest Book

The Mother Book hath appeared and summoned all unto the All-Glorious, the Bestower. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. He hath created you for the recognition of the Dayspring of His signs and the Manifestation of His Self. Cast away what the people possess and take hold of that which ye have been given by God, the Lord of all men.

Say: O people of the lands! Fear ye God and deny not Him Who hath come for the salvation of the nations and their purification through the crystal waters of this flowing stream. Blessed is the tongue that hath been restrained from mention and the heart that hath turned unto the Luminary of the horizons. We have commanded all to that which shall preserve them from the promptings of self and passion and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee

by Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement to make me of them whom the might of the world hath not frightened and the clamors of the nations have not hindered. They have turned with illumined hearts unto Thy most exalted horizon and heard Thy sweetest call and said:

> "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below! There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH06388: O my leaf of the Blessed Tree! His existence…

In the name of the Desired One of all worlds!

O my leaf of the Blessed Tree! His existence is evident and His loving-kindness manifest. Hold fast unto Him with such firmness that neither the winds of the allusions of the ungodly nor the doubts of the suspicious shall cause thee to fall or keep thee back from the Tree.

Blessed is the soul whom the power of all the peoples of the world hath failed to prevent, and whom the might of the nations hath been powerless to deter from turning with a pure and luminous heart and uttering the words "Here am I, O Desired One of the worlds! Here am I, O Lord of eternity!"

The loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory, hath encompassed His chosen ones and handmaidens. How many are the men who are deprived this day, while thou hast attained. Know thou the value of this supreme bounty and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of my desire, for having made known unto me Thy path and guided me to the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Repository of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by them who have offered up their souls in Thy path to aid this handmaiden of Thine to make mention of Thee and to extol Thee among Thy handmaidens, and to make her steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, powerful to do as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful."

BH07009: I say in truth this is the Day when…

He is the Speaker before the followers of all religions.

I say in truth this is the Day when the horizons of the cities of the world have been illumined by the lights of the Most Great Name. The hidden pearls that were concealed within the shells of the ocean of knowledge have become manifest and evident. The Source of commands and prohibitions and the Treasury of divine knowledge and wisdom is present and visible before all faces. Blessed is the one whom the veils of the peoples of the world did not prevent from the Lord of Eternity. He abandoned all else but God and with an illumined heart raised high the banner of detachment. He is of the people of Baha—upon him be the glory of God and His favors and gifts and bounties.

The honored Amin has repeatedly mentioned the friends of that land, therefore there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which is the river of mercy for the thirsty ones and the light of knowledge for

the seekers. Praise thou the Goal of the world, for verily He hath guided thee to His straight path and acquainted thee with the Great Announcement. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment.

BH07432: O my leaf! I testify that thou hast attained…

In the name of the Peerless Friend!

O my leaf! I testify that thou hast attained unto the presence of God and turned towards Him when thou didst hear the Call, and set thy face towards Him when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the One Who conversed on Sinai. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor. I swear by the Sun of Truth that this deed is the king of all deeds. Preserve it in the name of Truth. Man must be mindful in all conditions. Soon all that is visible shall vanish, and that which is everlasting and enduring hath been and shall ever be the Word of God. Its traces shall not be obliterated, nor shall it be overtaken, and its fruits shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. God doth obliterate and confirm whatsoever He pleaseth, and with Him is the Mother Book. Convey My greetings to the secluded ones among the Afnan and give them the glad-tidings of His grace and favor. The Glory from before the Divine Lote-Tree be upon its twigs and leaves, and upon every maidservant who hath heard and attained and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH08088: We make mention of him who is named Musa…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

We make mention of him who is named Musa and give him the glad-tidings of this Most Great Announcement. O Musa! Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Through Him the ocean of knowledge has surged before the faces of all religions, and the fruits have spoken upon the trees. The Chosen One has come with clear sovereignty. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that is from Him. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Shatter the idols of vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all men. He will assist thee through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Nothing can prevent Him from that which He willeth, nor can the might of the ungodly weaken Him. We counsel thee and those who have turned towards God to fear God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Recite the Book of God; verily it will guide you to an exalted station. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in this mighty prison.

BH08447: The fire of self and passion hath afflicted most…

He is the All-Seeing Speaker!

The fire of self and passion hath afflicted most of the people of the earth and kept them back from drawing nigh unto God, glorified be His majesty. Night and day they are consumed by the fire of greed and deprived of the light of detachment. With all their soul they strive after wealth and glory, heedless of to whom this wealth shall revert the following day and who shall inherit this glory. We beseech God that He may assist thee and the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim in that land to achieve that which is

befitting. Make mention of each one on behalf of this Wronged One. Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory, hath made mention of each one and hath been blessed with the sacred verses from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God, exalted be He, to preserve you and ordain for you the best in this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08163: All the peoples of the world believe themselves…

In the name of the one true God!

All the peoples of the world believe themselves to be gazing toward the Truth and to have attained His knowledge, yet the Truth hath not acknowledged this, nor doth He accept these claims, for today the Truth is manifest and the Kingdom of Utterance is present before all faces, yet all remain heedless and veiled. Blessed is the party that hath separated itself from all parties and hath been designated in the Tablets as the Party of God. Today all ties are severed. Blessed is the soul that hath attained the tie of the Truth—such a one is accounted as one of the gems of existence in the presence of Him Who is the Ever-Living. O Aqa Jan! We have previously made mention of thee. The glance of Our loving-kindness hath ever been directed toward His loved ones. We beseech Him to aid thee at all times in that which will cause the elevation of God's Cause. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends, that perchance this remembrance may draw them nigh unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10486: O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Rahim! Thou hast attained unto the Most Great…

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

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Rahim! Thou hast attained unto the Most Great Horizon and the favors of the Lord of Divine Decree. Know thou the worth of this most exalted station. We counsel thee with that which will cause the elevation of thy station. The world is transient—look not unto it, but rather unto Him Who created and manifested it. This Wronged One hath ever enjoined upon His servants that which is conducive to the appearance of divine bounty and blessing. The door of wealth is trustworthiness. We counsel all Our loved ones to observe it. Hold fast unto it, then know its station. Verily, the Wronged One is the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy.

BH10713: O Inayatu'llah Attar, upon whom be the Glory…

He is the All-Knowing and the All-Powerful.

O Inayatu'llah Attar, upon whom be the Glory of the Chosen One! Mention hath been made of thee, wherefore the glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee and thou hast been made to attain unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Today no consideration is given to mere kinship. We have mentioned thee for the love of God. Strive thou to attain unto a station worthy of these days. Praise be to the Goal of all existence Who brought thee forth from the loins of one of His loved ones. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH10935: O Shukru'llah! Thou hast attained unto that which was…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the Most Great.

O Shukru'llah! Thou hast attained unto that which was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books. Beseech thou God that He may assist thee to preserve this lofty and glorious station. The days are passing; strive thou to attain unto that which shall be inscribed in the Book of God and shall remain preserved from obliteration. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto His loved ones. Blessed are they that act.

BH11469: O my handmaiden and my leaf!… Today the education…

…O my handmaiden and my leaf!… Today the education of children and their protection is regarded as the most meritorious of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Though outwardly it may be toilsome, yet it is the cause of eternal rest and has ever been so….

BH11871: Praise, sanctified from decline and transformation, change and obliteration…

Section 1: "Praise, sanctified from decline and transformation, change…"

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

Praise, sanctified from decline and transformation, change and obliteration, befitteth the Court of the Self-Subsisting One, Who hath summoned them that are endued with understanding unto the horizon of His Manifestation in their ultimate habitation. His favor hath encompassed the world of existence, both seen and unseen. His path is like unto a brilliant and luminous lamp, and His proof like unto the manifest and resplendent sun. The sweet waters of His utterance are the portion of them that thirst in the city of understanding. Glorified be His majesty and universal be His bounty! Glory be unto God that despite this, the blind have not seen—and praise be to God that they have not seen! The fewer the rivals, the sweeter and more pleasant is the work of the lovers.

O lovers! Come ye, come ye! The Beloved is manifest and rivals are scarce. Now is the time to take the cup of reunion from the hand of the Self-Sufficient One and, despite the servants' opposition, to drink therefrom. A thousand pities and a hundred thousand regrets that while the Desired One is present and manifest without veil or concealment, yet the people of the world are some turned away, some bewildered, and some astonished. By what excuse do they excuse themselves? If they say divine proof is the Book, we present a hundred books. If they say it is explanation, in most books, scriptures and tablets hath been revealed that which every person of insight testifieth to the power and all-encompassing knowledge of God, exalted be His glory.

Would one possessed of insight be denied a drop from the Most Great Ocean, or a particle from the sun? What intoxication hath seized them all! By the life of our Object, the recompense of their deeds hath seized them all and barred them from the direction of the Divine Unity. We beseech God to grant awareness to the heedless and wakefulness to them that slumber. The forbearance of God, exalted be His

glory, seeketh salvation for all. Verily He is the Most Merciful of them that show mercy and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived, from which wafted the fragrance of submission and contentment, and from which appeared the glad tidings of health and well-being. After its perusal and reading, it ascended to the Most Exalted Kingdom and, after permission was granted, attained the honor of being heard in the presence. This is what was revealed in reply, blessed and exalted be His Word:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath revealed, wherein He giveth glad tidings unto the servants of God's Kawthar, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Verily it is My utterance in the dominion of My knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!" The ocean of certitude hath surged at the right hand of the All-Merciful, and the fragrance of revelation hath wafted when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His name, the All-Loving. The worlds of wisdom and utterance have been illumined by the lights of the Sun of My manifestation, yet most of the people do not understand. They have denied that which hath appeared with truth and that which hath been sent down through grace, yet they perceive it not. They hear the verses of God and deny them, and they see His clear tokens and turn away from them. By My life! They are of those who have broken God's covenant and His testament, and have abandoned that which they were commanded in the Preserved Tablet.

Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Prison. It will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the hints of those who have turned away from the Truth and the doubts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Kingdom, make thee sorrowful. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not every ignorant and veiled one. Behold ye and remember when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came with clear signs, the people denied Him and committed that whereby the pillars of the Word were scattered and the essences of existence lamented. Come ye and judge with fairness: By what proof did ye believe in God's Messengers of old, and by what evidence do ye now turn away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, Who calleth aloud before the faces of all mankind: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Promised Day!"

O people! Ye may produce what ye possess, and We shall set forth unto you the Word of God, the Almighty, the Beloved. Beware lest the books of the world hold you back from the Book of God which speaketh in this praiseworthy station. Say: By God! This is a Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh and all things proclaim: "The Promise is come, and in every matter the Promised One declareth: ʻThere is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."'

Hearken unto the divine call in the Persian tongue, that perchance the heedless may become aware and the dead may attain eternal life through the sweet-scented stream of the All-Merciful's utterance. Today the Sun of loving-kindness hath risen from the highest horizon of the world, and the Luminary of grace shineth from the zenith of the exalted heaven of the Most High Heart. It would be a pity should the servants remain deprived of the Ever-Flowing Source of truth on this day. The rain of mercy poureth

down at all times, and the verses of grandeur are revealed throughout nights and days. Say: O ye dead ones! Today the Hand of bounty proffereth the water of immortality; deprive not yourselves thereof.

The Sun of grace, through the blessed Greatest Name, bestoweth spiritual light; render not yourselves deprived. This Day hath no peer or likeness. Trusting in God, set your faces toward the supreme height and most exalted station, which is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Say: O My loved ones! Leave delusions to the deluded, and arise with firm steps to serve the Cause. We beseech God to assist you and reinforce you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He is the Powerful One to Whose might the tongues of all beings testify. Blessed is the one whom the doubts of the worlds of conjecture and fancy have not held back from the lights of the Luminary of certitude.

Through the Name of God, exalted be His glory, break down the barrier and rend asunder the veils that hinder, that ye may attain unto the pearls of the divine ocean of mercy. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving.

Make mention of the Wronged One to His loved ones and give them the glad tidings of the divine, heavenly Kawthar. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the Generous.

Praise be to God, thou hast attained that which hath been the cherished hope of those near unto Him. Now, with patience, calm, forbearance and dignity, summon the servants to the horizon of divine knowledge. The conditions of that land and whatsoever hath occurred and shall occur therein are all manifest and visible in the presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. However, He hath repeatedly commanded that the attribute of the Concealer standeth before His face, beseeching, and likewise the attribute of the All-Patient. Therefore, for now these matters remain veiled. The end of all affairs is in the hand of our Lord—He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Praise be to God that that spiritual friend, after attaining His presence and meeting, was assisted in serving the Cause. Assuredly, whosoever ariseth for the sake of God and wisheth well for all the peoples of the world shall be aided by His invisible confirmations. That honored one hath been mentioned repeatedly in the Most Holy Court, and this servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that His favors may at all times encompass him and His grace assist him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Furthermore, the petition of the honored friend, Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God, was received and presented in the Most Holy Court, and one sacred Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the Divine Will and dispatched. This servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him in remembering Him and serving His Cause. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. In truth, from his petition wafted the fragrance of love and steadfastness. How excellent is this! Praise be to God, he hath presented that which is befitting and likewise mentioned that which is requisite for faith and certitude. Verily, bounty is in the hand of God, our Lord and your Lord. He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whom He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath heard the Call and turned towards it, saying:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, for having manifested Thyself, revealed Thy verses and shown forth Thy clear tokens on a Day whereon the limbs of all names trembled for fear of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.”

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Hear the Call from the Supreme Horizon—verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The servant who is present brought thy letter and presented it before the face of the Wronged One. We perceived from it the fragrance of thy turning, thy devotion, thy humility and thy submissiveness to this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Blessed be thy tongue, for it hath spoken the truth; and thy face, for it hath turned toward the lights of the Countenance; and thy heart, for it hath turned to the One, the All-Informed. When the intoxication of thy Lord’s utterance overtaketh thee and thou drinkest the Kawthar of proof from the cup of bounty and bestowal, say:

> “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having awakened me through the breezes of the dawn of Thy manifestation and raised me up when Thy servants and creatures were thunderstruck. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, and by the Word whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy loved ones, to make me in all conditions hold fast unto Thy will, cling to the hem of Thy decree, and be content with that which Thou hast ordained for me through Thy bounty and grace. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and detached from all else but Thee. Aid me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and to make mention of Thee and praise Thee in Thy dominion with wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Then assist me, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to preserve what Thou hast given me through Thy bounty, and ordain for me that which shall be a solace to me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.”

All praise be unto God, thanksgiving be unto Him, power be unto Him, and authority be unto Him. He hath sent down from the heaven of His knowledge that which hath attracted the hearts of His creation. Man standeth bewildered before the greatness of His grace, bounty and mercy. We beseech Him to perfect our imperfect deeds, actions and words, and to adorn them with the ornament of acceptance. He is the Powerful, He is the Kind. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

Furthermore, the letter of the honored brother, Haji Hasan Mi?ri, upon him be the Glory of God, which you sent to this servant arrived. Praise be to God, it was the cause of joy, gladness and delight, for it was adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. After reading and reviewing it, it was taken to the Most Exalted Station, presented before His countenance, and attained the honor of His attention. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the Sacred Heaven specifically for him and was sent. God willing, may they drink from the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds, cup after cup and chalice after chalice, in spite of those who have denied God and His verses, turned away from His presence, and rejected what hath appeared from Him. And this is what was revealed for him from the heaven of bounty. His blessed and exalted Word:

Section 2: "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 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 the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Bestower." The horizons have been filled with the signs of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Meeting, yet most of the people are in doubt and dissension. O Hasan! Upon thee be My Glory. Hearken unto My Call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He will aid thee to make mention of Me and to praise Me, and will protect thee from the evil of Mine enemies who have fabricated lies against God, the Lord of all beings.

We have brought forth from the treasuries of Our Most Exalted Pen before the faces of all peoples the pearls of wisdom and utterance, whereunto testifieth the Mother Book. The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter and read it before Our face. We have revealed for thee that wherefrom the sincere ones will find the fragrance of God, the Lord of all religions. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned towards Him when the people were in heedlessness and error. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and remind them of what hath been sent down for them from the heaven of grandeur and favors. We beseech God to aid thee to serve the Cause with utterances whereby hearts will be attracted and spirits transformed. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee, given thee success, and given thee to drink from the Kawthar of utterance that which the riches of all parties cannot equal.

In the Persian tongue, hear thou the divine call. By the life of God! Ears have been created and brought from nothingness into being for these days. God willing, mayest thou be set ablaze with the fire of the divine Lote-Tree with such an ignition that its effect will become manifest in the hearts of men. These days have been and are the days of the most great bounty and the supreme mercy. Blessed is the servant who hath arisen to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Qayyum-i-Asma. To this testify the Books of God and beyond them every fair-minded and discerning one, and every knowing and informed one.

Glory be unto God! The ornaments of the world have prevented the peoples from the Most Great Name. All have testified and do testify to their transience; yet for the sake of two fleeting days, they have deprived themselves of eternal life and everlasting existence. Arise to serve the Cause, placing thy trust in God. Verily, He will assist thee and aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Thy Lord, verily, is powerful over all things. Today the effulgences of the Sun of divine bounty have encompassed all, inasmuch as He hath strictly forbidden conflict, discord and strife in the Book. One must arise to aid the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. This is the command of God, both before and after. Blessed are they that have attained!

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging fast to Thee and to Thy Cause. Aid me in Thy service, then make my mention to have such effect, through Thy power, that it may guide hearts unto the Supreme Heart, through Whose fragrances the earth and heaven were attracted, and through a single one of Whose signs the Hour appeared with its tokens, and the Resurrection with its mysteries. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the

heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have recognized Thee!

Praise be to God, the breezes of His favor have enveloped them. God is witness and testifier that this servant has ever beseeched, in the court of the Goal of all the worlds, that which is sanctified above peer or likeness on behalf of the friends, and has specifically sought confirmation for them and strength to preserve what He has bestowed. Verily, He is the Most Powerful of the powerful and the Most Generous of the generous.

They must engage in assistance both night and day, and likewise in the refinement of souls and the reformation of the world. Surely you have heard of the shepherd in the Age of Ignorance who, though unworthy of mention, through turning to God became the bearer of mysteries and guide of the righteous. Similarly, the fisherman became possessed of heavenly mysteries—he who in previous Books was known as Peter and in the Arabic tongue as Simon.

Furthermore, praise be to God, they were recently adorned with the ornament of true forgiveness. Now they possess the station of one who came into the world through prayer, whom God has manifested through His grace and mercy. Some time ago, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to them. It beareth witness that our Lord and their Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Every person of insight and fairness knows that Hadi Dawlat-Abadi had no understanding whatsoever of the Cause from the beginning, and his heedlessness, misguidance and lack of comprehension reached such a point that he has lately busied himself with organizing a party like unto the Shi'ih party. It would be most fitting for someone to ask him what became of the previous party who for years considered themselves the most learned, most excellent, most noble and most understanding, and what was the fruit of their deeds on the Day of Reckoning, save that they committed that which became evident to the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the inhabitants of the supreme Heaven—that they were the most lost among the peoples of the world. By the life of our Lord and your Lord, they committed that which causeth the eye of justice to weep and the Supreme Pen to lament.

To this day the misguided divines of Iran curse the Truth from their pulpits. Such were the deeds of the Shi'ihs on the Day of Resurrection. Now that heedless one, bereft of understanding, occupies himself with mention of successor, chief, noble and the like, intending to establish for the hapless people a Jabulqa of suspicions, a Jabulsa of vain imaginings, and a region of falsehood. By the life of our Beloved and our Goal, it is incumbent and obligatory upon all souls to protect the servants from the evil of that heedless one, lest they be afflicted with fancies like unto those of the past. This servant beseeches God not to deprive any of His servants, nor prevent him and his like from the waves of the ocean of knowledge.

The poor one is heedless and knoweth not that love of leadership hath seized him. During the Manifestation of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—love of rank and station deprived all the divines of that age from the Lord of all beings. They pronounced the decree of His death and martyred His followers in every city. They committed that which the Pen is ashamed to recount and the tongue to express. In these lands, one appeared by the name of Mihdi and none turned away

from him. Now some hundred thousand souls have gathered around him although his true state is unknown. Yet when the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Manifestation of the divine Self appeared in Iran, the divines gathered together and subjected Him to the gravest abasement and martyred Him. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!

In these days, numerous letters have repeatedly arrived from the beloved of hearts, his honor Amin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and in each letter mention was made of your honor and the honored one mentioned above, upon him be Baha'u'llah, and his honor Aqa Muhammad Isma'il and his honor Aqa ʿAli and other friends, upon them be Baha'u'llah, and he requested a Tablet for each one. Some time ago Tablets were revealed specifically for some and were sent, and now also in answer to the petitions they have been revealed, and those letters which they themselves had written have been dispatched, and concerning each one he requested bounty. All were presented in the presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes, and an answer was graciously given. All this is from His all-encompassing grace and His mercy that hath preceded all things. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

As to what was mentioned regarding his honor Abdu'l-Husayn Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, that which would ensure the perpetuity of his remembrance was previously revealed specifically for him and was sent to his honor Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah, that he might forward it. This servant also conveys greetings to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist and grant success in preserving bounties that are without peer or likeness. Likewise, in response to the petition of his honor Haji Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, there was revealed that which is the spirit of life for the body of the world, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for his honor Aqa Muhammad Isma'il, upon him be Baha'u'llah. Well is it with them and joy be to them. It is hoped that they will be assisted and enabled to arise with perfect steadfastness and complete determination to spread the verses and teach the Word of the Beloved of the worlds.

Mention was made of his honor Khudabakhsh, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God that he attained unto the traces of the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he and blessed are they whom the happenings of the world and its affairs have not prevented from God, the Lord of the mighty throne. After his name was mentioned before the seat of the world's Purpose, these exalted words were revealed—exalted and blessed be His utterance:

"O Messenger! The mentioned souls have been set ablaze by the fire of the blessed Tree and illumined by the light of the Cause. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Khudabakhsh and give him the glad-tidings of the waves of the ocean of divine bounty. Today, whosoever hath turned to the most exalted horizon hath in that instant been encompassed by divine forgiveness. From all directions the realities of things secretly give him glad-tidings and congratulations, saying: ʿHow excellent is thy state, for thou hast been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness and embellished with the crown of justice.' Blessed are they that attain, and joy be to them that attain! The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of the worlds." End quote.

The answer to each of the requests of that spiritual friend hath been revealed from the heaven of divine favor and sent forth. God willing, may ears and eyes be purified by the lights of the utterance of the Most

Merciful, and may all give voice to the blessed words “Thine is the praise, O God of the world, and Thine is the glory, O Lord of names.”

And finally, remembrance and glory and splendor be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth the Word and respondeth, for such a one is among the people of this noble station. Praise be to our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00983: Praise, thanksgiving, remembrance, glorification, peace and splendor…

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

Praise, thanksgiving, remembrance, glorification, peace and splendor, in the highest degree, befit the most holy and sublime threshold of the Desired One, Whose Pen of Will moves by day and night in remembrance of His chosen ones and near ones. Through the Kawthar of utterance which flows from Him, hearts and minds attain unto a wondrous new life. What pen could ever prove capable of giving thanks for this supreme benevolence and praise for this mighty gift? The waves of the ocean of bounty have appeared in such wise that those who wield the pen are powerless and incapable of enumerating them. His mercy has taken precedence, adorning nothingness with the ornament of existence. Blessed is the soul that in His days has attained, and has become possessed of but one word from His presence. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower, in the beginning and in the end.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart! A few days ago brief replies were written to your detailed letters, and these were sent along with wondrous and exalted Tablets, that perchance assured souls might drink from the depths of the ocean of oneness concealed within the words of the Desired One of all worlds, and attain unto fresh life. Your letter, together with the letters and petitions of the friends, reached the Most Holy Court, and that which was specifically revealed for each one bears witness to the Day of God and all that hath been made manifest therein. As bidden, give the glad-tidings unto all and deliver whatsoever hath been sent, both past and present. Despite the world’s upheavals and its incidents, and the hatred of the former party—namely the Shiites—the Most Exalted Pen hath not ceased from remembrance, and with the most loud-sounding call hath summoned and continueth to summon all.

In these days, praise be to God, the friends arrive continuously; no space remaineth. In two days, nineteen souls with radiant faces and illumined hearts arrived and attained. Though space is limited, by God’s grace their hearts are vast. In hardship they are patient, holding fast to beautiful patience. The servant beseecheth his Lord to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Papers numbering the numerical value of Bahhaj (11) were sent. In all cases, beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid all to that which is the cause of eternal remembrance and everlasting life. One Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for Haji Hasan (M.S.), upon him be the Glory of God, and one blessed Tablet specifically for Aqa Muhammad Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, in response to his petition. And specifically for the son, wife and uncle of Aqa Ali Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, sacred and luminous Tablets were revealed and sent; these will reach them. Indeed, what that beloved one wrote regarding their being set ablaze with the fire of love and their arising to serve the Cause is the truth, in which there is no doubt.

As to what was mentioned concerning the other loved ones, upon them be the Glory of God—all was presented at the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of His hearing. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Amin! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness." The letters from your honor, both previous and recent, which you sent to this servant arrived and were presented at the Most Holy Court. We made mention of each of the loved ones mentioned therein. The gaze of the Wronged One has ever been directed toward His loved ones. God willing, may they attain to such a station wherein the happenings of the world will not hold them back from remembrance, praise and service to the Cause.

May they be ignited by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and illumined by the light of His Cause. Specifically regarding those souls mentioned from Kaf and Ra for whom your honor requested Tablets—each has attained that around which the ocean of utterance circles. We beseech God to assist them through His grace, to remind them of His verses, draw them nigh unto Him, and ordain for them the Most Great Steadfastness. God willing, it is hoped they will attain this most great and mighty station and behold all else but God as a mere handful of clay.

O My beloved! The helpless servants are unaware, imagining that Hadi-i-Dawlat-Abadi and Mirza Baqir-i-Isfahani are cognizant of the Cause. Every person of insight and hearing testifies that all were and are utterly ignorant and move in absolute darkness. That most grievous calamity was never with the Truth but appeared through a deception that had and has no likeness or equal. The Tablets of God which the late Aqa Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, carried upon first arriving at the prison fell into the hands of that deceitful oppressor, who gave them to Mirza Hadi, son of that illusory person. He copied them in his own hand in Yahya's name and sent them to certain places. Where has fairness gone? What happened to justice? They have turned away from the Truth which, from the beginning of the Cause until now, has openly and without any veil summoned the peoples of East and West to the Supreme Horizon, while they cling to idle fancies and idols. Leave them to their vain desires and leave them in their idle discourse, for they neither perceive, nor recognize, nor know.

Glory be to God! Verses have been revealed and descended like rain, yet the heedless ones of the world claim knowledge and, like the former party, have strived and continue to strive to mislead the servants. In that dispensation, a few souls deprived the helpless servants of eternal bounty, everlasting sustenance, and the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. This evanescent servant beseeches and implores God to raise up servants who will protect people from former superstitions, break the idols of falsehood and fancy, and turn toward the station of truth and certitude. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Lord of the Throne and earth.

Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to the loved ones in every land. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to cause all to attain that which leads to the reformation of the world and the life of nations. Verily, He has power over all things. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you and hear your word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant

In the sacred month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1305

BH02277: Praise be to the One worthy and deserving, Who…

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

Praise be to the One worthy and deserving, Who adorned the heavens with His pure footsteps and illumined creation with His existence. Upon Him be the blessings of God, the mercy of God, the loving-kindness of God and His grace, and upon His family through whom the pillars of religion were fortified and the signs of God were spread forth at all times.

And then, your letter arrived and brought boundless joy. Praise be to God, you are enjoying the bounties of unity and detachment, and health and well-being. Regarding what you wrote about Qurratu'l-Ayn Inayatu'llah, after it was presented, they said it was very good and a blessed deed has become manifest for Inayatu'llah. In truth this is a favor befitting his name. However, tell Inayatu'llah on my behalf:

> "O ʿInayat, we beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for assistance for you, and we seek favor for your favor. Now the signs of favor must become manifest. God willing, you must conduct yourself in such a way as to be the cause of assurance and contentment to your teacher. Do not interfere in affairs without his permission and consent. This is my counsel—hear it well and act upon it. We beseech God to assist you and enable you to elevate your station and exalt your name. Verily, He has power over all things."

End quote.

In truth, you too must at all times remind Qurratu'l-Ayn and make mention to him of the blessed, goodly words. God willing, there is hope that he will act as befits him and become the cause of manifesting the love of that company. I send greetings to my spiritual friend, Aqa Ghulam-Ali, upon him be God's everlasting peace. The gift that was sent arrived on the appointed day, attained the presence and was honored with acceptance. Now this blessed word completes the mention: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

I send greetings to the honored mother of ʿInayatu'llah, upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and I beseech confirmation for her. We ask God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon you a blessing from His presence and mercy from His side. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Your gift also arrived today—one was sent to the mansion and the other is present and has attained what is befitting. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

After completing the letter, they summoned and said:

> "O ʿInayat, God willing, may you be assisted in that which is the cause of loftiness and exaltation. There is hope, God willing, that you will become the cause of good mention for that party. Verily God is the Powerful, the Unconstrained."

End quote.

God willing, if he is enabled to accomplish what was mentioned, surely the unseen assistance will assist him and confirm him. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The servant, on 4 Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram 1305

BH00954: Praise, sanctified from the world and the mention…

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

Praise, sanctified from the world and the mention of nations, befitteth the Possessor of the Kingdom of eternity and the Creator of earth and heaven, Who through His absolute Will created the heaven and made manifest the earth. From these two the clouds appeared, and from them the rains descended, and from the rains the ocean became manifest, and from it the waves came into being. This is the station of the visible ocean; but as for the ocean of utterance, it hath appeared from the rain of the clouds of truth. Through the movement of the Will, resplendent waves arose, and these waves in one station are His manifestations of Names and attributes that have encompassed the world. Glorified be the Creator, glorified be the Educator, glorified be the Maker, glorified be the Bestower!

And peace and blessings be upon the Most Great Ocean and the Lord of the world and the Goal of nations. He is the ocean of divine knowledge and its waves, and the signs and mysteries of names and attributes. The pearls of this ocean are sanctified beyond counting and exalted above all limitations. Through Him were spread the signs of knowledge and the mysteries of arts. And upon His family and companions, through whom tongues have testified to God's oneness, power, might, grandeur and sovereignty, and through whom the luminary of justice shone forth among the servants and the sun of grace dawned upon all lands—an everlasting and eternal peace.

To continue: the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived. This servant, thinking it was paper bearing writing, upon touching it found it to be water in spirituality and delicacy—the properties of water were manifest from it. It quenched the thirst of separation and illumined the darkness of remoteness with the light of nearness. A hundred thousand praises upon the intermediaries between us, the interpreters between us, namely the pen and the ink. After attention, consideration and observation, proceeding to the station, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord—His utterance, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him:

Praise be to God, it arrived without delay, hindrance or pause, giving glad tidings of humility, submissiveness, certitude and assurance. The fragrance of love is diffused at all times and the call of the heart is raised in all moments. Praise be to God, the feast of hearing is present if the people of possibility would accept it, and the feast of sight is manifest if they would attain true vision. We beseech and supplicate God that perchance His all-encompassing grace and manifest bounty may preserve the people of unity from the oppression and transgressions of the ungodly. The city of Egypt, which is now your residence, has been the seat of unity and in every age has appeared adorned with a new ornament and resplendent with the lights of arts and sciences. Now its tranquility has been transformed to agitation and its light to darkness. the ungodly have surrounded it while the believers are asleep and heedless of the cause and reason. We must all beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which is the cause of the deliverance of His party. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Peace be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is no God but Him.

The Kawthar is flowing, the fragrance of Tasnim is diffusing. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, has been and will be, God willing, all-encompassing. If there has been or will be some delay in sending supplications, the abundance of occupations and assurance are the only causes for delay. That beloved one himself is witness, and God behind him is witness.

As to what you wrote concerning the establishment of a primary school and that which raises the stations of man, after it was presented before Him, He said: "Excellent is what they have undertaken." In the realms of knowledge and wisdom, the advancement of the world, and the refinement and tranquility of nations, the education of children holds the foremost rank. Blessed is the one who has arisen to educate children for the sake of God. Time and again, in the past and present, We have counseled the friends of God and commanded them to this firm decree. We beseech God to assist His friends in that which He loves and is pleased with.

Indeed, this matter is of utmost importance, as the foundation of comfort and tranquility depends upon knowledge. Assuredly, God, exalted be His glory, will aid and assist those who act upon this, for He has power over all things. I convey greetings to all the friends in that land. Night and day, I beseech God that He may bestow blessings from the clouds of mercy and the heaven of generosity, and likewise grant fellowship and unity, for most of the world's affairs have depended and depend upon these two. Regarding the teaching of different languages, they should consider the opinion of the people of that land. Most in that country display complete animosity and hatred toward the English; let it not be that this matter causes any unseemly word to be spoken regarding the friends. Surely those beloved ones have considered and continue to consider the foundation of matters.

As to what you wrote concerning Aqa ʿAbdu'r-Rahim, upon him be God's peace, after it was presented, He smiled and said:

> "God willing, may divine invisible assistance encompass all and confirm them in what is befitting. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous."

Regarding what you wrote about the honored friend Haji ʿAbdu'l-Karim, upon him be God's peace and favor, who sent four bags of Sadri rice—they arrived some time ago. Indeed, he is among those who are foremost in good deeds. Praise be to God, all have attained to that which has no equal. The stations of souls that are assured, content and pleasing to God—their manifestation is among the sealed matters with God. Repeatedly has this blessed word been heard:

> "Verily God does not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost."

Peace, remembrance, and praise be upon you and upon God's friends there and upon God's righteous servants.

Renewed news arrived today that Aqa Abdu'r-Rahim has written to his relatives and mentioned his affairs. According to his writing, he preferred what he received in Akka to what was mentioned in that land. Regarding this, He said:

> "Let ʿAbdu'r-Rahim consider the balance of his affairs. If this land appears preferable to him, let him come, and if he finds that place better, let him stay."

The purpose is that in either of these two cities, evident prosperity is apparent for him; let him choose.

BH00300: The Tablet of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

Section 1: "In these days the letter Alif stands upright…"

In the Name of the One dawning from the horizon of tribulation

In these days the letter Alif stands upright, and from its standing the world has arisen in lamentation. The letter Ha weeps from both eyes, and the condition of Ba is beyond mention. None has understood the mysteries of God save His own Self. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Powerful, the Mighty. The equivalent of all books past and future has been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen before all faces, yet they have attributed each to someone unaware. One who, by the life of God, is powerless and incapable of comprehending divine verses—to such a one they attribute them. The challenge to spiritual combat in the Land of Mystery occurred before all faces, yet all denied it. Groups of every kind, both from within and without, were present on that day. The Cause shone forth like the sun, manifest and evident, yet they veiled it with the veils of idle fancies.

O Haydar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Yahya, though he traveled with seventy others, wrote to some denying his presence, and the deluded ones accepted it. They have walked and continue to walk in the footsteps of the odious Shi'ih sect. Leave them in their error and their vain imaginings. Glory be to God! In the past they claimed that the daughter of the Messenger of God—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—was not in the house of Uthman, but rather it was one of the jinn appearing in her form who was with Uthman. Should one ask what became of that blessed leaf and where she went, he who disbelieved was confounded. The divines of the past and present, that party whether in the graves of earth or in the graves of self and desire, all await the Promised One to appear from imaginary stations. Such is the condition of those heedless servants. It is most regrettable that one should become the object of worship or the goal of such a people.

Your letters arrived at various times. For some, detailed answers were revealed from the heaven of utterance of the Goal of all the worlds, while others remained pending. The Command is in His hand—He doeth whatsoever He willeth. What can one say? In all cases, submission and contentment have been and are beloved.

Mention was made of the assured souls in Qamsar. Each has been honored with mention and distinguished by the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. The mentions of the world cannot equal this mention. We, from this station, glorify their faces, remind them of Our verses, give them glad tidings of Our loving-kindness, and counsel them to the Greater Steadfastness and to Trustworthiness, which God hath made the sun of all deeds.

O Haydar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny! In one of the Tablets this exalted Word was revealed in Persian. The Trusted Counsellor saith: O friends of God! Hold fast unto that which causeth

the exaltation of His Word and the spread of His Cause. Today, victory hath been ordained through the hosts of deeds and character, and hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. This is among God's ordinances in this Most Great Revelation; thou shalt find no change or alteration in His ordinance. This is a decree which God hath rendered safe from the word "God doth blot out what He pleaseth" and hath adorned with the ornament of "He doth establish what He willeth, and with Him is the Mother Book."

Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto this binding decree and hath preserved its sight, hearing, tongue and heart from that which is forbidden. Say: O people! By the life of God, the eyes were created for beholding His signs, the tongue for His mention, the ears for hearkening, and the heart for turning unto Him. Know ye this and be not of the heedless. Know ye the value of these divine days. By the life of God, their like hath not been seen nor hath come into being from nothingness.

And likewise mention was made of the friends in the land of Kaf. We bear witness that they have attained unto My knowledge, spoken My praise, and turned towards My horizon. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to aid them to be steadfast, and to draw them nigh unto Him in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One unto them and give them the glad tidings of what hath been revealed for them in this manifest time.

His honor the Trustworthy, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath in every instance made mention of you and sought assistance, bounty and mercy. Praise be to God that you have attained unto that from which the fragrance of His good-pleasure is wafted. Likewise, mention hath been made of the party of God in Dawlatabad. Repeatedly have their names flowed from the Pen. Each of the mentioned names hath attained unto the remembrance and attention of the Wronged One. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant them success and aid them in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make them among those whom the doubts of the divines and the hints of those who have denied the Day of Judgment have not kept back.

O Haydar! The objectors to the Cause have not reflected upon what they clung to in past ages and centuries, and what their recompense was on the Day of Retribution. Lost indeed are they who denied the days of God and turned away from the Truth, following every remote misbeliever. Particularly have these faithless people followed Hadi Dowlat-Abadi and Baqir Isfahani, who dwells in the land of Ta, though these two heedless ones are unaware of and veiled from the root of the Cause. Would that they had clung to their own kind and left the helpless people to themselves! Say: O Hadi, fear God and conceal not the Cause, nor cleave to that which thy self desires. Hide it not—thou went to the island and saw.

Make not thyself doubtful of it. Leadership will not protect thee. Rend asunder the veil of heedlessness and with the arm of certitude shatter the idol of vain imaginings. I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the most exalted horizon—I speak for the sake of God—thou art not aware. Reflect upon the past, when one of the women became the narrator of the Qa'im's existence. Several turbaned ones joined with her in denouncing Ja'far, contriving the Holy Precinct and Jabulqa and Jabulsa, thus depriving the helpless people of the divine revelatory breezes in God's days. Blessed are they who are detached from all directions and have turned solely toward the Most Exalted Horizon. These are the manifestations of godliness and the dawning-places of trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness.

O Haydar! Great is the Cause of this Wronged One, for He neither flattered the princes nor concealed God's truth and His Cause from the divines. In the Most Great Prison, openly and clearly did He proclaim that which was opposed to the desires and passions of the people of the earth, save those who cast away all else but God and took what they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou didst mention his honor Ashraf, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. We shall mention him at the end of this Tablet. The honored Afnan who circleth round Me sent his letter to Our presence—that letter which he had written in reply to the heedless Ahmad. repeatedly, before and after, it was heard. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. He hath spoken the truth, as attesteth the people of the cities of justice and fairness and the denizens of the realms of might and kingdom. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions. Through him shall the doors of hearts be opened. Verily He is the Almighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My glorification to him and to his son who was named Husayn in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! Convey to each and every one of the friends the glorification of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, bounty and mercy. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The splendor shining from the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have heard the call and turned with radiant faces and illumined hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon. They are indeed among the sincere in God's Mighty, Great Book.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Once again hearken unto the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily it draws hearts and illumines them with the light of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou a bearer of glad-tidings in My Name and one who speaks with wisdom of My remembrance amongst My servants. I bear witness that thou hast attained unto the recognition of God and the promotion of His Cause, and from thee hath appeared that which hath attracted the hearts of those who have drawn nigh. The letter which thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud hath been presented by the servant who standeth before the Face. We have answered thee with that which calleth out between the heavens and the earth.

By God! The Sovereign of Utterance, and His Revealer and Sender, hath come. He, verily, is the Most Wise of the wise. Blessed is the servant whom the deniers have not prevented from turning unto the All-Knowing, the Peerless One, and blessed is the servant who hath cast away the world, clinging fast to the oneness of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We have sent down for thee that which none can reckon. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. As to what thou hast mentioned concerning the servants of God in Ta and Ra, We beseech God to assist them in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make them among those whom the calumnies of the divines have not prevented from turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. They have cast away what they possessed and taken what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

Section 2: "O people of Tar! Hearken unto the call…"

O people of Tar! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. By the Sun of Truth, He speaketh for the sake of God. There hath befallen Him that which hath befallen no one else. He hath, for the salvation of the world and the edification of nations, accepted tribulations in the path of God. Not for a moment did He conceal Himself, but proclaimed the Cause of God with the loudest call, without any veil or hindrance.

Some accepted it, while others, due to the vain imaginings of the former people, slipped from the straight path. Convey My greetings to the servants and say:

O people! If ye be followers of the Bayan, its essence is this exalted word which hath flowed from the tongue of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. He saith: "I have written the essence of His remembrance, and it is that He shall not be referred to by My references, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan." And if ye be followers of the Furqan, He saith: "Lead the people out of darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." And if ye be possessed of insight, the Greatest Scene is manifest and shining like the sun, and the Tree with its countless fruits is visible and raised up before all faces, and the ocean with its waves of proof is evident.

Hearken unto the call of the trusted Counsellor and deprive not yourselves, like the former people, of the knowledge of God and true oneness. For years they cried out "O Truth!" yet when He appeared from the horizon of the world, they girded themselves to extinguish His light and rose up to harm Him, and finally martyred Him with the fire of hatred and the sword of tyranny. The cause and reason were and are the divines of the former people, as ye have witnessed and continue to witness. They committed that which no oppressor hath ever committed. They abandoned righteousness and piety, and occupied themselves with self and passion. The sun of justice and fairness is veiled behind a thick covering due to the tyranny of those souls. We beseech God to illumine the world through the effulgences of the light of the orb of justice.

Here follows mention of Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be my glory. Blessed is he and blessed is his son. Remember them both with what hath flowed from My Pen and give them the glad tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness. We beseech God to aid this youth to rend asunder the veils of the vain imaginings of men and to number him among those who have aided the Cause of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Some time ago his letter, which he had written to Mihdi, upon him be my glory, was presented at the Most Holy Court and gained the honor of His notice. Praise be to God, the fragrance of humility, submissiveness and steadfastness wafted from every word of his letter. We have indeed mentioned him in numerous Tablets, aided him to attain Our presence, and drawn him nigh unto a station which hath been the hope of them that are sincere and near unto God. We beseech the True One to aid him in such wise that he may be occupied with service both night and day. We testify that he was created for this purpose.

O Haydar-ʿAli! We have approved what thou didst mention regarding the Feast. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. And We make mention of Sad, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, who hath attained unto that which was recorded in God's Scrolls. Praise be to God, they are remembered in the Most Great Prison and have attained unto His loving-kindness. We beseech God to exalt him through His Name and make him a remembrance amongst His servants. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. In these days their letters too have arrived. God willing, a reply will be sent that they may rejoice and be among the thankful. The members of the household have ever been mentioned in all exalted stations and lofty gardens. Blessed are they, and woe unto the heedless.

O Haydar-ʿAli! The trust must be returned to him. Thus hath the Wronged One decreed aforetime and at this moment. Hearken and be of them that act. Thou didst mention the sons of Khalil and the sons of

Zardusht, upon them be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, in the land of K, how they have been guided through two souls, Muhammad and Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy, and have turned towards the Prison. Blessed are they both and joy be unto them. They have attained unto that which they were commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Give them and those who have believed glad-tidings of the mention of the Wronged One and His attention to them, that they may rejoice and be of those who, on wings of longing, have soared in the atmosphere of God's love, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Some of those souls are, praise be to God, illumined with the light of recognition and are firm in the Cause of God, while others are of two faces. Thy Lord verily knoweth and concealeth, and He is the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Verily We make mention of him who is named Aqa Baba and We beseech God to make him among those who prefer the loved ones of God over their own selves and who act according to that which they have been commanded in the Book—a command from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. God willing, may he be aided to do that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Were he to possess all the world and spend it in the path of the Friend, it would not equal these revealed words. It behooveth him to thank God, his Lord, at eventide and at dawn, and in the morning and at sunset.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of Mazgan. We have mentioned them before with a mention that neither perisheth nor endeth. Proclaim My greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of My verses, My bounty and My mercy. We beseech God to assist them and aid them to the Greater Steadfastness. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

We make mention of him who is named Mulla Mirza and those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath purified himself with the water of detachment, adorned his head with the crown of godliness, and arisen to teach the Cause with wisdom and utterance. By My life! He is of the people of Baha mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, which was revealed in this great Remembrance and this firm, mighty Command. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for him the reward of one who hath stood before the Countenance, that he may spend his days in the remembrance of his Lord and be numbered among those who have attained.

O Mashhadi Hasan! He hath made mention of thee who hath loved Me and attained unto My remembrance, My service and My presence. Upon him be My glory and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Ancient Beauty hath spoken forth in this luminous Scene. O Mashhadi Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath appeared with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath spoken amongst men that which He hath been commanded by God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Rejoice in My mention of thee and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having remembered me while I was in the most desolate of lands. I beseech Thee to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee, and to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, through which the hearts of the wicked have been set ablaze.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Convey My greetings and salutations to the friends in every land. Make them joyous through His grace and illumined through the light of His Cause. Verily, He is with His loved ones

wheresoever they may be. To this beareth witness My tongue and My pen and those who circle round the Supreme Throne of God. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. And once again may the Glory from Our presence rest upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH02126: O beloved of my heart! Today, which is Thursday…

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

O beloved of my heart! Today, which is Thursday the eighteenth of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, your letter dated the seventh of Shawwal arrived. Whenever your letter arrives, new joy becomes manifest and evident in the prison. You wrote that this servant had been negligent in responding to your letter. No, by the glory of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth! In the month of Shawwal two packets were sent. The first packet contained two letters from this servant and one sacred Tablet of revelation and two sacred Tablets specifically for two believers, as well as sacred, holy, and exalted Tablets for the loved ones of Asadabad, H.M. and Kermanshah, and in all the Tablets specific mention of you was revealed from the Pen of the Beloved. The second packet likewise in Shawwal contained divine Tablets and verses, and in all those Tablets too mention was made of you. Praise be to God, through His grace they have attained and through His bounty they are adorned. His mercy has encompassed that beloved one. For you and me and every believer to thank God for this great bounty and manifest generosity.

As to what you wrote about intending to visit the Holy Land, this was specifically presented before His Most Holy Presence regarding the honored Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious splendor of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

> "O Amin, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Well done in what thou hast done. We love those who hearken to the words of Our Afnan. We beseech God to assist him in what he hath intended. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

By chance, on this day this servant had prepared and sealed a third packet in your name for sending when this new packet arrived. In any case, at all times this servant has sought and continues to seek exaltation, ascendancy, elevation and advancement for you. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. In truth you have been confirmed in mentioning the friends and serving the Cause every day and every month. This is from God's bounty upon you. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey on behalf of this servant greetings, praise and mention to the spiritual beloved Ali-Qabli-Haydar, upon him be the glory of God. Likewise to Jinab-i-Beg, upon him be the glory and loving-kindness of God. We beseech for him joy from God, the Lord of the worlds. Let them not be saddened by what has befallen them—there has befallen them what has befallen the loved ones. What is meant is the grief and sorrow that has seized them in these days. Verily with difficulty comes ease. Relief and loving-kindness come from God, our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

To the loved ones of God wherever they may be, this servant conveys greetings and seeks for each one that which will cause the exaltation of His Word. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and those who hearken to your words for the sake of God.

The servant 18 Dhi'l-Qa'dah 1305

BH09043: Your letter was received and in the Most Great…

He is the One Who speaks the truth

Your letter was received and in the Most Great Prison its answer was revealed from the Ancient King. Blessed is the eye that hath seen, and the ear that hath heard, and the tongue that hath spoken that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God that His confirmation may assist and His grace may accompany you, that in these fleeting days you may attain unto everlasting stations and be occupied with His remembrance at all times. Verily, He is with His remembering servants. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge and for having made known unto me Thy straight path and Thy firm and mighty Command. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

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Section 1: "In My Name, which standeth supreme above all…"

In My Name, which standeth supreme above all names

Praise and glory beseem the Lord of Names and the Creator of the heavens, He, the waves of Whose ocean of Revelation surge before the eyes of the peoples of the world. The Day-Star of His Cause shineth through every veil and His Word of affirmation standeth beyond the reach of negation. Neither the ascendancy of the oppressor nor the tyranny of the wicked hath been able to thwart His Purpose. How glorified is His sovereignty, how exalted His dominion!

Great God! Although His signs have encompassed the world and His proofs and testimonies are shining forth and manifest as the light, yet the ignorant appear heedless, nay rather, rebellious. Would that they had been content with opposition. But at all times they are plotting to cut down the sacred Lote-Tree. Since the dawn of this Revelation the embodiments of selfishness have, by resorting to cruelty and oppression, striven to extinguish the Light of divine manifestation. But God, having stayed their hands, revealed this Light through His sovereign authority and protected it through the power of His might until earth and heaven were illumined by its radiance and brightness. Praise be unto Him under all conditions.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations, O Thou Who hast become manifest in the Greatest Name whereby the pearls of wisdom and utterance have appeared from the shells of the great sea of Thy knowledge, and the heavens of divine revelation have been adorned with the light of the appearance of the Sun of Thy countenance.

I beg of Thee, by that Word through which Thy proof was perfected among Thy creatures and Thy testimony was fulfilled among Thy servants to strengthen Thy people in that whereby the face of the Cause will radiate in Thy dominion, the standards of Thy power will be planted among Thy servants, and the banners of Thy guidance will be raised throughout Thy dominions.

O my Lord! Thou beholdest them clinging to the rope of Thy grace and holding fast unto the hem of the mantle of Thy beneficence. Ordain for them that which may draw them nearer unto Thee, and withhold them from all else save Thee. I beg of Thee, O Thou King of existence and Protector of the seen and the unseen, to make whosoever ariseth to serve Thy Cause as a sea moving by Thy desire, as one ablaze with the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, shining from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Will. Verily Thou art the mighty One Whom neither the power of all the world nor the strength of nations can weaken. There is no God but Thee, the One, the Incomparable, the Protector, the Self-Subsistent.

O thou who hast quaffed the wine of Mine utterance from the chalice of My knowledge! These sublime words were heard today from the rustling of the divine Lote-Tree which the Lord of Names hath, with the hand of celestial power, planted in the All-Highest Paradise:

The first Taraz and the first effulgence which hath dawned from the horizon of the Mother Book is that man should know his own self and recognize that which leadeth unto loftiness or lowliness, glory or abasement, wealth or poverty. Having attained the stage of fulfilment and reached his maturity, man standeth in need of wealth, and such wealth as he acquireth through crafts or professions is commendable and praiseworthy in the estimation of men of wisdom, and especially in the eyes of servants who dedicate themselves to the education of the world and to the edification of its peoples. They are, in truth, cup-bearers of the life-giving water of knowledge and guides unto the ideal way. They direct the peoples of the world to the straight path and acquaint them with that which is conducive to human upliftment and exaltation. The straight path is the one which guideth man to the dayspring of perception and to the dawning-place of true understanding and leadeth him to that which will redound to glory, honour and greatness.

We cherish the hope that through the loving-kindness of the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, obscuring dust may be dispelled and the power of perception enhanced, that the people may discover the purpose for which they have been called into being. In this Day whatsoever serveth to reduce blindness and to increase vision is worthy of consideration. This vision acteth as the agent and guide for true knowledge. Indeed in the estimation of men of wisdom keenness of understanding is due to keenness of vision. The people of Baha must under all circumstances observe that which is meet and seemly and exhort the people accordingly.

The second Taraz is to consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship, to proclaim that which the Speaker on Sinai hath set forth and to observe fairness in all matters.

They that are endued with sincerity and faithfulness should associate with all the peoples and kindreds of the earth with joy and radiance, inasmuch as consorting with people hath promoted and will continue to promote unity and concord, which in turn are conducive to the maintenance of order in the world and to

the regeneration of nations. Blessed are such as hold fast to the cord of kindliness and tender mercy and are free from animosity and hatred.

This Wronged One exhorteth the peoples of the world to observe tolerance and righteousness, which are two lights amidst the darkness of the world and two educators for the edification of mankind. Happy are they who have attained thereto and woe betide the heedless.

The third Taraz concerneth good character. A good character is, verily, the best mantle for men from God. With it He adorneth the temples of His loved ones. By My life! The light of a good character surpasseth the light of the sun and the radiance thereof. Whoso attaineth unto it is accounted as a jewel among men. The glory and the upliftment of the world must needs depend upon it. A goodly character is a means whereby men are guided to the Straight Path and are led to the Great Announcement. Well is it with him who is adorned with the saintly attributes and character of the Concourse on High.

It beseemeth you to fix your gaze under all conditions upon justice and fairness. In The Hidden Words this exalted utterance hath been revealed from Our Most August Pen:

ʻO Son of Spirit! The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbour. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behoveth thee to be. Verily justice is My gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes.'

They that are just and fair-minded in their judgement occupy a sublime station and hold an exalted rank. The light of piety and uprightness shineth resplendent from these souls. We earnestly hope that the peoples and countries of the world may not be deprived of the splendours of these two luminaries.

The fourth Taraz concerneth trustworthiness. Verily it is the door of security for all that dwell on earth and a token of glory on the part of the All-Merciful. He who partaketh thereof hath indeed partaken of the treasures of wealth and prosperity. Trustworthiness is the greatest portal leading unto the tranquillity and security of the people. In truth the stability of every affair hath depended and doth depend upon it. All the domains of power, of grandeur and of wealth are illumined by its light.

Not long ago these sublime words were revealed from the Pen of the Most High:

ʻWe will now mention unto thee Trustworthiness and the station thereof in the estimation of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. One day of days We repaired unto Our Green Island. Upon Our arrival, We beheld its streams flowing, and its trees luxuriant, and the sunlight playing in their midst. Turning Our face to the right, We beheld what the pen is powerless to describe; nor can it set forth that which the eye of the Lord of Mankind witnessed in that most sanctified, that most sublime, that blest, and most exalted Spot. Turning, then, to the left We gazed on one of the Beauties of the Most Sublime Paradise, standing on a pillar of light, and calling aloud saying:

> "O inmates of earth and heaven! Behold ye My beauty, and My radiance, and My revelation, and My effulgence. By God, the True One! I am Trustworthiness and the revelation thereof,

> and the beauty thereof. I will recompense whosoever will cleave unto Me, and recognize My rank and station, and hold fast unto My hem. I am the most great ornament of the people of Baha, and the vesture of glory unto all who are in the kingdom of creation. I am the supreme instrument for the prosperity of the world, and the horizon of assurance unto all beings."

Thus have We sent down for thee that which will draw men nigh unto the Lord of creation.'

O people of Baha! Trustworthiness is in truth the best of vestures for your temples and the most glorious crown for your heads. Take ye fast hold of it at the behest of Him Who is the Ordainer, the All-Informed.

The fifth Taraz concerneth the protection and preservation of the stations of God's servants. One should not ignore the truth of any matter, rather should one give expression to that which is right and true. The people of Baha should not deny any soul the reward due to him, should treat craftsmen with deference, and, unlike the people aforetime, should not defile their tongues with abuse.

In this Day the sun of craftsmanship shineth above the horizon of the occident and the river of arts is flowing out of the sea of that region. One must speak with fairness and appreciate such bounty. By the life of God! The word 'Equity' shineth bright and resplendent even as the sun. We pray God to graciously shed its radiance upon everyone. He is in truth powerful over all things, He Who is wont to answer the prayers of all men.

Section 2: "In these days truthfulness and sincerity are sorely…"

In these days truthfulness and sincerity are sorely afflicted in the clutches of falsehood, and justice is tormented by the scourge of injustice. The smoke of corruption hath enveloped the whole world in such wise that naught can be seen in any direction save regiments of soldiers and nothing is heard from any land but the clashing of swords. We beseech God, the True One, to strengthen the wielders of His power in that which will rehabilitate the world and bring tranquillity to the nations.

The sixth Taraz

Knowledge is one of the wondrous gifts of God. It is incumbent upon everyone to acquire it. Such arts and material means as are now manifest have been achieved by virtue of His knowledge and wisdom which have been revealed in Epistles and Tablets through His Most Exalted Pen—a Pen out of whose treasury pearls of wisdom and utterance and the arts and crafts of the world are brought to light.

In this Day the secrets of the earth are laid bare before the eyes of men. The pages of swiftly-appearing newspapers are indeed the mirror of the world. They reflect the deeds and the pursuits of divers peoples and kindreds. They both reflect them and make them known. They are a mirror endowed with hearing, sight and speech. This is an amazing and potent phenomenon. However, it behoveth the writers thereof to be purged from the promptings of evil passions and desires and to be attired with the raiment of justice and equity. They should enquire into situations as much as possible and ascertain the facts, then set them down in writing.

Concerning this Wronged One, most of the things reported in the newspapers are devoid of truth. Fair speech and truthfulness, by reason of their lofty rank and position, are regarded as a sun shining above

the horizon of knowledge. The waves rising from this Ocean are apparent before the eyes of the peoples of the world and the effusions of the Pen of wisdom and utterance are manifest everywhere.

It is reported in the press that this Servant hath fled from the land of Ta (Tihran) and gone to Iraq. Gracious God! Not even for a single moment hath this Wronged One ever concealed Himself. Rather hath He at all times remained steadfast and conspicuous before the eyes of all men. Never have We retreated, nor shall We ever seek flight. In truth it is the foolish people who flee from Our presence. We left Our home country accompanied by two mounted escorts, representing the two honoured governments of Persia and Russia until We arrived in Iraq in the plenitude of glory and power. Praise be to God! The Cause whereof this Wronged One is the Bearer standeth as high as heaven and shineth resplendent as the sun. Concealment hath no access unto this station, nor is there any occasion for fear or silence.

The mysteries of Resurrection and the events of the Last Hour are openly manifest, but the people are sunk in heedlessness and have suffered themselves to be wrapt in veils. ʻAnd when the seas shall boil… And when the Scriptures shall be unrolled.' By the righteousness of God! The Dawn hath truly brightened and the light hath shone forth and the night hath receded. Happy are they that comprehend. Happy are they that have attained thereunto.

Glorified be God! The Pen is perplexed what to write and the Tongue wondereth what to utter. Despite unprecedented hardships and after enduring years of imprisonment, captivity and woeful trials, We now perceive that veils thicker than the ones We have already torn asunder have intervened, obstructing the vision and causing the light of understanding to be obscured. Moreover We observe that the fresh calumnies which are now rife are far more malicious than those of former days.

O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the merciful Lord. Consider the people of former times. What were their deeds and what fruit did they gather? Every thing they uttered was but imposture and whatever they wrought hath proved worthless, except for those whom God hath graciously protected through His power.

I swear by the life of Him Who is the Desire of the world! Were a man to ponder in his heart he would, free of all attachment to the world, hasten unto the Most Great Light and would purge and purify himself from the dust of vain imaginings and the smoke of idle fancy. What could have prompted the people of the past to err and by whom were they misled? They still reject the truth and have turned towards their own selfish desires. This Wronged One calleth aloud for the sake of God. Whosoever wisheth, let him turn thereunto; whosoever wisheth, let him turn away. Verily God can well afford to dispense with all things, whether of the past or of the future.

O people of the Bayan! It is men like unto Hadi Dawlat-Abadi who, with turban and staff, have been the source of opposition and hindrance and have so grievously burdened the people with superstitions that even at the present time they still expect the appearance of a fictitious person from a fictitious place. Be ye warned, O men of understanding.

O Hadi! Give ear unto the Voice of this trustworthy Counsellor: direct thy steps from the left unto the right, that is turn away from idle fancy unto certitude. Lead not the people into error. The divine Luminary shineth, His Cause is manifest and His signs are all-embracing. Set thy face towards God, the Help in Peril,

the Self-Subsisting. Renounce thy leadership for the sake of God and leave the people unto themselves. Thou art ignorant of the essential truth, thou art not acquainted therewith.

O Hadi! Be thou of one face in the path of God. When in company with the infidels, thou art an infidel and with the pious, thou art pious. Reflect thou upon such souls as offered up their lives and their substance in that land, that haply thou mayest be admonished and roused from slumber. Consider: who is to be preferred, he who preserveth his body, his life and his possessions or the one who surrendereth his all in the path of God? Judge thou fairly and be not of the unjust. Take fast hold of justice and adhere unto equity that perchance thou mayest not, for selfish motives, use religion as a snare, nor disregard the truth for the sake of gold. Indeed thine iniquity and the iniquity of such people as thyself have waxed so grievous that the Pen of Glory was moved to make such observations. Fear thou God. He Who heralded this Revelation hath declared: ʻHe shall proclaim under all conditions: "Verily, verily, I am God, no God is there but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting."'

O people of the Bayan! Ye have been forbidden to contact the loved ones of God. Why hath this ban been imposed and for what purpose? Be ye fair, I adjure you by God, and be not of the heedless. Unto such as are endued with insight, and before the Most Great Beauty, the object of this ban is known and evident; it is so that no one may become aware of his (Hadi's) secrets and deeds.

O Hadi! Thou hast not been in Our company, thou art therefore ignorant of the Cause. Act not according to thine idle imaginings. Aside from these things, scrutinize the Writings with thine own eyes and ponder upon that which hath come to pass. Have pity upon thyself and upon the servants of God and be not the cause of waywardness like unto the people aforetime. The path is unmistakable and the proof is evident. Change injustice into justice and inequity into equity. We cherish the hope that the breaths of divine inspiration may strengthen thee and that thine inner ear may be enabled to hear the blessed words: ʻSay, it is God, then leave them to entertain themselves with their cavillings.' Thou has been there (Cyprus) and hast seen him (Mirza Yahya).

Now speak forth with fairness. Do not misrepresent the matter, neither to thyself nor to the people. Thou art both ignorant and uninformed. Give ear unto the Voice of this Wronged One and hasten towards the ocean of divine knowledge that perchance thou mayest be adorned with the ornament of comprehension and mayest renounce all else but God. Hearken unto the Voice of this benevolent Counsellor, calling aloud, unveiled and manifest, before the faces of kings and their subjects, and summon the people of the world, one and all, unto Him Who is the Lord of Eternity. This is the Word from Whose horizon the day-star of unfailing grace shineth resplendent.

O Hadi! This Wronged One, rid of all attachment to the world, hath striven with utmost endeavour to quench the fire of animosity and hatred which burneth fiercely in the hearts of the peoples of the earth. It behoveth every just and fair-minded person to render thanks unto God—exalted be His glory—and to arise to promote this pre-eminent Cause, that fire may turn into light, and hatred may give way to fellowship and love. I swear by the righteousness of God! This is the sole purpose of this Wronged One. Indeed in proclaiming this momentous Cause and in demonstrating its Truth We have endured manifold sufferings, hardships and tribulations. Thou thyself wouldst bear witness unto that which We have

mentioned, couldst thou but speak with fairness. Verily God speaketh the truth and leadeth the Way. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Gracious.

May Our Glory rest upon the people of Baha whom neither the tyranny of the oppressor nor the ascendancy of the aggressor have been able to withhold from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03478: In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance…

In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance surgeth and the fragrance of the All-Merciful is wafted!

Praise be unto the King of earth and heaven Who hath adorned the world of existence with the Most Exalted Word, and raised aloft the banner of "He doeth what He willeth." Neither the might of princes nor the oppression and ignorance of divines could prevent Him from mentioning the Most Sublime Horizon. Exalted is His dominion, His proof, His testimony and His sovereignty! This is the Day wherein the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken before all mankind, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Say: By God! The Day hath come, yet the people are in manifest error. They have taken their vain imaginings and cast aside their Lord—they are truly among the heedless. The call hath been raised from the horizon of Akka, yet most of the people remain in evident remoteness.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! By God's life, ears and eyes were created to witness and hearken unto that which in these days hath appeared and been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, yet they find themselves prevented. Their deeds have hindered them and their imaginings have veiled them, and they comprehend not. Previously in one of the Tablets this most exalted Word flowed from the Pen of the Wronged One:

> "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 to hearken unto this Call that hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon. Otherwise these ears that are defiled with false tales were not and are not worthy to hear."

Ask ye of God that He may enable all to attain unto that for which they were created. The Call hath been raised in such wise that none hath room for denial. From the beginning of days until now, We have summoned mankind, without veil or concealment, unto that which will draw them nigh, make them aware, exalt them and honor them. The oppression of the world did not become a veil, nor did its harm become an obstacle. When the light of the Cause shed its radiance upon the horizons of the world, certain souls emerged from behind the veil with swords of hatred, intending to strike at the Sun of Truth. Thus did their souls beguile them. By My life! They comprehend not.

For twelve hundred years the people of old clung to names and worshipped the idols of their desires. On the Day of Reckoning there appeared from them that which caused the Most Exalted Pen to weep and the Tablet to lament. From the beginning of Islam until this day, not one of the divines who considered themselves the guides of the people and guardians of God's Law was aware of the nature of His Revelation. Now it is incumbent upon that honored one and the sanctified, assured souls to protect the helpless servants, lest they again become afflicted with the vain imaginings of old. This Wronged One

hath borne all tribulations for the purification of hearts and sanctification of souls, that perchance they may attain their purpose and not remain deprived of the fruits of the Blessed Tree which hath been raised before the faces of all in the world.

Today the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised and the flowing of the celestial Kawthar is heard, yet most of the servants remain heedless and veiled. Throughout nights and days they built cities with hands of fancy and conjecture, spoke of certain souls, and all people waited for these mentioned matters to appear, considering their success and prosperity to lie in the manifestation of imaginary forms. The people were thus occupied with these inventions, and when the dawn of Revelation broke and the lights of the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, all turned away save a few of the companions of the revered Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious.

Would that they had been content with that! But finally the divines of various lands, together with their followers, gave voice to cursing and execration, and moreover issued a decree for the shedding of His most pure blood. The purpose of these utterances is that you should arise, for the sake of God, to do that which will preserve the servants from the suspicions of the prevaricators and calumniators. Now again a group is occupied with forming a party like the party of before. We beseech God to preserve His servants from their suspicions and imaginings and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Today the Mother Book is manifest and speaking, having counseled the world, both past and future, with utmost clarity, and uttereth these manifest and decisive verses: "O Concourse of Divines! Set down your pens, for lo, the Most Glorious Pen hath moved in the Most Exalted Horizon. Cast aside what ye have composed with the hands of fancy and vain imagination. By God, the Truth! The gate of knowledge hath been opened by the key of certitude, and this is verily a Book sent down by the All-Merciful as a grace from Him—and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous." And likewise concerning the kings, this most exalted Word and greatest Verse was revealed: "O Concourse of Kings! The King hath come and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." And with these decisive verses did We summon all. He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance.

The Light of Lights hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of mysteries upon the Most Hidden Secret and the Secret veiled by Secret, which appeared in the form of the upright Alif in the preamble of the Most Great Book after the letters Ba and Ha, witnessed in truth. By it the spheres of inner meaning and utterance have revolved, and the All-Merciful hath been established upon the throne of proof, revealing that which had been justly concealed from sight. Blessed are they who have soared on the wings of certitude in this atmosphere, from whose rushing winds can be heard:

> "He Who was promised hath come with a sovereignty that was inscribed by the Pen of the All-Bountiful in the Mother Book in truth!"

O peoples of the earth! Cast aside your books and pens, for the Mother Book hath appeared at the final goal before the faces of the parties, and the Pen speaketh with wisdom and utterance, moving in remembrance of those for whom was revealed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma that which drew unto itself the heart of him who was mentioned in truth before the Face in the Most Hidden Secret.

Thus have We brought forth from the treasuries of Our Most Exalted Pen the pearls of remembrance and praise upon the waves of My knowledge, which hath been witnessed before all eyes without any veil. Behold, O people of Baha, His greatest signs, then aid Him with the hosts of justice and equity, and be not of those who have been justly deprived of the ocean of grace.

Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen rent asunder the veils of the peoples of creation and caused them to hear that which draweth them nigh unto a station that transcendeth understanding. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and made known to His servants His Most Great Announcement, whereby the hearts of the nations were stirred, save those rescued by the hand of power with a sovereignty that encompassed all worlds.

Say: O people of mystical knowledge! By God, the heaven of idle fancies hath been cleft asunder and the All-Merciful hath come with a Cause before which neither the hosts of earth nor of heaven can stand. To this beareth witness the Mother Book, before which have bowed the necks of those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from a cup that was witnessed upon the throne of light before the Manifestation.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, gazeth upon My countenance, and standeth in service to My Cause! Hear My call time and again. Verily thy Lord hath been with thee and hath mentioned thee in such wise as shall endure throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. To this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness. Verily, He is wise over all things.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is the Ocean of knowledge unto all who are in creation, and the Most Great Book among the nations, and the Salsabil of praise unto the people of creation, and the choice wine of utterance for all religions. Blessed is he who hath cast aside idle fancies, turned with the power of certitude, and believed in God, the Lord of all parties.

Say: O peoples of the earth! The Divine Lote-Tree calleth out in truth: Fear God and be not of the heedless. Beware lest that which the people possess prevent you. Cast it behind you, turning unto God, the One, the All-Informed. He hath come with verses that none deny save those who have turned away from the truth on a day wherein every learned one and every well-informed mystic hath advanced toward Him. By God's life! That which ye possess shall profit you not. To this doth God's Most Exalted Pen bear witness from its lofty station.

Hearken, O peoples of the earth, unto that which hath been raised from the direction of the Prison, then behold what hath shone forth and appeared from this luminous horizon. The breeze of grace hath wafted, and the Temple of Justice proclaimeth before the faces of all who are in the heavens and earth: Have mercy upon yourselves and follow not every obstinate oppressor. Say: Look with the eye of justice upon the Divine Lote-Tree and its fruits, upon the Tablets and their verses, upon the Books and their mysteries, upon the sea and its waves, upon the light and its effulgence, and be not of the heedless.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! After Our departure from the Land of Ta, We exhorted the people of God by day and by night to observe what is good and shun what is evil, until swords were converted into ploughshares. Now nigh upon forty years have elapsed during which

hostilities and conflict have ceased, to such degree that in certain cities, when they were slain they slew not in return. Prior to these forty years, as thou knowest and hast heard, battles took place every year wherein multitudes of souls were slain. All things bear witness that this Wronged One hath acted in a manner which hath conduced to the welfare and protection of the peoples of the earth. Yet neither the nation nor the government hath become aware or taken notice thereof.

Some time ago a grievous event occurred in ʿIshqabad when one of the loved ones of God was martyred in such wise that the effects of his martyrdom influenced foreign powers. None among this party rose up in retaliation or sought to exact vengeance. Rather, they interceded for the murderer. Nevertheless, it is observed that the malice of the opposers hath waxed greater than before. Glory be to God! Justice hath become like the phoenix, non-existent, and the sun of equity hath remained hidden beneath the clouds of tyranny. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants to return unto Him and to repent before the gate of His bounty. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those with you, and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm, and upon everyone who is established and faithful.

BH01672: O Muhammad-Quli, upon thee be My glory! I bear…

He is God, exalted be His station of utterance in the world.

O Muhammad-Quli, upon thee be My glory! I bear witness that they who have turned to My horizon, attained My presence and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty—they have achieved that which was the hope of those who are nigh and the sincere ones from time immemorial. The Word of thy Lord cannot be compared with the books of the people, with what they possess, or with what lay hidden in the treasuries of kings and sovereigns. Thus hath the Supreme Pen raised its shrill voice and mentioned thee on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

His honor ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, who was present before the gate of My grandeur and before My throne, sent thy letter to the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this evident remembrance, whereby the very rocks have taken flight, let alone the spirits. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath soared in this atmosphere and heard the rustling of the winds of My loving-kindness and the sound of the wings of the birds of My grace and mercy. He is among the sincere ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Na’im! We have heard thy mention and mentioned thee, and seen thy name. We have revealed for thee that which, were it to be cast upon the mountains, thou wouldst see them speaking in remembrance of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. We have sent down for thee from the heaven of grace that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous, shall endure. That which hath befallen you in the path of God hath caused the Pen to lament, and the wrongdoers shall soon see the recompense of their deeds. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for them such chastisement as no tongue can describe. Thy Lord doth testify, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Grieve not over anything. The days shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God and His loved ones who have borne hardships in His love and good-pleasure, whom neither the might of the oppressors nor the clamor of the aggressors hath deterred from drawing nigh unto His holy and luminous horizon. O Na'im! God hath favored thee on this Day whereon the Wronged One hath desired to turn in another direction by His command, and He is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. They who have held fast to My strong cord, turned to the lights of My countenance and entered beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness see themselves detached from all save God and from the names which the deniers have adopted for themselves as lords beside God. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the people were in evident doubt.

Say: O company of deniers! Die in your wrath. Neither your remembrances, nor your children, nor your deeds, nor your words, nor your orientation shall profit you except through holding fast to this Cord, by whose movement all created things were moved. The very atoms bear witness to this, if ye be of them that deny. Say: O scheming one! Steal not My verses nor alter them. Be fair concerning that which hath been sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thy calumnies shall not profit thee, nor thy embellishments, nor shall the Baqir or any other benefit thee, nor shall it avail thee to hold fast to all things. Thy Lord speaketh the truth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Thou hast not seen thy brother nor associated with him. The world and its adornments have deceived thee as they deceived people before thee. Fear God, then return unto Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Loving. We summoned thee unto God, but thou didst turn away after having accepted. Repent unto God Who created thee and fashioned thee, and be not of those women who witnessed, then denied and broke God's covenant, the Lord of what was and what shall be. How many a maidservant hath heard, accepted and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of her Lord, the Lord of the earthly realm and the Kingdom! Thus hath the tongue of grandeur spoken as a grace from Him. He is verily the Mighty, the Kind, the Forgiving.

O Muhammad-Quli! We have desired to mention thee once again at the end of the Tablet, and We say: The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon every servant who hath turned and every maidservant who hath turned and achieved this Cause whereby the idolaters have lamented and the Evil One hath cried out.

BH02357: O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My…

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

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance and soarest in the atmosphere of My love! Hear My testimony that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast made mention of the friends and desired for each that which abideth and endureth in the Book of God. These souls have been and are remembered, and for each hath been ordained that which the minds and souls of the peoples of the world are powerless to comprehend and reckon. At some time, act on behalf of His Holiness ʿAyn [the Bab], upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and perform that which hath been the hope of the Messengers.

The people of Baha, that is, those souls who have arisen to assist and are engaged in service, have each been blessed with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid all to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings to each one and gladden them with the bounties of God, exalted be His glory.

The ocean of divine verses surgeth, and the lights of the Day-Star of grace shine forth and are manifest from the horizon of His will. Soon shall be made known the stations of those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His Most Glorious Station. At all times verses descend like rain from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of the Worlds—nay, even more abundantly—yet the people remain in evident doubt and mighty suspicion.

His honor Nabil, son of Nabil, hath from the first days until now been blessed with favor and engaged in service. However, in the great city there befell him that which caused grief to those near unto God. With the permission of this Wronged One he arrived in that land and attained unto His good-pleasure. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to transform his sorrows into supreme joy, and We ask Him, exalted be He, to draw him nigh and ordain for him to attain the presence of the Wronged One. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Nabil! His honor ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly made mention of thee. He kept faith with the Covenant and made mention of the loved ones of the All-Merciful in a missive which he sent to the Wronged One. We have answered him at this time with this Perspicuous Tablet.

We beseech God to ever aid His loved ones to that which will lead to the reformation of the world and the tranquility of the nations. By My life! There shall appear from them that which God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, hath willed. Whatsoever hath been revealed in the Book of God for each of the loved ones shall assuredly come to pass. Neither might nor wealth, neither glory nor loftiness, neither hosts nor ranks, neither guns nor rifles, neither tyranny nor oppression shall prevent it. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Informed.

BH02759: The hosts of God shall be triumphant. These hosts…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

The hosts of God shall be triumphant. These hosts, in the first station and primary rank, have been and shall ever be the verses of God. He is the triumphant, He is the All-Compelling, He is the All-Encompassing. His revelation is manifest and evident in the horizons and in the souls, yet in every station it appeareth according to measure and degree. None save those possessed of penetrating vision, pure souls and illumined hearts can truly comprehend it as befitteth its station.

And in one station the hosts of Truth are the Hands of His Cause, that is, those souls who arise for the sake of God to educate the peoples and reform the world, who make the inhabitants of earth aware through wisdom and utterance and guide them to the supreme horizon.

And in one station, goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct have been and shall ever be the hosts of God. Thus in this most great Revelation We have commanded all to triumph through the fear of God and to adorn the world with the ornament of security and tranquility.

The outward hosts and armies belong unto the kings—they are the manifestations of divine power. If they enter beneath the shade of the pavilions of grandeur they are ascribed unto the Truth; otherwise the command is His—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

In this Revelation the host that hath arisen to serve is the Pen of the Ancient King. Through it the standard of triumph hath been raised and the banner of victory hath been unfurled. It moveth by night and by day with a motion that hath stirred all created things. It is the horseman that raceth in the arena of wisdom and utterance. Its power is not weakened by the might of the world, and its purpose is not hindered by the desires of the nations. It is the prevailing one, it is the triumphant one. Glory be unto God! In the divine days the vanquished is beheld as the victor. Blessed are they that ponder, blessed are they that perceive, and blessed are they that attain.

And He hath hosts and armies that none knoweth save His own Self. These hosts are not seen with outward eyes. His is the command in all circumstances, and His is the decree in the beginning and in the end.

O thou who gazest! He Who is mentioned and Who converseth from the Sinai of Utterance speaketh these exalted words, that they may draw thee to the horizon of detachment and bring thee near unto the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen thee with such steadfastness as shall tranquilize hearts and souls. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed of My sealed wine.

BH03291: O handmaiden of God! The fragrances of divine revelation…

In the name of the Desired of the world!

O handmaiden of God! The fragrances of divine revelation have perfumed the realms of earth and heaven, and the effulgences of the Light of Manifestation have illumined the world. The accepted handmaiden hath been honored with the blessed word “O My handmaiden,” and the accepted servant glorified with “O My servant.” Today the gate of the most exalted Paradise hath been opened in the name of the Lord of Names, and hidden mysteries have become manifest and evident without any veil or concealment. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the lights of the supreme horizon, and blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear the call of the Desired One of the world and the Ancient King. Today the waves of the ocean of divine bounty are visible before all faces at their highest surge. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for thine ear hath hearkened to My call and thine eye hath witnessed My signs. Give glad tidings to the youth and say: The true rose garden hath appeared and the spiritual nightingales are warbling upon its branches and twigs. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord in this spiritual morn and luminous atmosphere.

The Sun of generosity hath dawned from the horizon of the world, and through but one of its rays the world of existence came into being. O people of God! The Hidden Countenance hath unveiled Itself and

the Treasured Secret become manifest and evident. With complete detachment, take and drink the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Mention each of their children on behalf of the Wronged One and convey greetings. We beseech God to aid them to be steadfast and to render victory. Today victory is through remembrance and utterance, not through sword and spear. Weapons have been transformed into means of peace, discord into concord, and war into peace. The Command is in God's hands, the Possessor of the seen and unseen. He is the Powerful One Whom the power of the world hath not hindered and the might of nations hath not prevented from His purpose. O handmaiden of God! We have mentioned and continue to mention all the friends, and We counsel them to that which leadeth to elevation and advancement. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH03260: A Book hath been sent down in truth…

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

A Book hath been sent down in truth from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. In this very hour it walketh forth and proclaimeth:

> "The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty. Through Him the Names have shone forth and the mysteries been unveiled, while most of the people remain in heedlessness. Through Him the ocean of the Bayan hath surged within the realm of being, and the sweet savours of God, the Mighty, the All-Beautiful, have been stirred."

Blessed is he who hath found and drawn nigh, who hath hearkened and responded. And woe betide those who have turned away, who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, following the ways of the ignorant.

Verily, the Wronged One, from the quarter of His prison, maketh mention of thee with that which shall draw thee unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

Say: O concourse of earth! The call of the Lord of Names hath been raised from the quarter of ʿAkka. Turn ye unto it, then hearken, and be not of the lost. The gate of bounty hath been flung open, and the Day-spring of justice hath come with a Word at whose utterance all who are in the heavens and on the earth fell thunderstruck, save such as God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, hath willed.

Say: Cast away what ye possess, and lay hold on that which ye have been vouchsafed. This is that whereunto ye were commanded aforetime and in this perspicuous Tablet.

And when thou hast quaffed the wine of Revelation from the cup of My bounty, and heard My sweetest call from the quarter of My prison, then say:

O my God, my God! Thou beholdest how the very core of my being is melted in the fire of separation from Thee. Where is the Kawthar of Thy reunion, O Desire of them that truly know? The fire of remoteness hath consumed me—where is the light of Thy nearness, O Beloved of the near ones?

The very limbs and pillars do tremble—where are the tokens of Thy loving care, O God of all who are in the heavens and on the earth? I beseech Thee, by the Lamp of Thy Cause, by the pavilion of Thy glory, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast planted the standards of Thy guidance throughout Thy lands, that Thou mayest make me aided in the service of Thy Cause and in the service of the sincere among Thy servants. Then ordain for me that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O my Lord! Disappoint not him who hath turned unto Thee, neither withhold from him who hath set his face toward Thy nearness and Thy presence. Thou art He of Whom all created things have borne witness, through Thy power and Thy might, and all contingent beings, through Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03384: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is established upon the Throne of Utterance.

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds, and it summons all people to a station wherein all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised!" Blessed is he who is endowed with vision whom the veils of men have not hindered, and blessed is he who is endowed with hearing whom the clamor of the heedless has not shut out. Blessed is the servant who has broken the chains of idle fancies through the Name of the Lord of Days and hastened with his heart to this luminous horizon.

We have beheld thy turning unto the lights of the Countenance and have revealed for thee that whereby the eyes of those who have drawn nigh are solaced—they who have borne in the path of God that which none among His servants hath borne. To this doth testify He with Whom is a mighty Book.

When thou dost inhale the sweet-scented breezes of the All-Merciful's utterance, arise, detached from all else but God, turning unto the Station and say:

"My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Countenance, and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the mysteries of Thy Book, to aid me in all conditions to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. O my Lord! Thou seest me agitated in Thy days and attracted by Thy verses. By Thy glory, O my God! My heart findeth no rest save in attaining Thy presence, and my soul no repose save in hearkening to Thy call. Alas, alas, should Thy decree prevent me from attaining the court of Thy glory! I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, to forgive my grievous sins and mighty transgressions. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones who have offered up their spirits and all they possessed in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Peerless, the One, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious.

> "O God! My God and the God of all beings, my Goal and the Goal of all created things! Send Thy blessings, O my God, upon those whom neither the might of the oppressors hath deterred from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor the hosts of the aggressors from turning to the light of Thy Countenance. They have arisen to promote Thy Cause and have spoken forth Thy Name before the faces of Thine enemies, despite those who denied Thy proof and Thy signs, and who

> committed that which caused the dwellers of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm to lament. There is none other God but Thee, the One, the Peerless, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

BH03528: He it is that moveth through His most exalted…

He it is that moveth through His most exalted Pen

The Supreme Pen declares: In the moment of utterance We are silent, and in the moment of silence We speak. How strange is the world that has appeared, while the servants remain heedless of it! All things give glad tidings and proclaim that which causes bodies to soar, let alone spirits. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Sun of Truth has risen, the ocean of utterance is surging, and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation. At one time He turns to the right and says:

> "O people of Baha! This day is your day, which has come for your joy, your gladness and your delight. By God the Truth! That which was recorded in the Books of God and stored up in His knowledge has been manifested. Arise to help your Lord through wisdom and utterance."

And at another time He turns to the left and says:

"O company of the heedless! Be fair in this manifest Cause. Beware lest the books of the world hold you back from the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity. He has come with clear proof and evidence, by which the hearts of those near unto God and the sincere ones have been attracted. Say: O people! The signs of God have come to you and the fragrance of utterance has been wafted throughout all contingent being.

"Cast aside that which keeps you from drawing nigh unto God, your Purpose, and take hold of that which you have been commanded in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. He will assist you with the truth and ordain for you that which will bring joy to your eyes, expand your breasts and gladden your hearts. He is, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful. Give thanks to thy Lord, for He has remembered thee when He was wronged at the hands of the oppressors, that thou mayest arise to serve His Cause and be among the triumphant. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds, and whom the tyranny of the Pharaohs did not prevent—they turned to Him and said: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth.'"

BH04170: O servants! Know ye the worth of the days…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord

O servants! Know ye the worth of the days of the Lord of Names and arise to make good what hath escaped you. The sea this day speaketh forth "The Truth hath come" and the Bayan uttereth "The All-Merciful hath appeared." Let not your eyes be prevented from beholding, nor your ears be deprived of hearing. The hand of power taketh and bestoweth. None questioneth His doings, and He is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained. Night and day the rain of mercy descendeth from the heaven of bounty, and the pearls of wisdom and utterance appear from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he

whom the ornaments of the world have not prevented, nor kept back from turning toward the Most Glorious Horizon.

Say: O ye that turn aside from the Bayan, ye have committed that which no faction among the factions hath committed. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and with attentive ears and penetrating eyes observe and ponder upon that which hath appeared, that perchance the river of words may not deprive you from the ocean of verses. The Truth is manifest, His call is raised. Blessed is he who hath turned with justice and fairness to the evidences. He is of the people of the Crimson Ark, whose name hath been mentioned in the Book of God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the hereafter and the former times. Praise be to the Ancient Beauty and the Desired One of the nations, Who hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison and guided thee to the supreme horizon. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We are God's and unto Him do we return.

BH04597: O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto…

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

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur doth speak from the most exalted station. Verily, He remembereth you through His grace, and remindeth them of His signs, and guideth them to the straight path. Fear God, O people, then look with the eye of fairness upon that which hath appeared before your faces, and follow not every heedless doubter. Behold, the Sun hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of manifestation. Hearken, for He speaketh and saith: There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower. Do ye worship vain imaginings after ye behold the dawning-manifestations of the Daystar of certitude from the most exalted station? Say: Cast aside your doubts. By God! The Self-Subsisting hath come with a sovereignty before which all the hosts of the world cannot stand. Fear God, O ye who are endued with insight.

When thou hast attained unto the pearls of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to attain unto the revelations of Thy Most Exalted Pen while I was in the hands of the enemies, and for having sent down unto me that which every letter of the letters of its words beareth witness to Thy grace and Thy loving-kindness and Thy mercy which have preceded Thy servants. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy beauty and the dominion of Thy glory, and by Thy power before the manifestation of which the people of Thy realm and Thy dominion have bowed down, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, standing in Thy service, and acting according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful One Whom the affairs of Thy creation cannot frustrate, nor can the opposition of Thy servants. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all and Whose sovereignty hath encompassed all. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04467: God testifieth that there is none other God besides…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth needeth not the mention of anyone, nor the testimony of any soul. He was ever self-sufficient in His own wealth and sovereign in His authority, manifest through His signs and speaking in His Kingdom. The knowledge of all created things and the understanding of all contingent beings have failed to encompass His Revelation. God hath made My manifestation and appearance and My establishment upon the throne of grandeur and power, and the seat of loftiness and will, sanctified above minds and comprehension. I have ever been all-encompassing, and all else encompassed. To this testifieth whosoever hath soared in the atmosphere of My knowledge and drunk the choice wine of My love from the chalice of My bounty. Such a one is indeed of the people of this exalted and glorious station.

We bear witness that thou didst attain in the earliest days to the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds, and hast turned unto Him before and again in these days wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha calleth out:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

Blessed art thou for having taken hold of My Book and soared in the atmosphere of My love and drunk the choice wine of My favor and attained unto My presence. All this is from God's grace upon thee. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Arise to serve Me, then cause the servants to enter beneath the tabernacles of My grandeur. We beseech God to aid thee and strengthen thee and assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bounteous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Mother Book be upon thee and upon those who have heard what thy tongue hath spoken concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

BH05635: I testify, O my God and the God…

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

I testify, O my God and the God of all things, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens, my Fashioner and the Fashioner of the Kingdom of Names, that Thou hast not manifested the servants except for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Dayspring of Thy verses, the Source of Thy Command, the Manifestation of Thy Self, and the Fountainhead of Thy knowledge and Thy laws. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Master of nations, by the Most Great Name, and by Thy pervading Will and Thy all-encompassing Purpose, to make me turn toward Thee and withdraw from all else but Thee, and to stand firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the dubious nor the signs of the wayward may hold me back.

O my Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy might and Thy power and Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Withhold me not from beholding the signs of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, nor from hearkening to the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that have recognized Thee and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth, by Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen Ones who hastened to the field of martyrdom in their longing for Thy Beauty, to ordain for me 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 beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH05675: We have heard thy call and have answered thee…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance!

We have heard thy call and have answered thee with verses by which the hearts of the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have been attracted. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having rent asunder the veils and manifested that which had been concealed from time immemorial. Thou art He Who hath revealed His Cause, fulfilled His Promise, and spoken before all faces that which had been hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thine infallibility.

O my Lord! Thou beholdest me detached from all save Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy grace. 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 nations, to make me voice Thy praise amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! The thirst of separation hath seized me—where is the Kawthar of Thy reunion, O Thou Who art the Goal of the mystics? And the fire of remoteness hath consumed me—where is the light of Thy Cause, O Thou Who art the Object of desire of all in the heavens and earth? Alas! Alas! My heart hath melted in my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness, and Thy separation hath destroyed me, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all them that dwell on earth. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the dawning-places of Thy revelation to make me among those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH05784: In My Name, the Manifest above all creation

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God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is verily the Preserved Tablet and the Hidden Book. Through Him the Most Exalted Pen was breathed upon, and all who dwell in the kingdom of names fell unconscious. Through Him was set up the Path and established the Balance, and all things in the dominion of earth and heaven proclaimed: The Kingdom and the Realm, then the Greatness and the Might belong unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. When thou hast attained unto the proof of the All-Merciful and hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One at the midmost heart of creation, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge and caused me to hear the shrill voice of Thy Pen and made me to turn toward the Dayspring of Thy verses when most of Thy creation turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Light of the world and Illuminer of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which earthquakes seized the idols of idle fancies and vain imaginings and the hearts of them who denied the proof and evidence were made to tremble, to ordain that I may in all conditions be moved by Thy will and drawn by Thy verses. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. Thou hearest and seest; verily Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Ordain for me, O my God, that which will protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and exalt me amidst Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH06719: A Book sent down by the Lord of all…

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

A Book sent down by the Lord of all men to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Verily it guideth the servants unto the Most Great Path and draweth them nigh unto the horizon of the Manifestation. This is the station which God hath made among the most exalted of stations. We have revealed the Cause and sent down from the heaven of utterance that which hath attracted the hearts of the righteous. Through My Name the fragrance of the Desired One hath been wafted, and at My Call all religions have swooned away, save such as God, the Cleaver of the daybreak, hath willed.

O peoples of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not them who have denied the favor of God after its descent. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as bidden by Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee, and have seen thy turning to Us and have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, as bidden by God, the Lord of lords. Thus have the traces of My Most Exalted Pen been spread abroad on this Day which God hath made the Lord of all days.

The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon them who have quaffed the wine of revelation from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

BH07363: O Badi'! Repeatedly have thy calls been heard…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O Badi'! Repeatedly have thy calls been heard by Us. There is no call but He heareth it, and no deed but He seeth it. Verily, He is with those who love Him and make mention of Him. Some receive answers that are outwardly revealed and sent, while the answers to others are recorded in God's Book and inscribed by the Pen of His bounty. In all cases, He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer.

O Badi'! Praise the Object of the world's adoration, Who hath enabled thee to attain unto that which is, in God's estimation, greater than all else—namely this Divine Tablet which hath at this moment been inscribed in thy name and sent unto thee.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind, for having remembered me through Thy Most Exalted Pen! I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity, to assist me to remain steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause, and to ordain for me in all circumstances that which will draw me nearer unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH06994: O My handmaiden and child of My handmaiden! Hear…

He is the One manifest before all.

O My handmaiden and child of My handmaiden! Hear My call and hold fast to that which is the cause of the exaltation of thy station with God. Today a good deed is like the sun among all past deeds and cannot be equaled by even a single “yea” from those people who denied God’s proof and His evidence and His greatness and His sovereignty.

O My handmaiden! Praise the Goal of all the worlds, Who confirmed thee and mentioned thee on this Night of the Festival of Sacrifice in the most exalted height. If thou wouldst hearken to a single word with the ear of the spirit, thou wouldst freely sacrifice thy life in His path.

We beseech God to sanctify thee and the handmaidens of that land from whatsoever is unworthy of His days, and to grant that which befitteth His generosity. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Say: All praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and all thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Goal of them that have known Thee.

BH07629: A mention from Us to the one who has…

He is the One Who commands with truth.

A mention from Us to the one who has heard My call, turned to My horizon, and held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. We have sent down from the heaven of utterance that which has brought delight to the eyes of those near unto God, and We have mentioned that which aids the servants to practice justice and fairness. Blessed are those who have attained unto virtuous character. Through good character the stations of creation are revealed, and through justice their ranks are made manifest. Blessed is he who has attained unto the recognition of that which the Supreme Pen has uttered in this exalted station.

We have arisen today speaking in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds, and the rapture of remembrance has so seized Us that We have rent asunder the veils, speaking that which caused those of Sinai to swoon. Thus has the matter been decreed on this wondrous Day. Blessed is the ear that has heard My utterance, and the eye that has beheld My horizon, and the heart that has turned to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The splendor from Us be upon you and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not prevented from turning to the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH07972: O Muhammad! Blessed is your father who was…

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

O Muhammad! Blessed is your father who was with Me most days and bore witness to that which God Himself had testified—that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He attained My presence in the land of Ta [Tehran] and in the land of Taff [Karbila] and in Zawra [Baghdad] from whose horizon shone forth the Sun of your Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. There hath

been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen that which shall never be exhausted through the eternity of God, the Lord of Lords.

Thy letter hath come before Us. We have heard thy call. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He is verily the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, that Thou forgive me and my family. Then write down, O my God, for me and for her that which will draw us near unto Thee and cause us to speak Thy praise. Verily Thou art God. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH10722: O Muhammad-Hasan! He who hath attained My presence…

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Ruling, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad-Hasan! He who hath attained My presence, and drunk the choice wine of My utterance, and guided the people to My path, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book, and have beseeched the Lord of the throne and of earth to grant thee permission to attain His presence. Then did the Sun of permission shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's command, the Almighty, the Powerful. Turn thou unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and hold fast unto wisdom in thy path. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01660: Unto Him be praise and greatness and glory…

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

Unto Him be praise and greatness and glory, for He hath ordained for His loved ones in His presence the blessing of nearness and meeting, and in absence the food of remembrance and praise. At times He speaketh in presence in the form of utterance, and at others in absence in the form of writing. Unto Him be praise for all of this and in all conditions. And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved, whom He made a Book wherein was inscribed that which none knoweth save His own Self, and established him in His station in the realm of creation, and made him the Dawning-Place of His names and the Rising-Point of His attributes and the Manifestation of His signs and evidences, and upon his family and companions through whom was raised the Most Great Word whereby earth and heaven were illumined, and through whom eyes witnessed and tongues proclaimed that there is none other God but Him.

These are servants through whose might was revealed God's justice throughout creation and His power amongst the servants—blessings which the speaking tongues, enkindled hearts and penetrating, all-encompassing perceptions are powerless to reckon. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid us in that which He loveth and approveth. Verily He heareth and seeth. There is none other God but Him in the hereafter and the former times.

The letter of that beloved of the heart was as collyrium for the eye of love, an antidote for the temple of affection, and a heavenly stream for the thirsty in the valley of search. After manifestations of joy and

gladness, delight and rapture, it was brought before the Face. He said—may our spirits be sacrificed for Him—He is the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O Mahmud! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The servant was present before the Face with thy letter and was honored to hear the Wronged One. Every word thereof testified in the most exalted call to thy steadfastness, attachment, love and affection. Well is it with thee for having drunk the wine of love from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, the Lord of creation, and for having attained that which the world was debarred from, save whom God, the Lord of eternity, wished. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid and assist thee in that whereby His remembrance may be exalted amongst His servants and His Word in His lands. Peace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have drunk the wine of recognition from the cup of their Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We make mention of his honor the Emigrant who hath emigrated from his place, seeking the Most Exalted Station, that joy may take hold of him and draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Protector of those who love Him. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God, his honor ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad hastened with his heart in love of God until he attained the presence and beheld the waves of the ocean of utterance and heard that which was the hope of those in former ages and centuries. The Wronged One beseecheth God to aid him in that whereby his mention may endure amongst mentions, his name amongst names, his deed amongst deeds, and his spirit amongst spirits. Verily He is the Ruler over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. That which he sent hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. He should rejoice and be of the thankful. Peace be upon him and upon the two leaves and upon every believing servant and every maidservant who hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God, they have attained unto the wine of utterance and been honored by the bounty of the Goal of the world's peoples. From mention and utterance the degrees of grace and bounty are evident and clear. Well is it with thy honor and with him. This servant conveyeth greetings and praise to them and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever is the cause of exaltation and advancement. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon your honors and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH00836: Praise, sanctified from all beginning and end, befitteth…

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

Praise, sanctified from all beginning and end, befitteth and beseemeth the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of that Eternal Being, Who, through the effulgent rays of the Sun of Yathrib and Batha, hath adorned the people of the mortal realm—who were deprived of knowledge and learning—with the ornament of wisdom, utterance, knowledge and understanding.

His Will is the sovereign of all created wills, and His Purpose the ruler of the purposes of all servants. He hath illumined the world with the light of the Most Exalted Word, and by its penetrating power hath He

subjugated all. Glorified be His grandeur, exalted be His might, glorified be His glory, magnificent be His proof, and all-encompassing be His testimony!

And blessing and peace be upon the Lord of existence from the unseen and the visible, through Whom the ocean of utterance surged before the faces of all religions, and through Whom were manifested those stations that elevated humanity in the contingent world; and upon His family and companions, through whom flowed the Euphrates of mercy amongst all creatures and through whom was fulfilled the judgment of the Resurrection Hour—they who gave glad tidings to the servants of that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an through His exalted words:

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

—blessings whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the duration of God's Kingdom, our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

And now, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your exile, your distress, and your homeland. This blessed word was heard from the Blessed Tongue—He said:

> "His homeland is with Me and beneath the canopies of My loving-kindness. Praise be to God, and to Him belongs bounty, generosity, grandeur and glory."

For repeatedly hath He mentioned that noble one with such words that were the hand of detachment to squeeze them, the water of life would flow therefrom.

In any case, after reading and becoming informed, I proceeded to His presence and attained the honor of listening. His Word—may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him—the tongue of the realm of knowledge, speaketh this exalted word:

> "Verily the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken the truth before all faces in the earliest of days, and hath mentioned its branches in such wise as hath rendered all pens impotent to describe. By the life of the Beloved! His profit and loss in all conditions returneth unto Us. This is a word that transformeth loss into the greatest profit, and it is the sun of utterances that hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of the Pen of grace and bounty. Blessed are those servants who have inhaled the fragrance of utterance and have attained unto that which God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, hath desired. O My Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness, and the grace of God and His mercy."

The mention of you and those Afnan who are with you hath ever been and continues to be like the spring showers of divine mercy in the true springtime in this Most Great Prison.

We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for you every good that was in His Book and hidden in His knowledge. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Chosen One.

Praise be to God! His grace encompasseth all and His loving-kindness accompanieth all. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Glory be unto God! The successful, confirmed soul clearly and evidently beholdeth the traces of the universe and its fruits from the Most Exalted Pen. The world standeth bewildered at what hath been deposited therein, which no exhaustion can diminish. The door of its treasury hath been opened by the key of the will of our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and at every moment the pearls of wisdom and utterance appear with such a radiance and shine with such a light that the true experts are powerless to enumerate and behold them.

Glory be to our Goal, our Object of worship, our Beloved, and the Beloved of earth and heaven! In this field the steed of mention is bewildered and true understanding is thunderstruck. A hundred thousand blessings be upon those souls who have recognized the station of this Day, who have hearkened unto the Call, and who have attained, with most pure vision and illumined heart, unto the lights of the Most Great Scene. These are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command.

Another august letter arrived in the afternoon of Tuesday, bearing glad tidings of your health and well-being and that of the Son, upon him be the peace and glory of God. However, after reading and learning of its contents, grief came from one direction. Later, having repaired to the Holy Place and presented the matter before His presence, He said:

> "In his loss there is profit, and in his harm there is benefit. We beseech God to make this very loss the essence of blessing and bounty. Verily, He is powerful over all things. O Afnan! Thou hast been and art with Us. Whatever befalleth, We are partners therein. Verily, He Who hath taken no partner unto Himself is God. We beseech Him to change hardship into ease, and difficulty into comfort. Verily, He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Goal of them that know."

A hundred thousand thanks and praise unto the Goal of the world, Who hath aided thee to mention, extol, and serve His Cause. Every soul who hath passed by that direction hath, of his own accord and by his very essence, spoken in praise and glorification of the Afnan of the Sacred Tree, acknowledging and confessing His bounty. This is that blessing which hath had and hath no likeness or parallel.

This evanescent servant, at all times, beseecheth and imploreth the true Omnipotent One to manifest that which is the cause of the appearance of what He hath sent down in the Book. None can repel His command or prevent what He willeth. Verily, He is the Goal in the beginning and in the end.

I convey greetings to the friends of Truth who are in the vicinity, and I seek for them that which is the cause of enduring mention. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Peace, remembrance, and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you, and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of our Lord, the Most Merciful.

The servant 5 Dhi'l-Hajjih 1305

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention, your utterance, and your word! This petition was written some time ago in response to the blessed letter, but at the time of sending, the beloved of the heart, Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud—upon Him be Baha'u'llah, the Most Glorious—informed that the vessel had departed.

This day, which is Wednesday the 22nd of Dhi'l-Hajjih, another blessed letter arrived. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds that news of health and well-being, which is among the great divine bounties, has arrived and continues to arrive.

As regards what you wrote concerning Aqa ʿAbdu'r-Rahim—upon him be Baha'u'llah—they stated that things have transpired exactly as was wisest. His grace and favor are clear and evident, and all acknowledge this. Praise be to God Who confirmed and assisted you in that which would be remembered before Him and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the scriptures and tablets. They had mentioned before God the beloved and honored Ibn—upon him be Baha'u'llah, the Most Glorious—and his expression of meekness. He stated:

> "We beseech God to transform it into glory, power, wealth and exaltation. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and He is the Mighty, the Bestower."

This evanescent servant hath beseeched and continueth to beseech, night and day, for that which is the cause of elevation, ascendancy, exaltation, glory and power. Verily our Lord is the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Unconstrained.

Then peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who serve you for the sake of God.

The servant, 22 Dhi'l-Hijjih

BH00530: Praise be unto the Desired One of the world…

He is God—exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful!

Praise be unto the Desired One of the world, Who befittingly and graciously bestoweth awareness upon His loved ones at all times concerning the deception and schemes of the transgressors and the lies and calumnies of the oppressors. Praise be unto God that the veil hath been lifted, and the veils of glory have been rent asunder, and the falsehoods and calumnies of the heedless souls have become as manifest as the sun to that Beloved One. Glory be unto God! What hath become of perception? Whither hath reason fled? They imagine not that perchance the hearer may be aware of matters. They speak with their mouths and act in ways that are forbidden in the Book of God.

Verily, the letters of that beloved of the heart have arrived. Each word therein bore true witness to the falsehoods and calumnies of heedless, fabricating souls. From their imaginary writing their ranks and stations became evident. Praise be to God, that beloved one has become informed and aware. Wonderment seized this servant and the people of the cities of sight and hearing, and one beheld one's servant like one bewildered and astonished. The mind and understanding cannot fathom how a person's utterances could be contrary to what flows from their tongue. Here lies wonder upon wonder, not in the stories of Rumi, upon whom be mercy.

Verily, the ocean of utterance hath appeared with its waves, and the Most Great Luminary hath risen with manifest and brilliant lights, such that for the fair-minded there hath been and is no occasion for pause. These matters were presented before the countenance after being informed, and were honored to be heard. He said: "O thou who gazest upon the Face! God willing, thou shalt be assisted to serve the servants and reform the world. What thou hast mentioned of the calumnies of the heedless soul is correct, there is no doubt in it. Would that in the aforementioned reply [they had stated] I have one request of thee, and that is that thou shouldst come with fairness and justice and hear what is said.

> "Thou hast said that a person [arrived] and stated that for four hours they tried to write two lines but could not, manifest inability. This word of yours is bereft of truth and honesty. Now we make an agreement with you—send yourself or a representative to me, on the condition that in one hour a thousand verses shall be revealed. If the scribe can manage it, for after writing one hundred and fifty verses the pen pauseth. This is one matter. Another matter: thou hast said that whatever is written is from the utterances of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. This matter too this servant guarantees. You or your representative may mention matters the like of which have never been heard before, and ask questions in person, that you may hear the answer at that moment and witness with your outward eye the waves of the ocean of utterance and the effulgent lights of the Sun of meanings."

Man is like unto a treasure, and the pearls of knowledge, truthfulness, and purity lie hidden and concealed within him. It is a pity that through conjecture and doubt one should deprive oneself of the kingdom of justice and fairness. Today the gate of bounty is opened and the sun of wisdom is manifest and evident. That honored one should, for the sake of God, reflect upon this Most Great Cause and Most Mighty News, and witness with his own eyes the fruits of the Lote-Tree of the Most Exalted Paradise. This servant is present and thou art present. We must strive in the path of God and distinguish truth from falsehood. How long shall vain imaginings persist? How long shall doubts continue?

Have you forgotten the Shi'ih sect? For one thousand two hundred years and more they counted themselves as the most mighty and exalted of all the religions of the world and prided themselves on mention of the Successor, but finally on the Day of Reckoning it became clear and evident to those possessed of insight that they had been worshippers of vain imaginings, not followers of revelation and divine inspiration. They manifested such tyranny as the eye of creation had never witnessed the like of. They pronounced death sentences against that Sovereign of existence Whose mention had occupied them throughout ages and centuries, and with utmost degradation martyred Him. To this day they have not desisted. Every day a people have risen and continue to rise in opposition, and those oppressors left none, whether young or old, male or female.

Now too the deniers of the Bayan are occupied with childish games, and in the end they cling in their deeds and actions to that party. And that woman whom thou didst mention in the land of Ta—she who reads this writing—she hath never been and is not capable of reading a single verse. Sixty years of her life have passed, and she hath not discerned her right from her left. She hath lately busied herself with deceiving men. I swear by Him Who revealeth the verses that she hath not seen Mirza Yahya since this

Cause. She and her like kept their distance, for they were bereft of faith and stained with hypocrisy. She moveth as her soul desireth, consumed by the fire of passion, and causeth souls to stray from the truth.

We beseech God to enable all to attain unto that from which the fragrance of truthfulness is wafted. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

This servant, with utmost humility and supplication, beseecheth that while there is yet time, they may investigate this Cause for the sake of God and cling to its hem, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the ocean of utterance. This servant hath not seen her and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to remove the veil and dispel the intervening barriers, that eyes may attain unto that for which they were created from nothingness. Today the Sun is shining, the Kawthar flowing, and the Salsabil evident before all faces. It would be a pity should man be deprived of the manifest light through false statements and fabricated claims. This servant beseecheth God to assist her to arise for His sake to accomplish what hath been mentioned. But alas, alas! The recompense of deeds hath prevented it. The justice of God, exalted be His glory, hath decreed that which every person of insight hath witnessed and every informed one hath recognized.

My God, my God! Illumine their eyes to behold Thy signs and adorn their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Withhold them not from that which Thou hast manifested through Thy bounty and generosity, and from that which Thou hast sent down through Thy grace and favors. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

From these associations it hath become clear that they have ever clung and continue to cling to the cord of calumnies. Their path is falsehood and their way of speech and utterance hath deviated from truth. According to her own words, during the time she was with him, he spoke but two words, and even these, by her own admission, were delirious. It is not known what she hath seen that she would use it to prove his authority and open the gates of calumny. Say: O man, thou who art thyself aware of thine own falsehood, no matter how many veils of lies thou addest thereto, thou hast not and will never have the slightest worth in thine own eyes or the eyes of others.

The Shi'ih sect numbers several millions, yet in the sight of God they have not the worth of a single crippled believer. This is their station and the station of the knights of truthfulness, justice and fairness. These immature ones of the world were not and are not worthy of mention. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, hath ever been and is sanctified above them, above what they possess, and above their words, sayings, deeds, attributes and understanding, and above what was and what will be. Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return.

O beloved of my heart! Evil people have appeared who consume calumnies like sweetmeats. Has he not heard that Mirza Nasru'llah, Mirza Rida-Quli and their sister left the deluded party? Rida-Quli's sister cursed Yahya two thousand times, and there was strife and contention between them for some time. They took another house and settled there, and the Beauty of the Desired One bestowed their expenses. Later, when leaving the Land of Mystery, despite much insistence that she go to her husband, she refused. That person should be told: if Mirza Nasru'llah, Mirza Rida-Quli and their sister were with Mirza Yahya, why did they come to ʿAkka? In any case, that beloved of the heart knows the details better than

to bring his own petition and give trouble to others. What need is there to speak of matters whose falsehood is as evident as the sun? God has sealed their eyes and ears—they neither see nor hear.

And as to what that beloved of the heart wrote regarding his consultation with the honored Shaykh, Aqa Muhammad-Ali and Aqa Azizu'llah, upon them be God's peace, and that the consultation resulted in his remaining in that land—after this matter was presented, it was approved and accepted. Repeatedly it was said: "Perhaps God will bring about through this some matter." Perhaps they will be the cause of something becoming manifest whereby people will realize that this place was not and is not a place of corruption, strife and contention. And they said We counsel Jinab-i-Nazir, glory be upon him, with wisdom—he must hold fast to it in all conditions.

As for the money that was stolen, when this was presented, they said:

> "We beseech God to assist His servants to truthfulness, trustworthiness and religious devotion."

In most Tablets this matter has been beseeched from God, exalted be His glory. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Perhaps through His complete power He will make the servants aware of the light of trustworthiness and the darkness of treachery. In Iraq also such a matter occurred once. The treacherous have always been and are lying in wait. This is not the first flask that has been broken in Islam.

The honored Qurratu'l-ʿAyn Aqa Mirza Habib'u'llah, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], dwells under the shadow and is blessed with favors. All mention that beloved one and continue to do so. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist that beloved of the heart in that which is the cause of joy, the source of delight and the dawning-place of gladness. Furthermore, I convey greetings to the friends of that land and I beseech for each one that from which the fragrance of eternity wafts. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 27 Dhi'l-Hijjih 1305

BH02008: For what were the world and nations created?...

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

For what were the world and nations created? For the recognition of the Ancient Lord. Why does the sun rise? To be evidence of His power. Why does heaven exist? To bear witness to His grandeur. Why did the sea come from nonexistence into being? To preserve the pearls of His knowledge. Glory be to Him, glory be to Him, beyond my mention and the mention of all things, beyond my knowledge and the knowledge of all things. Glory be to You, O God of all beings and Goal of all contingent things. I beseech You by the movement of Your cord, by whose movement all existence, both seen and unseen, was set in motion, to assist me and Your servants in Your remembrance and praise and in acting according to what You commanded us through the tongue of Your Beloved [Muhammad]. You are He Whom no command can prevent nor any thing [sadden]. I testify, O my God, that Your power has conquered all beings and Your

might has encompassed all things. You are indeed the Powerful, the Strong, the Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored one arrived. Praise be to God, it brought joy and renewed the heart. After being presented at the court, the Sun of favor rose and shone forth. This servant is incapable and falls short of mentioning it. Regarding what was written about the beloved of the heart, his eminence the Observer, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] and His favors, and his stay, and likewise what the spiritual friend his eminence Aqa ʿAzizu'llah, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] eternally, related—their stay in that land has been accepted, since in all correspondences the command of consultation was mentioned, and as the collective opinion settled upon this and purely for the sake of God their stay emerged from consultation, therefore it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

It is hoped that great beneficial matters will appear from them. However, observance of wisdom is obligatory, for some were not and are not aware, clinging to conjecture and holding fast to suppositions, and these two are mighty barriers preventing the servants. Verily our Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. I mention the friends with a hundred thousand tongues and beseech the One God for each one an enduring mention and eternal everlasting word. He is indeed the All-Bountiful and He is the Mighty, the Generous.

Regarding the funds that must be sent, according to the command they must reach here the beloved of the heart, his eminence Aqa Rida and Aqa Faraj, upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], as they are requesting it at the door. On this day the honored master, his eminence Afnan Aqa Mirza Muhsin, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, mentioned that "I receive here [and in] Istanbul from his eminence Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be God's peace." Therefore the amount of sixty-five Ottoman liras was received from him which you should give to them there. The servant asks his Lord to open upon your faces the doors of blessing and bounty and that whereby your hearts may rejoice. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's assured and sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Goal of the mystics.

The servant, on 27 Dhi'l-Hijjih 1305

BH01301: Both outer and inner eye are fixed upon…

He is God, exalted be He in Grandeur and Power

Both outer and inner eye are fixed upon the horizon of the utterance which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, blessed and exalted be His Word: "Verily with difficulty cometh ease." It is hoped that this ease will appear with the Most Great Light from the horizon of the favors of the Truth, exalted be His glory, accompanied by the hosts of joy, delight, gladness, wealth and affluence. Universal are His favors, perfect His beneficence, all-encompassing His grace, and His mercy hath preceded all else.

And blessings and peace be upon the Knight of the arena of might and power, through whom the breezes of revelation were cut off from among the nations and prophethood in the world came to an end, and upon His family and companions, the standards of justice and the banners of guidance, through whom

God revealed His power, His might, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His authority—blessings that are eternal and everlasting. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The letter from that beloved one arrived with spirit and fragrance, and was honored to be read before Our presence. O Muhammad, be not sorrowful. By the life of God, the world is seen as but a handful of dust. The winds of divine will blow upon it, carrying it wheresoever they list and giving it whatsoever shape they desire. It hath not been, nor is it, worthy of mention in the sight of the people of Baha. The purpose is that your honor should not be saddened or distressed by its events. Praise be to God that trustworthiness is established and detachment proven, resolve and prudence are present, and the matter is in God's hands. In such case, sorrow is not permitted nor grief befitting, for this is a day of joy. Indeed, the grief and sorrow of those who are nigh and sincere arise only when they witness from someone, God forbid, a deed from which the fragrance of treachery or wrongdoing emanates. Praise be to God, your honor's intention and deeds have been for God's sake; their end shall be good.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land, and We counsel them with that which God hath counseled His servants aforetime in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. They must, with sanctified and illumined hearts, with complete resolve and perfect wisdom, unite in holding fast to the reformation of their affairs, that their good deeds may be proven before God and their striving to uphold the truth, to manifest the Most Great Trust among the peoples, and to establish this Most Exalted Cause may be proven before men. This Wronged One ever mentioneth each one of them and seeketh for each in this transitory world that which is lasting and eternal. May God illumine their faces and their hearts and exalt their stations and ranks. Verily He is the Protector of the doers of good and the Helper of those who act. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of the mystics.

Two letters from your honor arrived, each a door to meeting and reunion. Though outwardly this appeareth difficult, yet with God and the manifestations of His power it is easy and simple. I beseech the exalted Truth, glorified be His majesty, to manifest that which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness. Verily He is knowing of all things. In the nights and at dawn, in the mornings and evenings, I beseech the True One for that which is the cause of elevation and advancement. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. I bear witness, and all things bear witness, to His power, His sovereignty, His might, His generosity, His grace and His favors. There is no God but He, the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

To those honoured ones in that land I convey my greetings. They are present before my eyes and before my sight—how could they be effaced from my heart, when the saplings of love have been planted therein and watered by the rains of God's grace, exalted be His glory? The love of friends neither diminishes nor perishes, for God, exalted be His glory, has thus described it. God willing, may each one act in accordance with what befits the station of His chosen ones. God is my witness that when the first letter arrived, mentioning the illness of that beloved one, what it did to this lowly one! Praise be to God, afterwards the glad tidings of recovery arrived and made amends.

According to the command of that beloved one, they must not be sorrowful, for sorrow is the cause of certain manifestations. Verily our Lord knoweth, and He is the All-Healing, the All-Wise. And though from the second letter there wafted at first the fragrance of sorrow, yet at its end the light of joy was evident.

Praise be to God and thanks be to Him in all conditions. May prayer and peace and remembrance and praise be upon you all 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 glorious throne.

BH01379: Praise be to God! The bounty of utterance flows…

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

Praise be to God! The bounty of utterance flows forth and the feast of love descends. Joy is manifest from every direction, for the traces of the pen of the chosen ones appear continuously and successively. In truth, what a wondrous remedy it is for the malady of sorrow, anxiety and grief. Mighty is the arm of the Physician Who compounded this remedy, and the will that was connected with it. Were there justice, we should, throughout our lives, be engaged in thanksgiving, be occupied in praise, and be characterized by humility. This is the truth of what was submitted. However, the excesses of the transgressors and the calumnies of the atheists have deprived the world of most bounties. They utter that which hath no likeness in the world, let alone its essence, and whose branch hath not been seen, let alone its root. I beseech God to assist the believers with the hosts of His grace, to bring forth the vanished standards, and to raise high the lowered banners. He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

O beloved of my heart! The ignorance and folly of the servants have become the cause and reason for abasement. We must, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the Self-Sufficing Lord for that which is the cause of victory and joy. The believers are in utmost weakness, the ungodly in utmost strength, and the decree is in none other than God's hand, our Lord and your Lord. The cause of weakness is evident, and likewise the reason for power.

After praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory, and mention of the Most Great Book of His Holiness the Seal, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, I submit that your esteemed letter arrived. Glory be to God! It was crowned with the crown of joy and adorned with the ornament of favor, for its reading reminded the spirit and its perusal refreshed the soul. After reading and observing it, I proceeded to the presence, and it was presented before His face. He said:

> "O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of love and affection! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before with a remembrance whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding were attracted."

Praise be to God, thou art mentioned in the court of the Wronged One. We beseech God to open before thy face the gate of bounty and to make thee succeed to infinite favors. The servant in attendance mentioned thy letter. From every word was heard that which testified to love, fellowship, devotion and humility. A truthful and trustworthy one spoke. We beseech God to make thee in all circumstances a cause for the exaltation of His Word and the manifestation of His Cause, and to grant thee the best of what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

From these radiant utterances, the stations of favor are clear and manifest, visible before the face without veil or covering. The interpreters have no path to this station, and the translators of the world no standing. Concerning what thou didst write about thine own affairs, after it was presented to the Lord, He

spoke this word: This Wronged One beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to manifest that which is the cause of steadfastness, bounty, blessing and tranquility. Verily, He heareth the call of them that beseech Him. Outwardly, these matters depend upon consultation. In truth, let several souls gather together for the sake of God, and whatsoever appeareth from consultation, whether there or here, let them hold fast unto it. The principle of consultation hath ever been and is acceptable before God, and in the Books of both past and present this firm decree hath been revealed from the Presence of the All-Wise. His is the command, and ours is submission and obedience. His is the decree, and ours is acceptance and compliance. He is the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

This evanescent servant hopeth that the gate may be opened and joy and bounty may descend. With utmost humility and submissiveness, I convey greetings to all the loved ones of that land, and I beseech the Goal of the world to confirm each one in unity, harmony and steadfastness. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor.

My God, my God! Deprive us not of that whereby the stations of Thy loved ones are elevated among Thy servants and Thy chosen ones in Thy lands. O Lord! Thou seest them clinging to the cord of Thy grace. Aid them to hear that which will profit them through Thy bounty and exalt them through Thy generosity and bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

Salutations, praise, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you and who hearken to your words for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord.

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BH00204: O Abdullah! The Most Exalted Pen calleth aloud…

Section 1: “O Abdullah! The Most Exalted Pen calleth aloud…”

O Abdullah! The Most Exalted Pen calleth aloud from the highest summit, saying: “O Abdullah! Rejoice in God’s loving-kindness and grace. Verily He hath turned unto thee and hath sent down from the heaven of bounty that which is milk for infants and a feast for men, a treasure for the poor and rain for the verdant hamlet, glory for the trusted ones and a standard for the learned, a remembrance for the righteous and an admonition for the chosen ones. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have enjoined upon Our loved ones wisdom and utterance, the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of nations. Blessed is he who hath heard My call, and woe betide every froward denier. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the niche of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe betide every heedless doubter.

Take thou the chalice of utterance in My name. Verily it shall guide thee to the straight path. The ocean of My loving-kindness hath surged and the fragrance of My grace hath wafted, while the people are in wondrous stupor. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of all mankind. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, but that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen in the most sublime station shall endure.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Behold, then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came with the signs of God, the Lord of Lords. The learned ones of the earth and its rulers turned away from Him until they desired to shed His blood. We delivered Him through Our grace, for verily We are the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the lights of the Revelation and the handmaiden who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech God to forgive thy father and to send down mercy upon him from His presence. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Giving.

O Arslan! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and was presented by him who is named Majdu'd-Din. We have mentioned thee in such wise as to delight all eyes. Take thou the cup of utterance and drink therefrom in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. We counsel those who have believed to unity and concord. By the life of God! Through these twin pillars the horizons are illumined. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe betide him who hath denied and broken the Covenant.

Say: O friends of God in the lands! Cast away that which ye have been forbidden and take hold of that which ye have been commanded in the Book. Blessed is he who hath remained silent concerning that which is unworthy of mention. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a command from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

We have endured that which hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors and pharaohs of the earth, and have commanded all to be patient through God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is the strong one whom the might of the world hath not withheld from the Most Great Name, and the seeing one whom the veils of glory have not hindered. We have mentioned the friends of God and His loved ones and have commanded them with that which shall exalt their stations among the parties.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Thy letter came before the Wronged One aforetime, and We held back the reins of the Pen for a time until the appointed hour was fulfilled. We have mentioned thee with verses that all the books of the world cannot equal, and with a command before which necks have bowed. Verily, the ocean is before your faces; take thereof by My leave, then drink in My Name through which God hath subdued the kingdoms of justice and equity. Grieve not over the world and its vicissitudes. Hold fast unto that which hath been sent down unto thee from God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. How many a learned one hath been prevented by pride, and how many an ignorant one hath heard and hastened to the Dawning-Place of verses! How many a servant hath turned away from the Truth, and how many a handmaiden hath heard and responded, saying:

> "Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Desire of the world, and Thine be the glory, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the earth and the heavens!"

When thou beholdest the waves of the ocean of My utterance and findest the fragrances of My words, say:

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Point through which Thou didst separate the books of the world, and by Thy Most Great Name whereby Thou didst subdue the nations, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the hidden mysteries in Thy Book, to aid me and Thy servants to act in accordance with what Thou hast sent down to us from the heaven of Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and confessing Thy

grandeur and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached and such of Thy creatures as are sincere. Then ordain, O my God, for Thy loved ones that which shall profit them and preserve them and draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Aqa Quli, that the remembrance may draw him to a station wherein he shall behold none save God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka: Verily there is none other God but Him. His are the most excellent names and the most exalted attributes. He doeth what He willeth through His command, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. He sendeth down from the heaven of proof the rains of knowledge, and causeth to appear from the ocean of utterance the pearls of wisdom and exposition. Blessed is the seeker who hath arisen to serve the Object of his search, and the learned one who hath attained unto the Dawning-Place of remembrance. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe the trust which God hath made the first ornament of the temple of man. They have lost who cast it behind their backs and committed that which hath caused the Proof and the Evidence to lament. When thou hast attained unto the hosts of utterance and witnessed the proof of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me and guided me to Thy Most Great Announcement whereby the hearts of the servants were stirred. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy standing firm in Thy Cause and by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen whereby Thou didst subdue the cities and lands, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and eloquent in Thy praise amidst the righteous.

Your book has reached Our presence and has been honored with the attention of the Wronged One while He was imprisoned at the hands of those who denied the Cause and turned away from Him at Whose appearance the tribes lamented and the eyes of the righteous were consoled. O Rahim! The All-Knowing remembers you and bids you to observe justice and equity and that whereby the Cause of God, the Manifester of clear evidences, may be exalted. Beware lest anything deter you from the Creator of heaven. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to that which has been sent down from God, the Knower of the secret and the manifest. We have stood before all faces and revealed the Cause with power and authority. Among the people are those who have perceived the fragrance of the All-Merciful and hastened unto Him, and among them are those who have denied God's proof and His evidence by following the manifestations of idle fancies, and among them are those who have ordered My imprisonment—he who is base yet was named exalted. Thus did his soul prompt him, and he is assuredly among the wrongdoers in the Book of Justice inscribed by the Supreme Pen from God, the Cleaver of the dawn.

We have endured in God's path what no eye hath beheld, to this bear witness the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise, then He Who is established upon the throne of Revelation with a power that the

hosts of the wicked cannot weaken. Your book hath reached the presence of the Wronged One. We heard your call and have answered you with verses that cry out before all faces:

> "The appointed time is come, and He Whom God's Messengers have promised, the Lord of the Day of Return, hath appeared."

We have heard that which you called out to God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you that which shall profit you. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Let nothing grieve you. By God! The Day is come, while the people are in doubt and error. This is the Day wherein the greatest joy hath appeared through this Revelation, whereby the limbs of the transgressors who broke God's covenant and committed that which they were forbidden in the Mother Book have trembled.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and turning away from all else. Thou knowest what I have wrought in my vain life. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the ocean of forgiveness surged in creation and the fragrance of generosity wafted throughout the world, to make me detached from all save Thee, content with Thy good-pleasure, speaking Thy praise, and steadfast in serving Thy loved ones. Thou art verily the One with power over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Ancient Beauty! Turn Thy face from the Most Great Prison toward him who hath remembered Thee, that he may thank his Lord, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty, the Loving.

He who is named Abdul-Ghafur desired to drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings from the hand of his Lord's bounty, the All-Forgiving. We heard thy call and have answered thee with this sealed Book which hath descended from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Lord of existence. He verily commands all to righteousness and piety and forbids wickedness and indecency. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. The breezes of Revelation have wafted and the horizons are illumined, yet the people do not understand. They worship idols and perceive it not; they do what they are forbidden yet know it not. Blessed is the strong one who hath rent asunder the veils, and the powerful one who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings.

Beware lest the glory of the people prevent thee from My Name, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Cast aside what they possess and take the Book of God with a might that the hosts cannot prevent. Thus hath the gate of utterance been opened unto all who are in creation, as a grace from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Grieve not over any matter. Trust in God in all things. He verily aids whoever turns to Him and assists him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Lord of the world! Remember Hasan whose letter reached Thy prison, and give him the glad-tidings of that which moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to his mention—the Pen through which the trumpet was sounded and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, except such as God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willed. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which will exalt your stations and the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Hold fast unto goodly character. He enjoineth upon you that which profiteth you in all His worlds. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be silent in the station of silence, and speaking in the station of utterance, and expounding in

times of exposition. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things command you in a perspicuous Book. He loveth silence and enjoineth it upon all. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The first word is the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds, and the second is steadfastness in His Cause. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen of Revelation, when He Who conversed on Sinai was seated upon the throne of Manifestation, speaking that which enraptured the hearts of the sincere ones. O men of earth! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. By God! He desireth naught for Himself. He hath sacrificed His joy, His delight, His glory, His felicity and His comfort for the refinement of your souls and your entry into the Most Exalted Paradise—the station wherein whoso entereth shall neither perish, nor be grieved, nor shall his soul be troubled. Thus hath the Tongue of Faithfulness spoken in the kingdom of creation, that He might acquaint you with the stations which have been ordained for you by God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the breezes of these days, and beware lest the might of sovereigns frighten you. Leave the world and whatsoever is therein unto the kings, then occupy yourselves with the conquest of hearts through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and through the character We have enjoined upon you aforetime and will continue to do so. I am the All-Knowing Rememberer, and I am the Kind Counselor, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Section 2: “Choose what is praiseworthy under all conditions. This…”

Choose what is praiseworthy under all conditions. This is what ye have been commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. To this testifieth every truthful and trustworthy one. Blessed is he who loveth the world for the sake of God, the Lord of the ancient days. He hath created creation as a token of His grace, that His Self might be known, and as the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His firm Command. Well is it with him who hath cast away vain imaginings and taken that which he was bidden by an ancient Commander.

O servant of God! Abdullah, known as Ansari, died in yearning for My call, not having heard from the Kingdom of My utterance. O My servant! Thou hearest at this time, through the grace of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O My servant! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. It behooveth thee, in recognition of this bounty, to be ever mindful of My verses throughout thy days, detached from all else but Me, thankful for the wonders of My grace, submissive to My command, and abstaining from that which I have forbidden in My Great Book. The Wronged One remembereth him who remembereth Him, and asketh God to assist His servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to enable them to perform deeds which shall be a treasured possession with Him.

He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Blessed is the heart that hath been purified from rancor and hatred, illumined with the light of unity, and hath not turned towards those who disbelieved in God and denied His mighty and impregnable proof. O people of Baha and Dal! Know your stations. By God’s life! Ye have attained unto that which none of God’s servants in previous centuries and ages have attained. We

beseech God to assist you in preserving this most exalted station and supreme rank, and to make you among the triumphant.

We make mention of him who hath been named Vahhab, that he may inhale the sweet fragrances of God's loving-kindness and be of them that are steadfast. O Vahhab! This is a Day wherein the Mother Book hath spoken forth amidst the factions, yet the people are in strange drunkenness—their vain desires have debarred them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He Who was hidden hath appeared through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath desired to give the servants to drink of His choice sealed wine on this Day when the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen is raised, while the people are in manifest error. They have turned away from their God, clinging to their idle fancies—these are indeed the abased ones. They have risen to harm the Wronged One and have committed that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere to be consumed. Thus have their souls enticed them—they are verily among the slumberers. They have neither heard the Call nor the Cry that was raised in truth. We testify that they are among the dead.

We counsel thee to observe pure justice and that which befitteth the station of man. Thy Lord doth command His servants with that which profiteth and exalteth them. He is indeed the Protector of the believers. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to draw thee nigh unto Him. He is verily the Hearing, the Answering.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention in the Book of him who hath turned to the Most Great Ocean while the nations were in manifest rejection, that the remembrance may draw him to the Kingdom of Utterance and bring him nigh unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. O Baqir! Upon thee be My glory. Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and aideth him who turneth unto Him. He is verily the All-Giving, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth every call and seeth every deed. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Take hold of the Book of God with such might as the thorns of the oppressors cannot prevent thee—they who enter the mosques in My Name, yet when I manifested Myself, turned away from Me, following every heedless doubter.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me through Thy signs and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the shells of the ocean of Thy bounty and by the lights of the orb of Thy manifestation, to strengthen me in such service as will exalt my station before the Concourse on High and honor me with the mention of acceptance in the court of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the Almighty to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones, then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the Compassionate, the Most Generous.

And We make mention at this time of My loved ones whose names have not been presented before the Wronged One, that the breezes of revelation may draw them to the most exalted station. O My loved ones! Hear My call, then help Me through wisdom and utterance. This is what the All-Merciful hath decreed as He established Himself upon the throne with power and sovereignty. This is the Day of joy and gladness. Beware lest the happenings of the world or the affairs of the nations grieve you. Turn ye and

drink the choice wine of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He is with you at all times.

And We make mention of My handmaidens there who have heard the call and turned towards it. We ask God to aid them to be steadfast in His Cause and to ordain for them that which He hath ordained for the beauteous ones of the Most Exalted Paradise. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The glory from Us be upon My servants and My handmaidens who have held fast to My covenant and My testament, and have acted according to that which they were commanded in My Book that speaketh before the faces of the world. The Sovereign hath come—the Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords.

O Tongue of Proof in the Kingdom of Utterance! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-ʿAli, that the breezes of revelation may stir him and draw him nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Kingdom hath appeared and the Sovereign of the celestial realm speaketh therein with His most exalted call, yet the people comprehend not. They have denied God's favor after its descent and rejected His proof and His evidence, yet they perceive not. The ocean of utterance hath surged in the realm of possibility before the faces of all religions, and the power of God, the Lord of existence, hath encompassed all. Among the people are those who heard and turned away, those who accepted, and those who pronounced judgment against the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. This is a Day wherein the mountains have been scattered and the tree-trunks uprooted, yet most of the people understand not.

O party of God! Abandon what the people possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath soared in My atmosphere, clung to the cord of My love, and uttered My praise among My servants. He is indeed among those who are brought nigh in the preserved tablet.

Behold, then remember when We stood in the Land of Ta until the fire of hatred was kindled in their breasts. The wolves of the earth gathered against Us and imprisoned Us without any proof from God, the Lord of the Kingdom. We were in prison for numbered months until the hand of power delivered Us, despite those who denied God's might, the Lord of the Promised Day. Thus did the Sun shine forth from the horizon of the prison with verses which none know save those who are brought nigh.

O Manifestation! The Lord of Destiny hath, from the direction of the prison, turned toward thee and made mention of thee with that which the treasures cannot equal. Hear the call from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved. The rivers have flowed, the fruits have appeared, and the seas have surged, yet most of the people know not. Their desires have prevented them and their imaginings have veiled them, yet they know not. They have abandoned that which they were commanded and committed that which caused the sincere ones to lament.

We have heard thy call and answered thee before, and in this irrevocable Tablet which calleth out among the parties through this Hidden and Manifest Name. We beseech the Exalted One to assist thee in the triumph of His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to confirm thee such that thou movest not save by His leave. He is verily the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed art thou for having turned to

the Dayspring of Certitude while people were veiled by doubts and imaginings. Joy be to the One Who, with the finger of power, rent asunder the veils of those who prevented the servants from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom. Verily, these veils are their divines who cast the Covenant of God behind their backs and who deny His signs.

Sing upon the branch of utterance the praise of thy Lord. He verily heareth and seeth. He is indeed the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Witnessed. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight path, and hath sent down for every seeker that whereby hearts and minds are attracted. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and proclaim unto their faces greetings from the Wronged One.

O Abbas-Ali! Hearken unto the everlasting call of God. Verily He maketh mention of thee and remindeth thee of verses which have descended from the clouds of grace and the heaven of justice like unto rain—God forgive the simile. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make known unto His servants that which He hath manifested and revealed. He, verily, is the Sustainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel you to fear God and to associate with all peoples in a spirit of fragrance and delight, and to act in accordance with that which will strengthen unity and harmony. He, verily, is the Commander, the Mighty, the Great. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth—through Him were hoisted the standards of divine unity and the banners of detachment, through Him were the earth seized with trembling and the tribes raised their laments, and through His appearance all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful." We counsel you in all matters to observe justice and fairness, and that whereby the stations of existence shall be made manifest—existence which hath appeared from the ocean of the bounty of its Lord, the Clement, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: O people of creation! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of invention and cast off the nature of beasts. Adorn your temples with the ornament of love and fellowship, and be not of the heedless. Beware lest ye backbite one another, and beware lest ye commit that which would grieve the hearts of the servants of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have created you and manifested you and commanded you to that which causeth the lips of existence to smile and giveth assurance to the hearts of them that know.

O brother! Behold and then call to mind that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: the Day when men shall be as scattered moths, and the mountains shall be as carded wool. This is the Day which Muhammad, the Apostle of God, mentioned aforetime, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him He Who conversed with God. We counsel you to that which beseemeth the mercy of your Lord, which hath preceded the heavens and the earth, and whereby your stations shall be exalted. Say: Hearken unto the counsel of Him Who is wronged, and be not of the oppressors. Behold the power of My Most Exalted Pen and My Most Great Word—these two guide the servants to the Most Glorious Horizon, if ye be of the fair-minded. We have brought forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the shells of the ocean of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath vision, who hath witnessed and seen, and blessed is he who hath turned toward Him; and woe unto every froward sinner. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the light of divine proof. Blessed is he who hath turned, recognized and acknowledged; and woe unto them that deny!

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Section 1: "This is the Epistle of God, the Help…"

This is the Epistle of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Praise, sanctified from worldly conditions, the intimations of the peoples, the doubts of the antagonists, and the clamor of the deniers, beseemeth the Most Holy and Exalted Court of Him Who is the Desired One, Who in every moment hath, like unto a copious rain from the heaven of His bounty, sent down verses. No one who remembered Him was deprived of His grace, and no seeker was denied from the ocean of His verses. His bounty hath encompassed all and His mercy hath preceded all. Throughout the nights and days He hath perfumed those who have drawn nigh with the fragrances of revelation. Exalted, exalted be His bounty, and exalted be His mercy! Great is His glory and mighty His proof!

O thou who hast turned unto God, who hast drunk the cup of His presence, and who speaketh in His praise! Hearken unto His sweetest call from His most exalted horizon. Verily, He remembereth thee with verses that call out to the world and summon all to the Mighty, the Bestower. We have remembered thee time and again that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Master of all men.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance hath read it. We have answered thee with a Tablet which God hath made the Mother of Tablets. Grieve not over anything, but put thy trust in God, the Lord of Lords. He hath aided thee to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and hath made thee a cup-bearer of this choice wine which, when its seal was broken, perfumed all regions. Blessed is he who hath sought the Desired One and attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to reach. Say: The verses are subdued by His command and all affairs are in the grasp of His power, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thou hast attained unto that which the divines and scholars of the earth have failed to attain. The Mother of the Book beareth witness to this in the Final Return.

The names that were mentioned in thy letter were presented before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for them that which attracteth the hearts and solaceth the eyes, and He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Take what is approved and leave what is denounced. This is what thou wast commanded in the Qayyumu'l-Asma and in this perspicuous Tablet, before which all other Tablets bow down. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

O ʿAbdu'l-Ahad! Take justice and abandon tyranny. Thus hath the Command flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath remembered thee with that which no remembrance in the world can equal. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Muhammad-Qabli! When thou hast drunk the choice wine of reunion and attained unto that which was treasured in God's knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in His Books, His Scriptures, and His Tablets, render thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty.

O Muhammad! Hear the call of the Wronged One. Say: O people of the earth! Embrace justice and abandon oppression. Thus hath come the irrevocable decree from God, the Lord of eternity and Master of nations. He is the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! The Prisoner hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the prison and saith: Leave the dead, and take the cup from the Kawthar of life in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. He verily draweth thee nigh unto Him and guideth thee unto His straight path.

O ʿAli! The Desired One of the world hath appeared with the banners of grace and bounty, and the standards of glory and guidance, yet the people have cast the Command of God behind their backs and have committed that which they were bidden by the Daysprings of oppression. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Pasha! The Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens remembereth thee. Say: O people of the earth! Hearken unto the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. Take hold of the Book of God with such might and power as cannot be hindered by the power of the world nor the authority of nations. Verily, thy Lord is the Commander, the Ancient of Days.

O Ismail! Blessed art thou and blessed is the servant who, having cast away vain imaginings, hath turned his face toward the horizon whence the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth on a Day whereon the Straight Path hath proclaimed: "By God! The appointed time hath come," and the Balance hath declared: "The veil hath been lifted," and there hath descended from the heaven of might a perspicuous Book.

O Muhammad! Remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, all who dwelt on earth turned away from Him. Some declared that He had disbelieved in God, others pronounced Him a lying impostor, while yet others called Him a sorcerer who spoke from selfish desire. Thus did the people speak concerning His Cause—the firm, the sacred, the mighty, the wondrous.

O Pasha! The Lord of all beings remembereth thee on this darksome night, and remindeth thee of that which will draw thee nigh unto a station honored by the mention of God and adorned by the presence of His loved ones. He speaketh at all times, saying:

> "O people of creation! Lift up your heads and behold that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge from the presence of One mighty and powerful."

O Faraj! The gate of heaven hath been opened and relief hath come with such sovereignty that before it can stand neither the hosts of creation, nor the ranks of the mighty, nor the vain imaginings of the learned. He proclaimeth in the most exalted voice between earth and heaven:

> "O people of creation! He hath come at Whose advent the limbs of all names have trembled, and He Who was mentioned in the hearts of them that are nigh unto God hath appeared."

O Mulla Baba! We have accepted the tribulations and hardships of the world for the salvation of the servants, yet they have risen in opposition. They have denied God's proof and His evidence, disputed His signs, turned away from the lights of His countenance, and disbelieved in His Self. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are among the most lost in the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

O Samad! Hearken unto the call of the Eternal, the Single, the One, the Unique. He commandeth thee that which will exalt thee, and counseleth thee to observe God's covenant and His testament, and that which hath been revealed in His Book. He is with those who have held fast unto His commandments and acted according to what they were bidden by the Tongue of Revelation in this blessed, holy and manifest Day.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Aqa Mulla, that Thy remembrance may draw him to the most sublime summit and bring him nigh unto Thee, and strengthen him in that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure, and aid him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped, faces have been darkened, and the idols of the deluded have fallen.

O Qanbar! Take hold of trustworthiness in My name and set aside whatsoever is contrary to it. God hath made it the primary adornment for the temples of all religions. Blessed is he who hath clung to it, recognized its station, been illumined by its light, and grasped its hem. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken while seated upon the throne of utterance. He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Abdul-Ahad! Remember the days wherein thou didst attain My presence, hear My call, behold My horizon, and drink the choice wine of meeting from the hand of My bounty. Beware lest the affairs of the world prevent thee from My remembrance and praise, and from that which thou didst hear from My tongue in this My prison. This We commanded thee before, and at this time We command thee again, by the leave of One mighty, powerful and praiseworthy.

O Mashhadi Hussein! Take hold of faithfulness as a command from the Creator of heaven. Blessed is the temple adorned therewith, the hand that graspeth it, and the servant who recognizeth its station, by the command of God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Verily We have desired to make mention of him who hath been named Mulla Islam, to remind him of My verses, to bring him the glad-tidings of My favors, and acquaint him with My Kingdom and My Dominion, and with the dwellers of the cities of My power and grandeur, that he may rejoice and render thanks unto Him Who hath come with the truth with a sovereignty that hath encompassed earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath recognized and borne witness and hath said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!"

O Shaykh-i-Kazim! We counsel thee with wisdom and utterance, and with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in the Book of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Let not the might of the world dismay thee; place it beneath thy feet and say:

> "My God, my God! I render Thee thanks inasmuch as I have inhaled the fragrance of Thy verses, beheld the tokens of Thy Pen, and acknowledged that which Thy tongue hath spoken. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, by Thy Name through which necks have been subdued, to assist me to remember Thee and to stand firm in my love for Thee. O Lord! Deny me not the ocean of Thy bounty, nor the heaven of Thy generosity. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Loving."

Verily the Wronged One desireth to make mention of him who hath been named Mulla Nur-Muhammad, that the breezes of Revelation may draw him to the Most Sublime Horizon, and that he may hold fast unto that which hath been ordained by Him Who is the Creator of heaven and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. The world shall pass away, but that which hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty and generosity shall endure for those who have turned unto Him. To this testify honored servants upon whom neither fear shall come, nor shall they grieve.

O Ali! This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, the Day of bounty and bestowal, the Day of majesty and glory. Blessed is the servant who hath turned unto Him, attained, and acted according to that which hath been ordained by God, the Lord of existence.

O Abdul-Hussein! Blessed art thou and blessed is thy name. Hear with the ear of the heart that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of the favors of the Lord of creation, Who hath come with the standard of unity and commanded all to be united. Happy is he who hath held fast unto that which hath been ordained by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Hasan! Say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy sealed wine, and by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and by the Kawthar of Thy utterance, the Salsabil of Thy knowledge, the milk of Thy bounty and the wine of Thy mercy, to make me, in all conditions, well-pleased with Thy good-pleasure, turning unto Thy horizon, speaking of Thy verses, and holding fast unto Thy extended cord."

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Ali-i-Akbar, whom the veils of glory prevented not from the All-Glorious. He heard the call from the Most Sublime Horizon and turned unto Him on a day wherein all who dwell in the kingdom of creation turned away, save those whom the hand of power had seized and whom the tongue of grandeur had mentioned in his praiseworthy station.

O Ali! We counsel thee and them that have believed to fear God and to observe truthfulness and sincerity. Thy Lord desireth for no one save that which will raise him to the All-Highest Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven—the station wherein naught is seen save the manifestations of His names and attributes. He is the All-Bountiful One Whose bounty is not withheld by the opposition of the peoples nor by the happenings of the world. His mercy hath preceded all things and His favors have encompassed all, but the people, they understand not.

O people of Shishan! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He remembereth you while He was in the hands of those who turned away from godliness and followed wickedness and corruption, and committed that which caused the countenances of the Most Exalted Paradise and the All-Highest Heaven to lament, and caused the Tree of Blessedness and the Divine Lote-Tree to wail. Beware lest the tyranny of the transgressors and the harm of the ungodly dismay you. Lay hold on wisdom in the days of God; verily it will draw you nigh unto Him, did ye but know.

O Haji Aqa! Hear the call from the precincts of the Prison. It summons thee to truth and bids thee observe justice and equity. He hath appeared and manifested that which He desired before the faces of all men

on a day whereon the clouds of destiny rained down the arrows of tribulation. To this testifieth the Preserved Tablet that is with Him.

O Mulla Sadiq! From My Most Exalted Pen hath flowed the river of wisdom and utterance on a day when every seeker turned away, every confessor denied, every believer disbelieved, and every silent one reviled. Thus did We receive treatment from those who showed no justice in the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and cast equity behind their backs, cleaving unto that which caused the Spirit to lament in His holy, glorious, and beloved station.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! Behold and remember when the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty, and there befell Him at the hands of the people of tyranny that which caused the rocks to cry out, the earth and heaven to weep, the hearts of the chosen ones to tremble, the great cry to be raised, and every lofty and towering mountain to be scattered.

O Ja'far! Thy name was mentioned before Our face, and there hath been revealed for thee that which cannot be equalled by the treasures of the earth, nor the riches of creation, nor that in which the wealthy pride themselves in the material world, nor that which princes and kings have amassed. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say:

> "My God, my God! Deprive me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and render me not destitute of that which draweth me nigh unto Thy horizon. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving!"

O Aqa Bala! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. Blessed be thy face for having turned, thy heart for having advanced, thine ear for having heard, and thy hand for having manifested the power and might of God, which the whole world cannot equal. To this doth this Wronged One testify in this exalted station. Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance which hath flowed from the Pen of God, thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

O Ibrahim! The Friend hath come from the presence of the Glorious One, yet the people denied Him and turned away from Him, disputed that which appeared from Him, and disbelieved in Him Who sent Him with the truth, until the fire of hatred was kindled in the breasts of the people of tyranny and wickedness, and they committed that which caused every loving one to lament and every friend to cry out. Thus was the matter decreed, while most of the people mention but do not perceive.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Mashhadi Ibrahim, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, Who is established upon the throne of utterance in the final return. We counsel thee with that which will elevate the station of man and with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. Grieve not at anything, but trust in God in all matters. Verily, He will assist those who have turned unto Him on the day when the Herald proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of Lords!

Section 2: "O Taymur! The All-Forgiving maketh mention of thee…"

O Taymur! The All-Forgiving maketh mention of thee through His remembrance and remindeth thee of His signs, and counseleth thee to show forth love and affection, unity and concord. Blessed art thou for

having heard and turned towards Him, and woe unto every denier who hath disbelieved in God and His signs, turning instead to the dawning-place of vain imaginings.

O Mansur! Victory hath come, and it is My manifestation; triumph hath come, and it is My call; sovereignty hath come, and it is My command; and the mysteries have appeared, and they are My Book. Thus have We brought forth the pearls of proof from the shells of the ocean of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Fayyadh! The All-Bountiful has come with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. The Herald has called out from every direction, the mountains have been moved, and the Balance has been set up, yet most people are in a strange sleep. Their desires have prevented them from God; they have cast the Book behind their backs and have committed that from which the dwellers of the pavilion of grandeur and majesty have disassociated themselves. The glory rest upon you, upon your family, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen One.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Hear the call of the Wronged One. The Cause of God has come, which was a fortress for those who arrived and an armor for the temple of whosoever turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and answered the Lord of all beings when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Say: O people! Recognize the station of God's Cause and His wisdom, and be not of the ignorant. Thus has the light shone forth from the kingdom of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory rest upon thee and thy wife from the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Book! Make mention of him who is named Darvish Rahim, that the verses of his Lord may attract him and draw him nigh unto Him, and strengthen him to make mention of Him and to praise Him among His servants and to serve His Cause in His days. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. The glory from Us be upon him and upon his wife, whose name was presented before the Wronged One in His mighty prison.

O Darvish Khalil! The Cause of God hath come, yet the people have turned away from it and opposed it, having broken His Covenant and His Testament, and followed those who denied God and His signs. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. We make mention of thy wife who turned towards Him on a day when most of the handmaidens of the earth turned away. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing.

O Mirza Aqa! We have desired to make mention of thee from this direction and to remind thee of God's verses which were sent down from the kingdom of His utterance, that thine eyes may be consoled thereby and thy heart may rejoice, and that thou mayest arise with spirit and fragrance to serve the Cause on this Day wherein the appointed time hath come, the verses have been sent down, the clear proofs have appeared, and the earth and heavens have spoken. Thus have We sent down that which shall endure as long as My most beautiful names endure. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous.In the name of the One All-Knowing God!

O Sulayman! Hearken in the Persian tongue to the utterance of thy Creator. Today the mystery of the Self-Sufficient is manifestly revealed without veil. Blessed is the state of the one who hath drunk the sealed wine in the Most Great Name and hath remembered Him in the Most Great Prison. The dust of

divine chastisement hath encompassed the world and smoke hath overtaken it. Beseech ye Him that perchance His forgiveness may encompass all and make them aware of that which is the purpose of creation. Make mention of the kinsmen on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the verses of the One Peerless Friend.

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! That which was hidden hath become manifest. The primal light hath appeared therefrom. Blessed is the state of the one who hath heard His call, turned towards Him with his heart, and faced the lights of His countenance.

O Rasul! Various colors have prevented the world from turning to and drawing nigh unto the horizon of God's Cause and have deprived it from the ocean of the utterance of the Creator. Beseech God that He may aid His servants in that which beseemeth His Day. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.

O Siyyid Qabli-Muhammad! The Pen hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee that thou mayest hold fast unto that which is befitting and attain unto the station of "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses."

O Abraham! The fire of hatred that was kindled in those days hath been rekindled with greater force and intensity in the days of this Wronged One. The extinction of every fire is easy, but the fire of malice and envy cannot be quenched by the waters of the entire world. The outward fire is extinguished in but an hour, while this fire endureth through centuries and ages. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from this fire and to illumine them with the light of His knowledge. He, verily, is powerful over all things.

O Mihdi! The beginning of all things hath been and shall ever be the knowledge of God, and the end thereof steadfastness, for the clamorous are lying in wait and are occupied with leading men astray. Blessed is the soul that beholdeth all else save God as non-existent and as naught. Such a one is assuredly among the people of this luminous station and this mighty and impregnable seat.

O Pen! Make mention of the Merciful One, that perchance the attraction of the divine mention may so grip him that he may remain firm and steadfast in the Cause. In all conditions, fix thy gaze upon the greatness of the Cause and this Day. Blessed is he who hath recognized and inhaled the fragrance of the utterance of his All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord.

O Abdullah! The Day hath come and the hour hath struck, yet the servants have failed to recognize the Lord of all worlds in this garment. All are deprived and forbidden from His recognition, save whom thy Lord willeth. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the knowledge of his Lord, who hath detached himself from the world and all that is therein, and hath cleaved unto Him. This is the station wherein shineth the light of true reliance and spiritual resignation.

O Husayn! This Wronged One desireth to make mention of thee—in what station? In the Most Great Prison—in what condition? In the midst of sorrows. Yet the tribulations of the nations and the tyranny of the world have not withheld Him from remembrance. The atoms of all created things bear witness to what hath been mentioned. Beseech God to aid thee in that which beseemeth His station.

O Ali! Hearken with the ear of the spirit and observe with the eye of truth, that perchance thou mayest hear the call of the Friend and behold His traces. How many are the servants who have eyes and ears, yet in the divine ledger are recorded as blind, deaf and dumb.

O Muhammad! The Book hath been sent down and its mysteries recorded by the Most Exalted Pen, yet the servants remain heedless and veiled, save those souls who with the hands of power have rent asunder the veils and shrouds and have sought the most exalted station, which is the station of recognizing the one true Friend.

O Javad! The ocean of utterance is surging, the Sun of Truth is shining above all heads, and the light of bounty is radiating from the horizon of grace. We beseech God not to withhold His servants from these bounties nor deprive them thereof. His grace hath encompassed all, and the All-Bountiful is seated upon the throne of mercy. Blessed are they who possess true knowledge.

O Sattar! The Day of Resurrection hath come, and the Concealer is seated upon the throne of the All-Forgiving. He hath concealed, shown grace, and opened the gate of bounty with the finger of power, yet the heedless servants have risen in tyranny. They have committed that which hath rent asunder the breasts and set aflame the livers. All these things have come to pass through the wickedness of the divines of Persia. They have wrought that which hath never been heard of since the beginning of the world. They are indeed among the most lost in My perspicuous Book.

O beloved friend! The wolves of the earth have surrounded the Beloved of the world, and the Wronged One of the horizons has been imprisoned by the people of sedition. At every moment a new injustice appears and at every instant a new hardship descends. It is not known to what they turned in the past and to what cord they held fast, and now for what reason they have turned away. By the life of God, they neither perceive, nor recognize, nor know.

O Husayn! Hear the call of Husayn which hath turned toward thee from the prison quarter. He speaketh for God's sake and uttereth in God's path. Are there any attentive ears to be found or any penetrating eyes present? By the Sun of Truth, the proof is manifest and evident, the bounty is descending and the mercy is showering. Blessed are they who possess sight and hearing, and woe unto the heedless.

O Pen! Make mention of Allah-Quli on behalf of the Most Great Name, that perchance thy mention may assist him like wings to soar in this refined and luminous atmosphere. Thou hast heard the call and seen the signs. Ask of God that He may aid thee to remain steadfast in the greater steadfastness. He is the Most Great Sign and the Ultimate Goal. Take what thou art commanded and lay aside what thou art forbidden, as a command from the presence of One powerful and mighty.

O Asadu'llah! Reflect upon the power of the Wronged One: single and alone He arose before the faces of the world, and at all times His verses were revealed and His evidences were manifest without any veil or covering. He rent asunder the veils of glory and the clouds of grandeur with the finger of power, and guided all with the most exalted call to the straight path and the mighty news. He is the One Who is powerful, Whom the malice and hatred of princes and divines prevented not from the mention of God and His purpose. Reflect and say: Thine is the greatness and the glory, and Thine is the power and the grace.

O Soldier! O beloved! It is hoped that in this wondrous divine Day, through the effulgences of the lights of the Most Great Name, thou wilt bestow crowns instead of being a soldier. Abu Dharr was but a shepherd, yet through one word "I believe," he became the guardian of Islam's sanctuary and a guide to mankind. This is not difficult for thy Lord God.

O Hasan! Speech belongeth unto the tongue, yet now the ocean speaketh and heat cometh from the fire, and at this time the sun giveth and bestoweth. Strive that perchance through God's might and power thou mayest attain thy station and become worthy of honor from God, the Lord of all mankind.

O Muhammad-Baqir! The veils of names of the people of the mortal realm have prevented creation from the highest horizon. For one thousand two hundred years the odious Shi'ihs were occupied with claims of succession, deputyship and nobility, and when the Sun of Manifestation dawned from the horizon of will, bright and manifest, they arose to harm Him and issued the verdict for His blood to be shed. Fix thy gaze upon God alone, that thou mayest be recorded among the true believers in God's Book and be inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen.

O Ali-Asghar! The Lord of Power maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Scene. The friends of the earth hastened to the Supreme Companion in their longing to hear this mention. That which floweth today from the Pen of generosity hath had and hath no likeness or parallel. Recognize its station and preserve it as the eye preserveth itself.

O Ali Siraj! He says: O people of the earth! By the Luminary of utterance, I swear that the divine lamp is shining and manifest before all faces. Deprive not yourselves of its light, and through its rays and radiance, enter into the tabernacle of divine glory. Today the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful is surging and the heaven of grace is upraised. Deprive not yourselves. Pass beyond all else and hold fast unto the Friend. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the All-Merciful.

O Pen! Make mention of Qasim, that haply he may drink from the ocean of utterance and be illumined by the Sun of divine knowledge, and attain unto that which is the cause of steadfastness. Today the cry is raised, the mountain is crushed, and the servants are thunderstruck. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto hearing it, recognized the Purpose, and became cognizant of Him. Beseech God to protect His servants and aid them to exalt His Word.

O Asad! God grant that thou mayest prove thyself a lion of the field of wisdom and utterance, wielding thy sway over hearts and souls. Let thy might be true might, and thy power a power spiritual. Harm and injury beseem the beasts of prey; the mark of human reason is love and compassion and mercy. Hold thou fast unto this at My bidding. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Karbila'i Ahmad! Muhammad—upon Whom be the sacrifice of all beside Him—appeared, yet they denied Him and decreed His death. The authors of that decree were the divines of the age. Through the wretchedness of those souls the fire of malice and hatred was kindled within men's breasts, and the matter waxed so grievous that the verse of migration was revealed, and the Lord of the kingdom of names set forth from Hijaz for Yathrib. Thereupon tears were shed, hearts were consumed away, all things lamented, while the people, for the most part, remained of the heedless.

O Ghaffar! The Chosen One hath come bearing the banner of "I am God"; He hath come with the ensign of "The Kingdom is Mine." From His right hand floweth the Euphrates of mercy; from His Pen are made manifest the mysteries of wisdom; before His face the ocean of utterance surgeth and swelleth. Yet the men of knowledge and insight are few indeed—nay, utterly wanting. All are seen spiritless—rather, dead. Verily we are God's, and unto Him shall we return.

O Hasan, O uncle! If thou attainest unto My verses and hearest My call, say:

> "My God, my God! I am Thy servant, the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid. I have heard Thy call and hastened unto the ocean of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, by Thy power which hath subdued all things, and by the lights of Thy countenance whereby all horizons have been illumined, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, diligent in Thy service, firmly grounded in Thy love, and eloquent in Thy praise. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Invincible, the Almighty."

O Haydar-ʿAli! Turn thou thy face toward the House and say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge in Thy days, and for having aided me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee by the hidden mysteries treasured in Thy knowledge, and by the pearls stored within the repositories of Thine immaculacy, to ordain for me that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee and exalt me amidst Thy servants. Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen."

Section 3: "O Kazim! If thou inhalest the fragrances…"

O Kazim! If thou inhalest the fragrances of My utterance and hearest My call from the direction of My prison, turn with all thy heart unto the Most Exalted Spot and the loftiest summit, and say:

> "My God, my God! Sorrows have seized me in Thy days—where is Thy deliverance, O Deliverer of the worlds? Separation from Thee hath consumed me—where is the Kawthar of nearness unto Thee, O Desire of them that know? My liver hath melted in Thy absence—where is Thy grace, O Lord of the world and Worshipped of the nations? I beseech Thee by the scratching of Thy Pen, and by the mystery Thou hast hidden from the eyes of Thy creatures, to strengthen me to act according to that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful."

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad, son of Ja'far, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of destiny. And let him say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me by Thy most great verses unto Thy straight path, and for having illumined my heart with the light of the mention of Thy mighty Announcement. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause, whereby Thou hast subdued the world, and by the Word whereby the hearts of the peoples were drawn, so that they hastened unto

> the seat of sacrifice in longing for Thy good-pleasure and Thy presence—O Lord! Thou seest the poor one clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, and the sinner grasping the hem of the robe of Thy Name, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Ordain for him that which beseemeth Thy loving-kindness, O God of all worlds."

O Muhammad, son of ʿAli! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it shall draw thee unto the horizon of My grace and bring thee nigh unto the court of My majesty. Say:

> "My God, my God! With my face have I turned unto the lights of Thy countenance, and with my heart unto the horizon of Thy bounty. Illumine, O my God, my outer being with the lights of Thy favor and my inner being with the light of Thy knowledge. Thou art He from Whose knowledge not a thing escapeth, and Whom no affair can frustrate. In Thy grasp is held the reins of the world. Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who ruleth over whatsoever hath been and whatsoever shall be."

O Siyyid Muhammad! Say:

> "My God, my God! I bear witness that Thou hast manifested Thyself, sent down Thy verses, and disclosed Thy clear testimonies for the guidance of Thy creatures and the exaltation of their stations in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the morn and Subduer of the winds with the finger of Thy power—whereby the veils of Thy creatures were rent asunder—to make me a helper of Thy Cause and steadfast in Thy love. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

O Aba'l-Qasim! Say:

> "My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, directing myself toward the lights of Thy countenance, and awaiting the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Lamp Thou hast preserved through Thy power and sovereignty, and by Thy Most Great Name whereby the limbs of the heedless among Thy servants and the faithless among Thy creatures have trembled, to ordain for this servant of Thine, from Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and of the world to come. Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Peerless, the One, the Forgiving, the Most Generous."

O Mir ʿAli-Akbar! Consider My Cause and that which hath befallen Me after I came from the Most Exalted Horizon for the reformation of the world and the education of the nations. Say: Alas, alas! This servant knoweth not which of Thy tribulations to mention before Thy face. The Pen is struck dumb at the mention of Thy tribulations and what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the rebellious amongst Thy servants. I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself for the life of the world and the reformation of the nations, and hast borne hardships to reveal Thy grace and demonstrate Thy bounty. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy grace, O Thou Desire of them that know Thee, and my spirit be a ransom for Thy Self, O Thou Who art imprisoned in the hands of the heedless ones!

O Ali, O Attar! When thou hearest the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen, turn thy face toward God, the Lord of all mankind, and say: […]O my God, my God! I know not in what mountain hath Thy call been

raised, nor in what spot the throne of Thy grandeur hath been established. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Protector of the oppressed, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities of hearts, and by the power of Thy Will, the potency of Thy Purpose, the ocean of Thy signs and the heaven of Thy wisdom, to ordain for me that which shall make me content with Thy good-pleasure, moved by Thy will, and holding fast to the wisdom Thou hast commanded in Thy perspicuous Book. Verily, Thou art the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Abbas, that he may rejoice and be of them that are grateful. Say: O my God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having created me and manifested me and made me know Thy path. I know with the knowledge of certitude that Thou hast created me to hearken unto Thy call and witness the lights of Thy horizon. I know not, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for me of Thy decree and destiny, and what Thou hast willed in Thy days. Should that which preventeth me from drawing nigh unto the seat of Thy throne hinder me, then neither my life, nor my existence, nor my rising up, nor my sitting down would profit me.

Ah! Ah! Should Thy decree prevent me from standing before the gate of Thy grandeur and hearkening to Thy call, then by Thy might, O Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations, my thirst can only be quenched by drawing nigh unto the court of Thy holiness, and my heart can only find rest by turning toward the direction of Thy throne, and my being can only find repose through the Kawthar of Thy presence and the Salsabil of Thy reunion. Thou seest, O my God, my perturbation and agitation, my sorrow, my grief and anguish in Thy days. Where is Thy relief, O Reliever of the world, and where is Thy succour, O Helper of the nations? By Thy might, my condition hath transcended mention and utterance. O my Lord, the All-Merciful! Have mercy upon me through Thy grace, then ordain for me that which shall solace mine eyes and the eyes of Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones who have ascended unto the Most Glorious Companion and have soared on the wings of certitude to the Most Exalted Horizon. Thy mercy hath preceded all created things and Thy grace hath encompassed all beings. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity to send down upon them at all times from the heaven of Thy gifts that which shall gladden the eyes of Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. All created things bear witness to Thy generosity. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Dominant over the seen and the unseen.Then make mention of Husayn who hath ascended unto his Lord. Ordain for him in the most exalted Paradise at all times that which beseemeth the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of him who hath been named Allahverdi, who turned toward My horizon and traversed land and sea in his love for meeting Me until he attained My presence and heard My call. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My traces aforetime and in this perspicuous moment. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. The glory be upon thee and upon thy sister and her daughter, and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

We make mention of My handmaidens at the end of the Tablet and give them the glad-tidings of the Day-Star of My providence which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy in My Most Great Prison.

O Mulla Baji, O My handmaiden! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath made mention of thee in such wise as to perpetuate thy remembrance in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice in the bounty of thy Lord and glorify His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Verily, We have made mention of the servants of God and His handmaidens, and have sent down for them that which the world and its ornaments and embellishments and all that hath appeared therein and is treasured therein cannot equal. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

We make mention at this hour of the loved ones of the All-Merciful in Milan, that the sweet savors of remembrance and utterance may draw them to a station before which all regions of the earth have bowed down in submission. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bestowing.

Ye have heard the Call time and again; now hearken unto that which the Supreme Pen hath voiced. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Chosen. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have turned unto Him when most of mankind hath turned away, and have spoken in praise when the idolaters uttered that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to lament in their most exalted station.

O people of Milan! By the life of God, within you are treasured the pearls of love and faithfulness, whereunto the Mother Book doth testify. We beseech God to aid and assist all, that each may arise to serve His Cause, illumine receptive hearts with the lights of the Most Great Name, and occupy themselves with the refinement of heedless souls and the reformation of the world. May they quench, with the waters of wisdom and of utterance, the fire of hatred and enmity, which for centuries and ages hath been ablaze within the hearts of the nations, that all may, with one accord, strive with utmost endeavor for the betterment of the world.

The mention of each one of them is, in the sight of God, remembered, and from the Pen of the Most High inscribed. In accordance with the dictates of wisdom We veiled the matter, and from the Pen of the Most High We caused to flow that which is the cause of everlasting life. Hold fast unto deeds that are pure and stainless, and cling to virtues that are pleasing, after the recognition of the Lord of Glory, exalted be His glory. Constancy, trustworthiness, and piety are the sacred trusts of God among His creatures; unto the keeping thereof We counsel all men. Blessed is the soul whom neither the vicissitudes nor vanities of the world have deterred from righteousness and the fear of God, and who hath attained unto that which hath been recorded and established by the Pen of Grace in God's Book, enduring throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. Know ye the value of these days and, in complete unity, occupy yourselves with the remembrance and praise of the Goal of all creation. Whatsoever giveth rise to clamor and is the cause of corruption and strife hath been forbidden in God's Book. His is the grace and bounty, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

All must associate with those souls who have taken precedence in turning unto God, in faith and in recognition, with the utmost love. This matter hath been mentioned in the divine Books of the past and future, and in the Qur'an:

> "And the foremost to embrace the Faith shall be the foremost. These are they who shall be brought nigh unto God."

Glory and praise and magnification be upon the servants of God who are nigh unto Him, and upon His sincere chosen ones who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to that which they were bidden in His perspicuous Book.

At this moment the Tongue of Utterance in the Kingdom of knowledge turns toward the people of Saysan, and for the sake of God We make mention of them. Divine mention in one station is as the spirit for the bodies of the people of the world, and in another station is as the eternal Kawthar for the mortal temple, and in one station it is a sign of the All-Merciful for the righteous and His wrath for the wicked. Blessed are they who have heard the call and risen from the graves of heedlessness.

O My loved ones in Saysan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which is the cause of exaltation and the source of elevation. Ye are the saplings in the garden of divine favor and have been nurtured by the Kawthar of the All-Merciful utterance, and have attained unto the station of maturity which is the station of recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Preserve this station through the name of the Lord of Days and cherish it as your precious life. Soon shall all that is visible pass away, save what God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath ordained for you. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon My handmaidens whom neither the clamor of the people nor the howling of the wicked have prevented from God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have made mention of every maidservant who hath turned and attained. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of your Lord. He heareth and seeth; He is the Single One, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. As for certain souls mentioned who are in other lands, since the fragrance of steadfastness hath not been fully diffused from them, We have therefore destined their mention for another time and another day. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O son of Dakhil! Praise be to God, all the names mentioned have each been blessed with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Give them My glad-tidings and illumine them with the light of My utterance. We have ordained for them in Our most exalted Kingdom that which tongues and pens are powerless to describe. To this testifieth He Who speaketh at this moment before all faces: There is none other God but He, the Single One, the One, the Dominant over all things great and small.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones and say: Today is the day of mention and praise, and the day of attraction and ecstasy. Strive ye to attract the hearts of the servants through the Word of God and draw them to the most exalted horizon. We counsel all to that which beseemeth the Days of God and to the reformation of the world and the refinement of nations. Thy Lord is, verily, the Commander from ancient times. There is none other God but He, the Master of the Day of Judgment, and this is the true and manifest Cause.

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon them who have cast away all else save Me and taken hold of that which they were commanded in My perspicuous Book.

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Section 1: "O peoples of the earth! Hear ye…"

He is the Herald between Earth and Heaven!

O peoples of the earth! Hear ye the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. Verily, He draweth you nigh unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. By God! The Day hath come, yet the people perceive it not. The Banner of the Revelation hath been raised upon the highest summit of the Mount, yet most of the people comprehend it not. Lo, the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out in the midmost heart of Paradise, and the nightingales of mystic knowledge warble upon the highest branches, yet the people hear not. They have cast the Self-Subsisting One behind their backs, clinging to the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. They have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, yet they know it not. They have taken vain imaginings as their lord instead of God. Thus have their souls beguiled them. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which has preceded all existence. The account of tribulation has returned, and the Lord of Names from His horizon calls out and says:

> "The gate of heaven has been opened and the Promised One has come with a Book which none has comprehended save God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Remind My loved ones of My presence and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, and illumine them with the lights of My utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving."

Say: "By God! The Fire speaks forth—the Chosen One has come with manifest sovereignty." Verily the All-Hearing hears from all things among all things. The Hidden has been revealed through a Cause against which neither hosts nor ranks can stand. He calls out before the faces of princes with that which the True One, the Knower of the unseen, has commanded.

Today the Call is raised high, the Sun of Truth has dawned, the waves of the ocean of the Most Merciful's utterance are manifest before all religions, yet the servants remain veiled and deprived. We complain unto Thee of those who attribute themselves to Us yet have committed that which has caused My heart and My Pen to lament until now. From various directions complaints have reached the Most Holy Court. In the land of Ha and Mim, a certain soul has acted in such way that the veil of sanctity was rent. We do not wish to mention the names of the heedless. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Patient, the Kind, the Generous.

In brief, unworthy deeds have caused the fire of divine love to grow cold. Complaints have come from Kurdistan and other places. Glory be to God! They attribute themselves to the Lord of existence and the praiseworthy station, yet their deeds are rejected deeds. The people of Baha, concerning whom He says that a one-year-old child of that Day is mightier than all who are in the Bayan—now it is observed that through the abhorrent deeds of those nurtured by self and passion, they turn away from the Truth Itself. The previous party is now seen to be stronger, for despite wine-drinking, idol-worship, and the deceit and trickery of some companions, they did not slip from the path.

In brief, from some the known station has become unknown and the flourishing station has been laid waste. Acceptance has turned to rejection—we seek refuge in God from their words and deeds. Your honor has long dwelled beneath the pavilions of grandeur and reposed in the vicinity of mercy. You are aware of the sanctity and purity of the Cause. Wonder upon wonder! Beseech God to erase such letters by His mighty hand. God effaces what He wills and confirms what He wills, and with Him is the Mother Book.

Your honor knows how many tribulations this Wronged One has endured, how many times imprisoned, and from the earliest days until now has been in the hands of enemies. Nevertheless, night and day We have been occupied with assisting the Cause of God and voicing the exaltation of His Word, such that no fair-minded one can deny. The Cause of this Wronged One has been and is as clear as the sun. Grief has encompassed Us to such degree that its reckoning is beyond the world and its causes. Their deeds have saddened Me, their actions have weakened Me, and their words have bewildered Me. We beseech God to make His servants aware, that all may gaze toward the highest horizon and what appears from His presence, not toward those who cling to self and soar on wings of passion.

Your letter arrived and was honored to be heard before the Face. Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be My glory, has presented a detailed account of his affairs to the Most Holy Court, therefore he is not permitted to proceed to the land of Sad. If your honor yourself, after staying some time in the land of Shin, should proceed to that land, it would be loved. Ask God to raise up such servants as are worthy of this supreme honor and mighty gift, who will summon the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance.

In these days petitions from Ismi-Jamal and Ali-Qabil-Akbar, as well as a letter from Ali-Haydar, upon them be the Glory of God, have arrived addressed to Jud. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and are holding fast to the cord of His Cause. We beseech God to make them the banners of His remembrance among His creation and the standards of His signs amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Thou didst make mention of the friends of God. Each one is favored with the waves of the ocean of divine mercy and infinite bounties. Convey to all of them the greetings of the Wronged One and say: Today is the day of mention and utterance and service to the Cause. Strive ye, that perchance in this blessed Day ye may attain unto that which shall cause your names to be mentioned in God’s Book throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O Haydar! By the life of the Lord of Destiny, were the faithful to become aware of what hath been ordained for each one of them, they would see themselves above the world and would arise with complete dedication to serve the Cause. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Expounding One. Permission was granted for thee to proceed to the land of Shin. Time and again thy mention hath been made at the Most Holy Court. Two days ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of God’s Will. When thou attainest unto it and findest the fragrance of thy Lord’s utterance, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged by the world, for having illumined the hearts and minds with the lights of Thy knowledge and for having revealed unto Thy servants that which was hidden in Thy

knowledge. I beseech Thee by the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause and by the lights of Thy countenance to assist Thy loved ones to perform such deeds as are befitting of Thy days. Do Thou raise up, O my God, through Thy power and sovereignty, such servants as will remember Thee, praise Thee and promote Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Haydar-Qabil-Ali! Upon thee be My Glory and loving-kindness. The matters mentioned in the letter of Ismi-Jud were submitted to the Most Holy Court. They were seen, and at this moment the response hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be My Glory, is occupied, as permitted, with his necessary affairs, and later, God willing, he will undertake that which will cause the Word of God to be exalted. In any case, it is essential that someone in the land of Sad should, for the sake of God, engage with perfect wisdom in reforming and educating souls. However, at present no one capable of this task can be found. We beseech God to raise up in that place and other lands one who will arise therein and give the glad-tidings of God's Manifestation and His Cause.

His honor Aqa Siyyid Mustafa is, praise be to God, engaged in service. We beseech God to strengthen him and aid him to achieve what He loves and is pleased with, and to exalt His Cause through him. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Permission for your journey to the land of Shin was sent via telegraph through His honor Ali, upon him be My Glory. Behold the signs of God's mercy and grace, then give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Section 2: "Thou didst make mention of the imprisoned one…"

Thou didst make mention of the imprisoned one. Previously, words were revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him which are the cause of his salvation in this world and the next, and they are these:

My God, my God! I have turned unto Thee, holding fast to Thy cord and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy, detached from all else save Thee. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me a helper of Thy Cause through the wisdom Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Ask thou of God that they may be assisted to achieve that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

Thou didst mention Jinab-i-Ghulam-Qabli-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, who hastened, attained, heard and achieved victory. Praise be to God, they are ever remembered and are recipients of His grace. Verily, all that hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen shall, in due time, become manifest as the sun. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. He changeth the Command as He pleaseth and will change it as He willeth. Verily, He hath come from the horizon of power, and on His right is the banner of 'He doeth what He willeth.'

Mention was made of the friends in Dawlatabad. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. The Wronged One hath turned His face toward them from the horizon of the prison and hath remembered them in such wise as shall endure throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. The Herald, namely the Primal Point, hath declared that a one-year-old seed of His Day is mightier than all who are in the Bayan. The few

souls in Dawlatabad have, God willing, attained unto this station, for neither the doubts of the dubious nor the misgivings of the ungodly affected these souls. They are firm in the Truth and detached from aught else. Happy are they, blessed are they. Remember them on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy.

Hadi of Dawlatabad is truly observed to be one of the turbaned folk of the Shi'ih party. Say: O hapless one! Thou who wert a Shi'ih, why didst thou abandon it only to cleave to it again? The fruit of this will be that, like that same party, thou wilt engage in cursing and reviling the Truth, and ultimately pronounce the verdict for His martyrdom. Dost thou recall what issued from thy tongue at the beginning of the Revelation? We were not present with thee, yet We heard thine unseemly words. In any case, that heedless one is occupied with arranging Jabulqa and Jabulsa and the realm of falsehood. Say:

O my God, my God! Purify the hearts of Thy servants from the mention of aught else but Thee, and illumine them with the lights of Thy knowledge. Then assist them to turn unto Thee and to behold Thy signs and to hearken unto the rustling of Thy Pen. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thou didst mention His Honor the Secretary, upon him be the Glory of God. He hath been and is beneath the glance of grace. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and lead to eternal and abiding remembrance. At the end of the utterance, this most exalted word is revealed in response to the request of His Honor Ali, upon him be the Glory of God: Should you tarry for a while in the Land of Shin with wisdom, it would be acceptable in the presence of the Wronged One, and should you meet with certain ones for a few days with complete wisdom, it would not be without fruit, for We have accepted the petition of His Honor Ali. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Your servant's other letter dated the second of Sha'ban arrived at this moment when the Most Exalted Pen is in motion. We saw and heard that you again mentioned the friends of Dawlatabad. Blessed are they! Praise be to God, they have attained eternal prosperity. We beseech God to strengthen them at all times to dispel vain imaginings and to establish that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's will, the Lord of the worlds. O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory. This station that was mentioned is most great—this is the station wherein "God doth blot out or confirm what He pleaseth, and with Him is the Mother Book."

The mention of the people of that land hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and each one hath attained that before which the world is as naught and non-existent. Give them once again the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and remind them of that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of My Pen. In the days when all the rulers of the earth arose to extinguish the fire and put out the light, the deluded souls remained veiled behind the clouds of fancy, and when the light of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of will and the fire of wrath and might somewhat subsided, they ran forth like wolves from the jungles of self and passion and purposed that which caused the highest Paradise and the exalted Garden to tremble. We beseech God to grant His servants a portion from the ocean of wisdom, that perchance they may act with justice and not conceal the Truth, exalted be His glory, and His signs behind the veils of rejection and denial. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thou didst mention ʿAli-Akbar—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. This word of thine is accounted among the most sublime words, for from it wafteth the fragrance of love and harmony and unity, which have ever been well-pleasing before the Throne. Well is it with thee and well is it with him, blessed art thou and blessed is he. And by this word thou hast again become the possessor of the word of divine good-pleasure. Give thanks unto thy Lord for a bounty the like and similitude of which none can find were it to remain suspended in the heaven of thy Lord's will. Say: Thine is the praise, O Lord of all names, and Thine is the glory, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of earth and heaven, and Thine is the grace, O Thou Who art the Lord of justice, and Thine is the bounty, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which earthquakes seized all the tribes, to aid Thy loved ones, Thy chosen ones, Thy envoys and Thy trustees to perform such deeds and make such mention as will tranquilize souls and illumine hearts. Verily Thou art God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Repeatedly have answers to thy questions been sent down. Verily, thy Lord is the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Concerning the Shadow, all must remain silent. The loved ones must not utter a word without God's leave. Once again, make mention of the friends on behalf of the Wronged One. They have ever been and shall ever remain remembered. We beseech God to unite all and illumine them with the light of harmony, that they may arise to serve and be detached and free from all else but God. Praise be to God, thou hast been successful and hast associated with the servants in a spirit of joy and fragrance.

The names mentioned, both past and present, have each attained unto the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the pearls of divine knowledge from the ocean of his Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Bestower. God willing, may they discover the fragrances of the Tablets. These fragrances enhance sight, hearing, speech and utterance. O My loved ones! Strive that perchance ye may purify the world from the dust and smoke of greed and hatred. By the life of God! Should they who have turned to Him arise as they ought, ere long they shall witness all regions as one region and all the sections of the earth as a single section. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted station.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon them that love thee and serve thee and hearken to thy word in this mighty and wondrous Cause.

BH04772: The Promise hath come, and He Who is Promised…

Section 1: "The Promise hath come, and He Who…"

In the Name of the All-Knowing Expositor!

The Promise hath come, and He Who is Promised declareth: O thou who art mentioned before the Throne and who standest before the Face! If today a single word were to appear from the treasuries of the love of God's chosen ones, the ignorant ones of the earth would arise to extinguish the lights of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai. For a time, silence must needs be observed. Mirza Baqir, who is now called Sadr'ul-ʿUlama, once attained Our presence in Iraq. Verily, We found him bereft of knowledge and wisdom. Later in the land of Taff he became an associate of Siyyid Muhammad. What he heard thereafter is evident. By God's life, it was and is not worthy of mention. Siyyid Muhammad, Hadi

and he were not with Us and are ignorant of the root of the Cause. Likewise, Ibn-i-Mas'ud met Us but once. These souls have been mentioned and counted in the Book of God by the Divine Pen as being like the narrators of Jabulqa and Jabulsa and the realm of falsehood.

Glory be to God! What were the signs of the Manifestation, and from where did the Qa'im appear? Say: O people of the Bayan, speak with justice and fairness. Do not again afflict the helpless people with vain imaginings. Today the Finger of Power hath rent asunder the veils of glory and removed the coverings. Be not occupied, like the former people, with tyranny, oppression and the shedding of blood. These have taken vain imagination as their lord instead of God. By My life, they were and are deprived of truthfulness and sincerity. The foul odor of deceitful souls hath altered and destroyed the cities of truth and purity. Praise and thanks be to God that such souls who are the dawning-places of hypocrisy in the world have not entered the luminous garden of inner meanings. In times of fear they are the first to deny, and in times of security the first to believe. The life and conduct of such souls is an eloquent witness and truthful testimony to their falsehood and hypocrisy. For were they truthful, they would have attained martyrdom. Nay, by God! They were not and are not worthy of this station and deserving of this most great favor.

He who hath been named Sadr'ul-Ulama without merit partaketh of the king's salt, yet from head to foot manifest signs of his ingratitude are evident and visible. In the mosque and in the presence of the divines he is counted among the defenders of religion, while before the government authorities he is mentioned as being of that party. Strange it is that to this day the government authorities have not recognized such souls. Night and day they are occupied with deceit and cunning. They led Ahmad Kirmani astray through false accusations that caused the lamentation of truth and the wailing of justice to be raised up, yet His Excellency the Deputy, despite being informed, issued no judgment in accordance with justice. You and the fair-minded know that Dawlat-Abadi and Mirza Baqir Isfahani—who without merit was named Sadr'ul-Ulama—are the instigators, and each day they are occupied with digging pits for the government and these wronged ones. God will soon reveal what is in their hearts through His exalted Word in the Surih of Luqman:

> "If it be the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth…"

to the end of the verse.

O thou who art remembered before the Wronged One! This is the Day wherein hidden things shall be made manifest. The treachery of the eyes and the secrets of the hearts have been and shall be revealed. Blessed are the fair-minded ones! For forty years this Wronged One hath held the reins of affairs and summoned the people of God to tranquility, dignity and love for the sovereign, taking from them a firm covenant that they would not, under any circumstances, molest anyone in the dominions of His Majesty the Sultan—may the All-Merciful assist him—even should the heedless tear them asunder, piece by piece. A clear witness and faithful testimony to this is the recent incident in the land of Yazd, where the steadfast and assured souls folded their arms while those bereft of justice and fairness cut seven souls to pieces, then stoned them, then extracted their pure and holy bodies from beneath the stones, set them aflame with oil and burned them, and then commanded the Jews to carry away their bones and cast them into pits.

Glory be to God! First they seized whatever worldly goods they possessed. Verily, such tyranny was manifested as hath had no parallel from the beginning of the world until now. Then they martyred His Eminence Khalil with the most grievous torment. They have drunk of the blood of the believers in such measure as neither the Tigris nor the Euphrates, neither the Oxus nor the Sihon can equal.

O son of Abhar! Say to the Greater Nabil and Fadil: By the life of God! The cord of divine prevention hath bound their mighty hands, and the chain of the firm decree of the Lord hath held them back from aggression. In the early dawn, the breezes of the All-Merciful's mercy passed over what remained of those bodies, and from their rustling was heard that which caused tablet and pen to weep. Some of these wronged ones had no mother to weep and lament for them; therefore did the Mother of the Bayan lament and the Mother of the Book weep. Have the tyrannical souls not yet awakened? Say: O people! Hold fast to justice and fairness, and cling to the hem of God's religion. Religion is a manifest light and an impregnable fortress for the protection and preservation of the people of the world. How excellent was that which was formerly spoken:

Whatever thou seest save His love—that is religion, paint it in thy heart; Whatever thou findest save God—that is an idol, break it to pieces.

O son of Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny! Today the people of Baha must cleave unto unity and concord, and through wisdom and utterance adorn the people of the world with the light of justice and fairness. Glory be to God! Until now His Majesty the King hath not become aware of the good intent of this Wronged One, though the people of God are well aware of it. This Wronged One hath, in most of His Tablets, made mention of His Majesty and hath beseeched from God—glorified be His mention—justice for him and sought fairness on his behalf. We beseech the Most High at this moment to illumine him with the light of justice which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous, shall endure. It is hoped that His Majesty the sovereign will consider the Covenant of this Wronged One as binding. That which hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen cannot be effaced, nor will it be altered by the passage of time. The Book itself beareth witness to this in this glorious and resplendent station.

O son of Abhar! We beseech God in these days to sanctify and purify the gatherings of His loved ones from the hypocrites, and to illumine and adorn them with the light of power and certitude, that perchance the world may be illumined by this brilliant and radiant light. This is the Day of steadfastness and the Day of utterance. The pearls of wisdom and utterance and the gems of knowledge and understanding have appeared and continue to appear from the mine of man. Blessed is he who hath forsaken all else, holding fast unto My Strong Cord. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in a Clear Book.

O son of Abhar! The ocean of divine utterance is seen to be surging, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth are so radiantly manifest that the eyes of those near unto God fall short of beholding them. Beseech the True One that He may cause the people of Baha to appear in such wise that none shall find occasion for turning away or objecting. That which is the cause of supreme joy in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court is that in these days, when various factions in Iran have each clung to that which is contrary to the government, the people of Baha, through God's grace, have held fast to the cord of

patience and clung to the hem of resignation. No act that would cause mischief or give rise to discord hath appeared from them, despite the fire of oppression that was kindled in the land of Ya and the smoke that encompassed the land of Ta. Would that the government were aware of the intention and commandments that have been sent forth to all regions from the heaven of the will of the Most Exalted Pen.

Section 2: "The people of Iran had no educator…"

The people of Iran had no educator and reached maturity without training. Therefore their badge and garment have been and continue to be ignorance and discourtesy. Say: O people! The first ornament for the temple of man is courtesy. Hold fast unto it and be not of the heedless ones. In the Tablet of the World, the degrees and stations of courtesy have been revealed and sent down from the heaven of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto. Verily it is among the pearls of the shells of this mighty ocean. Well is it with him who hath witnessed, seen and acted according to that which was commanded in the Tablets of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Should anyone ask thee about the Glory, say: He is under the claws of hatred; and should anyone ask thee about the Ark of God, say: It is amidst the waves. By God's life! We behold the lamp amid the winds. Despite the afflictions that have befallen Us and the calamities that have descended and encompassed Us, the tongue of grandeur in the prison speaketh forth with manifest verses, and the Most Exalted Pen moveth in remembrance of the loved ones. The loved ones and leaves in that land have been and are remembered in the court of the Wronged One. In accordance with the requirements of wisdom, We have concealed their names. Say: This is the day of steadfastness, this is the day of triumph, and this is the day for the appearance of the gems of human meaning from the mine of man. We beseech and implore God that He may protect the Hands of His Cause and make them manifest with that which beseemeth His days and adorn them therewith. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In truth I say: whosoever appeareth today with the light of supreme steadfastness is recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book as being of the company of the exalted ones.

As to those in the land of whom thou didst make mention, We have heard and hearkened. The friends in that land occupy the first rank in the Divine Book. We fervently hope that in that exalted land vain imaginings will not spread and that all may be illumined and attain unto true divine unity. We are with Our loved ones, We hear and see, and verily We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. All the friends of that land have been and are remembered in the Most Holy Court. Adorn thou kindred T and A with the essence of divine glorification and say: Verily, We are with thee in all conditions. The fruits of the tree of man are trust in God and steadfastness. Hold fast unto these through a command from God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Each one of the friends must be as firm and steadfast as a mountain and must regard the opposers and deniers as non-existent. If someone attains unto the station of hearkening to the Most Exalted Word, they should convey it. If it is accepted, the purpose is achieved; if not, contention is vain. We beseech God to aid the people of Baha in that which conduces to unity, concord, love and fellowship. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In these days, due to the absence of hearing faculties, silence is preferable until such time as God creates another people—a promise from Him. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most

Generous. Ere long shall the pavilion of divine glory encompass the world. O people of God! These sublime words and resplendent verses were previously revealed specifically for one of the friends. It is beloved that the people of Baha should recite them in a state of detachment and devotion, that they may attain unto that which diffuses the fragrance of acceptance. Command and judgment are in the grasp of God's will, the Lord of all worlds.

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

The essence of praise and glorification and the reality of thanksgiving and laudation befit the Most Holy and Exalted Court of Him Who is the Possessor of all existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, Who hath caused innumerable books to bow down before the ranks of letters, and through the hosts of words hath raised the banners of verses in the precincts of hearts and minds, and hath manifested the ocean of knowledge before the faces of all religions through the waves of wisdom and utterance. Through one point from the preamble of the Book of Grace He shed light upon the world; the trees and fruits spoke with most eloquent utterance the blessed word "The All-Merciful hath come."

Through one drop from the ocean of His mercy bestowed upon the lands of existence, the fruits of knowledge and wisdom and the mysteries of truth and recognition became manifest and evident. His is the grace and power, His the grandeur and authority. The might of the world could not weaken His strength, and the power of nations could not prevent His authority. In all conditions He spoke "The Kingdom is God's, the Most High." The cawing of the crows and the clamor of the transgressors could not prevent His will, nor impede the influence of His purpose. Despite the rancor of the divines and the might of rulers, the Supreme Pen moved at all times, speaking these sublime words in most eloquent language:

My God, my God! Thou hast lit the lamp of Thy Cause with the oil of wisdom; protect it from contrary winds. The lamp is Thine, the glass is Thine, all things in heaven and earth are in the grasp of Thy power. Grant justice to rulers and fairness to divines. Thou art the One Who, through the movement of the Pen, hath aided Thy conclusive Cause and guided Thy loved ones. Thou art the Possessor of power and the King of might. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory! Convey to his honour ʿA.T. a most holy greeting from the Wronged One, sanctified from the defilements of the world. We have once again made mention of him, that he may detach himself from all else save God and hold fast to the cord of the Most Great Steadfastness, and cling to that which God hath ordained.

O ʿAttar! Upon thee be My glory! Convey greetings and salutations to all the members of that household. All are illumined by the fragrances of divine revelation and the sweet-scented breezes of inspiration. Of the Tablets thou didst request, some have been sent, and others will be forwarded later. In these days, the matter of mention and writing hath reached such a pass that time hath become like the philosopher's stone for the scribes present. The remembered and the non-existent are alike. Make mention of the other friends who are scattered abroad. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Mighty, the All-Giving. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness and the light radiating from the direction of My grace be upon thee and upon those whom doubt hath not prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

BH00351: This is the Epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril…

Section 1: "This is the Epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril…"

This is the Epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He is God, exalted is He in wisdom and utterance

O Ghulam-Qabli-ʿAli! Repeatedly has thy mention been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and likewise the letters thou hast sent to the friends of God have each been presented and heard. From the heaven of especial bounty, replies have repeatedly been sent down for thee and for Mihdi. Blessed art thou for having confined thy affairs to the remembrance and praise of God and the promotion of His Cause. We beseech God to aid thee and thy son in that which befitteth His Most Great Cause and His Mighty Call.

His Honor Ismu'llah, upon him be My Glory, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court several days ago. It was perused and heard. Well is it with thee and with those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful. By choice wine is meant at times the divine verses themselves, and at times His love—whoso drinketh thereof shall never thirst. This choice wine bestoweth life and conferreth eternal existence. In another sense, what is meant by it are the hidden pearls within the utterance of the Goal of all worlds, and its chalices are the writings revealed by the Supreme Pen. This choice wine shall never perish but hath been and ever shall be preserved by divine will, sealed with the seal of infallibility. When by God's leave We removed its seal in this Most Great Revelation by the hand of power, the sincere ones, those near to God, and those who were ready perceived its fragrance and hastened toward it.

In one station, choice wine refers to the means that lead man to his Source and spread the carpet of detachment before him. In another station, choice wine is the blessed word of unity itself—whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. And in yet another station, it hath been and is His Hands of the Cause—they are the cupbearers of the choice wine of recognition. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto. Within this choice wine lieth concealed true investigation. Every ear that hath been blessed to hear it is numbered with the dwellers of the City of Immortality in the sight of God. This is the water that bestoweth eternal life and is the cause of everlasting existence. Today the Hand of God giveth and bestoweth. We beseech Him to enable all to attain unto this spiritual, true choice wine and to deprive no one. He is the Bountiful, the Powerful.

O Ghulam! Were ye to count its meanings, ye could not reckon them. Praise the Goal of the world Who hath turned toward thee on this night of the blessed month of Ramadan and maketh mention of thee. His Honor Amin hath set out for those parts several days ago. We beseech God to make him like rain clouds for the soil of His knowledge, that ears of recognition may spring forth therefrom for the followers of all religions. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thou didst mention those who have turned toward God. Each hath been blessed with His grace and adorned with the ornament of His greatest mention. However, O Ghulam, upon thee be My Glory, each day petitions arrive at the Most Holy Court, and likewise letters to the friends, each bearing numerous

names. Therefore time hath become like the rarest elixir—scarce, nay, unobtainable. Hence if replies are delayed, there is and hath been no harm in this. Praise be to God, whosoever turneth toward Him is blessed in that moment, before it and after it, with God's mention and the attention of His merciful grace. Verily thy Lord is the Master of existence and the Knower of things unseen. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Ghulam-Husayn-i-Harami-baf! Upon thee be the Glory of God

O Ghulam-i-Qabli-Husayn! The Lord of the worlds hath made mention of thee from His Most Great Prison. We testify that thou hast attained unto His remembrance, hast turned toward His horizon, and hast drunk the choice wine of His love from the hand of the bounty of His loved ones who have cast aside the world and taken hold of that which they were bidden by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O ʿAli-i-Qabli-Akbar! The hidden mystery hath been made manifest and the Most Great Countenance illumined with the light of the Countenance. By God! The Cause hath appeared quicker than the twinkling of an eye. It behooveth him who hath believed in destiny to cast aside what the people possess and to turn with his heart unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thou hast at this hour attained unto My mention, My acceptance and My turning toward thee. Well is it with thee and with him who hath attained unto this manifest Cause.

O Isma'il! Art thou still or in motion, art thou attracted or holding fast? Cast aside the paths of the ascetics who have broken God's covenant and His testament in this most wondrous, most mighty, most great and glorious Manifestation.

O Mir Abu'l-Qasim! Thy name was present before the Wronged One, and He hath made mention of thee in such wise as hath caused the fragrance of the Merciful's garment to waft throughout all creation. When thou findest and knowest, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy utterance while I was among the heedless among Thy servants. I beseech Thee to make me so strong through Thy power that neither the doubts of the wayward among the people of the Bayan nor the might of the divines of Iran may hold me back. 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."

O Mir Muhammad-ʿAli! Hast thou turned toward the Most High Horizon or art thou among those who hesitate? Say:

> "By Thy glory, O Thou the Desire of the world! I have turned unto Thee and have turned away from all else beside Thee. Verily Thou hearest and seest, and Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

O Mahmud! Upon thee be My glory. Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from My station and draweth all nigh unto the Dayspring of God's revelation, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Take hold of thy Lord's verses with strength from Him. Say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and hast sent down unto me that which hath attracted the hearts of those who are endowed with understanding.”

O Muhammad-i-Qabli-Baqir! Thou hast attained unto My mention, My verses and My tablets. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Desired One in the earliest days and for having drunk the sealed wine when most of mankind were debarred therefrom. Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who have turned unto the Countenance and have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s will, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Muhammad-Aqa! We have indeed found the fragrance of thy love and have witnessed thy turning toward Us. We have turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise as to illuminate the horizon of love amongst the servants. We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and to adorn thee with the Most Great Steadfastness. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

We make mention of Aqa Baba and give him the glad-tidings of God’s remembrance of him, and We counsel him with that whereby the stations of man are elevated in the contingent world. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great. O son of my heart! The servant hath made mention of thee, and We have sent down from the heaven of Our mercy that which causeth the flowers of knowledge and wisdom to spring forth from the soil of hearts. Be thankful and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! And glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!”

Section 2: “His honor Arbab ʿAli, upon him be…”

His honor Arbab ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God!

O Arbab ʿAli! Praise thy Lord, for He hath turned unto thee and heard thy call. He hath answered thee with words through which the rain of bounty hath descended from the clouds of God’s mercy. Blessed is the servant who hath attained thereunto and recognized its station, and woe unto the heedless.

His honor Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God!

O Ghulam-Husayn! Who enabled thee to turn unto Him? Say: God, the Mighty, the Powerful! And who made thee know His Cause? Say: He Who created me, through His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous! And who mentioned thee on this darksome night? Say: My Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful! Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear the Call, and the eye that hath beheld the signs of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His honor Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God!

O Tongue of Grandeur! One of thy branches, who is named Diya, is commanded to make mention of him who is named Muhammad after Siyyid, that he may inhale the fragrance of God, the Self-Subsisting. He hath turned unto him and remembered him with verses from which the light of God, the Mighty, the

Loving, hath shone forth. O Muhammad! We have made mention of him who hath turned toward Our horizon, and have sent down for him that whereby the heaven of bounty hath rained upon all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

His honor Aqa Husayn-i-Shikari, upon him be the glory of God

O Husayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from this His Station that hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names of God, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Sovereign of all existence. He hath willed to make mention of His loved ones in this exalted Station. Beware lest the veils of the people hold thee back, or the tyranny of those who have denied the Promised One deter thee.

His honor Ustad Husayn, upon him be the glory of God

O Husayn! Hearken unto the Call from this Most Glorious Horizon. Verily, it hath been raised up in truth by the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Blessed is the servant who hath been privileged to witness the Days of God and hath inhaled the fragrances of the Bayan from His preserved Tablet. Cast away that which the people possess and take hold of that which thou hast been commanded by the Lord, the Sovereign of the hosts. Render praise unto Thee, O Light of the world, for having made mention of us in Thy Most Great Prison. I bear witness that Thou hast manifested that which was treasured in knowledge and hidden from all eyes.

His honor Aqa Ismail, upon him be the glory of God

O Ismail! The discourse of sacrifice hath returned, and the Most Great Sacrifice hath appeared, yet most of the people understand not that the Promised One hath been made manifest through divine favor, hath ascended the throne of glory, while most men recognize Him not. They have cast the command of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings. Behold the Revelation of thy Lord, His power and His sovereignty—verily, He hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired through His word “Be, and it is.” How many a sacrifice did We send forth with the spirit and divine fragrance, who offered up his life upon this extended Path! Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Lord of this frequented House.

His honor Mirza Faraj’u’llah, upon him be the glory of God

O Faraj’u’llah! We have made mention of thee and of those who have believed, with a mention that hath encompassed the world, yet the people comprehend not. They have denied the Proof of God and His testimony, and have committed that which hath caused the near ones to lament. They have cast aside the Book of God and seized upon their desires, though they perceive it not.

His honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the glory of God

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Blessed is the servant who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My bounty and hath attained unto the traces of My Pen—that Pen which, when It moveth upon the Tablet, causeth all existence, both seen and unseen, to move. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from this forbidden quarter.

Jinab-i-Aqa Shukru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God

O Shukru'llah! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for the ocean of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, hath turned toward thee. Say: I thank Thee, O my God, and I praise Thee, O my Lord, and I remember Thee, O Thou Master of them that know. I beseech Thee, by the breathings of Thy Revelation, to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy glorious Day.

Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God

O Kazim, after Siyyid! The Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from this exalted station, and remembereth thee with that which draweth thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath heard the shrill voice of My Pen, hath attained unto My days, and hath witnessed that which the tongue of My grandeur hath witnessed. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the crimson Tablet, as attested by Him with Whom is the perspicuous Book.

Jinab-i-Mirza Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God

O Ghulam-Qabl-ʿAli! Thy letter hath been sent unto My Namesake, he that is named Mihdi, upon whom be My glory, after this perspicuous Tablet had been revealed for thee. Verily, He remembered thee before, and remembereth thee again hereafter. Thy Lord, in truth, remembereth whoso hath turned unto Him. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the Wise. The glory of God rest upon thee, and upon such as are with thee in this manifest Cause. And as to what thou didst mention concerning the mount, We, verily, bestowed it upon whomsoever desired to send it. We beseech God to ordain for him the recompense of that which he purposed. He, in truth, is the Lord of His servants in the beginning and in the end.

O Ghulam-Qabl-ʿAli! We repeatedly make mention of the friends in that land. Of Ibrahim, upon whom be My glory, mention is made at one time as Nazir, and at another as Mulla Ahmad. For years hath he been occupied, by night and by day, in service. For a time the office of supplying water to the Sacred House of God was his, and at another time he was engaged, as was meet and proper, in the bathhouse. Unto all his kindred, one and all, convey, on behalf of this Wronged One, the greeting of grandeur.

Repeatedly hath he made mention of his two brothers, and in every instance hath he attained unto the remembrance of the Dayspring of the light of Divine Unity. We beseech God to enable Ibrahim in his service, and to make him steadfast in His love and in His Cause. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Subduer, the Almighty.

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Section 1: "In this day the Sun declares "The All-Bestowing…"

In His Name, the Dawning-Place from the Horizon of Utterance!

In this day the Sun declares "The All-Bestowing One has come!" and all things proclaim "The Creator of the heavens has come!" The Divine Lote-Tree gives glad tidings to all trees, leaves and fruits, announcing the appearance of the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, and congratulates the mountains of

the world upon Mount Sinai, for in these days it drinks from the cup of reunion and partakes of the Kawthar of meeting after despair, finding intimacy with its Interlocutor. From the Supreme Pen upon every leaf of leaves is inscribed this exalted word: “Pass beyond the winds and move by the will of God.”

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Most Sublime Vision hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny speaketh with the mysteries of wisdom and utterance. Yet heedless souls cling to means whose transience is more evident than the sun, while remaining veiled and oblivious to the Most Great Ocean of God, each drop of which giveth life to the world. It is not known what Dawlat-Abadi, in his heedlessness, hath understood, by what proof he accepted the Primal Point, and by what evidence he turned away from the Truth Itself, exalted be His glory. O Zayn! Beseech God that He may, through the ocean of His bounty and grace, awaken the heedless ones and adorn them with justice and fairness, that all may attain to that which is the cause of eternal salvation. By the life of God! The Supreme Pen speaketh these words purely through grace, that perchance the helpless servants may not again be afflicted by the vain imaginings of the party, and be not deprived of the Kawthar of the All-Merciful’s utterance.

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. The letter of Mulla Baqir which he sent to thee was presented at the Most Holy Court and attained unto Our hearing. Well is it with him! We have indeed found the fragrance of his love. We mentioned him before with verses that testified to his acceptance on a day wherein most of the servants turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds. We desired to mention those whose mention he sought, as a mercy and grace from Us, and verily I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

O Husayn (the master craftsman)! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice, Who speaketh before the faces of the world and summoneth all unto the One, the All-Informed. The tempests of the oppressors deterred Him not, nor did the hurricanes of the idolaters. The veils of those who denied the Day of Judgment hindered Him not. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say:

> “My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant standing before the door of Thy grace, asking of Thee that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the doubts of them that have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs will not shake me. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.”

O Muhammad-Taqi! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the horizon of tribulation. Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Tribulation hath not prevented Me from the Lord of Names. I have manifested the Cause before the faces of the rulers with evident sovereignty. Blessed is the servant whom neither the tyrants of the earth nor its Pharaohs have prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Powerful, the Strong, the Dominant, the Mighty. When the attraction of the Call from the Supreme Horizon taketh hold of thee, say:

> “I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names, by the places that were honored by the glances of Thy loving-kindness and were ennobled by Thy footsteps, and

> wherein arose Thy sighs for what befell Thee from Thine enemies, to make me so steadfast in Thy love that through my steadfastness Thy servants and creatures may become steadfast. Verily, Thou art God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Abraham! Can sorrows prevent Me, or tribulations frighten Me, or power weaken Me, or names veil Me? Nay, by My Most Great Throne and My Mighty Message! I have proclaimed the Cause before the faces of kings and subjects alike, and summoned all through wisdom and utterance to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Among them are those who heard and turned away, those who pronounced judgment against Me, and those who imprisoned Me in this remote place. When the breezes of the morn of My Revelation stir thee and the wine of My utterance intoxicates thee, say:

My God, my God! By Thy might and Thy majesty, Thy greatness and Thy power! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me and Thy remoteness hath consumed me. Thou seest me, O my God, in the fire of separation and remoteness. Where is the river of Thy presence, O Thou Desire of the world? By Thy might! My heart findeth no rest save in the remembrance of reunion with Thee, and mine eye is not solaced except by the collyrium of Thy grace. For what purpose didst Thou create it and reveal it, if Thou deniest it the vision of Thy horizon? O Lord! Deny not existence the signs of Thy bounty and generosity, nor human temples the ornament of Thy mercy and forgiveness. O Lord! The livers of the lovers are melted in their separation from the precincts of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy mercy to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, such that I may see all else as non-existent before the manifestations of Thy grandeur and as nothing before the revelations of the lights of Thy countenance. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great.

We beseech God to forgive thy father and to send down upon him at all times a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His side, and to make him hear His verses and behold the mysteries of His dominion and kingdom. He is verily the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

O Muhammad, son of Hasan! The Wronged One remembereth thee through verses which God hath made to be the Kawthar of everlasting life unto His loved ones, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou didst drink the cup of tribulation in the Cause of God, the Fashioner of the heavens, and didst hear the mockery of the adversaries in the path of God, the Lord of the sincere—when once again the breezes of My loving-kindness shall quicken thee. Say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of mankind, and Sovereign of the Throne and of the dust, for that Thou didst remember me whilst I was amidst the hands of the oppressors among Thy servants. Would that I had been lost and my ear had never heard that which befell Thee in Thy days! I beseech Thee, O Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me moved by Thy will, attracted by Thy verses, and clinging fast unto the cord of steadfastness in Thy Cause. Thou art verily potent to do whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, O Lord of the seen and the unseen."

Make mention of him who was named Hasan, son of Barat, and give him glad tidings of the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty, that he may soar on the wings of detachment in this holy, exalted,

and gracious air. O Hasan! If thou takest flight upon the wings of trust and detachment, and drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's favor, then say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast fulfilled Thy promise, manifested Thy Cause, sent down Thy verses, and united the hearts of Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee by the lamentation of them that have drawn nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the cry of the sincere in Thy days, to grant that mine ear may be honored by hearkening unto Thy call, and mine eye may glory in beholding Thy signs. O Lord! This is a Day wherein the ocean of Thy bounty hath surged and the fragrance of Thy grace hath been wafted abroad. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy faithful servants, through whom the day-star of justice hath shone forth amidst Thy creatures. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower."

O Baqir, son of ʿAli! Sanctify thine ear from that which it heard aforetime, and purify thine eye from that which it witnessed and beheld, that the former may hear My sweetest call and the latter may gaze upon My most great signs. Say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Stay, and my Hope, for that Thou hast made known unto me Thy path, taught me Thy tidings, and given me utterance through Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause, whereby Thou hast subdued hearts and souls, to aid me to celebrate Thy praise and extol Thy glory with that wisdom whereunto Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

Section 2: "The Wronged One wishes to mention him who…"

The Wronged One wishes to mention him who was named Muhammad-ʿAli, whose name was present in a place where was raised the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Remember him who hath remembered thee, then give thanks for the bounty of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. He hath turned from the direction of the Prison unto His loved ones who have taken the cup of certitude from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have drunk therefrom in His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most Great. Beware lest the oppression of those who have denied the Day of Judgment prevent thee. Cast aside what the people possess and take the Book of God with clear certitude. He, verily, will aid those who have heard the Call and will assist those who have turned unto Him with radiant countenance. Thus hath sung the Nightingale of Utterance upon the highest branches, as a token of grace from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

We make mention of him who was named ʿAli-Akbar that the Utterance may draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of all religions, and confirm him in steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Thou hast attained unto My remembrance in My prison. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and those who have believed to act in accordance with what hath been revealed in His mighty, wondrous Book. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge, guided me to Thy path, and sent down unto me the table of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, by Thy Cause that hath encompassed earth and heaven, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued the cities of names, to make me attracted to Thy verses and steadfast in the service of Thy

Cause amongst Thy servants. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! Hear thou with the ear of reality the call of the Wronged One. On the twenty-second night of the blessed month of Ramadan, when the people of Iran are occupied with praising the chosen ones and cursing the wicked ones, We have turned toward thee and make mention of thee. Reflect upon what hath come to pass. Ibn-i-Muradi martyred one of the chosen ones, but the people of Iran martyred the Lord of the world and are unaware—they are a hundred thousand times more wicked and oppressive than Muradi. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this exalted station. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having delivered me from the vain imaginings of my peers, drawn me nigh unto Thee, caused me to know the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens, given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy bounty, and guided me to Thy straight and manifest path. I beseech Thee to aid me in Thy remembrance and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Abu'l-Qasim! The Lord of the Kingdom of Utterance maketh mention of thee from the prison, remindeth thee of His verses, showeth thee His signs, and giveth thee glad tidings of His bounty. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Say: My God, my God! Thou art He Who created me by Thy command and Thy will, caused me to hear Thy call, made me to know Thy way, and gave me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause whereby Thou didst change the earth into another earth, spread abroad Thy signs, subdued the hearts of Thy loved ones, and by the showers of Thy mercy in the springtime of Thy grace, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy bounty, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto the cord of Thy obedience and to be directed toward Thy horizon. O my Lord! Thou seest the ignorant one seeking after the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the lowly one yearning for the sea of Thy glory. Ordain for him what beseemeth Thy glory and power, Thy grandeur and might. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Wronged One! Remember the one named Turab, that the verses may draw him nigh unto the most exalted station. Hear My call from this Station which hath been named by all names in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords. He verily guideth thee to His path and giveth thee to drink from the Kawthar of His bounty and draweth thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. When thou hearest the shrill voice of My Pen and findest the fragrance of Mine utterance, say: My God, my God! Thine is the bounty and the giving, and Thine the grace and the glory! I testify that Thou hast created the world to hearken unto Thy sweetest call and to know the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens!

O Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine acknowledging that which the Pen hath spoken from the most exalted station, and confessing that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath commanded when it was in the prison of Akka. I beseech Thee by the breasts that were pierced by the arrows of Thine enemies, and by the hearts that were melted in separation from Thee, and by the tears of them that are near unto Thee among Thy creation and their submission at the dawning of the Day-Star of Thy power, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the tyranny of the world nor the clamor of the nations can hinder. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Karim! We counsel thee and those who have believed to be trustworthy and religious and to act in ways that bring assurance to hearts and souls. The companions of the Crimson Ark must distinguish themselves among the people of the world in such wise that all may testify to their detachment and holiness. The people of Iran have throughout ages and centuries been occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Truth, yet on the Day of His Manifestation they did what no other people have done. From their pulpits they curse and revile the Truth, exalted be His glory, while speaking in praise of His servants. Were one to ponder the deeds and actions of these souls, one would find oneself bewildered. They have done that which hath caused the Tablet and the Pen to lament, and the Ancient Beauty to cry out from the most exalted horizon of the world. Ask thou of God that He may guide the misguided and show them the way. Verily He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have remembered and continue to remember His loved ones by night and by day, and for each we seek divine confirmation. Verily He is the Most Powerful of the powerful and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Qabl-i-ʿAli, then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw him nigh unto Thee, that he may arise to celebrate Thy praise and glorification among Thy creatures and guide them to a station wherein all things proclaim: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O concourse of divines! Behold, then remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "When the Event befalleth, there is no denying its befalling." Say: Today the Event mentioned hath come to pass and its hour and signs are manifest. This is the Day whereon the secrets shall be tried, this is the Day whereon the mountains shall pass away. The Cry hath been raised, the earth is in motion and trembling, the light hath shone forth from the horizon of the Speaker on Sinai and is manifest, and the scratching of the Pen can be heard from the most exalted horizon of the world. Fear ye God! He is the true Avenger.

This is the Most Great News and the mighty Matter. Understand ye its station and judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared. The earth hath been illumined with the light of its Lord, and the lands have been brightened by the light of their Creator. Strive ye while there is yet time and while the Cause is manifest. Deprive not yourselves. O Muhammad-Qabl-i-ʿAli! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, whereupon the fragrance of forgiveness was stirred and the ocean of pardon surged. He hath forgiven thee and those who have believed in Him and His verses, as a grace from His presence upon thee and upon them. He is verily the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

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BH00417: O ʿAndalib! Upon thee be My glory and My…

Section 1: "O ʿAndalib! Upon thee be My glory…"

He is the All-Knowing, All-Wise Utterer

O ʿAndalib! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Greater Branch was at this moment present before the Face of the Wronged One, and We made mention of thy mention in such wise as caused the lights to shine forth from the horizons of the heaven of thy Lord, the Chosen One. Blessed art

thou for having voiced the praise of thy Lord and spoken that whereby the heart of every seeking soul was attracted and the faces of them that are nigh and sincere were illumined. Thou didst make mention of the loved ones and requested the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet for some. We have answered thee as a token of My grace and as a mercy from thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Shouldst thou ask for all who are on earth, We would surely fulfill thy need and would send down from the heaven of My generosity, for each one of them, the signs of My grandeur and My clear tokens. And I am verily the Answerer, the Hearer, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

This is what was revealed for him who was named Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, He Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance

Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who, through the Most Exalted Word, hath guided the world and the peoples to the straight path and the mighty announcement. He is the One Who is so powerful that the tyranny of the pharaohs among His servants and the oppressors in diverse lands did not hold Him back from His purpose. He arose before all faces and spoke that which is the cause of salvation, preservation, bounty and wealth for the peoples of the world. Among them are those who have turned towards Him and those who have turned away, and he who hath turned towards Him is assuredly among the people of this glorious and exalted station. O Asad! We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His Cause and firm in His love in such wise that neither the tempests of idle fancies nor the thunderbolts of vain imaginings may move thee. Speak forth My Name amongst My servants and draw them nigh unto the gate of My majesty which hath been opened before the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Take thou the chalice of utterance by My command, then drink therefrom and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, for having remembered me in Thy prison and for having sent down unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy names and attributes endure. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses to ordain for me through Thy bounty, O Lord of all being, and through Thy generosity, O Lord of eternity, that which will exalt me through Thy name amongst Thy creation. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And this is what was revealed for Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the One Who prevaileth over all names

O Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir! Should anyone ask thee concerning the Ark of God, say: "It is amidst the waves," and concerning the Lamp of utterance, say: "It is amid the winds." Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while walking in this prison in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee with verses before which the necks of the idolaters have bowed down. When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of My utterance and drinkest the choice wine of My recognition from the hand of My bounty, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having sent down unto me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which shall cause my name to endure in Thy Manifest Book. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the hearts of them that are nigh through Thy clear command and Thy

mighty announcement, to ordain for me that which beseemeth each world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

This is what was revealed for him who was named Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the Warbler upon the branches

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One from the prison of Akka. Verily, He guideth thee to His path, directeth thee to His glory, draweth thee nigh unto His court, and illumineth thee with the light of His Cause which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Were We to recount unto thee what hath befallen the Wronged One, thou wouldst lament as those who are bereft. We have manifested the Cause and revealed that by which the weary found utterance, the sick were healed, and the prostrate arose, yet the people are in grievous doubt. As for thy desire to attain His presence, We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of meeting Him and to draw thee nigh unto Him.

Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. This is what hath been ordained both inwardly and outwardly. Wisdom doth not permit attainment of His presence and meeting in such days as these. To this testifieth this All-Knowing Expounder. We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive thee and thy father. Verily, He is the Generous. There is none other God but Him, the Compassionate, the Bountiful, the Giving, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy mother and those who are with thee, and upon every steadfast and firmly established one, and every well-grounded and perspicuous one.

This was revealed for him who was named Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the Caller between earth and heaven!

O Muhammad! Every call hath reached its end and every fire hath been extinguished and every light hath remained veiled. What fire is this that the oceans of rejection and denial could not quench? What light is this that the veils of the world and the harm of nations could not conceal? What call is this that the clamor of the oppressors and the rattling of chains of the transgressors could not silence? In most nights and days the Tongue speaketh and the Call is raised. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized, and woe unto the heedless! We beseech the True One to protect this people and illumine them with the lights of true unity. The people of the past would each day take a lord and cling to a vain imagination, until finally the fruit and effect of that was witnessed when they hanged and martyred the Dawning-Place of divine revelation.

Blessed is he who hath clung to the cord of unity, detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth. In these days consummate wisdom hath caused a delay in permission, for the deniers and the opposers stand as barriers. We beseech God to remove them through His sovereignty and to aid His loved ones with the power that hath conquered all things and the might that hath encompassed earth and heaven. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. And We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee in what He hath ordained for thee and to benefit thee in every world of His worlds. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and

upon thy mother and thy family and upon those who have taken the Book of God with power from Him and authority from His presence. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for him who was named Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the Speaker, the Rememberer before all faces

Praise be unto the Most Great Cause, which is worthy and befitting, for He hath illumined the world and its peoples with the effulgent rays of the Luminary of utterance, and made manifest the path of guidance and salvation for all. Exalted be His dominion, exalted His proof, exalted His Word, and glorious His signs! O Ahmad, upon thee be My glory! This Wronged One in the Most Great Prison hath guided the friends to the supreme horizon, and at every moment there appear and shine forth before all faces the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they who have attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless servants who have turned away.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve thee through His bounty, to guard thee by His hosts, to aid thee through His signs, and draw thee nigh unto His path, the Mighty, the Wondrous. By the life of God! At this moment when the pearls of remembrance and utterance have appeared from the treasury of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the ocean of forgiveness hath surged, and the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all religions hath wafted—a bounty from His presence upon thy father and upon him who was named Husayn. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The Glory from Us be upon thee, upon thy son, and upon him whose mention thou hast desired. Verily thy Lord's grace hath encompassed the world. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in this station.

Section 2: "This is what was revealed for him who…"

This is what was revealed for him who was named Siyyid Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

Praise be to God Who, through His Most Exalted Word, hath transformed remoteness into nearness, ignorance into knowledge, darkness into light, and heedlessness into awareness. Glorious is His loving-kindness and glorious His mercy that hath preceded the decree of the Kaf and the Nun. He is verily the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O Abu'l-Qasim! At this moment the Greater Branch gained admittance to Our presence and mentioned thy name which was recorded in the letter of ʿAndalib, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and it was heard. Blessed art thou for God hath aided thee to turn and direct thyself to the light of His Countenance and adorned thee with the ornament of His remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

This is the Day of effort and steadfastness. Steadfastness is the essence of all essences and appeareth from the mine of humanity. None can determine the value of this precious pearl, nor can any writer describe its qualities. Its station hath been hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. Today the friends must be illumined with the light of steadfastness and summon the people of the world to the supreme horizon through wisdom and utterance. This is the firm decree which hath in this moment been sent down from the heaven of the will of the Lord of eternity. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who

acteth according to what is commanded in My perspicuous Book. In these days the manifestations of conjecture and idle fancy are intervening and preventing attainment unto His presence.

We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of meeting Him and to decree for thee what He hath decreed for His chosen ones. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory shining from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have cast away corruption and conflict and have taken hold of righteousness and reconciliation. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of eternity was walking in His exalted and impregnable station.

This is what was revealed for the daughter of him who was named Muhammad-Shafi', who arose to serve the Cause in the earliest days:

In My Name, the Rememberer, the Answerer

Praise be to God! The Sun of utterance is resplendent, the Light of the Cause is radiant, the Ocean of bounty is surging, and the Star of guidance is advancing and shining before all faces. Blessed is the servant who has attained to the outpourings of this blessed Day, and blessed is the leaf who hearkened unto the call of the Lote-Tree of Sinai and clung fast unto it. O My handmaiden and My leaf! Thy father, who soared in My atmosphere, cast aside all else save Me, and held fast to My mighty cord, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that which causeth the eyes of the chaste ones in their chambers to be consoled, as a token of grace from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Master of eternity, for having remembered Thy handmaiden who hath turned unto Thee. I beseech Thee to inscribe my name in the place wherein Thou hast made mention of those women who circled round the throne of Thy grandeur and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hands of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Mighty, the Wise.

And this is what was revealed for him who was named Mirza Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, that speaketh before the peoples of the world! O Qasim! Knowest thou Who maketh mention of thee? Say: Yea, my Lord, the All-Bountiful, remembereth me. And knowest thou Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison? Say: Yea, verily, He is my Goal, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou didst make mention of the Huquq; it hath been accepted. Excellent is that which thou hast done. We have approved thy deed as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee in completing the House. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in the Strong, the Almighty. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the imaginings of the deluded ones, the doubts of the aggressive ones, or the oppression of the tyrannical ones. Thus hath the Pen spoken that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord is the Manifest Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Gracious.

O ʿAndalib! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter as a bounty from Our presence upon thee and upon them and upon all who are in the heavens

and on earth. In these days the loved ones must all arise to render victory, and victory is in teaching the Cause. This Day is blessed, and whatsoever hath occurred in the land, even the martyrdom of the loved ones, hath made the world ready to hearken unto the Word of God. All must hold fast unto wisdom and through utterance illumine the people of the world with the light of guidance. This Wronged One maketh mention of the loved ones and counseleth them with that which is the cause of everlasting wealth and riches.

It is hoped that they will not deprive themselves. Soon will the Most Great Word encompass all and everyone will attain supreme joy. Especially for his honour Haji Muhammad-Rida and his namesake, two Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. They have ever been and still are remembered. By My life! God hath created them for the exaltation of His Word and the manifestation of His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing, the Wise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to change their loss into the Most Great Profit. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon My loved ones who have clung to My luminous hem.

BH00525: O Pen! I behold thee giving utterance by night…

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing!

O Pen! I behold thee giving utterance by night and by day. At one time I hear thy melodies, and at another thy sighing and weeping. It is as though patience hath been severed from thee at dawn when I hear thy lamentations, at eventide thy crying, and at daybreak that which hath caused the hearts of the mystics to burn. It sayeth: “How can I not lament when I behold Thee in the hands of the oppressors? How can I not cry out within myself when Thou art among those who have cast behind their backs Thy covenant and Thy testament, who have denied Thy favor, who have disputed Thy signs, and who have committed that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to moan?”

Be patient, O Pen, for verily thy Lord, the All-Forbearing, commandeth thee to show beautiful patience. We have accepted all tribulations for the sake of manifesting the Cause. Nothing among all things can prevent Us. Set aside thy sorrows; take up that which thou art bidden by the One Who commandeth, the All-Knowing. Make mention of My loved ones in Ba and Dal. Say: “Blessed are ye for having turned unto God when every learned one was far removed from Him. We testify that ye have heard the Call and have attained that which most of mankind have failed to attain.” To this beareth witness the Most Great Announcement in this exalted station.

O Abu-Talib! Thou art he who hath traversed land and sea and hast attained the presence of the Countenance in this mighty prison, and hast heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and hast gained the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Gracious. We beseech God to aid thee and thy children and those who are with thee to remain steadfast with such steadfastness as will not be shaken by the doubts of the divines nor by the intimations of the deluded ones who have denied the signs of God after their revelation and have rejected the proof of God, the Exalted, the Great.

O Qasim! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison and counseleth thee with that which will elevate thy station and the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as will astonish the hearts of the doubtful ones. Say:

> "O concourse of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth aloud from every direction. Why do I see you at such obvious remoteness?"

We counsel thee with the wisdom We have sent down in diverse Tablets, a command from the presence of One knowing, informed.

O Muhammad! We have heard thy call and seen thy letter. We have mentioned thee time and again with that which the remembrances of all nations cannot equal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favor. Illumine the hearts of My loved ones with the light of My utterance and remind them of that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in My Perspicuous Book. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty, say:

> "My God, my God! Thy remembrance is my hope, Thy Name is my healing, Thy praise is my life. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation to aid me in serving Thy Cause in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Confirmer, the Mighty, the Powerful."

O Abdul-Karim! We have heard the call of My loved ones. We have mentioned them through My grace and mercy in this station wherein My Pen proclaimeth that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There hath befallen Us in the path of God that which hath befallen no one before. To this testifieth the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the doubts of those who have denied the Day of Judgment shall not hinder thee. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to that which they possess. They are, verily, among the most lost in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Siyyid, O Nasru'llah! The throne maketh mention of thee and the seat proclaimeth thy turning unto God. Thou hast heard the Call and attained unto that which was recorded in God's scrolls and books and scriptures, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. Be thou a helper of My Cause, one who speaketh My praise amongst My servants, and hold thou fast unto My strong cord. Thou hast attained unto My tablets time and again, and unto My wondrous and glorious remembrance. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones there. Say: This is the Day of remembrance and praise, did ye but know, and this is the Day of steadfastness, could ye but understand, and this is the Day whereon the Wronged One proclaimeth before all faces: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O heedless ones! Be fair in your judgment, by God, and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The days are ended and the Orb of the Promise hath appeared—and this is the Promised One. Thus hath spoken the Most Great Ocean while established upon the Ark of utterance, as bidden by Him Who is the Commander, the All-Wise.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Aqa Kishi that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as shall not be shaken by the

stumbling of the learned, nor stirred by the doubts of the divines, nor hindered by the veils of the world and the mists of the nations. He, verily, is the Counsellor, the Perspicuous, the All-Informed. The morn of truth hath dawned, and therein doth the Book of Dawn speak forth with an utterance whereby all things were attracted. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who doeth what He willeth by His command that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hast drunk from the Euphrates of mercy that floweth from My Most Exalted Pen, say:

O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below! I beseech Thee by Thy signs that have filled the horizons, and by Thy sovereignty that hath been manifested on the Day of the Covenant, and by the breathings of Thy revelation whereby discord was changed to concord and the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the highest branches, to aid Thy loved ones to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou beholdest them turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. O Lord of the Hereafter and of this world! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who were not kept back by wealth or aspirations, nor by the manifestations of beauty and glory, from turning toward the scene of martyrdom. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Mention was made of thee in the presence of the Wronged One, whereupon My Most Exalted Pen was moved to make mention of thee in this glorious and wondrous station. Blessed is the servant whose name was mentioned in My presence and who attained unto the tokens of My Pen and was honored by the utterance of the tongue of My grandeur. He is assuredly among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Know thou, moreover, that when the spirit ascendeth to the All-Highest Companion, it presenteth itself before God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, and the hand of divine favor and bounty guideth it to a station that none knoweth save Him Who declareth in every condition that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

Blessed is the spirit that hath left the body purified from the doubts of the nations. By the life of God! It moveth in the atmosphere of its Lord's desire and entereth the gardens as it willeth, and the holy maidens of Paradise serve it in the morning and in the evening. It consorteth with the Prophets of God and His chosen ones, converseth with them, and relateth unto them that which hath appeared in the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Were We to lift the veil from what We have mentioned, thou wouldst see the people hastening from all directions unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Blessed is the ear that hath heard My call, and the eye that hath beheld the horizon of My loving-kindness, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Mother Book.

O Abdul-Khaliq! Verily the creature is in wondrous doubt, not knowing what they should remember at morn and eventide. They have taken their desires and their own selves as gods beside God. Lo! They are in heedlessness and error. Give thanks unto God for having strengthened thee when people were in doubt and schism. Thou didst turn and bear witness to that which God hath testified from His most exalted station. We counsel thee and those who have believed to the Most Great Steadfastness. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur from this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords.

O Joseph! The Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of thee before and after, and hath revealed for thee that which consoleth the eyes of the righteous. When My call took hold of thee and the choice wine of Mine utterance intoxicated thee, say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory, the tabernacle of Thy grandeur, the canopy of Thy loftiness, the heaven of Thy utterance, and the clouds of Thy mercy, and by the Word whereby Thou hast subdued all hearts, and by the Light wherewith Thou hast illumined the horizons, to strengthen me and Thy loved ones in steadfastness in Thy Cause in such wise that the winds of doubts may not move them. Verily, Thou art the Lord of Names and Attributes. Then write down for them, O my God, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful."

O Israfil! By the life of God! The Balance hath been set up, the Path established, the mountains have passed away, the Cry hath been raised, the Inevitable hath come, and the Trumpet hath been blown, yet the people have not risen from the graves of heedlessness and desire. Thus hath the matter been decreed. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, and firm in such wise that the roaring of the mighty shall not deter thee. Beware lest the happenings of the world grieve thee. Cast them behind thee, turning with thy purest heart unto God, the Revealer of verses. Thou hast been mentioned time and again by the Pen when it spoke, whereat all pens proclaimed: "The utterance belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the One, the Chosen." Take thou the chalice of Mine utterance from the hand of My bounty, then drink thereof in My Name and say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink, and for having made me to know, and taught me, and drawn me nigh when I was in prison amidst the enemies of Thy Self. Would that I had been non-existent and had not heard what hath befallen Thee! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed the horizons, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued lands and servants, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause. O Lord! Disappoint them not of that which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent before Whose manifestation of power the power of the world hath been impotent, and Thou art the Sovereign before Whose exaltation the exaltation of nations is not mentioned. Verily, Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Iskandar! Where is Alexander and his hosts? Where is the clashing of his swords and the neighing of his steeds? Where are his yellow and red battalions? Where are the manifestations of his power in the kingdom of creation? Where is his might whereby the limbs of the world trembled? Where is his power which encompassed the nations? Where are his lofty palaces and his ordered affairs? Where are his trellised gardens and his furnished houses? Where is his kindled lamp? By God! His lamps have been extinguished, his foundations have been uprooted, his treasures scattered, his tongue and sight withheld from utterance and observation, and his feet and hands stayed from taking what the people bring. The

hand of destiny hath brought him down from palaces to tombs. Take ye warning, O people of insight! When thou hearest the stories of My Most Exalted Pen, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to Thy cord, and directing my face to the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy mercy and the splendors of the Sun of Thy bounty, to make me detached from all else save Thee, speaking in Thy remembrance, arising to serve Thy loved ones, and gazing toward Thy horizon. By Thy might, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations! I love naught but what Thou lovest, and desire naught but what Thou desirest. I implore Thee to assist me in all that I have mentioned before Thy face. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Protecting, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH00548: O Muhammad, upon thee be My Glory! The letter…

He is the Speaker of Truth

O Muhammad, upon thee be My Glory! The letter from H, upon him be My Glory, which was sent to thee was presented by the Greater Branch before the Countenance and was honored to be heard. O Muhammad! There is and has been no doubt that ears and eyes were created to witness and hear in these days, and existence is for the recognition of the Lord of existence. Yet the dust of self and smoke of desire have prevented the people from beholding the Supreme Horizon. In truth, those souls who have attained today are accounted before God as the gems of creation and are mentioned as such. By the life of God! That which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book concerning these souls hath no likeness or parallel. Soon will its signs and lights become manifest. He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

In brief, the people of the world are deprived of knowledge and bereft of understanding. For centuries and ages they were worshippers of idols and vain imaginings. They were not and are not worthy to hear this call which is raised from the supreme height. They must cling to one like themselves and remain fixed upon one like themselves. All bear witness to the waves of the divine ocean of utterance which are manifest and visible before all faces, and the Lord of eternity called out without veil or covering and guided all to the supreme horizon. Nevertheless, they have turned away from the Lord of lords and have attached their hearts to the buzzing of flies. Where are the eyes, where are the ears, where is the intellect, where are the hearts? None but penetrating eyes can behold the pearls of the ocean of the All-Merciful.

Today the people of Baha are those souls who see themselves detached and free from all save God. The deniers of the Bayan are observed to be more base than the deniers of the Furqan, for they are occupied with the same names and the same sayings, and they lack the discernment to reflect upon what the fruit of the words and deeds of the previous party was and became on the Day of Retribution. Leave them in their vain discoursing.

We repeatedly make mention of H-S, upon him be My Glory. Praise be to God, he partook of the holy descended feast and attained repeatedly unto the traces of the Supreme Pen. We mention in this station his handmaiden and leaf who was with him, and We give her glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness and

make mention of her through His verses. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. And We make mention of his son Husayn and his brother. We beseech God to make their mention a treasure for them with Him. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

And We make mention of him who is named Mirza Aqa, whose name was mentioned before the Wronged One in this exalted station. Say:

My God, my God! Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, and mercy and bounty be from Thee, for having given me to drink of Thy sealed wine through Thy name, the Self-Subsisting, and for having remembered me in the Most Great Prison when I was wronged at the hands of the heedless. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the lights of the sun of Thy wisdom, and by the hearts that have melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee, to make me to hold fast unto Thee and to be detached from all else but Thee. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the dawning-places of Thy verses to ordain for me, through Thy grace and bounty, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me both outwardly and inwardly. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Asad—upon him be My glory—that he may be drawn to My horizon, utter My praise, draw near in his heart to My court, and be seized with supreme joy in the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We have heard thy mention, have made mention of thee, and have sent down for thee the verses, and We have expounded them in truth and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

We speak now in the Persian tongue. Verily, We have, in most instances, changed the eloquent language into the luminous language. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

All the peoples of the world and the various communities have each clung to some cause, striving with the utmost diligence and effort to exalt it. What wealth they have expended, what lives and honor they have sacrificed for the sake of manifesting that which they have desired! And this Most Great Cause, despite its loftiness, sublimity, glory, ascendancy and power, hath appeared in the realm of Persia, yet until now its people remain heedless of it, save for a few. Not for a moment have they contemplated this Cause with justice and fairness, nor have they ever sought to exalt it. Would that they had been content with this! Every day they strive to extinguish the light of the Manifestation and to quench the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. This Wronged One hath, through days and nights, dispatched to all regions that which equalleth—nay exceedeth—the previous Books. Verses have encompassed the world and clear proofs have appeared before all faces, yet the ignorant servants—meaning the divines and doctors of the age—have become the cause of preventing the people and the reason for the turning away of the inhabitants of the land.

O Asad! Upon thee be the glory of God, the One, the Single! Arise to aid the Cause. We beseech God to assist thee. He will aid thee and make thee successful and reinforce thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. While time remaineth, occupy thyself with mention and praise, that perchance the mention

may attract the people of the world and draw them to their true homeland. Verily, He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

Regarding what you asked about "the mystery of the great reversal in the sign of the sovereign", at the first appearance [of the Manifestation], observe how Shaykh Muhammad Hasan Najafi, who was the pole of Iranian scholars, and other scholars of Najaf and the land of Taff and the countries of Iran, after the Word was raised up and the Cause declared, all were found to be veiled and shut out. They were deprived of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance and heedless of the sun of knowledge. Rather, they occupied themselves with cursing and execration from the pulpits. They rejected that Essence of being Whom they had yearned and hoped to meet throughout centuries and ages, and at the mention of Whose name they would say "may God hasten." Finally they issued the fatwa of death for His most pure blood. However, some among the common people turned to Him, drank from the ocean of divine knowledge, found their way to the highest horizon, and on the day of the raising of the Most Exalted Pen's voice were blessed to say "Here am I." Thus did We make their highest ones lowest and their lowest ones highest. This is the mystery of "the great reversal in the sign of the sovereign."

Reflect upon the Son of Mary. Annas, who was the most learned scholar of that age, issued the death warrant, and in the presence of that vile one a blow was struck upon that holy countenance. But the fisherman who was occupied with catching fish—when the Spirit [Jesus] passed by him and said "Come, I will make you a fisher of men"—instantly turned to Him, forsook the sea and fish and all therein. Having never seen a word of knowledge, he ascended to the kingdom of knowledge. Finally he reached such a station that his sweet fragrances perfumed the world. That is from God's grace—He giveth it to whom He willeth. This same Peter, despite his exalted station, at the end of his days showed that which was unworthy, but in an instant the hand of grace seized him again and he was sustained by the Kawthar of steadfastness. Blessed is he.

None but the Truth Himself, Who possesseth the Most Great Infallibility, hath been or is His partner in this station. All else are created by a word. This is true unity whose light hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen's heaven. Think that thou mayest know. Enter this Most Great Ocean in the name of God, glorified be His majesty, and in its depths a illuminating sun shineth, that thou mayest attain thy goal and find what hath been mentioned.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Though the Supreme Pen speaketh, yet it is silent, for it hath not spoken as it should, and even if it had, it remaineth concealed. Contaminated ears and tired eyes were not and are not worthy to hear and behold. From the dried leaves of earth naught but meaningless sounds have been or are heard. Throughout ages and centuries the Shi'ih sect hath been uttering letters from pulpits and mosques while remaining deprived and forbidden from the Mother Book. We beseech God to grant thee success that thou mayest attain true unity and arise to serve the Cause.

O Asad! Upon thee be My glory! Concerning thy question about the meaning of active'—it refers to the Universal Lord, though it hath other meanings, and that which returns to the passive.' Reflect upon the Tablet of Wisdom. In every verse lies concealed an ocean among the oceans. We beseech God that thou mayest be enabled to witness and contemplate that which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen, both in the past and future. That which hath been sent down from the heaven of Divine Will is such

that before it the books of the world have bowed down, yet the peoples remain in evident drunkenness. Out of pure bounty have We given this answer. Fix thy gaze continually upon this verse which was previously revealed in one of the Tablets: “This is not the day for questions. It behooveth everyone, when hearing the Call from the Supreme Horizon, to arise and say: ʿHere am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, O Desire of the knowing ones!”’ We have revealed unto thee that whereby the eyes of the people of the cities of knowledge and wisdom have been solaced. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

We make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who was named Hasan in the Kingdom of Names. O Hasan! Thy name was present before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. From this far-off spot, hear the Call from the direction of ʿAkka: Verily, there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: My God, my God! All praise be to Thee for having enabled me to witness the signs of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and all thanksgiving be unto Thee for having made known to me Thy path, O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy utterance and the light of Thy proof to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that neither the oppression of them that have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs, nor the doubts of such as have turned away from Thy horizon and have uttered that at which the dwellers of Thy Paradise and the inmates of the tabernacle of Thy majesty have lamented, shall hinder me. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH00575: O friends of God in Shin and Ha! Hearken…

In the Name of the One True God!

O friends of God in Shin and Ha! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in luminous speech. He hath indeed mentioned you before in eloquent language, and He is the Omnipotent, the Mighty. The peoples of the world have been debarred from the Lord of Names by the doubts and intimations of the leaders, and have been deprived of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Revelation. Had the servants but witnessed with their own eyes and hearkened with their own ears, they would have attained unto that which hath been and ever shall be the cause of exaltation. This Wronged One counseleth you to fear God and to that whereby His Cause, the firm, the impregnable, may be uplifted. Put not your trust in every speaker, nor be assured by every visitor. Conquer the citadels of hearts with the hosts of deeds and character. God, exalted be His glory, hath relinquished sovereignty unto the kings, and hath made hearts the dawning-place of the radiant lights of the Sun of Revelation. This is His practice in this Cause, and ye shall never find any change or variation in His practice.

We beseech God to aid His Majesty the sovereign in protecting His flock and safeguarding them from the wolves of the earth. A just sovereign possesseth a great station in the sight of God and occupieth an exalted rank. By the life of God! The most excellent garment for the temple of sovereignty is the garment of justice. It is the supreme adornment and the most resplendent robe.

O my God, my God! Adorn the temple of the sovereign with the ornament of justice and his head with the crown of equity, that the horizons may be illumined by his light, his station, his manifestation and his effulgence.

One pearl of utterance revealed from the treasury of the Pen of the All-Merciful is greater, more precious, and more valuable than all the treasures of the earth and its jewels. Every person of insight beareth witness, and every person of hearing is aware of that which hath been mentioned. Implore ye God to aid and strengthen the sovereign. On several occasions he protected the oppressed from the wickedness of the oppressors in the lands of H and M and K and T. Were they to become aware of the purpose of this Revelation and the will and desire of God, exalted be His glory, they would arise to aid the Cause. This is the truth, there is no doubt therein. The Most Great Book of God beareth witness to this in the most exalted station.

O people of God! Defile not your hearing with unseemly utterances, and preserve your sight from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings. The unjust ones of the world have assailed this Wronged One from behind the veils like unto wolves, and with the sword of falsehood and calumny have sought to attain unto a station which God, exalted be His glory, hath sanctified from their comprehension. They have appeared with the utmost tyranny and injustice, and are occupied with misleading the hapless creatures. But for the Glory (Baha), who would arise before all faces? But for Him, who would raise up the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting? But for Him, who would proclaim with the most great call betwixt earth and heaven?

Have they not beheld the waves of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance, or have they not heard the Most Great Word from the most exalted horizon? At all times the call hath been raised and the divine testimony hath appeared before all faces, and yet they are debarred from the Self-Subsisting Lord by their vain imaginings. This is that momentous news the mention of which hath been revealed from the heaven of God's will in all former and latter Books. Well is it with the people who have recognized its station, who have attained unto its days, and who have aided His Cause with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Woe unto them that have turned away, unto the heedless, and unto the forsakers.

Glorified art Thou, O Light of the horizons and Illuminator of hearts and minds on the Day of Separation! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy most exalted horizon, by the manifestations of Thy grandeur amidst all beings, by the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee, and the tears of the sincere ones, and by Thy Cause through which Thou hast subdued the nations, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed the world, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, and to write down for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty, the ocean of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Ibrahim, that he may hear Thy most sweet melody and be of them that render thanks. O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of God, the True Sovereign, the Just, the Manifest. Verily it hath been raised up in truth from this most exalted Station, as a command from the presence of an All-Wise Ordainer. In each letter thereof lieth concealed an ocean of meanings and utterance. Blessed is he who hasteneth and draweth nigh, and taketh therefrom a cup in My Most Glorious Name, detached from the kingdom of creation, and drinketh thereof at one time in remembrance of Me and at another through My Name whereby the limbs of the ungodly have quaked.

O Ibrahim! Behold, then make mention of him who was named Kazim when he sought the place of sacrifice, yearning to attain the presence of the Lord of Names, and offered up his spirit, his body and his wealth in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Then remember him who severed his own head, moved by the rapture of the Divine Call when he was present in Baghdad before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. He sacrificed his life to exalt the Word of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Ibrahim! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. How many souls have offered up their spirits, their glory, their wealth and their comfort in the path of the One True Friend, while the heedless servants have concealed the mention of the deeds of these holy souls and these knights of the field of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, and instead make mention from their pulpits of the sacrifice of the previous Dispensation, taking pride therein. Say: O heedless ones! How long will ye remain deprived of the lights of the sun of justice and prevented from the waves of the ocean of equity? Beware lest these fleeting days withhold you from everlasting bounties, and beware lest this world occupy you from the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. Say: Cast aside the people and what they possess, and take what hath been given you from the presence of God, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ibrahim! Reflect upon the Most Great News and its grandeur, and likewise upon the heedlessness of those who have turned away among the people of the Bayan. Verily, he who stood before the Divine Countenance they have taken as a lord for themselves besides God. Lo! They are among the most lost in My perspicuous Book.

O Ibrahim! Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and illumine them with the light of the manifestations of the Luminary of Divine Command. Today the tree walketh and maketh mention with eloquent speech; the man standeth still while the mountain moveth; from water appeareth fire, and from fire floweth the Kawthar of utterance. What a world this is! God knoweth. We beseech God to assist you to turn unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon thy family and thy children. Verily, We give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of will and bounty, and ordained for them from My Most Exalted Pen. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, illumine him with the lights of My utterance and remind him of My verses. Then send down unto him that which will enable him to soar in this holy, mighty and wondrous atmosphere. O Muhammad! We have made mention of thee before, and at this hour through a perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to do that which He loveth and is pleasing unto Him. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The people of Baha possess, in the sight of God, another station and another bounty, for they behold all besides God as non-existent and as naught. Names deter them not, nor do the doubts and intimations of the peoples of the earth become a barrier unto them. With celestial might have they set their faces toward the Most Glorious Horizon and have hearkened unto the most sweet rustling of the Supreme Pen. The clamor of the world is, to them, more contemptible than the croaking of frogs and the chirping of

ants. They have passed beyond that which pertaineth unto the world and fix their gaze upon that which is with God.

O Muhammad! The oppressors have made God's Cause the object of their derision, their sport and their play. They are occupied with their own desires, turning away from the dawning-places of the lights of the Day-Star of certitude. Thus have their souls deluded them with vain imaginings, and today they are numbered with the dead. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast rent asunder the veils, despite the people of idle fancies, and hast attained unto My choice sealed wine through My Self-Subsisting Name. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon thy children and thy kindred. God will soon raise up from among thy descendants one who will arise amidst the servants and remind them of God's signs at the beginning and at the end.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Khanlar, that the fragrances of remembrance may draw him to the horizon wherefrom hath shone forth the Day-Star of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of them that have knowledge. Say: O people! By God, the Day hath come and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud from the Most Exalted Horizon. Draw nigh and be not of the heedless. Beware lest the books of men debar you from the Lord of creation, or the doubts of the nations from the Most Great Name. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. That which hath been sent down in truth cannot be compared with the books of the world. He Who calleth between earth and heaven beareth witness unto this. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless ones.

Say: O company of the opposers! Fear ye God, then judge fairly in this Great Announcement. Through Him Who calleth amidst mankind hath appeared God's Cause, His sovereignty, His Manifestation and His power. Were it not for Him, who would summon the people unto the Truth, and who would guide mankind unto His straight path? The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and thy kindred, whose hearts God hath illumined with the light of His knowledge and whose faces with the lights of His manifestation. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have made mention of, and continue to mention, the loved ones of that land, and We counsel them with that which conduceth to the exaltation of the Word of God. The adornment of man hath not been and is not through the riches of the world, but rather through praiseworthy character, goodly deeds, loftiness of purpose and nobility of nature. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness and to illumine them with the light of detachment. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

BH00592: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory!…

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

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The letter from Samandar—upon him be My glory—which he wrote to thee was presented before the Face. He made repeated mention of Andalib—upon him be My glory—and the friends of that land. Praise be to God, all are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and are firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. The Supreme Pen hath made mention of the loved ones of the

land of Qaf in such wise that it would be difficult for those who would enumerate to reckon it. Blessed are they, and theirs is a goodly retreat.

Mention hath been made of Nabil-i-Akbar—upon him be My glory. He hath turned toward the land of Kha for the purpose of teaching the Cause of God. We beseech God to assist him to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and to serve His mighty and exalted Cause. Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One to the rest of them who are in that land. In truth, Samandar hath been and continues to be vigilant over the loved ones. We beseech God to illumine all hearts with the lights of the Day-Star of His Cause. This is that which hath ever been loved and accepted before God. The darkness of the world shall be dispelled through the light of unity, and dispersion shall be changed to gathering, rejection to acceptance, disbelief to faith, and waywardness to supreme guidance.

They made mention of Ibn-i-Abhar—upon him be My glory. We beseech God to assist him and to set him ablaze with the fire of love, that perchance the servants on earth may be enkindled and turn from abasement to glory, and from the realm of extinction to the realm of immortality. O My Name! Although all that was to be said hath been said and all that was hidden hath been revealed, yet it hath profited the servants nothing. All are wandering in the wilderness of heedlessness and error, save whom God willeth. The existing peoples were not and are not worthy to turn to the Countenance of Glory. Throughout ages and centuries they have worshipped and continue to worship the calf. Such is the state and station of most of them.

Mention hath been made of Mirza Aqa—upon him be My glory—and his namesake, and an answer hath been sent down from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance. Not an atom's weight escapeth His knowledge, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist them to do that which is befitting this triumphant day.

The loved ones must consult together by night and day, and hold fast to that which is conducive to the betterment of the world and to unity, harmony and the reformation of the world. What carpet hath not been rolled up, what edifice hath not been destroyed, what glory hath not come to an end, and what sun hath not set! While time remaineth, they must count it as a treasure and arise to serve the Cause of God. Though it is observed with absolute certainty that the existing ears are incapable of hearing, and likewise the eyes are not worthy of beholding. The people have become familiar with vain imaginings and idols. Consider the people of Persia: for one thousand two hundred years they spoke of vain imaginings, clung to vain imaginings, and held fast to their hem.

And after the manifestation of their ignorance and heedlessness on the Day of Judgment, again the people of Bayan cling to and utter the same vain imaginings. Glory be to God! They remain heedless of that which they have witnessed with their own eyes. What, after all, was the fruit of that people's deeds, and what became of them? The world of knowledge is bewildered at the ignorance of those souls. They came from the world of ignorance and unknowing, and to the world of ignorance and unknowing do they return. Beseech ye God that perchance in this world of darkness—that is, the world of such souls—a star might dawn forth, that they might see and find.

Concerning what was mentioned about dear Sharif—before the exaltation of the Cause, the laws of the Apostle of God (may my spirit be a sacrifice for His sake) remain valid and binding, except for such deeds as would cause commotion. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to that soul and give him glad tidings that his deed hath been accepted and confirmed in the Most Exalted Horizon. Well is it with him, happy is he.

We make mention of Khalil, upon him be My glory, and We recall the days when he attained Our presence, heard the Call, beheld the Most Exalted Horizon, and dwelt in the vicinity until the irrevocable decree came for his departure to the land of Qaf. We testify that he attained that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His nephew and other relatives have all been and continue to be remembered before the Wronged One. We have mentioned them in verses and given them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy which have encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-ʿAbdu'l-Husayn and the handmaiden of God, upon her be My glory. Several months ago a decree was revealed from the Supreme Pen regarding this matter, and apparently it has not yet arrived. Praise be to God, before the arrival of the decree, that which was befitting was done. Jinab-i-Ismu'llah J, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, presented the details before the Most Holy Court. Blessed is he and joy be unto him.

The loved ones, especially those adorned with the distinction of rank, should strive to the extent possible to assist in the affairs of the friends and their completion. We beseech God to aid them and grant them success in that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Mention of Jinab-i-ʿAndalib, upon him be My glory, was made at first from the Supreme Pen. Now, as he was mentioned again at the end of the letter, We make mention of him. By the life of God, We have previously mentioned him in terms that no thing can equal, nor any treasure among treasures—nay, all the treasures of the world. We beseech confirmation and success for him, that he may attract the dejected souls in the dusty earth through the mention and praise of the Lord of Names, and teach them to soar.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Haji Baba Kulih-Darrih, upon him be My glory. We heard mention of him and turned toward him that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O Baba, the people of the Bayan are seen to be more lost than the previous faction. They have regarded the divine counsels as if they never existed. That which was revealed in the Persian Bayan and which all were commanded to follow, they have attributed to corruption. They possess neither sight nor hearing of their own, although in most passages the Point (the Bab) states "Look upon Him with His eyes and hear with His ears"—and this passage specifically refers to this Manifestation. Yet with the transgressors it has been abandoned and rejected. O Baba, convey greetings to the friends of the village on behalf of the Wronged One and give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness. Verily He is with His accepting servants and with His steadfast servants.

That which was written concerning Hakim Ilya was observed. That which was revealed specially for him and the other friends of the letter Ha and Mim was such as caused decayed bones to quiver and

bestowed eternal life. Let us see what will appear from the people of that land and what fruit it will yield. Make mention of the teacher and his associates and all the members of the household on behalf of the Wronged One, that they may drink from the chalice of remembrance and be set ablaze with the fire of the love of God. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them with truth and dispatched them unto thee that the servants of the earth may be mindful thereof. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Munificent. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My friends, and upon them that have quaffed the cup of faithfulness before the faces of men and have drunk therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. The Cause is in God's hands, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O My leaves and My handmaidens! The letter that was sent hath twice been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the glances of His loving-kindness have been directed towards you. Praise be to God, ye have partaken of the waves of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance and have been illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Manifestation. Ye have heard that for the hearing of which the world was brought from nothingness into being. Know ye the value of your stations. I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the most exalted horizon of existence, there hath been ordained for those men and women who have turned unto God, who are devoted and are attracted, that which the descriptions of the people of the world and the mentions of nations fall short of and are powerless to recount. Well is it with you and pleasant is it for you.

We beseech God to assist all to occupy themselves with the mention of the Goal of all the worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance, and to transform separation into the light of unity and accord, that the hearts of His servants may be adorned with the holy words "We are God's." The world is deprived while ye are triumphant. In its primary rank, poison hath destroyed all in the inmost essence, yet they perceive it not. We beseech God to illumine hearts and souls with the lights of the Day Star of love and unity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We make mention of Our loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath appeared for them from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless. O My loved ones! The Wronged One maketh mention of you through verses the like of which cannot be found, and We mentioned you before in such wise as to attract the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. A letter hath come to hand in the Most Great Prison in the name of My handmaidens, written by him who hath turned unto the Supreme Horizon and hath drunk the cup of reunion from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, the Munificent.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the backs of the idolaters were broken and the pillars of the idols were shaken. He is assuredly among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist His loved ones with the angels of the unseen and the visible world and to aid them to triumph in His Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My loved ones and My friends, and upon them that love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH00654: The Epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He is the One Who speaks from His Most Exalted Horizon.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One that He might draw all near unto God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. That which was hidden in God's knowledge and veiled from hearts and eyes hath been revealed. The Day hath come, yet the people have denied God's proof and His evidence, following every heedless rejected one. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and committed that which hath caused the near ones to lament. They have done what they were forbidden in God's Book and abandoned what they were commanded. They are indeed among those who have violated the Covenant and the pledges.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear God and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Behold, behold how the Sun speaketh before your faces and calleth you to its praiseworthy station. Fear God and deny not Him Whose appearance was heralded in God's Books of old and yet to come, and of Whose praise the Messengers have spoken.

O Husayn! The Wronged One calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison and consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee. Thy Lord is verily the All-Patient. He biddeth thee to be patient and steadfast, and He is the Commander over what was and what shall be. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of ʿAkka. Verily, it speaketh in every condition that there is no God but Him, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Beware lest the happenings of the world grieve thee or the doubts of those who have denied God's Book and His Manifestation cause thee to slip. They, verily, perceive not. Take hold of the Book with the strength from God. He commandeth thee to righteousness and godliness, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. He hath appeared and revealed that which draweth people nigh unto His extended path. Arise to serve the Cause, then mention Him with wisdom and utterance in such wise that hearts and souls are attracted thereby. Beware lest the clamor of the people or the veils of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed prevent thee.

Say: By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come at the return with a Cause before which ranks and hosts cannot stand. Say: This is the Day ye were promised in the Books of old, and of which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, gave you glad tidings in His words:

> "The Day when people shall stand before the Lord of the Kingdom."

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of the people understand not. This is the Day of turning unto God, but the people have turned away from it. They have forsaken their God and followed their desires. They perceive not. They have denied God's favor after its appearance and rejected His signs after their revelation. The Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Exalted Horizon beareth witness to this, yet the people hear not. By God's life! Had they heard, they would have hastened to a station whereof every atom proclaimeth: The Promise hath come, and this is the Promised One.

Verily My Most Exalted Pen desireth to make mention of His Afnan who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion through God's irrevocable decree. We testify that he hearkened unto the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and attained unto that which the honored servants have attained, acknowledging His oneness and His singleness and that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His exalted station. He hath, at the time of his ascension, purified him and forgiven him as a token of His grace, and hath ordained for him in the most exalted Paradise a station that thoughts and minds cannot comprehend. Blessed art thou, O My Afnan, for that which befell thee in the earliest days.

Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He hath witnessed what befell thee and preserved thee through His sovereignty until the promise was fulfilled and that which was ordained for thee in the Preserved Tablet came to pass. O Abu'l-Qasim! Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of His Prophets and His chosen ones, and the glory of them that circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. The first wave that hath risen from the ocean of grace from the presence of the Ancient King be upon thee, O thou who hast held fast unto the cord of grace in the days of God, the Lord of the Kingdom. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times a mercy from His presence and to ordain for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken on this darksome night, as bidden by God, the Lord of all being. We are God's, and unto Him shall we return.

We have turned from the Arabic tongue to Persian, that all may comprehend the meaning and come. O Afnan! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen. At all times doth the world display its own scroll and proclaimeth with the most exalted call its own evanescence, counseling and advising its people. Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear its call, for if man would truly observe and perceive the changes and vicissitudes of the world, he would find himself reposing upon the throne of tranquility, would return from extinction to everlasting life, and would set his heart upon supreme glory rather than utter abasement. The world and all that is therein would not change him. Praise be to God, there hath been ordained for you that which hath no peer or likeness. The Blessed Tree hath mentioned you among the Afnan and hath accepted you. This is a great bounty and an exalted station. Preserve it in the name of the one incomparable Powerful One. Your station is to promote and teach the Cause of God. This Wronged One hath, from the earliest days, extolled the mention of the Afnan. The Sacred Scriptures and revealed Tablets bear witness.

Reflect upon the tribulations and afflictions that have befallen the Wronged One. From the earliest days He arose before the faces of all men, both rulers and divines, and summoned all, for the sake of God and without any veil or covering, to the most sublime horizon. The purpose of His rising was to exalt the Word, and of His call to draw creation nearer to the Lord of the seen and unseen. It is clear and evident to the people of insight and the companions of the Most Great Vision that in no matter did He seek any purpose for Himself. To this testify My deeds before the faces of the world and the rising of My call amongst the nations.

When the effulgences of the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of the heaven of manifestation, all parties arose in opposition and protest, and brought about that which none but the True One knoweth. Glory be to God! From the people of the Bayan there occurred that which hath rendered the Pen powerless to mention. Some have objected to the mention of Divinity and Lordship. Say: O people of the

Bayan! By the life of the All-Merciful! He desired no mention from among all mentions except for the drawing near of the servants and their turning to God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Silence hath been beloved and still is beloved by the Wronged One, for ears worthy of this call are rare in this day. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. However, His Holiness the Herald, that is to say the Primal Point, states at the beginning of the Bayan:

> "He Who speaketh in every condition, verily I am God, there is no God but Me, the Lord of all things, and all besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me."

Likewise, in reply to one of the Letters of the Living, regarding Him Whom God shall make manifest, He saith: "Verily, I am the first of them that worship Him." He hath repeatedly made such statements. By the Sun of Truth! Were it not for His mention, this Wronged One would have chosen silence in these matters, save for those who are worthy. Glory be to God! The understanding of the people of the Bayan is observed to be lower than that of the people of the Furqan, for that party accepted the words "Verily, I am God" from the Tree, while this group accepteth not these words from the Tree of Being and the Lord of the seen and unseen. Those who cast doubts through such words—their purpose is evident and manifest before God. Verily He is the Concealer, the All-Patient, the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: Nothing escapes His knowledge and no matter is beyond His power. He witnesses and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O My Afnan! We beseech the Most High to assist you, to strengthen you, and to ordain for you that which will gladden hearts and bring joy to eyes. And at the end of this Tablet We counsel you with that which is the cause of elevation and advancement, namely consultation in affairs. Should you consult with the honored Afnan, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy, in your affairs, this would be well-pleasing and acceptable before God. God will soon set right your affairs and draw you near unto Him and reveal to you that which was hidden from the eyes of the beholders. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Convey to all the kindred My greetings on behalf of the Wronged One. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My Afnan who have not broken My covenant and My testament and who have acted according to that which was commanded in My perspicuous Book. The command is God's, the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

BH00669: This is a Book which the Most Merciful hath…

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

This is a Book which the Most Merciful hath sent down from the heaven of proof to manifest His testimony amongst His servants and His evidence throughout His realm. He, verily, is the Truth, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hearken unto the Call from the direction of My Most Great Prison. Verily it hath been raised in truth and summoneth all men unto the straight path of God. This is the Day whereof Muhammad, the Apostle of God, gave glad tidings, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him He Who conversed with God. Yet the people are in thick veils. This is the Day whereon the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over all

creation and the waters of life have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it, taken thereof and drunk therefrom. Woe unto the heedless!

The Promise hath come to pass and He Who conversed with God upon the Mount is seated upon the throne of Revelation, calling all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. When the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of the countenance of the Ancient of Days, the divines turned away and perpetrated that which caused the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise to lament and every fair-minded, clear-sighted one to cry out. These are the servants of whom the All-Merciful spoke in the Qur'an: they exchanged the favor of God for disbelief and led their people to the abode of perdition. Through their turning away the people turned away and denied Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries.

Thus doth My Most Glorious Pen recount unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Say: O concourse of men! Be fair, by God, the Lord of Power. If ye deny this Most Great Bounty, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Bring it forth then and be not of the wrongdoers.

This is the Day whereof the Apostle of God gave tidings, saying: "The Day whereon all men shall stand before the Lord of the worlds," and of which the Primal Point gave glad tidings, saying when mentioning His Name: "I, verily, am the first to worship Him."

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have heard what was therein and have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of God's favor, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We had held back the Pen for a long period, but when the appointed time came, We caused the Trumpet to sound, and it is My Most Exalted Pen, and We have revealed unto thee that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, shall endure.

Consider the people of the Qur'an. They awaited the days of the Manifestation, yet when He came with the truth, they pronounced sentence of death against Him. Thereby did the Tablet and the Pen lament, and the foundations of the Primal Word were shaken. Thus did their souls prompt them. They are, in truth, among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Blessed is thy letter, for it hath spoken the truth and testified to the oneness and singleness of God. Thy Lord doth witness and see, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. Through Him was raised the standard of unity and the banners of detachment, and all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

Verily, when thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and been drawn by My call unto the kingdom of My utterance, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me through Thy most great signs, from which everyone possessed of perception perceiveth the fragrance of eternity. Glory be to Thee for having caused me to hear the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen and shown me Thy signs and most sublime words. I bear witness, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over the kingdom of earth and heaven. Through Thy name the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" was raised. I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven and Sovereign

of the Kingdom of Names, by the power of Thy Will and the manifestation of Thy Purpose, and by the Beloved through Whose advent the heavens of Thy might were honored, and by the Spirit whom Thou didst raise to the horizon of Thy Cause, and by the Rod that vanquished the swords and through which the stars of Thine enemies were dimmed and Pharaoh and his hosts were drowned by Thy might and power, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, such that names shall not prevent me from drawing near unto Thee, nor shall the gulf of idle fancies debar me from turning toward the shore of the ocean of Thy mercy.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, the dawning-places of Thy revelation and the daysprings of Thine inspiration, to ordain for me what Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who were not frightened by armies nor weakened by the power of the mighty. They stood before the faces of enemies declaring "God is our Lord and the Lord of the exalted throne."

O My Most Exalted Pen! Set aside the eloquent tongue and warble in the luminous language. We testify that by thy movement spirits took flight and the Dove of Utterance sang upon the highest branch of possibility. The veil hath been removed and the Lord of Creation hath come with the banners of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue the call of the Wronged One. First, the delay in reply was due to wisdom, and when the time came, that which is the immortal Kawthar for the fair-minded and the Salsabil of life for the thirsty was sent. Verily all affairs are in His hand and within His mighty grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

From the earliest days, this Wronged One addressed the faces of princes and divines with the most exalted call, and summoned all, without any veil or concealment, to the supreme horizon, the most exalted summit and the ultimate goal. In those days the limbs of the world trembled and were disturbed by the oppression of the transgressors. Surely that honor hath heard that a special Tablet was sent to each of the kings, including the Sovereign of Iran, and there befell this Wronged One that which caused the people of the cities of justice and fairness to weep. When some rays appeared from the horizons and a measure of assurance became evident, souls who were hidden behind the veil rushed forth with the swords of malice. By the life of God! They committed that which caused the tears of the near ones to flow, and they said that which the ancients never said.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon! The eye was created for beholding and the ear for hearing, yet all are veiled and deprived save whom God willeth. The deniers of the Bayan have clung to the cord of the former people and walk in their footsteps. We make mention of one word that ye may drink from the ocean of knowledge and partake of the lights of the sun of wisdom, and ponder upon matters until that which is now hidden may be revealed.

For twelve hundred years and more, the Shi'ih divines, whose number cannot be reckoned, were unaware of the Manifestation while still in the loins, and all were heedless of this most great Cause. Not one among these divines attained unto the truth. Now again Hadi-i-Dawlatabadi and certain other souls who have never had, nor now have, any knowledge of the Cause, desire to afflict the people with the delusions of the past. It behooveth you and the people of truth—those who have truly partaken of the

choice sealed wine and attained unto the recognition of the Lord of Revelation—to protect the people from the delusions of the heedless ones, namely the deniers of the Bayan, lest these delusions resurface. The martyrdom of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—was caused by the calumnies of the past. We beseech God to assist thee, that perchance thou mayest guide those who wander in the wilderness of heedlessness to the lights of the Day-Star of certitude. We ask God to help thee and aid thee in serving His firm, impregnable and mighty Cause.

Concerning what thou didst ask about sleep—praise be to God—it is evidence of thy devotion, steadfastness and support.

And concerning His statement "First, this group must be removed"—the intention was Hadi-i-Dawlatabadi and the heedless souls gathered around him, but their removal was and is to be through the swords of wisdom and utterance.

God willing, thou wilt arise to support the Cause, detached from the world and holding fast to the Most Great Name, and protect the helpless servants from the evil of that heedless one. They must reflect upon that which hath appeared and ponder the loss of the former people and their wretchedness and all that proceeded from them. If thou becomest aware, thou wilt find thyself seated upon the throne of certitude and assurance in this Most Great Revelation. Today is the day of service and the day of assistance through counsels and exhortations, for strife, corruption and contention have been forbidden in this Revelation. Now must thou, trusting in God and committing thy affairs unto Him, guide the servants to the highest horizon through remembrance and praise. This is not difficult for God. Then wilt thou find thyself detached from all else and arising to serve His Most Great Cause and His Mighty Message. Assuredly God, exalted be His glory, will deal with thee as He deemeth best.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's bounty, the Lord of the worlds, be upon thee and upon those whom neither the doubts of the divines nor the hints of the jurisprudents, nor the threat of the oppressors have deterred.

BH00753: Praise be fitting and worthy unto the Lord…

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

Praise be fitting and worthy unto the Lord of all desires, Who confirmed that soul in turning towards Him, in drawing nigh, in rendering victorious aid and in teaching His Cause, and Who, through His blessed word "The Kingdom is Mine," made manifest the tokens of the Hour and the mysteries of the Resurrection. His is the praise and the glorification, His the gratitude and the splendor. From the first days thou didst turn unto Him and didst drink from the cup of confession before the faces of the chosen ones and the wicked. With complete steadfastness thou didst arise to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. In days when vain imaginings deprived all from the Most Exalted Horizon, with the finger of certitude thou didst rend asunder the veils of idle fancy, and with the arm of assurance thou didst break the backs of the idols. We beseech God to aid thee at all times with wondrous and fresh confirmations, that He may render all thy deeds as a single remembrance before thy Lord, and that there may waft from them that which shall guide mankind unto Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Some time ago, Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, forwarded thy letter to the Wronged One. We found in it that which caused the countenance of love to smile. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O thou who hast drunk the wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, it calleth thee as a grace from His presence and maketh mention of thee as a mercy from His side. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Samandar! Reflect upon the power of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise upon the manifestations of suppositions and idle fancies. The Most Exalted Herald, the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—hath declared: "I have written the essence concerning His mention: He shall not be known through My allusions, nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan." Would that they had comprehended this one utterance and held fast unto it! Given this decisive and binding word which, as attested by God, is the essence of the Bayan—is it permissible that the people of the Bayan should today remain veiled and heedless of its Revealer and Sender? Every fair-minded person in these days chooseth silence that he may hearken to the flow of the Supreme Pen, from which the fragrance of God's Cause is diffused. The Primal Point in the highest realm uttereth the blessed words "Verily, I am the first to worship."

Say: O people! Fear God, behold His horizon, then hearken to His call. His mention cannot be confused with the mentions of the world, nor what hath appeared from Him with what hath appeared among the nations. The heaven of divine proof is today adorned with the suns of wisdom and utterance and the stars of commandments and ordinances. Turn ye unto them and be not of those who turn aside. This Most Great Revelation hath ever been all-encompassing, not encompassed. The Herald hath mentioned that which hath no likeness or equal, and from His own manifestation and appearance His supreme purpose was to exalt this Word. This is mentioned in one station, while in another station "None knoweth it save Him." This is the truth, there is no doubt therein. By God, the Truth! This Most Great Cause and Supreme Proof hath never needed anything to establish Its manifestation. The ocean of utterance is manifest before the faces of all religions, and the sun of proof shineth resplendent above all heads. The Ultimate Tree appeareth with wondrous and sublime fruits and fresh and delicate leaves. Say: Cast aside that which withholdeth you from God, the Lord of all worlds, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by One powerful, knowing, and wise.

Today the Bayan is contingent and dependent upon the acceptance of this Most Great Revelation. Verily We sent down for Our Herald that which brought solace to the eyes of God's Books, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. We sent it to Him, and when it came before Him and He read it, He was so transported by the breezes of revelation that He soared wholly in My atmosphere and sought to attain My presence. The verses stirred Him in such wise that no pen and ink, no tongue can ever recount it. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in the final return. We have veiled the root of the Cause to preserve it, as a wisdom from Our presence, and I am the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and shall not be asked of what He willeth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Samandar! The earthworms of clay were never worthy of ascent and soaring, and the former people, namely the Shi'ites, were in truth reared on suppositions and idle fancies. By My life! They were not and are not aware of any matter. Until now the mysteries of revelation are not known. Through a single name

and word did the religion of Islam become weakened and slip away. O Samandar! The Letters of every revelation must be present in the days of manifestation and attain the honor of meeting. Reflect, then conceal, and be of those who preserve. Until now they have not understood the meaning of unity. It behooveth Us to leave off their mention and mention that which causeth the mountains to quake, let alone human beings. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Know ye that mention was made of souls who have desired to turn towards the Most Great Ocean. O Samandar! Eyes and ears that are worthy and capable of witnessing and hearing are as rare as red sulphur. Yet there is hope that through your sincerity and arising to serve the Cause, the Word may penetrate and guide the servants to the highest horizon. We beseech God to aid them to understand the Shi'ih faction and their deeds and words that oppose God's Cause, for if any soul attains to this station, he will find himself firm and steadfast, such that names will not hold him back from the Truth, nor will the false tales of the past deprive him. Make mention of each of the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One. All are and have been beneath the glances of His favor. We beseech God to assist them to promote His Cause with wisdom and utterance, and to send down upon them from the heaven of His bounty that which will draw them nigh unto Him. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

When thou art stirred by the rapture of My call, turn towards My direction and say:

My God, my God! Thou seest my turning unto Thee, my clinging fast, my orientation and my attachment. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Firm Handle and by the hem of the robe of Thy bounty, O Lord of all beings, and by the light of Thy Cause whereby earth and heaven were illumined, to make me at all times turned towards Thy horizon, speaking Thy praise, and promoting Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Bestower. O my Lord! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, then open the doors of their hearts with the keys of Thy bounty and generosity.

O my Lord! Thou seest them wandering in the atmosphere of perplexity and error. Deliver them through Thy name, the All-Powerful, and save them through Thy name, the Almighty. Then aid them, O my God, through Thy signs and evidences, make known to them Thy path, and teach them that which will raise them to the heaven of Thy might and acceptance. Thou art verily the Omnipotent Whom the veils of the transgressors cannot withhold, nor the turning away of the opposers, nor the gloating of the gleeful. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou didst mention meeting with Haji Mirza Abu'l-Fadl. O Samandar! In the days when the Most Great Luminary was dawning and shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Land of Mystery, after the sending of Tablets and the revelation of verses, Mulla Isma'il sent a letter to the servant who was present, wherein he acknowledged and confessed his recognition of Him Whom God shall make manifest. Then he uttered these unworthy and unbecoming words, saying that were he to proclaim this station in the Land of Qaf, Mulla Hadi would cut off his bread. Consider now how the Most Pure and Abha Hearing could receive such words. Yet for the sake of God, We heard them and commanded patience and forbearance.

A most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent in response to Aqa Siyyid Musa, upon him be the Glory of God, that he might find therefrom the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

BH00815: O He Who is named of God, upon him…

O He Who is named of God, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the Trustworthy

O My Name! We make mention of Our loved ones in Ta and give glad-tidings to those who have turned towards and taken hold of the Book of God with such might that all the Pharaohs and tyrants of the earth and every remote oppressor were powerless to prevent it. We have lit the lamp of knowledge in the niche of utterance through Our command, and We are, verily, the Ordaining, the All-Wise.

O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto My call, for it will draw you nigh unto the horizon from which hath shone forth the Luminary of God's tender mercy, the Lord of all worlds. We have kindled the fire in the midst of the world that it might set ablaze the hearts of them that have drawn nigh and attract the hearts of such servants as were overtaken by heedlessness until they turned away from God, the Sovereign of this wondrous Day.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory. That which thou didst send hath come before the Wronged One, and the All-Glorious hath read it before My face. We have answered thee through this mighty Tablet. Blessed is he who hath made mention of thee and sent thee a letter that spoke of My remembrance and bore witness to him who sent it unto thee. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

His letter came before Us aforetime. We read it and revealed for every name mentioned therein that which will draw him nigh unto the highest pinnacle. To this doth this momentous announcement testify.

O ʿAyn-Qabil-Ta! Hear My call time and again. It will draw thee unto My kingdom and cause thee to soar in this refined and luminous atmosphere. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion, and blessed is My handmaiden whom We named the Mother of the Near Ones in the Crimson Book by the Most Exalted Pen from the presence of One mighty and ancient. We make mention of thee and those in thy household with such remembrance as to attract the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. We make mention of thy brother who was named Rahim in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We counsel him and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and godliness and whatsoever will exalt the station of man in the contingent world. Exalted is the Most Merciful Who hath made mention of His loved ones and aided them in that which will draw them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

We make mention of My two leaves and give them the glad-tidings of My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all things, and My tender care which hath encompassed both small and great.

O Leaf! Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. We speak the truth when We say that thy daughter hath attained unto such bounties in the Most Exalted Paradise as the understanding of the peoples of the world hath not and never shall comprehend. Be thou gladdened by God's favor. Set not thy heart upon the abode of tribulation. Fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon and upon that which God hath ordained for His loved ones. One verse revealed from the Most Exalted Pen is worth a hundred thousand times more than the most noble offspring, for that which proceedeth from God shall endure throughout the sovereignty of earth and heaven. The fragrance of the All-Merciful from His utterance hath never

been and shall never be cut off. Rejoice thou in this most great favor, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

O Shukru'llah! Thou hast attained unto that which the champions of the earth, its horsemen, princes and divines were debarred from attaining. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beware lest the world and its vicissitudes, its glory and favors, debar thee from God, the Lord of all worlds. All that thou beholdest today shall perish. Take thou that which shall serve as a light unto thee, an illumination, a helper and companion in all the worlds of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Having taken the cup of My loving-kindness and drunk therefrom the choice wine of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Thou seest me advancing towards that whereunto Thou hast bidden me turn, clinging to Thy Most Firm Handle, and awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy, O Lord of all being and King of the throne above and the earth below.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy love which hath enkindled the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and by the wine of Thy utterance which hath attracted the hearts of Thy loved ones and so transported them through the potency of Thy Word that they hastened unto Thy good-pleasure—neither were they held back by the ranks of the oppressors from turning to the light of Thy countenance, nor by the might of the aggressors from drawing nigh unto Thy station—to assist me to serve Thee and to exalt Thy Word. I moreover beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Educator of the nations, by the movement of Thy finger and by that which hath flowed from Thy Pen, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and enable them to do that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

O My Name! The letter from Ghulam, upon him be My glory, was seen. Mention of him hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, yet it reached him not. The servant in attendance before Our face did, as commanded, dispatch a detailed letter, which likewise did not arrive. Glory be to God! From the day that Abu-Jahl entered this land in the name of Muhammad, there occurred a delay in the sending of Tablets, and of those that were sent, some did not arrive, including the Tablets of Aqa Ghulam-ʿAli from the people of Kaf, who attained Our presence and heard the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and drank the most glorious wine from the hands of bounty.

A package of Tablets was also sent from the land of Ta in the name of Amin, upon him be the glory of God, which did not arrive, and likewise the Tablets which you specifically sent for the honored Rashti, upon him be the eternal glory of God, these too did not arrive. Now send the Tablet which was revealed several months ago specifically for Ghulam from the heaven of the Divine Will and which is available. Mention of the people of that household, all of them, hath been and is before the Wronged One, and We have also commanded the servant in attendance to send copies of what has not arrived.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou dwellest in the vicinity and reposest beneath the canopies of grandeur. Thou bearest witness to the abundance of writing. In truth, outwardly there is no opportunity—groups are constantly engaged in writing, yet the answers to most remain delayed. Say: O Ghulam! By the life of God, thou and those with thee have been and are mentioned. From the beginning of days there hath been revealed that which is the cause of everlasting mention and eternal bounty. O Ghulam! Repeatedly make mention of the kinsmen from the Wronged One, and likewise the

loved ones of that land. All are mentioned and have attained God's favor. Say: O My loved ones! Be ye united and in accord. Each one must be so enkindled with the fire of God's love that its effects encompass the earth. The water of life is God's utterance, as are His evidences. Strive that perchance the people of the world may attain eternal life through this everlasting fountain and illumine creation with the light of wisdom and utterance.

Verily, We make mention of Jalal as a favor from Us, and We have adorned him with the ornament of Our signs, and We have sent down that which cooleth the eyes of the servants. Convey My glorification unto his face and illumine it with the lights of My wondrous utterance.

At the end of the Tablet We make mention of the leaf Narjis and give her the glad-tidings of God's favor. Thy petition arrived and at this hour, two hours past nightfall, it attained unto hearing before the Face. Praise the Goal of all creation that He heard thy call and at that moment the answer was revealed from the heaven of bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! And thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones! The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have not violated God's Covenant and His Testament, whom the power of the world hath not weakened and whom the hosts of the nations have not frightened. They have turned with radiant faces unto the Supreme Horizon and have said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having aided us to turn unto Thee, to hearken unto Thy call, and to recognize Thy straight Path and Thine unshakeable and mighty Cause."

BH00855: Blessed are they who have found shelter beneath…

He is God, exalted be His glory, wisdom and utterance!

Blessed are they who have found shelter beneath the Sadratu't-Tuba, and happy the state of those servants who have drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed are those men whom the might of the mighty hath not withheld from the All-Possessing, the Most High, and blessed are those loved ones who are illumined with the light of certitude and repose beneath the Tree.

Blessed is that company who have detached themselves from the world and who gaze toward the horizon of the Will of the Ancient Lord, and blessed are those companions who were and are vigilant in executing the commandments of God—who fast at His bidding, who eat with His leave, who arise in His service, who speak forth His praise, and who breathe with His love. Blessed are the lovers who have traversed the horizons, land and sea, and have attained the supreme summit and ultimate goal.

Blessed is that company whom the parties of the world have not prevented from hearing the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. Joy be to those souls who are adorned with the dust of prison. Blessed are those feet that have attained to this land and inhaled from its atmosphere the fragrance of divine verses. And blessed are those souls who have borne tribulations in the path of the peerless Friend—they are the mountains of God's grace, glorified be His majesty.

O people of God! Today the Luminary of utterance is shining forth and the ocean of the Most Merciful's mercy is surging. Happy the state of the soul that hath attained and been adorned with steadfastness. Blessed are those servants who in this wilderness have uttered the blessed words "Here am I, O God of the worlds," and blessed are those men who have drunk from the Kawthar of this land and reposed beneath its trees.

Blessed are the wayfarers who, on this day—the ninth day of the month of fasting—have been gazed upon by the Most Great Luminary from the supreme horizon of the world and been illumined by Its rays. Joy be to those emigrants who, with permission, set forth and bore the hardships of travel until they attained to that which was recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book.

A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who are expectant of the Cause and who have borne the burden of fasting for the sake of God, who have been content with little and have forsaken much in the path of the All-Informed. An ocean of mercy be upon those souls whom the idle fancies of the world have not prevented and whom the veils of the peoples have not withheld from drawing nigh—who with the arm of certitude have shattered the barriers of doubt and turned toward the supreme horizon. An ocean of light be upon those servants who have aided the Cause of God through their deeds and character.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My Glory and loving-kindness! These are the days of fasting, formerly designated as the Month of God. We beseech the True One to aid all to observe that which hath been revealed in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. The mention of each one floweth forth today from the tongue. Give them glad tidings from the Wronged One and illumine them with the lights of thy Lord's utterance, the Kind, the All-Merciful. O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the One, the Single!

The letter of Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be My Glory, which he wrote to thee was noted. We found it adorned with the mention of God, His loved ones and His chosen ones. Well is it with him! He hath spoken the truth, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. He made mention of Mirza Ali-Akbar, upon him be My Glory. Praise be to God, they have drunk from the choice wine of certitude and have turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. The dust of idle fancies prevented them not from the Lord of all beings.

We make mention of Muhammad who hath attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to strengthen him and aid him with the hosts of the unseen. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The clamor of the world held him not back from the Ancient Lord. They rent asunder the veils and shattered the idols. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in that which will draw him nigh unto Him and to ordain for him that which He hath ordained for His near servants.

At this hour We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-ʿAli, and We remind him of My verses and give him the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy. Verily, he hath attained unto that which was recorded by the Pen of Revelation in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath turned and attained. We beseech God to aid him in reforming the world and guiding the peoples, and to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention of him whom We named Habib'u'llah in the world of creation and in the Book of Names, as a command from Us that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all beings and Creator of the heavens, for having mentioned me time and again and honored me with that which nothing in existence can equal. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy grace, and by the station which was honored by Thy presence and whereon was established the throne of Thy grandeur, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

We make mention of him who loved Me and attained My presence and circled round Me and spoke My praise, and We give him the glad tidings of God's grace and mercy. Verily, he was named Husayn in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords. O Husayn! The Wronged One mentioneth thee at this time with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say:

> "Unto Thee be thanksgiving and praise, and unto Thee be glory and splendor, O Thou Who art the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth."

Blessed art thou and blessed is he who heareth thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and this Cause at which the limbs of the evil ones have quaked.

O Muhammad! The letter from ʿAbdu'l-Husayn concluded with mention of Amin. Verily, We make mention of Husayn and We make mention of Amin who hath attained to the service of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath mentioned My loved ones with manifest humility. In all his letters he hath spoken in praise of the friends of God, beseeching divine grace and loving-kindness for each one.

We beseech God to aid him, that through the light of detachment he may become the cause of unity and concord. Blessed is he who uniteth hearts and souls. Whosoever acteth in this supreme service for the sake of God is recorded in the Book as one of the people of Baha and the companions of the most exalted Paradise.

We convey Our greetings to the friends of God in the Land of Ta and its surroundings, and counsel them to that which will exalt the Cause of God. O people of Baha! With the hosts of wisdom and utterance, summon the peoples of the world to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Dispel the doubts and vain imaginings of the past, and strive that perchance the loved ones of this Cause may not be afflicted with that which afflicted the people of former times throughout the ages.

They claimed truth, yet ultimately pronounced the death sentence. Now too the deniers of the Bayan walk the same path, clinging to doubts and vain imaginings. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the evil of those who behold the Sun yet deny it, who see the signs yet turn away therefrom. They are indeed in manifest loss.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon him and upon those who have migrated in My path and have attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Exalted Seat.

BH00888: The Epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He is the Comforter, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, that the breezes of Revelation might draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon and strengthen him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and minds have melted, save those whom God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Purpose of all that hath been and shall be, hath willed.

O thou who gazeth toward the Horizon of Revelation! Hear what the Speaker of Sinai uttereth in this praiseworthy station. Verily there is none other God but Him, the One, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Loving. We have mentioned thee and thy father aforetime in such wise that your remembrance shall endure throughout the worlds of dominion and kingdom. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor the clamor of humanity frighten thee, nor the doubts of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed prevent thee. Cast aside the people and what they possess through a power from Us, and take hold of the Book of God with such strength that neither hosts nor ranks shall hinder thee. Thus have the spheres of wisdom and utterance revolved by command of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have desired at this time to make mention of him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who chose for himself a path unto God, the Lord of existence, and believed in Him when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and who drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of his Lord’s bounty, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

O Rajab-ʿAli! Upon thee be the glory of God, His loving-kindness, His mercy and His grace. Thou hearest and beholdest thy mention from the Ancient Pen in this Most Great Prison, and the Wronged One’s establishment therein through what the hands of those who disbelieved in God and His signs have wrought, who denied His proof and broke His Covenant by following every ignorant rejected one. I testify that thou didst turn unto Him when every heedless and veiled one turned away. Blessed art thou, for the Tongue of Grandeur hath moved to make mention of thee in this station round which circle the Concourse on High and the angels brought nigh.

I testify that thou didst hold fast to the cord of the Cause in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the turning away of those who turned from Him Who in every condition proclaimeth “There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved” could deter thee. Thou art he whom neither the hosts of princes frightened, nor the doubts of divines, nor the gestures of jurisprudents. Thou didst turn and hear what the Son of ʿImran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. Thou didst fulfill God’s Covenant and His Testament, and acknowledged what He revealed in His Book. Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned

toward the lights of the Countenance, who speaketh My praise amongst the servants, who hath clung to My robe and held fast to My stretched cord.

Thou art he whom the might of the people did not weaken. Thou didst speak in the innermost heart what none save God, thy Lord, knoweth, and bore witness to that which the Desired One bore witness, and didst achieve that which none of the ancients achieved, save whom God, the Lord of the Frequented Fane, willed. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, the light gleaming from the direction of immortality, and the fragrance wafting from the garment of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men, be upon thee, O thou who didst attain the knowledge of God when the parties held back therefrom. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who remembereth thee by what hath been sent down at this time from God, the Lord of all men.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times a mercy from His presence and a breeze from the fragrances of His garment. Verily He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

Listen with the ear of thy spirit to the Wronged One's call in the Persian tongue. Perchance thou mayest succeed in serving His Cause and protecting the peoples of the earth from former vain imaginings. Perchance the light of unity may shine forth from the horizons of men's hearts, and all may attain that for which they were created from nothingness into being.

One word is mentioned for the sake of God, that perchance it may become a barrier between the manifestations of fancy and the dawning-places of the Sun of certitude, and they may understand that which preserveth souls from the conjectures of the heedless, the doubts of the infidels and the cawing of the croakers. How many were the divines, mystics and jurists who in past ages and centuries were occupied with the mention of God and, with utmost humility and supplication, besought from the All-Possessing the appearance of the Most Great Luminary. At dawn their tears would fall and their sighs would rise, yet when the days of His manifestation appeared by the will of God, exalted be His glory, and the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine Will, all turned away. Not content with mere rejection, they proceeded to cut down the Blessed Tree with the swords of their idle fancies. And now the divines of Persia openly curse the Truth from their pulpits without any veil or covering. They have committed that which no faction in the world hath ever committed.

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and arise to serve His Cause with such steadfastness that no agitation may shake it. Reflect upon the deeds, actions and words of the former people. He verily will aid thee and enable thee to hold fast to the Straight Path of God and His Great Announcement. We counsel thee with that wherewith God hath counseled His loved ones in His Book. He is, verily, the Sincere Counselor, the Trustworthy. Behold the Tree and its fruits, the Sun and its radiance. This blessed word hath repeatedly been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Hold fast unto it and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, and my Support, for having guided me unto Thy path from which most of Thy creatures have turned away, and for having given me to drink of Thy sealed wine through Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and for having caused me to hear Thy sweet call and the rustling

of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause that hath encompassed earth and heaven, by Thy power before the faces of the princes, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance in the kingdom of creation, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, arising in Thy service, and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants with wisdom and eloquence. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance, convey to all who are related the greetings of the Wronged One and perfume them with the divine revelations. Today the Truth, exalted be His glory, is manifest and His Cause evident. He hath mentioned each one with a mention that is enduring and everlasting. We beseech Him to aid all to that which beseemeth His Day. This Day hath been and is unlike all other days. All the Prophets gave glad tidings of this Day, and likewise did all things. Blessed are they whom neither the tales of the past and future prevented from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance, nor did the rejection of the rejectors and the opposition of the oppressors hold back from turning to the Truth. His is the praise and the glory, His the bounty and bestowal. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH00945: This is a remembrance from Us unto him who…

In the Name of Him Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven!

This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto Him Who is the One Remembered, when the Promise came to pass and the Promised One appeared with manifest sovereignty. This is a Day wherein none save Him is mentioned. To this testify the Books of God, both of the past and of the future, and this mighty Tablet. This is a Day wherein the Ocean of Utterance hath surged and the Horizon of Knowledge hath shone forth, inasmuch as the Ancient King hath mounted the Most Great Throne and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the highest branches. The Owner hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant who standeth before His Face hath presented it. We answer thee with verses which, when sent down from the heaven of proof, all the books of the earth bowed down before them. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in every condition, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. Be thou a speaker of My remembrance, turn thy face unto the lights of My countenance, hold fast unto My cord, and arise to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have caused thee to hear, and have acquainted thee, and have shown thee, and have guided thee unto My straight path. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, and my Support, for having called me unto Thyself and given me to drink the cup of Thy presence from the hand of Thy bounty, and made me turn toward Thy most exalted horizon when the learned ones of all the earth turned away therefrom. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, and by the Name through which the Ship of Utterance hath sailed upon the ocean of names, to make me in all conditions a speaker of Thy praise amongst Thy servants, in such wise that neither the assault of the Pharaohs nor the power of the tyrants shall prevent me. Verily, Thou art

powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

We had made thee hear the verses of thy Lord in a perspicuous Arabic tongue, and now We desire to make thee hear them in a wondrous Persian tongue. If the people of the earth were to become aware of the greatness of this Day and the greatness of this Cause, all would detach themselves from all else save God and turn unto the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared before the faces of all peoples. The vain imaginings of men have debarred them from the Lord of all days. Every group hath clung to an idle fancy and hath been deprived of the light of the Sun of certitude. For twelve hundred years and more they have occupied themselves with cursing and reviling one another. Fellowship and unity have vanished while discord is evident. Each party hath chosen a way for itself and each people hath devised a path. Were ye to count the ways of vain imaginings, ye could not reckon them.

Verses have been sent down in such wise as to encompass the world, and the evidences of His banners have been raised high and made manifest in the Tablet to Ra'is and the Surihs to the Kings. The power of the Most Exalted Pen and the potency of the Most Sublime Word are clear and evident to them that are endowed with insight and them that dwell in the Most Great Paradise. From the beginning of the Cause this Wronged One, alone and without any veil or covering, called out with His loudest voice unto the rulers and ministers and divines and jurisprudents and philosophers, summoning all to the Most Sublime Horizon. Nevertheless, the heedless and ignorant servants have not awakened nor drunk from the ocean of knowledge.

From the beginning of creation until now no Revelation like unto this hath appeared. To this testify the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. This Day hath ever been specially designated with God. Most wondrous of all is the heedlessness of the servants and the tyranny of them that dwell in the lands. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of the outpourings of the Day of Retribution, nor to withhold from them the hearing of His Word and the beholding of His Horizon. May He open the gate of justice with the key of grace, make manifest them that are endued with equity, and adorn them with the most great steadfastness, that perchance they may deliver the people from ignorance and lead them unto the truth. His is the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We make mention of thy brother who hath been named Mihdi and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all the worlds. O Mihdi! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One. From the earliest days until now He hath been afflicted in the hands of the enemies—that which hath caused the dwellers of the All-Highest Paradise to weep and the inhabitants of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament. This Wronged One biddeth thee ponder upon the Seal of the Prophets. There befell Him that which melted the hearts of them that are nigh unto God and the hearts of the sincere ones. For them that have ears to hear, one verse sufficeth:

> "And there came not unto them any Messenger but they did mock at him."

Reflect upon Jesus, Son of Mary. The tyranny reached such a pass that God, exalted be His glory, took Him up unto the fourth heaven. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One, and sanctify thine ears from

what thou hast heard, and likewise thine eyes. Then with a sanctified ear and eye of fairness, see and hear. The verses are present in every station and the evidences are clear and manifest. Its traces shine forth like unto the sun, yet only the fair-minded are blessed to behold its lights. Today the Speaker on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation and speaketh: Blessed is he that hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless ones.

And in this station We make mention of thy daughter and We beseech God to assist her and make her steadfast in His love. Verily He is potent over all things. O handmaiden of God! The whole world was brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of the Ancient Beauty, and this blessed Day was promised in all the Books, Tablets and Scriptures. The divines of Persia occupied themselves day and night with the mention of the Lord of all mankind, and from their pulpits they uttered "May God hasten His advent"; yet when the world was illumined with the lights of the Orb of His Manifestation, all arose in opposition, and finally pronounced the death sentence against His blessed Person. But thou, through His grace, mercy and loving-kindness, didst turn unto Him and didst drink from the choice wine of His love. Know thou the value of this station and of him who guided thee—that is, the one who showed thee the way and made thee aware. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say:

Thine be the praise, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the glory, O Possessor of bounty, for having guided me unto Thy path, and made me know the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-place of Thy clear tokens, and for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy love through Thy gracious hands. I beseech Thee to ordain for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy handmaidens as have held fast to the cord of Thy commandments and the rope of Thy behests. Thou art He the tongue of grandeur hath testified to Whose power. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be. Verily, unto God do we belong and unto Him do we return.

BH01167: O Asad! Upon thee rest My glory! The letter…

In the Name of the One True God

O Asad! Upon thee rest My glory! The letter thou didst send hath been presented before the face of this Wronged One, and hath been honoured with His hearing. Praised be God Who hath caused His loved ones to drink from the same cup from which the Dayspring of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs did drink. In the land of Ta, this Wronged One was imprisoned with chains and fetters in four cities. These afflictions occurred repeatedly, yet as they were in the path of God, they strengthened the spirit and renewed the body. Though outwardly weakness was apparent, inwardly the Light of Power shone forth, radiant and resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of the heart. Thou and the Khan have drunk from this cup—blessed are ye both!

The oppressors are as children playing with mud. Soon will the hand of power seize them and spread wide the carpet of joy and delight. His might is not weakened by the power and sovereignty of kings, nor is His utterance prevented by the clamor of the heedless and the deniers. His Will is effective and His Purpose all-pervading, despite those who have denied God and His signs. What became of the serpent?

Where went the wolf? Soon shall the oppressors pass from their palaces to their graves, and their earthly glory, wealth and exaltation shall come to an end.

O Ba'i! If the servants would act according to that which hath been recorded in God's Book by the Most Exalted Pen, they would soon attain unto that which befitteth the mercy of the All-Merciful. Convey My greetings to the people of that land. In the days of their distress, God was with them, bestowed tranquility upon them, and delivered this Wronged One. Give them glad-tidings from this Wronged One, that all may attain to joy and gladness. By the Sun of the horizon of proof which shineth from the most exalted horizon of possibility, the true profit is with you, and the reward for what hath befallen you is a treasure with God, preserved in the pavilion of infallibility. Were it to be revealed even to the extent of a needle's eye, mortal vision would be unable to behold it. He Who possesseth the Clear Book beareth witness to this.

Rejoice in God's loving-kindness and His mercy! Be gladdened by God's bounty and His generosity! Soon shall ye be illumined by the effulgences of the light of God's Sun of grace. Reflect upon the heedlessness of souls: love of ornaments hath deprived them of eternal bounty and everlasting sustenance. God's Will is bent upon the reformation of the world. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favour. The primary cause and origin of the world's corruption hath been and continues to be, in the first rank and station, the divines. Throughout the ages they said "yea" to the Truth, yet in the end martyred Him. Inform the friends of this utterance that the greatest joy may take possession of their hearts and souls, and that this world and all that is therein may not hold them back from the Straight Path.

Say: O my God, my Adored One, my Goal! Unto Thee do we turn, to Thee do we cleave, and from Thee do we seek that which conduceth to life eternal and everlasting glory. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, the power of Thy Will, and the potency of Thy purpose, to protect me and Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies who have been so deluded by the world that they have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, denied Thy right, and disputed Thy signs. O Lord! Illumine our hearts with the lights of Thy utterance, then assist us with the hosts of the seen and the unseen through Thy might and power, then forgive our trespasses and our sins through Thy grace and bounty, then send down upon us from the heaven of bounty mercy from Thy presence and blessings from Thy side. O Lord! Transform our sorrow into joy, our poverty into wealth, our abasement into glory, our weakness into strength, and our agitation into tranquility. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

O my father! Know thou with clear certainty that thou art and hast been under the glance of grace. Associate with all the peoples of the world with utmost love and kindness, especially with the friends of God. He hath been and is with thee. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. His grace reacheth thee, He bestoweth strength. He is the One powerful and mighty over all things. Look not at the heedlessness and ignorance of some, but rather hold fast unto that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning kindliness, forbearance and compassion. Verily, He will exalt thee in truth. How beloved it is in the sight of God when a person, for His sake, seeketh not to retaliate but rather

looketh to pardon and forgiveness. Praise be to the Lord of the invisible and the visible, that this Manifest Book hath been revealed bearing thy name and that of His friends.

Another glad-tiding is that at this moment the Sun of Permission hath dawned from the horizon of God's Will. However, thou must be mindful of wisdom. Turn to it whenever wisdom requireth. In most Tablets the decree of wisdom hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will. All must observe it and act accordingly. That which was mentioned regarding hospitality hath been accepted in the Most Holy Court, illumined by the splendors of the Sun of acceptance. Blessed art thou, O Husayn. We testify that thou hast attained unto the mention of God and the service of His Cause, and We testify that thou art among the triumphant ones. Soon will come to you servants who have denied God and His signs. Say: O friends of God! Leave them behind you, remaining steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory be upon you. This is once again a bounty from His presence, and He is the Bountiful, the Generous.

BH01179: Hearken unto the call from the direction…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Most Great Prison, wherein speaketh the Ancient King:

> "Verily, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

He hath come Who walketh upon the horizons of the earth and speaketh before all faces that which draweth the servants nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Euphrates of utterance hath flowed from My Pen, and God hath quickened thereby every mouldering bone. We were seated upon the throne when thy letter arrived. We read it and answered thee with verses whereby the hearts of them that are brought near have been drawn.

The armies of the world have not prevented Us from the remembrance of God, the Founder of nations. Verily, He hath come from the horizon of power with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned toward this luminous horizon on a day wherein most of the people of the earth have turned away, as every assured soul doth testify. The fragrance of verses hath been diffused, the clear proofs have appeared, and the shrill voice of the Pen hath been raised, yet the peoples are in thick veils. Their vain imaginings have barred them from God, the Lord of all worlds.

Blessed art thou for having acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have found in thy letter the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby have slipped the feet of the divines who broke God's covenant and His testament, and pronounced judgment against Him with manifest injustice. Let not the utterances of the doubtful ones, who have disbelieved in God's verses when they were sent down in truth and who have spoken that which hath caused the denizens of the most exalted Paradise to lament at morn and eve, grieve thee.

Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee in the Most Great Prison time and again, and at this moment wherein His Most Great Branch speaketh thy praise and writeth before His face. Verily, thy Lord

is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Be thou a speaker of His remembrance, a bearer of His Book, and a helper of His Cause, the wondrous, through wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Knowing.

Hearken in the Persian tongue! Time and again hast thou attained unto the divine verses and quaffed from the sealed wine, and in the days when darkness encompassed the world thou wert illumined by the effulgent rays of the Luminary of Revelation which shone forth in this radiant morn. His is the praise, His the thanksgiving, His the bounty, His the majesty and glory. There hath been and is no doubt that the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath ever been and is the All-Knowing, the All-Protecting, the All-Encompassing, and the All-Powerful. All affairs are in the grasp of His might. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Yet in these days this Wronged One hath donned the garment of camel's hair, and though the lights of Revelation have encompassed the world, He hath veiled Himself.

Whatsoever hath been announced in the divine Books of the past and future—these are the most exalted of days, and in this station naught but the mention of Divinity hath been made, even as the Seal of the Prophets hath said: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." The Primal Point, at the beginning of the Persian Bayan, declareth: "He verily speaketh in every condition, saying: ʿI am God"' to the end of the verse. And likewise in another station, in speaking of this Revelation, He saith: "I am the first to worship Him."

Today the verses have encompassed the world and the evidences have embraced all things. The ocean of utterance surgeth in the midmost heart of contingent being, and the Sun of Revelation casteth its effulgences from all horizons. Yet vision and hearing are rare. Beseech the Lord that He deprive not His servants of the splendors of the Most Great Luminary. Most of the people of Iran know and are aware that this Wronged One arose with perfect steadfastness before the faces of all the world and summoned all to the Dayspring of divine knowledge and the Dawning-Place of His celestial revelation. With a single pen He struck upon the swords of the world. Blessed are they who have attained unto His grace and recognized that for which they were created from the void of non-existence. O thou who gazest upon His countenance! The Cause of this Wronged One is clear and evident as the sun, yet the heedless servants are occupied with names and remain oblivious of their Lord, as thou dost witness. In most matters We pass judgment according to outward appearances and hold fast to visible means, for this is required by God's consummate wisdom, as is the manifestation in human form.

When thou art enraptured by the wine of My utterance and art raised to the kingdom of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the ocean of Thy grace and enabled me to turn toward the horizon of Thy Revelation, whereby the horizons of the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom were illumined. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will enable me to associate with Thy chosen ones in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou seest the thirsty one hastening to the ocean of Thy mercy, the seeker advancing toward Thy grace, and the silent one drawn to the kingdom of Thy utterance.

I implore Thee not to withhold from me that which is with Thee. Write down for me, O my God, the good of this world and the next. Then forgive me and my parents and those for whom Thou hast desired the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty and favor. Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of Thy name, the All-Merciful, was wafted. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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BH01270: O thou who gazest upon the countenance!

O thou who gazest upon the countenance!

At this time Ghayn Alif Kaf is present and makes mention of you, and We make mention of thee with that which diffused the fragrance of love and affection. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the door of His blessing and grace, and to make thee a standard of His mention among His creatures. Ask thou God to open the vision of His servants and to make them among the people of justice and fairness. Blessed art thou! He is with thee under all conditions, and aideth whomsoever cleaveth unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Samandar! The Most Great Branch hath made mention of thee at this time and brought thy letter into Our presence. We hearkened unto it. Praise be to God that thy manifest and hidden call is raised for the exaltation of the Word. This is of God's grace upon thee. Thy recompense hath not been and shall not be lost, and whatsoever thou hast wrought in God's path hath been recorded in the Book and is preserved from change, alteration and obliteration.

Rejoice thou with this glad tiding: Previously, petitions and letters arrived from that region at the Most Holy Court. The Supreme Pen paused in reply until now. From every direction petitions and letters arrive continuously while time is scarce. However, God willing, in these days answers shall descend from the heaven of loving-kindness and be dispatched. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land. The letter of Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, which he wrote to the servant present, arrived and in these days a reply shall be sent. We have made mention and continue to make mention of Javad, Khalil, their nephew and all other loved ones. Praise be to God, each has attained unto the traces of the Supreme Pen, and mention of all hath repeatedly been made and continueth to be made in the Most Great Scene. Upon them be the glory of God, His loving-kindness, God's grace and His mercy.

The letter of Jinab-i-Darbaghi, upon him be the glory of God, which was sent in the name of Jud, was presented at the Most Holy Court and was seen. Mention was made of a group in that leaf, and at the time of its presentation, the Euphrates of divine mercy was flowing and the rains of grace were pouring down. We beseech God to assist them in deeds which draw them nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Today the faithful must be occupied with the standard of godliness, the banner of detachment, and the hosts of wisdom and utterance in aid of the Cause of the Desired One of the worlds. O Samandar! The Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze in such wise that the worlds of knowledge are powerless to comprehend it; yet the people remain cold. Say: Most of the servants are wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Where is the arm of Thy power, O Desired One of the worlds? And Thou seest them in the desert of hopelessness and error. Where are the breezes of Thy grace, O Deliverer of the worlds?

O Samandar! I complain unto thee of those who attribute themselves to the Wronged One yet perpetrate that which causeth My heart, My pen, and My limbs to lament. Today it hath become clear and evident to most that God's decree in the Scriptures, Books and Tablets is sanctification and detachment. Some in cities and regions have committed that which causeth the limbs of justice to quake and the heart of equity to be troubled. The loved ones of that land must beseech God and supplicate for justice and fairness for those souls. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. By God's life! The wrongs suffered by this Wronged One are beyond reckoning. Every fair-minded person and every discerning scholar beareth witness to this.

Mention was made of his honor Yun Kha, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God that they became aware of that which most of the people of the world are heedless, and turned towards a Cause from which all have turned aside save those whom God willed, and hearkened unto that for which ears were specially created from nothingness. They should render thanksgiving unto God, exalted be His glory, throughout the days and nights.

As to permission for the aforementioned one and two others, there hath never been any doubt that this Revelation hath loved and continues to love the presence of the friends, and seeketh for them the bounty of nearness and meeting, and the feast of revelation and witnessing. However, in this land, following the clamor raised by the previous governor, some discussion hath arisen, as hath been revealed in the Tablets from the Supreme Pen. We have therefore withheld permission for the friends, except for those souls who had previously been blessed with the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of permission. Now, should wisdom require it, they may proceed; otherwise, God shall record for them the reward of attaining His presence in His decisive and perspicuous Book.

Give him My greetings and remind him of that which hath been revealed by My Most Exalted Pen in this lofty station which hath been designated as the Most Great Prison by the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. The Glory which proceedeth from Us be upon thee and upon those whose names thou didst mention, for whom the verses of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, were revealed from the Pen of Command, and upon those women who have believed in the All-Informed Single One and have held fast unto the handle of purity and have attained unto that which was revealed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH01414: The Purpose of the world is to be worthy…

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

The Purpose of the world is to be worthy of mention, but what manner of mention should it be and from whom should it come? There has never been any doubt that mention other than His own is not befitting Him as it should be. Thereby it is established that His mention is acceptable only unto Himself and His utterance is befitting only unto His Essence. According to the pronouncement of the Prophets, upon them be peace and glory, none hath ever fathomed nor will ever fathom the knowledge of His Essence. This statement is complete and every fair-minded one acknowledges it.

Nevertheless, at every moment man witnesses the successive manifestations of His grace and the effulgences of His loving-kindness. His bounty and mercy have so encompassed all things that man can attain unto His knowledge according to his capacity, inasmuch as all created things are, in one station, signs of the knowledge of Him and manifestations of His grace. Of this there is no doubt. His bestowals are countless and His favors endless. In this connection one may say "verily with difficulty cometh ease." A hundred thousand praises, glorifications, mentions and splendors be unto His most holy Being, Who bestoweth without any worthiness on our part. He joineth the East and the West in a single moment and bringeth forth the fruits thereof. This is yet another bounty, another gift, and another favor. Through His will, remoteness appeareth adorned with the ornament of nearness, and through His decree, fire appeareth in the form of radiant light. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him!

In these days, some of His signs have adorned the hearts and souls of a number with joy and gladness. We must arise to thank Him for His grace and open our tongues in praise. In truth, existence is for this very purpose. It would be difficult to find a wing that could soar higher. Gabriel, upon him be peace, spoke well when, according to the speaker, he said "Were I to venture a hair's breadth higher…" Every bounty of His possesseth another bounty, and every grace of His encompasseth another grace. How can one fulfill the obligation of thankfulness save through His grace taking one by the hand and teaching one?

O my God, my God! Withhold not from us that which Thou lovest, and deprive us not of that which Thou hast accepted. I beseech Thee by Thy conquering power to make us content with Thy decree and to enable us to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention and your praise.

The noble letter which followed the Book of Truth arrived. Its arrival was like the flowing of the Euphrates of mercy to the thirsty. Verily the Kawthar of life was evident in the chalice of its words, for it was adorned with the mention and praise of the Truth. I offered thanks and praise, and after perusing it, proceeded to the place where I was honored to hear it read.

O Afnan! O ʿAli! Upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy and His grace. Know thou with certain knowledge that the Best of Inheritors is the Truth, exalted be His glory, and the blessed Word that hath proceeded from the mouth of His Will is the true inheritor and the true son, for this mention in the Book of God is eternal. Neither doth extinction overtake it, nor do the manifestations of Names alter it, nor doth the passage of centuries and ages change it.

We beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to manifest unto you and send down upon you that which beseemeth the heaven of His grace and the kingdom of His bounty. Henceforth, it appears that if the Most Great Afnan, upon him be the peace of God, His mercy and His grace, would honor these lands with

his presence, it would be most fitting and appropriate. If wisdom requireth it, it would be most excellent. Convey greetings to the honored Haji and all other loved ones, and on behalf of this Wronged One mention that from which the fragrance of love and affection is wafted.

Although the grace of the Truth, exalted be His glory, is more evident than the sun and needeth no mention, yet one loves these mentions, namely, whatsoever pertaineth to the realm of love, affection and purity. I beseech and supplicate the Truth, exalted be His glory, to preserve the honored master and your honor under His protection and shelter, and to bring near the days of reunion. This supplication is easy to fulfill before the Generous Lord and is accompanied by acceptance.

God is witness that during the nights and days I await meeting them, and I seek help from the Truth and desire His response. I remember all other masters and loved ones, offer them greetings, and beseech His grace and protection for all. Verily our Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Responding. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you, who love you and who hearken unto your words for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

BH01449: O Samandar, upon thee be My glory! His honor…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

O Samandar, upon thee be My glory! His honor ʿAli, who hath repeatedly circumambulated the House, hath sent thy mention to the Most Holy Court, and likewise that of the friends in that land. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto the effulgences of the lights of the Orb of nearness, and hath been blessed from the chalice of meeting. He constantly seeketh a portion for those who are related, assured, and detached. Therefore, at this moment, from the Most Exalted Pen floweth the Kawthar of remembrance and the Salsabil of utterance, that every possessor of love and detachment may drink thereof. We beseech God to aid all and adorn them with steadfastness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! The letter of His honor Abdu'l-Baqi, upon him be My glory, was seen, and every letter thereof testified before the Face to his turning unto God, his certitude, and his steadfastness. Blessed is he, and joy be unto him, and joy be unto him! He is remembering and praising, and his daughter is engaged in service and circumambulation. Well is it with her! We beseech God to aid her, prosper her, and ordain for her what shall be best for her in the Hereafter and in this world.

O Abdu'l-Baqi, upon thee be My loving-kindness! Convey My greetings to His honor Akhavi, Mashhadi, and Abdu'l-ʿAli. All are mentioned in the Most Holy Court and have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to ordain that which is the cause of nearness, comfort, and salvation. Be not grieved by worldly events. Say: My God, my God! I know not what profiteth or harmeth me, nor what guideth me to Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain for me what shall profit me in Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Mention of His honor Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be My glory, was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen some time ago. God willing, he shall attain unto it. O Ali, Qasim's letter was seen. He hath desired wings that he might soar, hath sought spiritual sustenance that he might gain strength, and hath beseeched

precious pearls from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen that he might attain unto true wealth and spiritual riches.

O Qasim! ʿAli sent thy letter to the Most Holy Court and repeatedly sought a reply, that thy mention might flow from the Most Exalted Pen. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto this most great bounty, hast heard the call from before and after, and hast drunk from the cup of meeting. Preserve this station. The friends of that land must arise to serve, that is, to guide the people of the world to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they that act!

Mention was made of His honor Javad, upon him be My glory, in the letter. Verily, We have mentioned him and those with him in numerous Tablets. My Books, My Scrolls, and My Writings bear witness to this, and beyond them, I am the All-Knowing Witness. Divine favor hath encompassed them; from the beginning of the Cause until now they have been occupied in service and have attained unto grace. They have ever been and are beneath Our glance. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

O Javad! We have mentioned thee graciously, and thy son, and those with thee. Convey greetings to each one from the Wronged One, and after the greeting, utter these words: Blessed art thou, for the lights of the Countenance have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, and joy be unto thee for having attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Ahmad! Hear My call, that it may draw thee to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, We have mentioned thee and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of My love, as a grace from My presence, and I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The Glory be upon thee, upon thy father and mother, and upon My handmaiden whom We named ʿAzziyyih, and upon the handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

We make mention of ʿAli-Akbar and give him the glad tidings of My acceptance, My remembrance, My loving-kindness, and My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. And We make mention of the wife of him who was named Muhammad-Quli. Verily, We have mentioned her in a Tablet that hath no equal among what the people possess. Every informed one beareth witness to this.

O My handmaiden, upon thee be My glory! The Trusted One, upon him be God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds, mentioned thee when he was before the face of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. We have mentioned thee with a mention whereby the hearts of the mystics have been attracted.

O My handmaidens in My lands! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Night and day, We have mentioned and continue to mention those men and women who have turned unto God and are unified. We beseech God to aid all to deeds whose light shall not set and whose fragrance the centuries and ages shall not alter. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken from this far Prison.

BH01701: The Greater Branch hath appeared with thy letter at…

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

The Greater Branch hath appeared with thy letter at the All-Luminous Horizon, wherein the Lord of Destiny speaketh forth the hidden mystery through which the Hour was made manifest and the moon was cleft asunder. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We have heard thy call and have brought forth from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance, as a mercy from Us upon thee and upon those who heard and responded when the Call was raised from the Most Exalted Station. We have remembered those who believed in the letters Ha' and Mim, and gave them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all things. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O Abu'l-Fadl! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison once again. Verily it draweth thee to My Kingdom and imparteth unto thee that which attracteth the hearts of My servants. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. That which He desired hath appeared and been made manifest, a command from His presence. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto His cord and acted according to what hath been sent down in the Book. We make mention of Our loved ones there and remind them of Our verses and give them to drink from the chalice of My utterance and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of mankind. We have remembered them before with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the dominion of My Kingdom and My sovereignty. The Mother Book with Him beareth witness unto this.

O people of God! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of My Most Great Prison. Verily it preserveth you and giveth you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest ye be saddened by the deeds of him by whom the dwellers of the cities of My justice have lamented at eventide and at dawn. Verily those who claim to believe yet commit that which they were forbidden—these are among the people of error in the Book of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. We have counselled all in that whereby the stations of man are elevated in the contingent world and the Word of God is exalted amongst the religions. Among the people are those who have acted upon that which they were commanded, and among them are those who have turned away and committed that which hath caused the Leviathan of utterance to writhe in the dust.

We make mention of the children of the Friend and counsel them in that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. Take ye, O My loved ones, the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and follow not every ungrateful infidel. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq. We have forbidden conflict and contention, and have commanded all to fear God, the Lord of creation. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings, holding fast unto that which he hath been commanded in the return.

We have remembered you before with verses that cannot be equalled by all the treasures of the earth. Hasten unto the good-pleasure of God, then act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Books and Tablets. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Wronged One was established upon the throne of wisdom and utterance.

O Abu'l-Fadl! We have remembered thee time and again, and given thee to drink repeatedly. Be thankful and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind! I beseech Thee to protect me from the evil of those who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament, and denied Thy proof when it was sent down in truth. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Chosen One.”

Know thou moreover that whosoever layeth claim to a Cause, he is a lying impostor. My Most Holy Book, which hath been sent down from My holy Kingdom as a favor unto the righteous, beareth witness unto this. Blessed art thou for having uttered My remembrance, turned unto My face, held fast unto My cord, and stood firm in the service of My Cause in My days. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thine eyes may be consoled thereby and thy heart may rejoice, and that the people may be reminded of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance of thy Lord, the Subjugator of the winds. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and responded and have said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all created things!”

BH01692: Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I acknowledge Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I bear witness to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and to that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will in Thy Most Manifest Book, which informed the people of the Great Announcement and gave them glad tidings of meeting with Thy manifestation on the Day of Judgment through Thy words “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.”

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy favor and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Ordain for me that which will strengthen me to act according to what Thou hast informed me in Thy Book. I testify that Thou hast sent the Messengers and revealed the Books for the guidance of Thy creation and to draw them nigh unto the precincts of Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones and Thy friends.

I beseech Thee, O Educator of all beings and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the luminary of Thy generosity, and by Thy Beloved One Whom Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy names and the Dayspring of Thy attributes and the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy Will and the Ocean of Thy knowledge and the Heaven of Thy wisdom—through Whose advent the heavens of Thy nearness were honored, and by Whose name the standards of misbelief were lowered among Thy servants and the banners of unity were raised in Thy lands, and through Whom the dawning-places of infidelity and vain imaginings wailed and the smile appeared on the countenance of faith, and through Whom the sun of manifestation shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz and the pillars of hypocrisy were shaken in all regions, and through Whom Yathrib trembled and the valley flowed and the Kingdom of Names was adorned—to make me in all conditions one who celebrates

Thy praise and speaks of Thy remembrance and bounty among Thy servants, and who acts according to that which Thou hast commanded me through Thy generosity and munificence.

O my Lord! Thou seest the sinner hastening to the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the thirsty one to the Kawthar of Thy nearness, and the poor one to the treasury of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Will and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued Thy earth and Thy heaven, to ordain for me that which will preserve me from self and passion. Verily Thou art the Protector of all mankind and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal and my Object of worship! Send Thy blessings upon the Lord of the world and the Educator of nations, through Whose manifestation the stations of the Names appeared in Thy kingdom and the expressions of the attributes among Thy creation, and upon His family and His companions through whom Thy sovereignty and power were made manifest and the decree of unity was established among Thy creatures, and who strove in Thy Cause with true striving and aided Thy religion with true aid. Thou hast said concerning them—and Thy word is the truth—"Honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do as they are bidden." And in another place: "Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God." I beseech Thee by them and by the lights of Thy Throne not to leave me to myself and my will and desire.

Then I beseech Thee by Thy might, O God of all beings and Goal of all things, to make me one of those who desire naught except what Thou hast desired for them through Thy bounty, and who have made their wills extinct in Thy Will and their desires in Thy Desire. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing in all things can prevent Thy will. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou are the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

Alas! Alas! O my God, if Thou shouldst withhold from me the Euphrates of Thy forgiveness and the ocean of Thy mercy, who would show mercy to me and forgive me? Alas! Alas! I have abandoned what Thou didst command me and committed what Thou didst forbid me. By Thy might! Despite my acknowledgment of my grievous sins and great transgressions, I testify that they all are as nothing before the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy pardon and the sun of Thy generosity. Thou knowest and seest that this servant hath naught save weakness and weeping. Have mercy, O my God, on one who hath raised the hands of hope to the heaven of Thy favor and hath turned with his heart to the horizon of Thy pardon. Verily Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH01765: Praise be sanctified beyond the comprehension and minds…

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

Praise be sanctified beyond the comprehension and minds of all, befitting the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence of the Intended One Who, in days when darkness had encompassed the world, kindled the fire of His Cause and adorned the pavilion of His glory with the lights of His countenance. He protected the lamp of His power from the diverse winds of the world, and no clouds or veils could

conceal the Sun of His Manifestation. At all times He speaks forth "The Kingdom is God's" and at the heart of contingent being He proclaims "The Sovereign has come." The events of the age and the opposition of the people of Iran did not prevent Him from His purpose nor hold Him back from His will. On His right the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" is raised, and on His left the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" is unfurled. Glorified be His greatness, exalted be His sovereignty, and triumphant be His power. There is no God but Him.

O My Afnan, O Abu'l-Hasan! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and purify thy heart from the dust of sorrows that have befallen thee with the water of God's remembrance. Though the tribulation that has occurred is grievous, yet patience and forbearance are greater in the sight of God. He is indeed the All-Patient and has commanded His servants to observe gracious patience. We make mention of the Afnan who has ascended unto God, for whom the ocean of forgiveness surged and the rain of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Generous, poured forth. At his ascension God adorned him with the ornament of forgiveness, as a grace from His presence—and He is the Ancient Bestower of Grace.

Convey My mention to all the kindred and counsel them to patience and forbearance. Today is the day of remembrance, praise and service to the Cause. The loved ones, especially the Afnan, must occupy themselves with teaching God's Cause and exalting His Word. That which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the Afnan shall endure as long as God's names and attributes endure. You must preserve this most exalted station, for heedless souls lie in wait in various ways to utter words that would cause people to deviate from the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. If only they knew the foundation of the Cause! Verily thy Lord knoweth and concealeth—He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The world is a manifest Book which in every moment mentions and reveals its mysteries. Therefore its events do not hold back the people of insight and the companions of the Most Great Vision from what God hath willed. You must arise with the utmost joy and fragrance as befitteth. None knoweth what shall come to pass hereafter. Soon there shall appear that which will gladden thee, draw thee near, and acquaint thee with what was hidden from sight. In outward matters, the command to consult hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen; thereafter, placing thy trust in God, hold fast to it and proceed accordingly.

When thou receivest My letter and findest from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path, and mention of me in Thy Most Great Prison before the faces of the world, and glory be to Thee for having revealed unto me what Thou hadst concealed from most of Thy creation. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and purify me from what beseemeth not Thy days. Then forgive me through Thy grace and generosity. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to open before my face the doors of Thy mercy and blessing, and to ordain for me the good of this world and the

next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

BH01840: Exalted be His majesty, all-pervading His bounty, and great…

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon.

Exalted be His majesty, all-pervading His bounty, and great His power! He has named the prison the Most Exalted Horizon and designated the lowest station as the supreme height. The renowned scholar whose name was celebrated like the sun slipped from the path and returned to his place, while He made the unknown ignorant one succeed in attaining the ocean of knowledge. God doth as He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. With Him is the Mother Book.

Ha, Sin: Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness! Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly been blessed with the loving-kindness of God and the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Thou didst aim for the ultimate goal and through the assistance of the Lord of all beings, thou didst arrive and witness and hear. Praise be to Him in all conditions for His infinite and countless favors.

Glory be to God! Vain imaginings have prevented the servants from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Veils thicker than before have appeared and intervened. The cause and reason are the veils of the past. In early Islam there were certain souls who were occupied day and night with fabrications, as became clear and evident to every person of insight at the appearance of the True One on the Day of Judgment. Their condition has become the cause of the veils of Hadi of Dawlat-Abad, although he was and is unaware of the root of the matter. This ignorant oppressor speaks the same worthless words as before and is occupied with organizing a party similar to the Shi'ih party. It is not known what he has understood and what he has intended and what he has comprehended of the fruits of the Blessed Tree.

If the servants would, through divine assistance and heavenly grace and mercy, observe with their own eyes what has appeared from the Most Exalted Horizon, they would instantly enter another world and find that which would free and liberate them from all else besides God. But the recompense of their deeds has seized them all. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servants in the pit of vain imaginings. Where is the arm of Thy power, O Thou the Goal of the worlds? O Lord! Assist Thy creation and disappoint them not of the wonders of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One and the Greater Branch submitted it. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. We have found from each of its letters the fragrance of My wondrous and glorious love. We beseech God to assist thee and make thee successful and to exalt thee through the truth. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And We make mention of the leaf, thy wife, and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the mighty throne. O my leaf! Rejoice, then be gladdened by My mention of thee. Reflect upon the loving-kindness of God. He confirmed thee and enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Source of verses. In days when the divines, rulers and mystics of the earth are heedless and veiled, this is the greatest of bounties and the supreme loving-kindness. Thank thy Lord for this

manifest grace and say: Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the world, and glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of the heavens and earth!

O Ha qabl-i-Sin, upon thee be My Glory! Convey My greetings to my brother, upon him be My Glory. They intended to journey and attain Our presence. This matter depends on the requirements of wisdom. If wisdom permits, they may come; otherwise We shall decree for him from Our Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Our presence. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My loved ones there who have heard and turned and responded and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the exalted throne!"

BH01943: O Haydar-ʿAli, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness…

He is the One Who speaks with truth and is manifest through grace!

O Haydar-ʿAli, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The Book of Certitude is being reviewed and corrected according to the command. I complain unto thee of those who attribute themselves to Me yet commit that which causes My lamentation, crying and wailing to rise up. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up souls worthy of serving this Most Great Cause and Mighty Announcement.

The Shi'ih world was administered through lies and calumnies, and now after the removal of the veils of glory and the veils of error, such calumnies have emerged that no ear in creation has heard their like. The Greater Afnan, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—that is, the honored Uncle—while in Iraq asked certain questions in My presence, and that which was revealed in response became known as the Epistle to the Uncle, and later as the Book of Certitude. The journey and exile of the Wronged One is mentioned therein. Nevertheless, in the Land of Sad [Isfahan] it is reported that some of the followers of the tyrannical Dawlat-Abadi attributed it to another station. Fie upon them and those who followed them without any proof from God, the Lord of the worlds!

Some time ago, through the Afnan, a telegraph message reached Our presence from ʿAli, upon him be My glory, requesting your journey to the Land of Shin [Shiraz], and from the Source of bounty it was granted. However, after arriving in that land you must act with the utmost wisdom, in such way that none will find cause to speak. If you meet the loved ones, convey to them the greetings from the Wronged One.

In these days Shaykh Salman requested certain Tablets and forwarded petitions from some believers. Replies were revealed and sent. Jalal of Nayriz attained Our presence and was blessed with bounty. We beseech God to assist all to do what is befitting and worthy. The petitions of Rafi'-i-Badi' and ʿAbdu'l-Hamid and another, upon them be the glory of God, reached the Most Holy Court. God willing, replies will be sent. We beseech God to assist them to serve the Cause and manifest what befits My days with wisdom and utterance. He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Nabil of Qa'in, upon him be My glory. O Haydar-ʿAli, that which has been ordained for the steadfast and devoted souls is such that the tongues of all created things are powerless to describe. Soon they shall witness that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth while seated upon the throne of prison through what the hands of the oppressors had wrought.

Ghulam, upon him be My glory, is remembered in the Most Holy Court. He has migrated and hastened until he arrived and attained. This is My testimony for him. We beseech God to assist those who have arisen to help His Cause and exalt His Word, and to confirm them in that which will elevate them in all His worlds. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

If you meet the people of Nun and Ra, upon them be My glory, convey greetings. The devoted ones must know their station and preserve it in the name of God, for if today something is lost, its recovery will be most difficult. We beseech God to make them enkindled with the fire of His love, detached from all else, and holding fast to His Most Strong and Mighty Cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01985: O Jamal, upon thee be the Glory of God…

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

O Jamal, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Repeatedly hath thy mention been made, verses revealed, evidences manifested, and the Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned from the horizon of bounty and the light of grace hath shone forth.

Glory be to God! The Sun of certitude is shining from the highest horizon of the world and the Dove of Utterance is warbling upon the loftiest branches. Nevertheless, the people are occupied with calumnies and speak forth falsehoods. The lies of the past have come forth and what was rent asunder hath been replaced by that which is even more grievous.

The unfair Dawlat-Abadi hath turned from the sweet and flowing waters to fetid pools, and hath clung to calumnies instead of the revealed verses. Unwittingly he hath done what the former party never did. At every moment some discord appeareth and some cawing is raised. The former party for years had beseeched and yearned for His manifestation from God, exalted be His glory, yet when they found the gates of meeting opened, consider what they did and what they said. In truth the pen and tongue are ashamed to mention it. And this heedless man, namely Dawlat-Abadi, speaketh and uttereth the vain imaginings of that party. He hath again afflicted these ignorant servants with the calumnies of the past and continueth to do so. It is not known by what proof he professeth belief in the Primal Point while turning away from the path of God. In any case, heedless souls were not and are not worthy of mention.

We beseech God to assist the loved ones to accomplish that which will cause the exaltation of His blessed Word. We ask God to open upon thy face and upon those who love thee for the sake of God the gates of loving-kindness, ease, grace and bounty. Verily He is the Lord of all names and He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, seeking the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou didst send down the heavenly

table to Thy servants and caused the rain of Thy mercy to shower upon Thy creation, to send down from the clouds of the heaven of Thy generosity upon this servant of Thine a blessing from Thee and a bounty from Thy presence and a mercy from Thy side. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey My greetings to him who was named Husayn who attained Our presence and won the victory when the Wronged One was in the Most Great Prison through what the hands of the heedless had wrought, and to My loved ones who have not broken My covenant and My testament. We make mention of thy family in this station and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness—the greatest loving-kindness and the most mighty bounty concerning her was that the Hands of the Cause of God, exalted be His glory, assisted and aided her and caused her to attain His presence. It behooveth thee and her and him who was named Hubu'llah to thank your Lord night and day. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The honored Ibn-i-ʿAttar and Buzurg, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness, have attained and circle round My throne in My days, entering by permission and departing by permission. Blessed are they both. We beseech God to assist them to stand firm in this mighty Cause.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon whoever heareth thy words concerning this Most Great Cause whereby the limbs of the nations have quaked. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02024: 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 name Jamal and Samandar (upon both of them be My glory) which they sent to you was seen. The fragrance of sincerity, love and steadfastness was outwardly and inwardly diffused therefrom. They have drunk the wine of grace and bounty from the cup of the favor of their Lord, the Most Glorious, and have attained that which was hidden from all eyes and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Book.

That which was mentioned therein regarding the affairs of the Shaykh (upon him be My glory) attained the glance of grace. We beseech the All-Bountiful to send upon them the rain of His bounty and mercy and to open before their faces the gates of eternal blessing and favor. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Lord of the mighty throne. That which flows from the Supreme Pen has appeared and shall appear. Verily He is powerful over all things.

According to what was mentioned, His name Jamal intended to send an answer to the most noble authorities regarding the question he had asked. This is not permissible. In this matter silence is preferable. What is necessary are words that cause assurance and trust, and even that only if the occasion arises. If something were written now it would cause agitation and lead to expansive imaginings, therefore it is not permitted. If an occasion arises, words expressing humility, submissiveness, love and

resignation would be good and acceptable at the Sacred Threshold. Otherwise speaking without occasion is not permitted.

What is now necessary and what all must focus on is teaching the Cause with wisdom and utterance, and in such manner that it does not cause the spread of corruption. The presence of His name in that land day by day is also beloved, for if the stay exceeds the bounds of moderation it will surely cause talk. Glory be to God! Although God's will in this Revelation is clear and evident to all, still they mix their own knowledge with the ignorant fabrications of the calumniators.

In any case, some days ago verses were specifically revealed for Jamal from the heaven of favor. We beseech God to assist him through what was sent down from the kingdom of His wondrous utterance.

O Jamal! In all conditions look to reconciliation and to that which brings tranquility. His Majesty the Sultan, in two instances, outwardly protected this community from evil ones through the hosts of justice and fairness—first in Ha and Mim, and again in the land of Kaf. In truth he did that which befits justice and fairness. Therefore all should be content and thankful. In all conditions remind the believers. The Supreme Pen in scriptures and tablets has forbidden all from that which saddens hearts, let alone oppression, transgression and corruption. We beseech God to adorn His loved ones with the ornament of love, fellowship, harmony and unity, and to illumine them with the lights of the luminary of justice. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those with thee, and those who love thee for My sake, and upon those who hold fast to good deeds and cling to the hem of righteousness, as commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH02111: Praise be to God, the news of your arrival…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the greatness and power

Praise be to God, the news of your arrival in Beirut was received with joy and fragrance. This news became the cause of great happiness, as many of the circling ones were made glad. Praise be to God in all conditions. In truth, from the breath of utterance wafts the fragrance of reunion. It gives strength to the spirit and joy to the heart. In this evanescent one's opinion, its power is greater than the supreme remedy. After reading and becoming informed, we approached the Sacred Threshold and made mention. He said:

> "We beseech God to aid them in remembrance and praise, and to exalt them through His might and sovereignty. Verily, He is powerful over all things."

End quote.

The mention of the Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty, has been and continues to be made. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant the blessing of presence and ordain reunion. It is the deeds of the people of earth that have caused dispersion and separation. I beseech God that, despite every heedless and ignorant one, He may grant the Afnan a dwelling place and refuge in the shade of the Blessed Tree, and that this servant too may attain. The honored letter, along with the letter of the

honored Haji Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, and the petitions of all arrived. God willing, each shall attain their reward. Verily, He loves the doers of good.

To the Afnan, his honor Aqa Siyyid Muhsin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, I convey greetings and seek for him that which endures with the permanence of God's kingdom, fixed and established. Likewise to Haji Muhammad Rida, upon him be the glory of God, I convey greetings. He is mentioned in His presence. To the beloved of the heart, Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be God's grace and mercy, and the other friends, upon them be God's peace and bounty, I make mention. God is witness that whenever the name of each is mentioned, joy and delight are felt. But from what and whence is this joy? By the life of our Beloved, all is from sincerity and love and affection and unity. The illumination of the world is from the light of love, else darkness would seize and destroy all. It is the primary director in the world. Glory be to God—it is the source of two opposites, namely death and life. None but God truly knows His power. He possesses all attributes. Blessed is he who has attained unto Him and in whom are the signs of his Lord.

Finally, this servant beseeches his Lord—and entreats Him by His Prophets, His chosen ones, His friends, by Him whom He has made the emblem of His power in His lands and the banner of His might amongst His servants, and by His family and companions—to ordain for your honor and His servant that which will draw us near to Him in all conditions and gather us beneath His shade and in His presence. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Unconstrained. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02096: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the might and majesty, the grandeur and power, the glory and praise. He Who hath come with the truth is verily the Ocean of utterance unto all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the heaven of bounty unto all who are in the world, and the Most Great Sign among all created things. Through Him was broken the seal of the choice sealed Wine, and revealed were the mysteries of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Through Him wafted the sweet savors of the Divine Appearance and blew the breezes of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Through Him was the Trump blown and the Speaker of the Mount spoke forth, and those in their graves arose. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto all good, and whoso hath acknowledged Him hath acknowledged God and His signs and His grandeur and His sovereignty. And whoso hath denied Him is accounted among the wrongdoers in the Book of God, Lord of all the worlds.

I bear witness, as do the Concourse on High in this Most Glorious Station and the denizens of Paradise, that thou didst arise to serve the Cause when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and didst turn unto the Dawning Place of thy Lord's signs when He appeared with the truth, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur did speak. I testify that through thee every heedless one became aware, every slumberer arose, every hesitant one hastened forward, every crippled one walked, and every tongue-tied one spoke forth—all this through God's grace upon thee. Thou art he who didst drink from the cup of tribulation for the love of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names, and didst bear hardships purely for His sake. Alas, alas! The Pen weepeth at this moment at that which the Ancient King

hath spoken concerning what befell thee at the hands of the oppressors among His creation and the transgressors among His servants.

Thou art he through whose steadfastness the feet of the servants were shaken, and through whose tranquility the hearts of the wicked were disturbed, and through whose mention remembrance was raised from all directions. Thou art he who wast with the Wronged One in the prison of the land of Ta at all times, at eventide and at dawn, and whom the imaginings of the divines prevented not from turning to the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and whom the veils and might of the enemies hindered not from drawing nigh unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thou art he who wast my partner in tribulation and in chains and fetters. At thy calamity tears were shed and hearts were troubled and souls lamented.

Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee for having shown patience in the days of God and for having been content with whatsoever befell thee in His path and for love of Him amidst all creation and the standards of power among the righteous. Through you did the Sun of inner meanings shine forth in the world of utterance and the All-Merciful reveal Himself unto all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Ye are they who chose hardship over ease and tribulation over all who dwell in the mortal realm, in the path of God, Lord of the seen and unseen. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of creation be upon you, upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

BH02179: O Muhammad-Taqi! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto…

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

O Muhammad-Taqi! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call from around My prison, verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He has appeared with the truth and commanded the people to draw nigh unto Him, yet they turned away, following every ignorant one who was deprived of the sweet savors of knowledge.

Say: O people of the earth! Hasten unto Him, then choose for yourselves a path unto Him. Strive in God with the true striving through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thus has the All-Merciful spoken in this station which has been raised up in His name.

The smoke of corruption has encompassed all regions such that naught can be seen but armies and naught can be heard but the clash of swords. Thus has the matter been decreed through what the hands of those who were far from the truth have wrought.

Say: Fear God, O people, and speak not what the people before you spoke, and follow not those who committed that which caused the Sovereign of existence to lament. He Who is established upon the throne of utterance bears witness to this with an authority that was manifest through the truth.

Behold and remember what the people of the Furqan committed when the All-Merciful came with a Cause that encompassed all the worlds. They denied Him in Whom they had believed, broke God’s covenant and His pledge, and did that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament. He Who came with the truth to guide the servants to a path that was straight through justice bears witness to this.

Blessed is thy father who testified to that which God testified and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered. We bear witness that he is of the people of Baha and has been mentioned with glory by the Supreme Pen.

When thou art attracted by My verses and the rapture of My call takes hold of thee, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me, and thanks be to Thee for having guided me. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause, by what was hidden in Thy knowledge, by the blood that was shed in Thy path, by the hearts that melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the tears that flowed in Thy love, to assist Thy servants to be steadfast in Thy Cause such that the clamor of the heedless and the doubts of the suspicious may not prevent them. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise."

O Muhammad-Taqi! Reflect upon the heedlessness of the people. They have abandoned the Truth and turned away from the lights of the Luminary of certitude, clinging instead to Hadi of Dawlat-Abad. Such is the condition of the manifestations of vain imaginings. Although he had no knowledge whatsoever of this Cause, yet he walks blindly and the sightless ones of the world have obeyed and continue to obey him, just as they did before, as thou hast heard and now witnessest. From the beginning of the Cause the Supreme Pen has proclaimed in its loudest voice that which would guide the servants. Whosoever wishes, let him believe, and whosoever wishes, let him turn away. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them unto thee that thine eyes may be consoled thereby, and the eyes of those whom the veils of the world and what is possessed by the nations have not prevented. They have witnessed and said:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds! And glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of worship of those who are in the heavens and on the earth!"

BH02175: O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon!…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Reflect upon the baseness of the people of the Bayan. They have witnessed with their own eyes how the people of the Furqan, namely the Shi'ih sect, throughout ages and centuries, occupied themselves upon pulpits and in homes with mention of Imamate, succession, and titles such as chief and noble and the like, clinging passionately to names while remaining heedless and veiled from their Creator and Manifestation. Each day they appeared with some fancy and clung to some notion, and from their conflicting views different sects emerged, each sect cursing the other, yet they considered themselves the most learned and excellent among all peoples. However, when the divine Balance appeared and the Straight Path was made manifest, all, both learned and ignorant, stumbled in the early years and were consigned to hell-fire. The One Whose presence they had implored with humility and supplication—when He appeared they cursed Him from their pulpits and ultimately issued the decree for His death. And now all the renowned divines have turned away from the Truth and cling to vain imaginings.

Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan are again occupied with forming such a sect. It is incumbent and obligatory upon you and the loved ones to protect the helpless servants from previous vain imaginings. This Day is God's Day, wherein none but He should be mentioned. Blessed art thou, in that the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee. Say: O people! By God's life! Until ye pass beyond the river of names, ye shall not attain to the ocean of inner meanings. Have mercy upon yourselves and soil not yourselves with the dust of vain imaginings like the previous sect. Time and again have these words flowed from the Pen of divine decree that perchance ye might become aware.

The ignorant Dawlat-Abadi hath raised the standard of leadership although he neither was nor is aware of the fundamental truth of the Cause. He hath become a leader of the people through vain imaginings, conjectures and names of the past. He is among those of whom it is said:

> "They changed God's favor into blasphemy and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition."

It is not known what he hath understood from this Most Great Manifestation. Perdition and ruin be upon him! Verily, he and his followers worship vain imaginings and perceive it not. By God's life! They have taken their own conjectures as lords beside God yet they understand not. They have cast aside Him Who speaketh the truth before all the world and have taken those who have denied God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Blessed art thou for having heard, turned unto God and attained unto that which was recorded in the Book of God, the Lord of all dominion. Remind the people of thy Lord's verses and give them the glad tidings of this Remembrance through which hearts and minds were attracted when it appeared. We beseech Him to open before thy face the doors of grace and favor and to strengthen thee in that which shall cause thy name and mention to endure through the eternity of His names and attributes. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant, the Guardian over what was and what shall be.

BH02276: Praise sanctified from pen and ink befitteth the most…

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

Praise sanctified from pen and ink befitteth the most holy and exalted court of the Desired One Who hath manifested from the Point of the Book and from the drop of the ocean. He is the Lord of verses and the Possessor of standards, Who hath adorned the tablet of existence with this exalted Word: "Through unity the Cause is made manifest and station elevated." Blessed is the heart that is sealed with the seal of "Verily I am God's." The signs of the world and the doubts of the nations shall not withhold it or keep it back from the Truth.

O people of Ba! The gaze of loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards those regions. Ye are remembered before the Wronged One and have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the chalice of steadfastness in the Name of God and hath arisen to His mention and praise. Today the banner "Verily He is God" is raised to the highest station, and the standard "He doeth what He willeth" is unfurled upon the most sublime heights of the world. Blessed is

the eye that hath beheld the lights of the All-Merciful's revelation and the ear that hath hearkened unto His call.

O party of God! The dark smoke of deeds and conduct hath prevented the world from beholding the Most Sublime Horizon. The embodiment of tyranny hath established itself above justice, and the treacherous one hath usurped the station of the trustworthy. Beseech ye God that He may illumine the peoples of the world with the lights of the Most Great Name and render them pure and sanctified from the adornments and vanities of the world. By the life of God! The colors of the world have deprived most of the peoples from the divine path and the ocean of knowledge.

O party of God! The rains of mercy have descended from the heaven of loving-kindness in such measure that all the pens of the world are powerless to reckon them. That which perisheth not nor changeth hath been sent down especially for His loved ones. Strive that ye may set ablaze the peoples of the world with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and illumine them with the lights of the Luminary of proof. The mention of each one hath been and is before the Wronged One.

On this day the petition of Israfil attained unto the Most Holy Court. We heard his call and made mention of him. Blessed is he and those whom the doubts of the nations have not withheld from turning towards the Most Great Name, and blessed are they who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, who have accepted and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto us the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Treasury of Thy mysteries, and for having taught us Thy path and guided us unto Thy seat."

We beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose most exalted Word the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted, and through the lights of Whose countenance, O Lord of all being, and through those who were so moved by the sweet savors of Thy call that they hastened to the place of sacrifice and offered up their souls in Thy path, O Lord of all names, to protect us from the evil of Thine enemies and to ordain for us the reward of meeting Thee. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02501: O Leaf and Mother of My Afnan! Upon you…

He is the Consoler from His Most Exalted Horizon

O Leaf and Mother of My Afnan! Upon you both be the Most Glorious Glory of God! He is the Comforter in His most exalted horizon. O my leaf! O mother of Afnan! Upon you be the glory of God, His care and His mercy that has preceded all who are in the heavens and earth.

Ceaselessly in the path of God there befell you that which grieved the hearts and minds of the people of justice and fairness. However, since what occurred was in the path of God, patience and forbearance are most beloved and fitting. The Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the glory of God, His mercy and His care, and that most distinguished lady have ever been and are before Our gaze.

I swear by the Most Great Luminary which shines and gleams from the horizon of the Most Great Prison that there has been ordained for the Afnan that which has no likeness or parallel. The world itself

proclaims its own evanescence. Every person of insight witnesses its passing at every moment, and every hearing ear hearkens to its lamentation and wailing.

The station that has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen for the Afnan has been and remains mention, praise and teaching the Cause to the extent possible. No station has been or is more exalted than this station. In the Tablets has been revealed that which the world cannot equal even one word thereof. By the life of God! The Wronged One loves you and consoles you in what has befallen you. We beseech God to preserve you, to aid you and to enable you to exercise gracious patience and noble forbearance.

The Afnan, upon him be My glory and care, is present and abiding at rest in the shelter of divine mercy and the pavilions of divine grandeur. Give thanks to your Lord for this manifest grace. Rejoice in what the Most Great Announcement has revealed unto you in this mighty Tablet. Praise be to God, the Lord of causes has arranged and granted success to His Afnan to join the divine Tree. We beseech God to aid you in such wise that the doubts of heedless souls and the intimations of the idolaters may not prevent you. In all conditions fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast to His cord.

We make mention of the wife of the Afnan, upon her be My glory and care, and give her the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. Let them not be sorrowful. By the life of God! Soon there shall appear that which will cause the lips of both the seen and unseen realms to smile. That household and its members, both the ladies and children, are associated with the Truth. We thank God, exalted be He, and beseech Him to draw you near to Him and protect you from the evil of His enemies. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

The glory from Us be upon My Afnan and upon those who love them in this wise remembrance. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

BH02465: Sad, Dal, Qaf. From Us be the remembrance…

He is God, exalted be He in wisdom and utterance

Sad, Dal, Qaf. From Us be the remembrance of the mercy of God—of him who hath drunk of the choice wine of faith, and hath turned unto the horizon of the All-Merciful, holding fast to His cord, clinging to His hem, arising to serve His Cause, and directing his gaze unto the lights of His Countenance—until he came, and attained unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, and in the Gospel, and the Torah, and the Psalms.

The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness, of His own Self and by His own Self, that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath come down from the heaven of proof with the verses of utterance. Blessed is he that hath borne witness and hath responded; and woe betide every heedless, veiled one!

O thou who hast been present before the Wronged One, and who dwellest in His neighbourhood! He testifieth that thou hast attained unto His presence, and hast turned unto Him at a time when all mankind, save whomsoever God hath willed—the Lord of what hath been and what shall be—have arisen to turn away. Thou hast set thy face toward the Most Remote Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, and

hast soared on the pinions of detachment unto the Lord of creation, until thou didst stand at the door that hath been opened unto all that are in the unseen and in the visible. Render thanks unto God for that whereunto the Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness in thy behalf in this pitch-dark night, while the Wronged One was seated upon the Throne and was uttering that which draweth men nigh unto the Praised Station.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast turned and hast come, in such wise that neither the designs of princes nor the pretensions of divines have withheld thee; and thou didst depart from thy place, putting thy trust in God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. We ask God to grant thee success and to confirm thee in that which He loveth and approveth, and to cause to appear from thee, in the world, that which shall endure through the abiding of His Most Excellent Names and His Most Exalted Attributes. Verily He hath power to do whatsoever He willeth. He saith "Be," and it is. To God be praise!

Thou hast heard, and hast attained, and hast turned unto Him in days when all have arisen to turn away. We beseech God to confirm thee in the safeguarding of this Most Exalted Station. He is, in truth, powerful and mighty.

The letter of the honoured Amin—upon him be Baha and My favour—together with the loving-kindness he hath shown unto thee, was perused. His expressions of affection and devotion towards thee and thy household have caused joy and gladness. We ask God to aid and sustain him; verily He is the Most Bountiful, the Most Generous. In truth, the honoured Amin is steadfast and upright, and hath arisen to serve. Blessed are the souls who are adorned with the ornament of love for the two Martyrs, for him, and for those related to them. Great is your station in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who turneth towards you and attaineth unto your love, and who heareth that which your tongues have spoken in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Wise. The glory from Us be upon you, and upon Amin, and upon every steadfast and upright one, and upon every firm and trustworthy soul.

BH02434: Light and spirit and mercy and glory be upon…

He is the One seated upon the throne of utterance.

Light and spirit and mercy and glory be upon you, O manifestation of devotion and dawning-place of faithfulness among all peoples. I bear witness that through you the banner of misbelief was brought low and the standard of divine unity was raised to the most exalted station. You are the one who emigrated with the Wronged One in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, on a day when the sky brought forth smoke and earthquakes seized the foundations of all in creation. You are the one whom the might of the oppressors did not weaken, nor were you veiled by the veils of the transgressors. You turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when most of humanity turned away from it. Through your mention the scrolls of the lovers were adorned in the love of God, Illuminer of the horizons and Lord of the Day of Meeting. Through your certitude the limbs of vain imaginings trembled, and through the light of your divine unity the foundations of the ungodly were shaken—those who denied the Cause of God when He came with proof and evidence. Blessed are you and joy be unto you in that you attained the recognition of your Lord on a day when God came in the shadows of clouds.

And I remember at this time the dawn of a day when the Manifestation of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” mounted a blue horse, heading toward the Ultimate Goal for the victory of God, Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. You were with Me along with a few souls and we traversed the way until we arrived at one of the villages. Then the oppressors surrounded us from all directions and seized us with such tyranny that the livers of the most exalted Paradise melted, and the highest Paradise and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing lamented.

Alas! Alas! There befell you in the path of God that which caused the tears of the sincere ones to flow and the sighs of those near to God to ascend. You are the one through whom wafted the breezes of love and fellowship, and through whom shone forth the sun of harmony and unity. You stood firm in the Cause such that the horsemen in the field of tyranny and oppression did not frighten you, nor did the fire blazing in all regions prevent you. Through your calamity eyes wept, hearts burned, and the pillars of existence were shaken. We beseech God, Lord of the unseen and the visible, to ordain for you at all times that which befits His name, the All-Merciful. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed is the seeker who seeks your tomb, and the lover who visits your grave and recites what the tongue of your Lord has uttered. O God, O God of all contingent beings and Goal of all created things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, which has encompassed the manifestations of disobedience, and by Thy pardon which has preceded all religions, and by Thy grace which has taken hold of all in existence, to forgive whoever presents himself before his grave and to fulfill his needs. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful, and Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

BH02564: O Jalal! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is God, exalted be His station, unto Him belong greatness and grandeur!

O Jalal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Thy letters from before and after have arrived. Every word thereof testified to thy acceptance, thy devotion and thy steadfastness. O Jalal! Today is unlike other days and its utterance unlike other utterances. Whosoever cometh and attaineth unto the fragrances of the Most Exalted Word which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the prison of ʿAkka, he shall become detached from the world and all that dwell therein, and shall 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 kept back from turning towards and accepting the Truth.

Praise be to God that thou didst set thy face toward the Most Great Ocean and didst attain unto that which was revealed by the Ancient Pen in the Books of the nations. Thou didst arrive and behold, didst hear the call and witness the horizon, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur did speak. Blessed art thou and blessed are the friends in Nun and Ya who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, who have accepted and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of My bounty. We have mentioned them before and mention them at this time, that this remembrance may draw them unto the supreme steadfastness, lest their feet slip from the Path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Verily nothing 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 doth ever descend from the horizon of the Kingdom of utterance. His honor the Name of God, upon him be My Glory, hath repeatedly made mention of his honor Mulla Shafi' and thyself, and in each instance he hath attained unto the sacred verses of the Supreme Pen. This Wronged One hath ever mentioned and continueth to mention 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 the Wronged One attaineth unto the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. The world hath not been and is not worthy to manifest the stations of His loved ones. Great is the endeavor and mighty the steed, but the field is not spacious.

We beseech God—and ye should beseech Him—not to deprive His servants and to bestow upon them a portion of the outpourings of His days. He is the Generous One Who created the world for His servants. It behooveth the tongues of them who are nigh and sincere to be engaged in His praise and glorification throughout the nights and days. This is meet for whosoever hath turned unto Him and hath found the fragrance of His utterance and the sweetness of His remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH02573: O Hudhud! Upon thee be My glory. Give ear…

He is the Compassionate, the Most Generous

O Hudhud! Upon thee be My glory. Give ear to the voice of the Wronged One with the ear of the heart and gaze upon His traces with the eye of truth. Gird up the loins of endeavor in service to the Cause, that thou mayest attain to that which shall endure in the Book of God as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Be thou at all times occupied with uniting the hearts and souls of the handmaidens of God. The grace of God hath ever encompassed His servants and maidservants and ever shall. The glance of favor is directed toward the light of divine love concealed and treasured within hearts. Were one to observe with the eye of justice, the tongue of grandeur would utter the verse "and few of My servants are grateful." Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the exalted ladies, leaves and maidservants.

We counsel all to fear God and to righteousness. Say: The greatest ornament for the handmaidens hath ever been and still is chastity and virtue. By God! The light of chastity illumineth the horizons of the spiritual worlds and its fragrance reacheth unto the Most Exalted Paradise. O Hudhud! Say: By God! The life of this world shall pass away more swiftly than a moment. Soon all that is witnessed shall return to nothingness, and that which endureth forever is pure deeds. Through pure deeds the element of dust transcendeth the heavens.

O My leaves! Move by the will of the Divine Lote-Tree and be stirred by the breezes of the will of the One Beloved. Today the men of the world and its learned ones have turned away from the Truth, while ye have turned toward it. They are deprived of the sealed wine, while ye have attained it. Know ye the station of this most exalted rank and hold fast to that which befitteth this greatest grace and most great

bounty. Today the river of sanctification floweth and the ocean of purification surgeth. Strive that ye may attain to that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God.

We beseech God to assist you and grant you the greatest portion from the ocean of counsel, that ye may become the cause of the sanctification of souls and the purification of hearts and minds. This is not difficult for God. We beseech God to make you more delicate than the choicest wine, more subtle than the purest water, and more radiant than the sun in steadfastness and fidelity. Verily He is with you in all conditions. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory from Us be upon you, O My leaves and maidservants, and upon those who have taken the reins of self and passion out of love for God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

BH02579: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the evidences and sent forth the Messengers for the guidance of His creation, that He might make known unto them the path of His good-pleasure and teach them that which draweth them nigh unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. And blessings and peace be upon him whose light shone forth from the horizon of Batha, and through whose appearance the regions were adorned, and the herald proclaimed:

> "O people of the earth! He Who was promised hath come, and through Him have appeared the most excellent names of God and His most exalted attributes"

- he against whom the idolaters arose until the decree of emigration came from God, the Lord of all beings. Thereupon did Batha lament while Yathrib's lips smiled at this nearness and meeting. And upon his family and companions, through whom the decree of the Book was established among the parties, and the limbs of those who denied the Beginning and the Return did quake.

Thereafter, O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan, hearken unto the call of this Wronged One and hold fast unto it. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth thee to the straight path of God. Thy letter was brought by Muhammad, whom may God assist. We saw it and heard it. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee and grant thee success in that which is befitting. The purpose of sending the Messengers and revealing the Books hath been and still is the elevation of souls and the advancement of knowledge, that all may testify to the oneness and singleness of God and become aware of that which profiteth or harmeth them. We counsel thee with that which is the cause of salvation in both worlds. Be not idle like the Babis. Fix thy gaze upon the divine commandments and act according to that which the Purpose of all worlds hath revealed in the Qur'an. His word, exalted is He:

> "O ye who believe! When the call is made for prayer on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of God and leave off business. That is better for you, if ye but knew."

O Hasan! The affairs of the world, whether profit or aught else, wealth or poverty, all return to nothingness. Strive that from thee may appear a deed that shall enter and be preserved in the treasury of divine acceptance. We counsel thee to observe fasting and prayer, and to fear God, the Lord of Lords.

Convey the greetings of this Wronged One to Abu-ʿInayat, whom may God, exalted is He, assist, and likewise to those who are with him. All are mentioned; their mention hath attained permanence and shall never be erased. We beseech God to aid them all to act with propriety and in that which beseemeth man and his station. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH02678: That which hath been revealed in the visitation (prayer)…

That which hath been revealed in the visitation (prayer) for Mirza ʻAli-Muhammad, who was martyred in the path of God.

He is the Compassionate, the Most Generous

O first light that rose and shone forth, O first fragrance that was wafted and diffused! Upon thee, O dawning-place of prosperity and manifestation of success! I testify that through thee the fragrance of the garment was spread abroad and the decree of sanctification appeared, and through thee the gate of divine knowledge was opened to all contingent beings and the dove of proof warbled upon the branch of utterance. Glory and power belong unto God, the Lord of all religions! Thou art he whom neither the doubts of the skeptics nor the signs of the transgressors deterred. Through thee the clouds rained down and the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of Lords!"

Alas, alas! How many a day didst thou spend in chains and fetters, and how many a night didst thou hear the taunts of the people of error who in the end denied God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Thou art he who showed patience in hardship and tribulation in the path of God, Creator of heaven, and who wast with Me in prison in days when the fire of hatred blazed in the hearts of the idolaters who rejected the truth with their own inventions, violated His covenant and testament, disbelieved in His signs and proof, and denied what was sent down from the heaven of His Will and appeared by His command and shone forth from His horizon.

Through thee and thy like were opened the gates of bounty upon the faces of all beings, and the Pen of the Lord of eternity was set in motion in the realm of creation. Thou art he at whose calamity every seeing one wailed and every informed one cried out, every just one wept and every fair-minded one was confounded, and by what befell thee arose the lamentation of those near unto God and the cry of the sincere ones. I testify that thou didst not hesitate in the Cause of God thy Lord, and didst perceive the fragrance of the Revelation when it was wafted throughout the world. Through thy calamity hearts were melted and lands were changed. I testify that thou didst turn and believe on a day when the earth shone with the light of its Lord and the heaven with its Creator and Fashioner.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of the mystics, be upon thee and upon thy beginning and thy end, thy outward and thy inward self, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Glorified art Thou, O Light of the world and Attractor of the hearts of nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to forgive me and my father and my mother. Then I beseech Thee by the Trust which Thou hast concealed in this station to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art

the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of all days. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH02768: He is the Hearer, the Answerer! A remembrance…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer! A remembrance from Us to him who hath turned unto the Dawning-Place of the verses of his Lord, the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, and hath heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and hath drunk the Choice Wine sealed by My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath attained unto the favor of God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath presented himself, and heard, and witnessed from the mighty signs of his Lord in this Great Prison.

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! Thy letter which thou didst send to Our servant hath been presented and hath won the attention of the Wronged One. We answer thee through this resplendent Tablet, with which the tablets of the world and the remembrances of the nations cannot compare, as doth testify to this the Lord of Eternity Who speaketh before all faces. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a mighty command. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which was recorded by the Pen of Will and mentioned by God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Hearken in Persian to the call of the Wronged One: Previously was revealed that which thou didst ask from the ocean of divine knowledge. He is the Answerer of the questioners and the Goal of the mystics. We beseech God that He may aid thee to serve His Cause and enable thee to achieve that which shall cause His Cause to be exalted. Praise the Goal of the world that He hath aided thee and granted thee a portion from the ocean of bounty.

Thou hast attained unto a station for which the possessors of stations have for years engaged in lamentation and weeping in their search, yet on the Day of Manifestation all were deprived save whom thy Lord willed, but thou didst attain, didst hear His call and didst behold His horizon. Know thou the station of this most great favor and preserve it with the eye and soul. Each of the souls mentioned before attained unto the divine verses, and whatsoever was revealed for each one is an everlasting treasure preserved with God. Give them the glad-tidings wherewith God hath given thee glad-tidings in this perspicuous Book.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and Thy loved ones unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy Revelation that Thou make me and those who have believed in Thee to be among those who have no fear nor are they grieved, who speak not until Thou hast spoken and who act according to Thy command. O my Lord! Ordain for us from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will draw us nigh unto Thee, then write down for us the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily Thou art the Protector of all beings and the Lord of the mighty throne. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02845: This Wronged One, from this most exalted station…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of might and power!

This Wronged One, from this most exalted station and most glorious horizon, makes mention of the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty, that perchance the sweetness of divine remembrance may attract receptive souls and enable them to attain unto that which He has purposed. O Hasan, upon thee be My glory! His honor Kazim, who attained unto My days and arose to serve Me, made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through this perspicuous remembrance from God, the Lord of all worlds. O Hasan! For one thousand two hundred years the Shi'ih sect boasted from pulpits of Ali's successorship and recounted the virtues of the Imams. Yet when the blessed Tree of Oneness sprouted forth and the Dawn of Manifestation broke, all arose in opposition.

Thou hast heard and witnessed the deeds of that heedless party. Now Hadi of Dawlat-Abad hath raised the standard of falsehood and is occupied with forming a party like the previous one. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of proof that he is unaware of the foundation of the Cause, clinging to vain imaginings and grasping at idle fancies. Hath he not seen the fruits of the Shi'ihs' deeds? On the Day of Retribution they committed that which no other sect had ever done. From pulpits they reviled and cursed the Truth, and finally issued the decree for His death. By the life of God! They perpetrated that which neither Jews nor Christians nor any other parties in the world had done. Thus did their souls entice them, and today they are accounted among the idolaters in God's mighty and praiseworthy Book.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, caused me to hear, and made me know. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers from the heaven of Thy grace and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to protect me from the doubts of the suspicious ones and the allusions of the ungodly. Then make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, such that neither the mutterings of the enemies nor the clamor of the wicked may deter me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Convey My greetings to His honor Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be My loving-kindness, My mercy and My grace, if thou shouldst meet him. Blessed is he who associated with him and took him as a path unto this mighty and sublime station. Glory be upon him and upon thee and upon every steadfast and upright one. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, Who speaketh that there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH03040: O Ashraf! Upon thee be the Glory of God!...

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

O Ashraf! Upon thee be the Glory of God! The world is in turmoil. Eyes are veiled and ears are prevented from hearing, for they have been defiled by false tales. The defiled ear is not worthy to hear this Call raised from the Most Exalted Horizon. Most are attached to vain imaginings and devoted to idle fancies. Hadi Dawlatabadi, like the deluded souls of the past, has occupied the helpless servants with those same vain imaginings. By the life of God! Neither are the eyes of such people worthy to behold, nor their ears worthy to hear. Leave them to their vain discourse wherein they sport. They have clung to perversion.

Blessed is the soul who today has shattered the chains of blind imitation and the idols through the Name of God, exalted be His glory, and has attained true unity. Blessed art thou, O Ashraf! Thou art he whom

neither the leaves of fire prevented from the remembrance of God, nor the doubts of those who denied the Day of Judgment. The Most Great Branch was present before the Wronged One and mentioned thy letter. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which was revealed in the divine Books. We beseech God to aid thee in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and the turning of the servants unto Him. O Ashraf! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness.

The understanding of people has been altered due to their turning away. That which hath been revealed in this Revelation from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen is as distinct from other utterances as the sun. Nevertheless, the sightless ones of the world have said that what is sent down from the heaven of divine will has been stolen from the words of the Primal Point. Observe what injustice hath been perpetrated against this Wronged One. By the life of God! They have committed that which no oppressor hath committed from the beginning of the world until now. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. He is the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

Thy other letter was forwarded to the Most Holy Court by Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God. We beseech God to aid thee and thy son and those whose names thou didst mention. Verily He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. We beseech God to set His party ablaze with such a fire that none besides God shall be able to extinguish it, and with such a light that shall illumine the world. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH03227: A mention from Our presence to one who hath…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

A mention from Our presence to one who hath inhaled the fragrances of Revelation and hath attained to recognition when the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting." He is the one who heard the Call and responded to his Lord when every veiled scholar turned away from Him. He cast aside vain imaginings through the power of his Lord, holding fast to the cord of the Command and clinging to the hem of certitude when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. He took the choice wine from the hands of bounty and drank thereof in the name of God, the Lord of existence.

O Asad! Upon thee be My loving-kindness. We have mentioned thee before in such wise as caused the sweet fragrances of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Loving, to waft abroad. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that which thou hast been given from His presence. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have at this moment beheld thy name in the book of one of Our loved ones who hath attained unto My days, soared in the atmosphere of My love, and turned toward My horizon when all upon the earth turned away save those whom God did wish, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We beseech God to preserve him and to manifest unto him that which He hath ordained for him, and to exalt him among His servants through this Name whereby hearts and minds were stirred.

And We make mention of Our loved ones there, whom neither the ranks of the world nor the might of nations prevented. They hastened with their hearts to the supreme horizon and drank from the hands of

bounty My choice-sealed wine. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Possessing over what was and what shall be.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy knowledge and enabled me to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and caused me to hear Thy call and honored me with Thy verses. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy Command whereby the ocean of utterance surged in contingent being and the dove of understanding warbled upon the branches, to enable me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that my remembrance may influence hearts and minds. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the Mighty, the All-Possessing, the Powerful, the Best-Beloved.

BH03198: That which hath been revealed in the visitation (prayer)…

That which hath been revealed in the visitation (prayer) for ʿAbdu'l-Wahhab Beg—upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of all men

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!

The first fragrance wafting from the garment of the favor of the Lord of lords be upon thee, O Abdul-Wahhab! I testify that thou didst rend asunder the veils and shatter, through the power of certitude, the idols of vain imaginings, and didst turn unto God in days wherein the people turned away from the Lord of all beings. Thou art he who cast aside all idle fancies in his longing for My sealed wine, and who took the water of everlasting life in My Most Glorious Name before the faces of all peoples, drinking thereof once in My Name, the Guardian over all names, and again in remembrance of Me, the One sanctified above earth and heaven.

I testify that thou didst hear the Call when it was raised in truth, and wast present and didst comprehend that which was hidden in God's knowledge and recorded in His Books and Scrolls, and didst behold the horizon of Revelation and hear the voice of Him Who conversed upon the Mount, and didst circle round it on the Day of Resurrection. Thou art he who preferred the Self of God above thine own self in thy longing to attain His presence and seek His good-pleasure, and who was so transported by the rapture of His Call and the shrill voice of His Most Exalted Pen that thou didst scatter the pearls of thy life at thy Lord's feet.

I testify that thou didst believe in the earliest days and didst attain the fountain of true knowledge from the hands of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful. Neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs nor the might of the oppressors deterred thee. Thou didst turn, through the power of the Most Great Name, to that spot whereon God, the Lord of eternity, had manifested Himself, and didst attain the light of reunion at the dawning of the Sun of Beauty from the All-Possessing, the Most High.

Blessed is he who speaketh in praise of thee, who remembereth thy sacrifice and virtuous qualities, who visiteth thy resting-place and reciteth that which hath been sent down from the Pen of Grace in the Most Great Prison. Joy be to him whose heart is adorned with the ornament of thy love.

I call God and His angels and His Prophets and His Messengers to witness that thou didst perform in His path that which amazed the Concourse on High. I beseech Him, exalted is He, to send down upon thee at

all times a mercy from the heaven of His bounty and rain from the clouds of His grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH03444: Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through…

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

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through a light from the lights of His Most Great Name unto the world, whereupon the earth and heaven were illumined. Exalted be God, the Lord of Names and Possessor of all things, Who hath revealed whatsoever He desired through His word "Be" and it is. And the prayer shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of His grace be upon the Dawning-Place of His light, the Dayspring of His Revelation, the Source of His Command, the Repository of His knowledge, the Mine of His wisdom, the Ocean of His power, the Heaven of His bounty, and the Sun of His generosity—He Who stood in His station in the world amidst all peoples and guided mankind unto the straight path and the mighty announcement. And upon His family and companions, through whom the ark of divine knowledge sailed upon the ocean of certitude and the horizon of utterance was illumined by the luminary of proof. Through them were revealed the mysteries of divine unity, and through them was raised aloft the word of detachment, and through them was hoisted upon the highest standard the banner of "There is none other God but Him."

And now, he who was named Husayn in the Crimson Tablet by the Supreme Pen hath come forward and attained the presence of the Wronged One in His mighty prison. O Muhammad! Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and blessed is his mother who hath attained unto the recognition of her Lord, and blessed is the radiance that hath kept company with Me and stood before My face. At this moment We speak while the servant who is present writeth, standing beside My thigh. Verily, in his earliest days he discovered the fragrance of the garment and attained the presence of the Wronged One.

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the peace and glory of God, the Lord of all names. We testify that thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain. Thou didst hold fast unto goodly deeds and didst cleave unto that whereby the Cause of God, the Most High, the Most Great, was exalted. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward the Supreme Horizon—they are honored servants, upon whom resteth the loving-kindness of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03470: This is a letter from the Wronged One…

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

This is a letter from the Wronged One to one of His servants who turned toward the Most Holy Court and drank from the cup of bounty from the hand of grace, who attained nearness and was adorned with the meeting. We beseech God to grant success that you may be enabled to preserve what He has bestowed. The traces of the Supreme Pen have encompassed the world, yet the deeds and words of the servants have prevented them from the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. O people of Baha! Beseech God that He

may cause to appear through you that which has been inscribed by the Pen of bounty in the Mother Book. Know ye the value of this Day and leave behind what the people possess.

The Self-Subsisting has come, in His hand is the sealed wine. He bestows the cup, grants the chalice, gives forth the ocean—drink ye in His Name, partake ye in His remembrance, and give in His love. The people of Baha are the true celestial cup-bearers—they must adorn the dead of the world with the garment of life through the cups of His bounty. He is the Powerful One whose aid has never been withheld from His loved ones, and His favors have been and shall ever be with them that are near and sincere. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance and soared in the atmosphere of My nearness and love, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having adorned my heart with Thy love, my breast with the light of Thy knowledge, and my being with the manifestation of Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee by the Word through which, when it was raised up in the world, all things spoke and the earth and heaven were stirred, to make me steadfast among Thy servants in service to Thy loved ones who have traversed the lands to propagate Thy Cause and to kindle hearts with the fire of Thy divine Tree. Then I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the Most Great Name through which the limbs of the ungodly trembled and the hearts of the transgressors were disturbed, to ordain for me from the Pen of Thy Command that which will keep me firm upon Thy path. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH03480: Praise sanctified above all utterance beseemeth the Purpose…

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

Praise sanctified above all utterance beseemeth the Purpose of all creation, Who hath illumined the hearts of the sincere ones and the believers with the lights of the Luminary of proof and guided them to the straight path. His is the praise and the glory, His the loftiness and the exaltation. We beseech Him to assist His loved ones to stand firm in His Cause and to act according to what He hath commanded in His perspicuous Book.

O ʿAli! Praise be to God that thou didst purpose to visit the House of God and wert successful. Blessed is the soul that inhaled from Yathrib and Batha the fragrance of the Lord of Names. Thou didst arrive, and didst see, and didst hear. Know thou the value of this station and convey to the friends of that land greetings and glorification from the Wronged One. During thy stay thou wert occupied in service—the planted trees make mention of thee—and the reward of this service is a treasure for thee with God. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

The souls in that land who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and who are engaged in service to the Cause—each one is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for those souls that which hath no like or peer. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O ʿAli! Convey to thy family glorification from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the lights of the Luminary of mercy which have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace. We

beseech God to assist her and aid her in His remembrance and praise. Verily, He is the Protector of believing men and believing women.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to acknowledge the sanctification of Thy Being from all similitudes and the detachment of Thine Essence from all likenesses. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and the mysteries of Thy Book to enable me in all circumstances to remember Thee and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

BH03691: The preamble of the Book of Divine Knowledge has…

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

The preamble of the Book of Divine Knowledge has been adorned with the unity of God, the Revealer of the Furqan—that there is no God but Him. He has ever been sanctified above the description of His servants and the knowledge of His creation, and will forever remain as He has been throughout the eternity of eternities. Blessings and peace be upon the Most Exalted Pen and the Greatest Intermediary, whom He established as the station of His manifestation in the realm of creation, through whom the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz and illumined Yathrib and Batha, through whom the banner of justice was raised in cities and lands and the standard of guidance among the servants.

And upon His family through whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused throughout contingent being and the dove of utterance warbled upon the highest branches, through whom His traces were spread abroad and His sovereignty appeared and His power was revealed and His laws were promulgated. Thereafter, your letter arrived and We found from it the fragrance of love and affection. We have answered you with this letter, beseeching God the Most High to strengthen you and assist you and give you to drink from the Kawthar of utterance through the hands of mercy and bounty. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. May He open before your face the gate of ease and ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of the first life. Verily He is the Lord of humanity and the Lord of the mighty throne. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones and Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets to make me one of those whom Thou hast described in Thy Book with Thy words “Men whom neither merchandise nor selling diverteth from the remembrance of God.” O my 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 not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creation. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

BH03957: O ʿAndalib! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness…

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

O ʿAndalib! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thy letter which thou hadst previously sent in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, was read by the Most Great Branch in the Most Luminous Presence,

and was observed by the Maidens enshrined within the tabernacles of wisdom and utterance, who in the chambers of love for the Desired One of the worlds were adorned with the ornament of names and attributes. The pearls of praise and thanksgiving which thou didst bring forth from the shell of sincerity and conceal in the garment of verses were honored to be both beheld and heard.

Praise be to God that from the beginning of days thou hast been occupied with mention and praise and service to the Cause. We beseech God to aid thee and withhold not from thee His assistance and attention, that thou mayest remain occupied as before throughout the rest of thy days and engage in the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of the peoples. We made mention of thee before and specifically sent wondrous Tablets, that thou mightest rejoice and be among the thankful.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the loved ones of that land and region, and cause all to be enkindled with the warmth of divine love and illumined by the lights of the Luminary of His utterance. Verily, He is with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Say: O people of God! Beware lest anything prevent you, or any matter grieve you, or the waters of rejection extinguish you, or the might of those who have been heedless of God, the Lord of all worlds, frighten you. We counsel you to be patient and forbearing, and to manifest such steadfastness as cannot be equaled by the deeds of any doer. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and this mighty Command.

BH03937: O friends of the All-Merciful in all lands!...

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

O friends of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Wronged One remembers you from His Most Great Prison and reminds you through His verses which draw you near to God, the Lord of all worlds. The Pen proclaims: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” The Tablet proclaims: “The Promise has come to pass and the Intended One has appeared with wondrous sovereignty.” The Light proclaims: “O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not the promptings of the transgressors. Set aside what the people possess and take what is with God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers.” Aid Me through deeds and virtuous character, then gather beneath the banner of righteousness by command of the One Who orders, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Ancient. Upon it has been inscribed by My Most Glorious Pen: “Victory and triumph belong to God, the Mighty, the Wise.” Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken out of love for you and to assist you in that which you were commanded in My Perspicuous Book. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and been seized by the intoxication of the Kawthar of My utterance, say:

> “My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the signs of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, and by that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur has spoken forth and appeared through Thy command and sovereignty, to ordain for me that which shall be a light unto my heart, a radiance unto my sight and a strength unto my limbs. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and

the son of Thy servant. I have turned with my heart to Thy most exalted horizon and desire from the wonders of Thy bounty that which shall make me content with Thy command, beholding Thy horizon and detached from all else besides Thee. Thou art He Whom the doubts of the people have not withheld, nor their allusions, nor their might and power from Thy will and purpose. Through Thee the banner ‘He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth’ was raised. Verily Thou art the Single One, the Unique, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.”

BH03629: This is a letter from the Wronged One unto…

In the Name of Him Who is the Desire of the world.

This is a letter from the Wronged One unto one who hath been wronged—who hath drunk from the cup of affliction and tasted the bitterness of tribulations. There hath befallen thee that which hath befallen Us; grieve thou not. The grace of God hath encompassed thee and hath delivered thee. God—exalted be His glory—is witness and testimony that at every moment thou hast been, and still art, beneath His watchful gaze. None knoweth the end of affairs save God alone; therefore shouldst thou not be troubled by the events that arise. If thou attain unto the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and become aware of His loving-kindness, thou shalt behold thyself seated upon the throne of assurance and joy. God hath, verily, changed thy disquiet into tranquillity—and this through His might. He is, indeed, with thee in all conditions. Say:

Dispel my grief by Thy bounty and Thy generosity, O God, my God, and banish mine anguish through Thy sovereignty and Thy might. Thou seest me, O my God, with my face set towards Thee at a time when sorrows have compassed me on every side. I implore Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all being, and overshadowest all things visible and invisible, by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts and the souls of men, and by the billows of the Ocean of Thy mercy and the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy bounty, to number me with them whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from setting their faces toward Thee, O Thou Lord of all names and Maker of the heavens!

Thou beholdest, O my Lord, the things which have befallen me in Thy days. I entreat Thee, by Him who is the Day-Spring of Thy names and the Dawning-Place of Thine attributes, to ordain for me what will enable me to arise to serve Thee and to extol Thy virtues. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, Who art wont to answer the prayers of all men!

And, finally, I beg of Thee by the light of Thy countenance to bless my affairs, and redeem my debts, and satisfy my needs. Thou art He to Whose power and to Whose dominion every tongue hath testified, and Whose majesty and Whose sovereignty every understanding heart hath acknowledged. No God is there but Thee, Who hearest and art ready to answer.

BH03781: Praise be to God Who hath sent down His…

He is God, the Lord of all worlds

Praise be to God Who hath sent down His verses and manifested His evidences and sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books for the guidance of His creation and the demonstration of His oneness amongst His servants, that every person of understanding and wisdom might bear witness to His unity and singleness, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the world and Master of nations, through whose light the horizons were illumined and by whose might the limbs of the hypocrites trembled, and through whom every idolater acknowledged the oneness of God and His greatness, and every hypocrite His power and dominion, and through whom the pavilion of glory was raised in the world and the fragrance of wisdom and utterance was diffused among the nations. And upon His family and loved ones, through whom God's laws and commandments were made manifest among His servants, and through whom the clouds rained down and the decree of the Book was established.

And now, thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, whose tongue, both outward and inward, and whose members and limbs bear witness to the unity of God, exalted be His glory. We have read it and answer thee with this epistle, and We beseech God to assist thee and the people of unity in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to draw you nigh unto Him, and to ordain for you that which shall profit you in all His worlds, and to aid you in His remembrance and praise. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. We counsel thee to act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that is from Him and the might that is from His presence. Verily He will draw thee nigh and aid thee and send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty that which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes and expand thy breast. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Generous, the Bountiful. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03939: O My loved ones! Hear ye My call…

He is established upon the throne of utterance

O My loved ones! Hear ye My call and then aid Me through wisdom and utterance. This is what hath been commanded unto you in the Tablets of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Today there hath appeared from the shell of the ocean of utterance of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the pearl of divine knowledge, and it is this: O people of Baha! Know ye the station of these days and then assist Him with the hosts of deeds and character. This is what ye were commanded aforetime and in this perspicuous Tablet.

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people are in grievous doubt. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One. He remembereth thee with that which the remembrances of the world cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity Who calleth out before the faces of the world: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!"

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. By God! The Most Great Path hath appeared and the Great Announcement calleth and summoneth all unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

When thou art warmed by the heat of My utterance and attracted by the cooing of the Dove of My Paradise, say:

> “My God, my God! I testify that Thy proof hath encompassed all things, and Thy evidence and Thy testimony have appeared, and the ocean of Thy knowledge hath surged, and the sun of Thy wisdom hath shone forth. I beseech Thee by the hidden mysteries in Thy Books to assist this servant of Thine to be steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the clamor of Thy servants nor the whisperings of the divines of Thy land shall prevent him. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which shall remind me of Thee in all conditions and draw me near unto Thee, O my Exalted Lord. Then accept from me, O my God, what I have wrought in Thy path and accept me unto Thy horizon. Then strengthen me, O my God, to take hold of Thy Book with a power that the might of the mighty cannot weaken nor the ascendancy of the rulers enfeeble. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.”

BH04065: A letter from the Wronged One to those who…

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

A letter from the Wronged One to those who have acknowledged the unity and oneness of God and have recognized what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

O My loved ones in Hadba! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth you and commandeth you to practice righteousness and piety and that which ye have been bidden in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for He hath aided you to recognize Him and made you to be numbered among those who believe in His unity. We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect the people of unity from the evil of every misbeliever and from the harm of every heedless and remote one.

Blessed is he who hath fulfilled God’s covenant and His testament and hath acted with righteousness. We testify that he is among the well-doers. We beseech God to enable him to do that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for him the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Almighty.

O servant! Hearken with attentive ear unto the call of the Wronged One in this prison. Verily, He guideth thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He who loved Me mentioned thee, therefore We have remembered thee. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to grant all the ability to be obedient and to worship Him. God is witness and aware that the gaze of this Wronged One hath ever been directed toward that region. They have not been and will not be forgotten. We make mention of the leaves of that land and convey Our greetings, and We beseech for each one that which will draw them nigh.

Peace be upon thee and upon thy mother. Give her the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the Wronged One and remind her of that which will draw her nigh unto God. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH04112: O Salman! Upon thee be the Glory…

In the Name of Him Who overshadoweth all Names!

O Salman! Upon thee be the Glory of the All-Merciful! Though outwardly thy power and station are not apparent among the servants, as thy outward means have not been and are not in accordance with diverse temperaments, yet the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and His all-pervading power have caused thee to spread His verses. Were the servants to ponder on this matter, they would become somewhat aware of this most exalted station and likewise of the power of God, exalted be His glory. Praise the Intended One of the world, Who hath made manifest an ocean from a drop, and through a mere atom of the light of His Sun of bounty hath brought the world of being into existence, and His grace hath bestowed power and conferred strength. If thou were to praise God to the number of pebbles and date-stones, and continue in remembrance unto all eternity, verily it would be as naught compared to a single drop from the ocean of His favor. His is the praise in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Thy letter was received. The Most Great Branch presented it repeatedly, and the response hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, that thy heart and the hearts of those who have believed in God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, may rejoice thereby. In all conditions, utter these most exalted words:

> "No vision can grasp Thee, but Thou graspest all vision, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. No mind can grasp Thee, but Thou graspest all minds, and Thou art the Mighty, the Great."

Be thou joyous in all conditions. The grace of God hath been and is with thee. We beseech God to open before thy face the gates of grace and blessing. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of the Cause and were among the steadfast ones.

BH04203: At this time you were mentioned in the Most…

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

At this time you were mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and now, due to lack of time, we will be brief in mentioning what befits the realm of love. Yesterday, one hour after sunset, He proceeded to the city, and now that two hours and twenty minutes have passed, as commanded, I am enabled to write these few words. The honored and beloved Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, is departing. I must meet with him and present a letter, as well as attend to other matters requiring attention. Blessed are you and those who have attained.

The word which is the purpose of the soul has been and continues to be the mention of the honored and revered Master, upon him be all splendor and glory. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be remembered in the court. Likewise mentioned were the Brilliant Star, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, and the beloved of the heart Haji Muhammad-Rida, and the beloved of the spirit

Muhammad-Mustafa and Muhammad-Mihdi and the other friends. God is witness and testifies that this servant has ever desired for them that which befits the bestowal, mercy and grace of God, exalted be His glory. The petition from the son of Mulla Ghulam-Rida, upon them both be glory, was received. God willing, a reply will be sent. Praise, peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11631: O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory! Thy…

In the Name of the Desire of the world!

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of this Wronged One, and these verses have been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance may attract thee and draw thee to the horizon of wisdom.

The world was brought from nothingness into being for the knowledge of God. Blessed is the heart that hath turned to the Most Glorious Horizon, and the face that hath, in the Days of God, turned toward the light of His Countenance. Praise thou the Goal of all the worlds, that thou hast drunk from the hands of bounty the Kawthar of immortality. This Kawthar is, in its primary station and first rank, the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, which hath been recorded by the Pen of the Divine Will in the Sacred Books and Tablets.

We beseech God to cause the handmaidens of that land to attain unto this supreme bounty, and to deny none of them the fruits of the Divine 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 servants and handmaidens. 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.

BH04353: O Mahmud! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is the One that overshadoweth all names

O Mahmud! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from His praiseworthy station, that He may draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. He hath sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrances of revelation throughout the world. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He makes mention of him who maketh mention of Him, and aideth whomsoever He willeth, and ordaineth for him whatsoever He desireth from His bountiful grace. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. We have sent down for thee before, and at this time, that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of the

loving providence of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and beheld the stars of the heaven of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and glory, and unto Thee be thanksgiving and splendor, for having manifested the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens and the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy knowledge and the Ocean of Thy generosity and bounty. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the idols wailed and the horizons were illumined and the hearts of such servants as cast away the world, turning unto Thee, O Lord of eternity Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name, to ordain for me from the Pen of Thy will that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I desire from the wonders of Thy bounty that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause and detached from all else but Thee. Then write down for Thy loved ones that which shall aid them to recognize Thy mighty announcement and Thy ancient mystery and Thy firm and mighty Command. 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 All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04812: A Book sent down by the Lord…

He is the One Who appeared on Sinai

A Book sent down by the Lord of the Manifestation to him whose letter came before the Wronged One when He was in the Most Great Prison through what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. O Asadu'llah! Hear the call from the illumined Holy Land, from the right side of the Crimson Spot—verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He has appeared and manifested what He willed as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He came with the hosts of inspiration, but the manifestations of vain imaginings turned away from Him—verily they are in manifest loss. Thy letter came before Our face and We found from it the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of all worlds. We read it and make mention of thee with that which will not be altered by centuries and ages. The Book of God in this exalted and glorious station bears witness to this. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having guided me and made me recognize Thy Most Exalted Horizon, and adorned me with the traces of Thy Most Glorious Pen, and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call when it was raised between earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, to make me detached from all else save Thee, clinging to Thy Most Strong Cord. O my Lord! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy love such that neither the clamor of the transgressors nor the croaking of the heedless ones who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and committed that which caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy grandeur and the tabernacle of Thy glory to lament, shall prevent me. Then ordain for me that which will draw me near unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH04701: Praise that is sanctified above comprehension and minds befitteth…

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

Praise that is sanctified above comprehension and minds befitteth the Lord of the worlds Who, through the Most Great Name, hath cast down the banner of associating partners with God and raised high the standard of divine unity in the most exalted station, and through the appearance of His Beloved One hath adorned the world with a new adorning. Upon Him be His peace and blessings and mercy, and upon His family and companions through whom the light of faith shone forth and illumined the horizons.

Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the peace of God, was present and mentioned thy letter before the Wronged One. We beseech God to strengthen thee and assist thee and ordain for thee that which shall endure as long as His names endure. In that letter mention was made of teaching them. In this matter wisdom is required. Drink thou the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting in the innermost mystery. Well is it with thee and pleasant it is to thee. In all circumstances We counsel you to wisdom. "Concealment is better than revelation." The people were not and are not worthy. Not every soul was or is worthy of this most pure Kawthar. The days of attainment to Our presence are remembered and remembered art thou. We beseech God that He may assist thee to hold fast unto the wisdom that hath been sent down. Convey Our greetings to the kindred and illumine them with the light of remembrance. Verily He is with you wherever ye may be. Verily He is the protector of those who do good.

BH04821: In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful!

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful!

This is a Book sent down through grace from God, the Most High, to him who is named Abdul-Ghani, that the verses of his Lord might draw him to a station wherein all things proclaim:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!"

We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear tokens. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless! Say: O people of the earth! Give thanks unto God, for verily He hath fulfilled His promise, revealed His path, and made evident His proof, that He might draw them nigh unto Him on this Day whereon the Herald calleth out from a near place:

> "O people of the earth! The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Promised One hath come with such clear evidence as the eye of creation hath never witnessed!"

The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from His glorious and exalted station….

BH04881: O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Hearken unto My…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison…

Reflect upon the power of the All-Powerful Lord. We created the Badi' with one word and sent him forth like a ball of fire for the propagation of God's Cause. They accepted him not and martyred him. We sent another sacrifice who accepted not preservation and offered up the crown of life at the feet of the Beloved of the worlds. And likewise We sent yet another sacrifice whose head was adorned with the

crown of detachment and whose temple was embellished with the robe of resignation. With perfect assurance and complete detachment he proceeded to the place of sacrifice and freely offered up his life before the Desired One of all creation. We sent another sacrifice who, while speaking the Most Great Name and uttering this blessed word, declared: “We have found that for which we longed!” With this word he gave up his life and received eternal bounty and everlasting life.

The mention of the sacrifices is greater than can be contained on a single page. Were you to count God’s martyrs, you could not reckon them. In every city there appeared that which had not appeared from the beginning of creation. The traces of God’s sacrifices are evident in every land and manifest in every region. Nevertheless, the people of the world have not become aware. The former people offered one sacrifice, and they mention him from their pulpits and consider him the cause of the guidance of mankind, yet these sacrifices who gave up their lives with the utmost joy and fragrance are not and were not mentioned. Such is the state of the unjust people.

Reflect upon that which hath appeared and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast taught me and guided me to Thy straight and manifest path.”…

BH04722: This is a remembrance from Us unto the earth…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

This is a remembrance from Us unto the earth, that the remembrance may draw them nigh unto Him Who is remembered, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Among the people are those who have hearkened to the Call and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and among them are those who have turned away—these are assuredly among the most lost in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thou dost inhale the sweet fragrances of the verses and art seized by the rapture of the Call of thy Lord, the Manifestor of clear tokens, say:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward the ocean of Thy loving-kindness and the heaven of Thy grace.

I beseech Thee by the revelations of the Sun of Thy Manifestation and the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, and by the mercy that hath preceded Thy servants and Thy creation, and by the sweet fragrances of Thy Revelation and the manifestations of Thy power, that Thou aid me in Thy remembrance and Thy praise. O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy strength and might, and the weary one seeking the kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the whisper of Thy Most Exalted Pen to aid me to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who

hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty and Who ruleth over whatsoever He desireth through His Will. Thou art, verily, the Protector, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

BH04930: O thou who art watched over by the Glory…

O thou who art watched over by the Glory of God and His mercy and His loving-kindness! Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. At this time the Greater Branch proceeded from Bahji to ʿAkka and when he attained Our presence he made mention of thy letter. We make mention of thee through verses from which every person of understanding will discover the fragrance of My loving-kindness and My mercy and My grace which have encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve not over anything. God will soon unveil to thee and make manifest unto thee the path of His loving-kindness leading to relief and blessing. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Goal of them that know. The letter of the servant who is present was also noted. An answer is being sent. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and through thee to help His Cause triumph and exalt His mention. Verily He is powerful over all things. Make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One and counsel them to trustworthiness and godliness and steadfastness and whatsoever will elevate the station of man.

At this time We make mention of him who is named Asadu'llah that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Some time ago there was revealed especially for you and him in the letter of Diya that which diffused the fragrance of loving-kindness and mercy. And We make mention of him who is named Habib and We beseech God to adorn him with the ornament of loving-kindness and favors and to assist him to be steadfast in His Cause and to ordain for him the good of the last world and the first. Verily He is powerful over all things.

BH04986: We have desired to make mention of My servant…

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

We have desired to make mention of My servant Husayn, who attained unto My remembrance in the early days when We were established upon the throne of revelation in Baghdad. He recognized My verses, was honored to attain My presence, submitted to the manifestations of My grandeur, and was humbled at the raising of My call, and responded when My tongue spoke forth. We beseech God to assist him and strengthen him to preserve that which was revealed unto him from His swift-moving, ever-active Pen.

A letter has come before the Wronged One wherein thy name was mentioned. We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest be gladdened by that which hath been sent down unto thee from an ancient Revealer.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My loving-kindness and behold the pearls of the ocean of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having shown me and caused me to witness and hear Thy horizon and Thy call. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens and the Dayspring of Thy commandments and ordinances—He in Whose right hand is

the standard of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” and in Whose other hand are the reins of all things—to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance and whom the hosts of creation have not deterred. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower.

O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy bounty the rains of Thy mercy upon Thy loved ones who have not broken Thy Covenant and Testament and who have arisen to serve Thy Cause amidst Thy servants. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH05202: O Amin, upon thee be My glory! A letter…

He is God, exalted is He in wisdom and utterance

O Amin, upon thee be My glory! A letter which thou didst send in the name of Allah-Mihdi was forwarded to the Most Holy Court, and mention was made therein of Mulla Qasim, upon him be My glory. Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One and say: O Abu’l-Qasim! We beseech God that He may assist thee to champion His Cause, that thou mayest be enabled to speak forth His remembrance, be enkindled with His love, arise to serve Him, and find joy through His Name. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me and made me know Thee and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge on a day when most of Thy creatures were debarred therefrom. I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names and by the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

As for his desire regarding the drinking of tea, this hath been accepted. Give him the glad-tidings of this wondrous favor. Thy detailed letter also reached this servant in these days. An answer will be sent, God willing. Thou hast ever been and continuest to be remembered. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones. We beseech God that He may assist all to perform deeds befitting of this Day. We send greetings to Muhammad and Aqa Husayn that they may rejoice in the favors of the Wronged One and be among the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH05185: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory and My…

He is the One speaking from His Most Glorious Horizon!

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The letter of his honor the Afnan Mahmud—upon him be the glory of God, the Loving Sovereign—which he wrote to thee was presented before the Throne and was honored to be heard. Blessed is he and well is it with him! Praise be to God, they have rent asunder the veils of idle fancies through the Name of the Self-Subsisting, and have become aware of that which is the cause and origin of existence. We beseech God that He may aid him in all conditions to do that which will cause his mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, and that He may assist him.

By the life of God! A pure deed endureth and lasteth, and remaineth and speaketh throughout centuries and ages. Blessed is the station of the doer and the one who maketh mention! Blessed are they who know and blessed are they who have attained! That which he sent hath been honored with acceptance. We beseech God, exalted be He, to adorn it with the ornament of wisdom and utterance, and to manifest unto him that which hath been ordained for him through His firm and mighty command. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who love him for the sake of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The divine bounty and loving-kindness concerning the Afnan hath been and is beyond reckoning, especially for those souls who attained His presence and drank from the cup of reunion, or those for whom mention of presence before the One Who conversed on Sinai flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and was recorded. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous; He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH05184: O Asad, upon thee be My glory! Convey…

He is God, exalted is He

O Asad, upon thee be My glory! Convey to his honor the One Named Sad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, greetings from the Wronged One, and write: Praise be to God, thou hast drunk of the choice-sealed wine and held fast to the Name of the Self-Subsisting. Thou hast attained unto that which was recorded in God's Book and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. God hath been and ever shall be thy Helper. When thou arrivest in the land of Sad, be not sorrowful, but enter with complete trust and supreme resignation, and behold the servants as non-existent.

With the tongue of the seen and unseen, speak these words: "Naught shall befall us save what God hath decreed for us." The power of God, exalted be His glory, and His loving-kindness have been and ever shall be with thee. Strengthen thy heart through the remembrance of God and make firm thy feet, but outwardly, let not wisdom slip from thy grasp—keep it ever in sight, placing thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. Fear not the clamor of the ignorant ones, that is, the divines—thou art protected by His Name, the Preserver. Say: "O Protector! O All-Seeing! Protect me by Thy safeguarding power and aid me through Thy might and power. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer."

Convey My greetings to thy household and give them the glad-tidings of God's special favors. Verily, He is with you wherever you may be. The glory of God, His mercy and His blessings be upon you.

BH05137: A book speaking in truth and testifying…

He is mentioned in the heart of Baha.

A book speaking in truth and testifying to that whereunto God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. He guideth the servants unto the Most Great Path and draweth them nigh unto His praiseworthy station, and beareth witness to that which God bore witness before the creation of existence: that He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Nothing whatsoever

escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which is commanded in the Book, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and by the lights of the Orb of Thy proof to make me in all conditions turn toward Thee, speak Thy praise and seek refuge in Thy presence.

O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant one seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee by the wisdom which Thou hast made the shelter of them that are nigh unto Thee and sincere before Thee, and a stronghold for them that have turned unto Thee and have attained, to assist me under all conditions to do what Thou lovest and approvest.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by them who have soared on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and have sacrificed their souls and all they possessed in Thy path, to ordain for me through Thy bounty and grace that which Thou hast ordained for them. Thou art He Whose grace the veils of the world and the clamor of the nations cannot withhold. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05025: Praise that is sanctified above the comprehension of all…

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

Praise that is sanctified above the comprehension of all created things and the understanding of all beings befits and is worthy of the Lord of names and attributes, Who, to the dismay of the ungodly, has raised aloft the banner of divine unity upon the highest standards and planted the ensign of “Verily He is God” upon the most elevated station. Glorified and exalted is He! He does what He wishes and ordains what He desires. No hosts can prevent His will and purpose, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to God that despite the might of the ungodly and the power of the aggressors, the light of unity is shining forth. We bear witness that there is no God but Him, acknowledging that which the tongue of His power has uttered before the creation of His earth and heaven.

We beseech God to protect in all conditions the people of unity in the cities and regions from the oppression of the ungodly and deniers, and to purify the cities of hearts from the doubts of the people of the world. He is powerful and mighty.

We have heard your mention and have made mention of you, in accordance with His exalted Word:

> “When you are greeted with a greeting, greet with a better greeting.”

We counsel you and the friends to patience and forbearance, and to such deeds and character as will cause the exaltation of the station of man. And in all conditions we beseech confirmation and success for the loved ones. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayer. Praise be to God, the Watchful, the Near.

BH05360: All praise, sanctified beyond mention and limitations, befits…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

All praise, sanctified beyond mention and limitations, befits and is worthy of the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, Who through a single Word made manifest the Straight Path and the Balance, the Hour and the Resurrection, the Reckoning and Paradise and the Fire. Whosoever turned towards it and attained unto hearing it, such a soul is recorded with God among the companions of the most exalted Paradise and is inscribed by the Supreme Pen. And whosoever turned away, such a soul is recorded with the Chosen One as being among the people of the Fire.

O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Remember thy Lord and glorify His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Be thou occupied with His remembrance at all times, and hold fast unto His cord. Though outwardly thou art distant from the Kingdom of Glory through the tyranny of the oppressors and the hatred of the antagonists, yet inwardly thou art seated and established in the most exalted station upon the throne of glory.

Ere long shall the glory of kings and subjects, princes and divines all return to nothingness, and the blessed word “Glory belongeth unto God and unto His loved ones” shall become manifest and evident. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor which hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and the earth. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH05569: O Alif, upon thee be My peace and My…

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

O Alif, upon thee be My peace and My glory. O Fa, upon thee be My mercy and My grace. Be thou confident in God’s loving-kindness and His mercy and His power and His sovereignty. Soon that which hath appeared of turmoil shall subside and thou shalt behold the servants clinging to return unto the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. His honor Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be My glory, made mention of thee. Therefore hath the Supreme Pen turned toward thee, and this most exalted Word, which in truth is among the pearls of the ocean of the Merciful’s utterance, hath appeared from His treasury: “Thou hast been Mine and I shall be thine.” Remember thou the friends, that perchance they may behold themselves detached and free from all save God, and that the means of two days may not deprive them of the infinite divine worlds.

Convey My greetings to the son, upon him be My glory. We beseech God to assist him in wisdom and utterance, to ordain for him that which shall protect him from the evil of every oppressor, and to aid him with the hosts of grace and bounty. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon whomsoever loveth thee and hearkeneth unto thy call in this manifest Cause.

BH05600: O ʿAli! What thou didst submit was observed. This…

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

O ʿAli! What thou didst submit was observed. This Wronged One hath ever mentioned and will continue to mention the people of divine unity. However, He is forbidden from mentioning spiritual insights and divine realities, inasmuch as some souls are unable to comprehend their meanings and interpret them according to their own desires, thereby causing hardship and speaking harshly to the companions in prison. We beseech God to assist thee in that which is befitting. Today all the people of divine unity must hold fast to the cord of divine favor and cling to the hem of God's mercy, supplicating by night and day that He may protect them from the evil of every misbeliever and every clamorous one. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby Thou hast guided the sincere ones to Thy straight path, illumined their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned their heads with the crown of Thy unity, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Then assist me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer. And we beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive those for whom thou hast sought forgiveness and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

BH05568: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory!…

He is the Faithful Speaker

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The letter of Ali T.B. (upon him be My glory) which he wrote to thee was presented before the Wronged One and read. Praise be to God, the fragrance of faith in God was inhaled therefrom. We beseech God—glorified be His majesty—to aid him and assist him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that he may rejoice and be numbered among those who are thankful unto Him. He speaketh thus:

"My God, my God! The wine of Thy utterance, the choice wine of Thy knowledge, the Kawthar of Thy certitude, and the Salsabil which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in the prison of ʿAkka have so intoxicated me that they have detached me from all else but Thee, drawn me nigh unto Thy straight path, and guided me to Thy Great Announcement.

> "I beseech Thee by those whose hearts Thou hast made treasuries of the pearls of Thy love and repositories of Thy remembrance and praise, and by the tongues of them that know Thee, who make mention of Thee throughout the nights and days, to ordain for me that which shall profit me and be a comfort unto me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I know not what beseemeth me to ask of Thee. Thou art more knowing of me than I am of myself. Write down for me that which shall cause me to speak Thy praise, to arise to serve Thee, and to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous, and Thou art the Most High, the Great."

BH05592: O Sulayman! In the past his seal fell into…

He is God.

O Sulayman! In the past his seal fell into the hands of a demon. Now its Owner is afflicted by the demons of the world.

> "The world is the abode of demons, and its record is in crookedness—O wayfarer! Be afraid of the demons of its record!"

At the end of this Tablet We beseech God to assist all to achieve unity and harmony. We make mention of all the friends of that land and command what God has willed:

> "Recognize the station of the one who has ascended unto Us. Verily We have mentioned him with a mention that is not equaled by the mentions of the nations. He who possesses a manifest Book beareth witness to this."

We beseech God to draw His children near unto Him and to make them among those who, throughout ages and centuries, have helped the Cause of God in such wise that neither the swords of enemies, nor the doubts of the divines, nor the allusions of the mystics deterred them. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers. The glory proceeding from Us rest upon you and upon the steadfast servants of God.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Thy letter reached the Most Holy Court, and especially for each name there was sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will that which hath no peer or likeness. Give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness. Verily the Wronged One makes mention of every name that appeared before His face. This is what He uttered when He was established upon His mighty throne in Zawra. We beseech God to assist His loved ones with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to render them victorious through His verses, and to ordain for them that which befits the heaven of His bounty. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05495: A Book which the Wronged One hath sent down…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of proof.

A Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to him who hath turned towards the Praiseworthy Station wherein was raised the call: "There is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

The Cause hath been manifested and the verses sent down, yet the people comprehend not. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath fulfilled God's covenant and His testament—he is assuredly among those near unto God in a preserved tablet. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Book, a command from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Say: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and Thy servants through Thy Most Exalted Pen, and for having sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty the table of inner meanings and utterance. By Thy Name, the All-Merciful! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Sun of Thy

Manifestation and the rustling of the Tree of Thy Mount, to make me in all conditions mindful of Thy verses, detached from all else save Thee, and holding fast unto Thy cord. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Permission for presence dependeth upon the exigencies of wisdom. If circumstances warrant, they may present themselves; otherwise, we beseech God, exalted be He, to record for thee the reward of attaining His presence and of appearing before the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Rising-Point of His evidences. He is, verily, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My loved ones there who have heard the call and answered their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH05389: Glorified be He Who hath named Himself in one…

He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden

Glorified be He Who hath named Himself in one station as the Mother of the Book, and in another station as the Mother of the Bayan, and as the Most Exalted Pen, and as the Perspicuous Book, and as the Most Great Announcement, and by what hath been sent down in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a grace from Our presence, and verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Verily the Spirit came from the heaven of proof by the command of an Ancient Commander, and attained the presence when the Desired One came with mighty sovereignty. And the Interlocutor came with the truth and attained the presence and said: "Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds!"

And the Primal Point appeared and gave glad tidings unto all of My manifestation and My Book and My presence and My firm and mighty Cause. And the One ordained in the Bayan commanded them to serve Me and to appear before My face and to offer beauteous praise. They turned away and denied, clinging to the cord of idle fancies—lo, they are among those who cherish vain imaginings in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. We have heard of thy drawing nigh, wherefore We make mention of thee and turn unto thee with a luminous countenance. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days and heard My call and acted according to what was commanded in My mighty Book.

The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have borne witness and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

BH05744: A mention from Us to him whose name was…

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

A mention from Us to him whose name was present before the Face of the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison—he who hath accepted all tribulations for the exaltation of the Word of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have remembered those who have turned to the Countenance, and We remember them as a grace from God, the Lord of all worlds.

O ʿAli! The face of the Prisoner hath turned toward thee from this far-distant shore and mentioneth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. When thou art made victorious through the verses of thy Lord and findest the fragrance of His loving-kindness, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having created me and provided for me and guided me to Thy most exalted horizon—the station wherein the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances doth speak. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby all things were attracted and the ocean of Thy knowledge surged in the world of creation, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy religion. Thou, verily, art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. I moreover beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to aid me in the service of Thy Cause and in that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Lord of all worlds and the Educator of all nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

BH05940: He dawneth from the horizon of the heaven…

He dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance

O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory! Love renders assistance and the grace of God provides aid. His mercy hath preceded all and His bounty hath encompassed all. A testimony to these stations is that each day a cause for mention by the Supreme Pen becomes manifest and a reason for the attention of the Wronged One becomes evident. His honor Ismullah, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, made mention of you and sought a mention from the Mother Book. Therefore the gaze of the Wronged One was directed to that quarter and from the treasury of the Supreme Pen these pearls of grace and bounty appeared and became manifest.

O My Afnan! The treasuries of the world cannot compare with these pearls. Each one beareth witness to the grace and generosity and bounty of God, exalted be His glory, towards His Afnan. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having illumined my sight to behold the lights of the Day-Star of Thy bounty and purified mine ear to hearken unto the rustling of Thy Pen. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and whatsoever was hidden in Thy knowledge, to aid me to arise to serve Thee at all times and in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, in the beginning and in the end.

BH05751: Thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God to strengthen thee with an assistance that shall never diminish. His Will is sovereign, His decree all-encompassing. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in all matters in God, the Lord of the worlds. We have remembered thee before, and do so at this hour, with that which its fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Two souls in two cities acted contrary to that which God hath decreed. By

the life of God, the eye of justice wept, and the people of the City of Fairness […]. Kurdistan and Hamadan—should that honored one turn in that direction, perchance it may cause some souls to become mindful, for certain deluded ones have also passed through those regions. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Say: O friends! Ponder ye: those servants who summon the people to the dawning-place of vain imaginings are, by the life of God, neither aware nor conscious. We beseech God to assist all to arise with complete steadfastness in His Cause. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and this mighty Command.

BH05982: O ʿAttar! Thou didst discover the fragrance of My…

O ʿAttar! Thou didst discover the fragrance of My days, didst hear My call, didst turn to My horizon, didst speak My praise, and My remembrance drew thee, and My Most Exalted Pen hath remembered thee in the Most Glorious Horizon. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and Master of the hereafter and of the former times. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou hast no peer nor equal. Thou didst manifest Thyself at the appointed time and didst call all to that which draweth them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

My Greater Branch appeared and made mention of thee, whereupon We remembered thee, and thy portrait was brought before the Wronged One. We testify that he attained unto the presence when the Tongue of Grandeur was speaking the praise and remembrance of God, and the Pen was moving in such wise as was the spirit of life unto bodies and the Kawthar of immortality unto frames.

Blessed is he who hath attained and partaken and drunk! Woe unto every proud and ungrateful one! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as there hath appeared before the Countenance that which representeth thy form, present and speaking thy praise and name. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst cause me to hear Thy sweet call and didst strengthen me to turn unto Thy Most Exalted Horizon on a day wherein most of the servants turned away from Thee. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon My loved ones, both men and women.

BH06299: Your letter was presented before the Wronged One…

He is God, exalted be His glory! The Grace and Bounty

Your letter was presented before the Wronged One and all of it was heeded. Praise be to God, the fragrance of divine love was wafting from it. The first part of the letter was adorned with these words: “This lowly servant with oceans of transgression and mountains of errors…” and so forth. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! If you have confessed to oceans of transgression, this Wronged One likewise acknowledges that God, exalted be His glory, possesses oceans of forgiveness and pardon. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to change sins into good deeds and to purify you from whatsoever is displeasing to His good-pleasure. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made me recognize Thee.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, to ordain for me that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! The weary hath turned toward the kingdom of Thy utterance and the blind toward the Kaaba of meeting with Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy giving to make me speak forth among Thy creation that I may acquaint them with Thy straight Path and Thy mighty Message, and show them Thy signs and the manifestations of Thy power. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of the aggressive ones cannot frustrate nor the ascendancy of the ungodly prevent. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06370: In My Name, the One manifest in the Most…

In My Name, the One manifest in the Most Exalted Horizon!

O ʿAli! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. It commands thee to that which will draw thee near unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. Cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ʿAli! The divines and learned ones of Persia all awaited the days of the Manifestation. During nights and days most of them were occupied in lamentation and weeping from separation. But when the gate was opened and the effulgences of the lights of manifestation dawned from the horizon of will, they did that which thou hast heard and seen. Now too the deniers of the Bayan are occupied with the same vain imaginings. We counsel thee and those who have believed to manifest the most great steadfastness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Counselling, the All-Informed.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and turning away from all else beside Thee. I beseech Thee by the light whereby the horizons of the heaven of Thy bounty were illumined, and by the fire that hath spoken forth through Thy command and will amongst Thy servants, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then ordain for me through Thy generosity and grace that which will make me in all times speak in remembrance of Thee and stand firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06122: Ha, Sin. We testify that your eye has attained…

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

Ha, Sin. We testify that your eye has attained to that for which it was created, and your ear has heard the call of the Wronged One in this mighty prison, and your heart has turned to a noble station. We beseech God to assist you with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, to aid you in exalting His Word amongst His servants, and to enable you to accomplish that which will endure as long as His names and attributes endure. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who have hearkened to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Abdul-Karim! Upon you be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great. The Most Great Branch presented your letter before the presence. The reply to Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of

God, was sent, and likewise permission to attain the presence was granted to Jinab-i-Musa, upon him be my Glory, from the Dawning-Place of the Divine Will. Verily We have heard the call of the dove and have answered it with that which gladdens hearts and brings solace to eyes. We beseech God to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to make him speak forth at all times with wisdom and utterance in His mighty Cause. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

BH06130: Praise be sanctified above mention and utterance unto…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

Praise be sanctified above mention and utterance unto the Goal of the worlds Who illumined the world with the lights of true divine unity, raised aloft the standard of guidance, and unfurled the banner of sanctification upon the highest ensigns. He is the Almighty One Whom neither the hosts and ranks nor the oppression and might of the people of the world could prevent from His purpose. He beheld His servants in error, and out of pure mercy and sheer grace sent the Manifestation of His Self for the guidance of creation, that all might find their way to the straight path and become aware of the great announcement. Blessed is the soul that effaced doubts and, with Abrahamic might, shattered the idols of vain imaginings, becoming illumined with the light of certitude that dawned from the horizon of will. Thus hath spoken the Wronged One in this Great Prison. Joy unto him who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. It is hoped that the gems of that land will be seized by the will of God, move those who tarry, and make fresh those who have withered. He is the Powerful, and He is the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Guardian over all names.

BH06226: We arose in the shadow of loving-kindness and favor…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling above all names!

We arose in the shadow of loving-kindness and favor and proceeded to another place. When We arrived, We revealed verses with manifest sovereignty and made mention of God's friends and chosen ones, and We sent down to them that which, were it to be cast upon the graves, would cause those within to arise, and were it to be cast upon the mountain, it would pass away as passes the lightning, to present itself before God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O people of the earth! Fear God and say not that which He hath not permitted you. Verily He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the servant who hath drunk the wine of immortality from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Woe unto him who hath heard and turned away—he is assuredly among the most lost.

My God, my God! Thou seest me desiring to make mention of one among Thy servants who hath desired to drink the wine of recognition from the hand of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! Aid him through Thy bounty and generosity, then ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee and cause him to remember Thy signs and Thy clear tokens. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Remembrance and Thy Mighty News to inscribe for him with Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06515: Praise be hallowed above the comprehension and minds…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

Praise be hallowed above the comprehension and minds, and sanctified beyond the understanding of all created things, befitting the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of the Desired One, Who by wisdom and utterance has taken possession of the cities of the hearts of all who dwell within the realm of possibility. The turning away of the peoples of the world, both high and low, and the disregard of the nations, both learned and mystic, prevented Him not from His purpose. Neither did the veils of error nor the clouds of glory withhold the power of His Pen and the influence of His Will from conquest. His banner proclaimed "He is God" and His standard declared "The Lord of all mankind hath come." Blessed are they who hearkened unto His call and who, with sanctified and pure hearts, made their abode beneath His standard.

Exalted is the Word and exalted its power, great is the Sign and mighty its station, and sublime its influence. O Mizan! Today the Balance proclaims: "Verily, I am the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing." The true Balance hath ever been and shall ever be the love of God. Blessed are they who are illumined by the light of His Cause and enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree.

Praise thou the Desired One of the world, for thy mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur both in the past and present. The riches of the world and the remembrances of nations shall all return to nothingness, but the divine verses and that which hath been ordained by Him shall remain and endure. The oppression of the oppressors, the clamor of the transgressors, and the vicissitudes and changes of ages and centuries shall neither alter nor efface it. In the realm of the Supreme Pen there hath never been, nor shall there ever be, any effacement. We beseech the Lord thereof to increase, at every moment, His confirmations unto thee and to make thee a standard of His Name and a herald of His Remembrance. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Son of Mary said:

> "Thou hast bestowed upon me that which the learned and the wise have failed to comprehend."

How many are the divines, the great ones, the princes and the mighty ones who are deprived, their names erased from the scroll of acceptance and recognition, and how many are those servants who, though outwardly reckoned among the ignorant and lowly in the eyes of men, have attained the highest stations of glory, exaltation, knowledge and wisdom. God eraseth what He willeth and confirmeth what He pleaseth, and with Him is the Mother Book. Blessed art thou and happy art thou, for thou hast drunk from the Sealed Wine and hast given thereof to others. This is a great bounty. Know thou its station and be of the thankful ones.

BH06847: O Ali, upon thee be the everlasting splendor…

He is the Manifest, the Speaker before all parties

O Ali, upon thee be the everlasting splendor of God! This is the Day which all divine Books have been adorned with its mention. Blessed is the soul whom neither doubts nor allusions of the heedless ones prevented from the direction of divine unity. Today the Supreme Paradise crieth out with the most exalted call "The All-Merciful hath come!" and the gates of the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven are opened wide. Blessed is he who hath advanced and entered therein, and woe unto every remote denier. One exalted word can cause the essence of dust to transcend the heavens—hold fast unto it, detached from all who are in the heavens and earths. And that blessed word is this: "This is the Day of God wherein none other than Him is mentioned." Whosoever holdeth fast to this word is preserved from the supreme terror and dwelleth secure and at rest beneath the canopies of divine grandeur. Therefore doth My Most Exalted Pen testify that he hath taken for himself beneath the canopies of light an exalted station and a faithful dwelling place. The Light shining forth and dawning from the horizon of God's Tablet be upon thee and upon whomsoever holdeth fast to this firm cord. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06800: O Asad, upon thee be my praise!…

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

O Asad, upon thee be my praise! In the letter of his honor Sayyah, it would not be amiss to make mention of his honor Sadiq, upon whom be greetings. Perchance on the day of arrival the heedless souls will not make any interference and this matter will pass with spirit and fragrance. Write that his honor Sad, upon whom be the Glory of God, has gone to Mecca and is returning.

However, the light of our eyes Aqa Abdul-Husayn is occupied with study and practice in Alexandria. The request from that honored one is to watch over the condition of his honor Sad and deliver him from the evil of the deniers. We have ever been and continue to be grateful and thankful to his honor the Helper. We beseech from the Truth that He may cause his eminence to attain His special favors. He is the Mighty and the Powerful. In every condition we seek from that excellence kindness and love and favor regarding the letter Sad, and assuredly whatever appears from that beloved one in this path, it is certain that ere long the manifestations of divine grace and favors have appeared and will continue to appear.

BH06836: He Who is mentioned in the Books of God…

He Who is mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds!

O Ramadan-Ali! Hearken unto the utterances of the idolaters and those who have turned away. The Seal of the Prophets commanded that in three days seven hundred souls be put to death, and Ali and Zubayr beheaded them. And were all those who were slain as mentioned in the Qur'an to be recorded, all would be seized with wonderment. Consider in the Bayanic Dispensation how many souls were consigned to perdition. In every city they killed and were killed.

Yet despite this they have objected to this Wronged One, saying "Why was such a one killed, and such a one deprived of life?" Say: Leave this, that another party may raise these same objections, for it was characteristic of both the Bayan and the Qur'an to purify the earth of souls.

But this Wronged One, by God's command, hath removed these things and strictly forbidden them in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Blessed is he who speaketh with justice and fairness, not according to the promptings of his desires. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee to champion the Cause of thy Lord through wisdom and utterance.

BH06519: On this luminous morn the divine tongue of utterance…

On this luminous morn the divine tongue of utterance speaketh forth this radiant word: O peoples of the earth! Hold fast unto that which will lead to the elimination of differences, that all parties may attain unto true tranquility and perpetual rest. The appearance of the Manifestations hath been and is the cause and instrument of unity, yet ignorant souls have made it a cause of discord. Say: O people of the earth! Hearken unto the Word of Truth and hold fast unto it….

BH06556: The veils of glory did not prevent the shrill…

He is the One Who calls from His most exalted horizon

The veils of glory did not prevent the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen, and the veils of the people of error did not hold Him back from His purpose. Before all faces, without any screen or veil, He spoke that which would reform the world and refine the nations. From the beginning of days until now He has been afflicted in the hands of enemies—at times imprisoned, at times transferred like a captive from land to land. But tribulations in the path of the Goal of all worlds have been and are beloved. The lovers in all regions know the value of this station. Night and day We have summoned the servants to that which would cause the elevation of the Word and the advancement of souls. Yet most were found heedless, nay, turned away. We beseech God that He may confirm you and grant you the greatest steadfastness, that you may remain protected from the doubts of the people and the events of the days. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned, and blessed is he who has attained unto this Most Great Announcement in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06682: Say: My God, my God! My outward and inward…

In His Name, the Forgiving, the Merciful

Say: My God, my God! My outward and inward tongue, my limbs and members all bear witness to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Every person of insight and understanding testifieth to the sanctification of Thy Being from any likeness and the exaltation of Thy Self above any similitude. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the understanding of all created things and the minds of all beings. The power of the world stands powerless before Thy power. Thou art He Who created the servants for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens.

Blessed is he who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Thy Will hath spoken and which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause which Thou hast preserved within the Glass of Thy power, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the mysteries that lay hidden in Thy verses, and by the Ship of Thy Cause which no winds could impede, and by Thy

Prophets and Thy Messengers, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Then aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause whereby the hearts of Thy creatures were thrown into commotion. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Glorious, the Great.

BH06701: Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest me…

He is the One Who rules over what was and what shall be

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. I desire from Thee naught except that which will strengthen me to remember Thee and praise Thee in Thy land, and to stand firm in Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and confessing Thy greatness and Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Books and Thy Messengers, whom Thou didst send to manifest Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word—through whom the ocean of Thy knowledge surged amidst Thy creation and the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness wafted throughout Thy dominion—to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds.

Thou knowest what is within my soul while I know not what is with Thee. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below, to send down upon Thy handmaiden from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall solace her eyes, gladden her heart and bring tranquility to her being. Verily, Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Watching, the Ever-Near.

BH06715: A Book sent down by the Wronged One…

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

A Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who has drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of his Lord's bounty and has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when it was illumined by this Most Great Name. Thy call hath reached the ears of the Prisoner and He hath answered thee through this Clear Book, whereby those who are nigh unto God have hastened to the horizon of Revelation and the sincere ones have drunk from the ocean that surgeth in the name of God, the Lord of the worlds. We love him who hath turned to the Countenance and We make mention of him in such wise as cannot be equaled by the treasures of kings. When the fire of My love enkindled thee and the warbling of My Pen attracted thee, say:

My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and thanksgiving, and unto Thee be gratitude and bounty, for having caused me to hasten unto Thy good-pleasure and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy grace. Thou art He Who, O my God, didst awaken me when I was asleep, and taught me when I was ignorant, and guided me unto Thy path, and strengthened me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and the revelations of Thy sovereignty and by the Will whereby Thou hast subdued the peoples in the kingdoms of names, to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thy days and

befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07344: O My community and My leaf! The Wronged One…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing

O My community and My leaf! The Wronged One calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison and inviteth thee to the supreme horizon, that perchance thy tongue may not cease from mention, nor thine eye from beholding, nor thine ear from hearkening, nor thy heart from turning toward Him. Today the sign of bounty hath appeared and is manifest before the faces of the world, and from the hand of bounty He bestoweth the Kawthar of eternity. The station of this blessed Day transcendeth all reckoning. This is the Day wherewith the Messengers and those nigh unto God gave glad-tidings unto the servants, by the command of the Lord of the Day of Judgment, and all were expectant; yet when the Day appeared and the lights of the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the supreme horizon, all turned away. How many are the divines who are veiled from the Known One by the veil of knowledge, and how many are they who have attained to the recognition of Him Who conversed on Sinai. The Command is His Command, and the decree His decree. He ordaineth whatsoever His wisdom requireth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

BH07368: O Husayn! Previously thou wert blessed with the remembrance…

He is the Speaker before all faces

O Husayn! Previously thou wert blessed with the remembrance of God, glorified be His majesty, and now too the face of loving-kindness is turned toward thee, making mention of thee and counseling that which is beloved before God in this day—namely steadfastness in the Cause of God, as well as trustworthiness and religion. Trustworthiness is the sign of God amongst His creation. Blessed is the soul that hath clung fast unto it. It is the key to wealth and the door to grace and bounty. We beseech God to aid His servants to hold fast unto it. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Inayatu'llah-i-Attar, upon thee be the glory of the Unconstrained! Mention hath been made of thee, therefore the gaze of loving-kindness is turned toward thee and He hath blessed thee with the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. Today kinship is not considered—thou art mentioned for the love of God. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that kinship which befitteth these days. Praise be to the Goal of the world that He hath brought thee forth from the loins of one of His loved ones. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH07373: O Husayn-i-Qabli, hear the Call of God, the Ancient…

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

O Husayn-i-Qabli, hear the Call of God, the Ancient. He draws you unto a station wherein naught can be seen save the effulgences of the lights of the Orb of His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. The Day is come, yet the people are in evident doubt. The Truth hath appeared, yet humanity remaineth veiled by a

thick veil. This is the Day wherein all things proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!” Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast turned and hearkened unto the Call when it was raised in truth between the heavens and the earth. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. When thou findest the fragrances of revelation, say:

> “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy manifestation and caused me to hear Thy sweetest call and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Cause to make me steadfast in Thy love, speaking Thy praise, and standing firm in Thy service. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.”

BH07421: O Muhammad-Mihdi! Thy remembrance hath been mentioned repeatedly. Thou…

He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing!

O Muhammad-Mihdi! Thy remembrance hath been mentioned repeatedly. Thou hast been favored with the effulgences of the lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation. All the world besought from God the meeting with the Manifestation of His Most Beautiful Names and Most Exalted Attributes, yet when the Sun of Truth shed its radiance, all turned away save whom God willed. The people of the Furqan were seen to be the most lost among the parties of the world, and now the people of the Bayan are more lost than the people of the Furqan. Glory be to God! The equivalent of all the books before and after hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, nay more, would they but be fair. Reflect upon the words and deeds of the Shi’ihs, and ponder their outcome and fruit on the Day of Resurrection. Then will become evident to thee the loss of those who turned away from God, broke His Covenant, and disputed His verses. We beseech God to grant true vision to the eyes, and likewise to the ears, that they may see and hear. Verily, there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06913: My God, my God! By Thy might and sovereignty…

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

My God, my God! By Thy might and sovereignty, I am saddened by Thy sadness and by what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. Thou art He Who, O my God, didst ordain for them comfort from Thy presence and bounty from the heaven of Thy grace, yet they turned away from Thee and sought to harm Thee and to diminish Thy station amongst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Beloved of hearts and souls, by Thy Name which hath precedence over all names and by Thy Command which hath encompassed all things, to make known to Thy servants what Thou hast intended for them through Thy generosity and ordained for them through Thy grace.

Then deliver them from the idle fancies of self and passion and from the fire of transgression and wickedness. O Lord! Dost Thou see any of Thy loved ones who hath turned toward Thy most exalted

horizon and held fast to righteousness in Thy days, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of the dust beneath? Do Thou ordain for him, through Thy bounty and generosity, that which beseemeth Thy grace and bestowal, then accept from him what he hath wrought in Thy path and for Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Unconstrained.

BH07038: Praise be worthy and befitting of the Desired One…

He is the Hearing, He is the Responding

Praise be worthy and befitting of the Desired One Who with one exalted Word spoke forth—from the ocean of knowledge the pearls of wisdom became manifest, from the heaven of utterance the suns of divine knowledge dawned forth, from the hearts of those near and the believers the fire of the love of God became ignited, from the Most Exalted Pen the Kawthar of utterance flowed, and from the trees the fruits of proof became visible. By the life of God! The effects and influences of that Word have been and continue to be beyond the comprehension of the servants, save to a known measure. O My loved ones! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of the blessed Word.

The days and nights will soon come to an end. While there is still opportunity and time is manifest, arise to make good what has passed. This is the counsel of the Lord of Names which He hath revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Thy mention was mentioned before the Countenance, thy name was present, and with this most wondrous and most sweet Tablet have We made mention of thee, that it may attract thee and draw thee to the most sublime summit. He is the Powerful and the Mighty, and He is the Witness and the All-Knowing.

BH07041: The one incomparable Lord—exalted be His glory…

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

The one incomparable Lord—exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, and mighty be His station—has been and will ever be worthy of praise, thanksgiving and glorification. This station too depends upon His acceptance and is contingent upon His confirmation. Some time ago your letter was received in His presence. Praise be to God, it spoke of divine unity and the sanctification of His holy Being from any likeness or peer. We beseech Him, exalted be He, by the Beloved through whom the decree of unity was manifested and the banners of detachment were raised, that He may assist you and grant you success, and rain down upon you from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from Him, a table from His presence, and a benediction from His side. Verily He is the Lord of the world and the Educator of the nations. There is none like unto Him and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and worthy to answer prayer. Peace be upon you and upon those who love Me and arise to serve My Cause—he who is named Samandar—and upon those with you who have recognized the unity of God, His transcendence, His power, His greatness and His sovereignty.

BH07177: The heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the Lord…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty. The earth hath been rent, and that which lay concealed within it hath appeared by command of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The horizon of proof hath been illumined, and the Lord of Utterance hath come with a command before which neither the hosts of the earth can prevail, nor the clamor of the aggressive ones. The ocean hath revealed its pearls and its waves, stirred by the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafting from the dayspring of His firm and mighty command. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have favored thee with this Clear Book. When thou hast attained unto it, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging fast to Thee and to Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou hast made a sword for the ungodly and a mercy for them that believe in Thy unity, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Then preserve me, O my God, from the evil of Thine enemies and from the oppression of the aggressive ones among Thy servants. Verily Thou art He Whom neither the armies of Iran and Rome can frustrate, nor the hosts of princes and kings. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

BH07256: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the One Who rules over all names

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it calls the people to the praiseworthy station. That which was hidden in the treasury of God's protection hath appeared, and that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Preserved Tablet hath come to pass. Hasten, O people, to the Dawning-Place of the verses of your Lord. Beware lest sciences and arts withhold you. Cast aside vain imaginings to their followers and take hold of My Choice Wine that hath been sealed. Then drink thereof in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean manifested its waves, and the Light its effulgence. Blessed are they who understand. Say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven!

I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by the mysteries concealed in Thy knowledge to ordain for me that which will cause me to hold fast to Thy cord and cling to the hem of Thy loving-kindness. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for them that are near unto Thee among Thy creatures. Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07364: O Jamalu'd-Din! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

O Jamalu'd-Din! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the True, the Manifest King. The letters which thou didst send were presented before the Most Holy Court by the Greater Branch. We beseech God to assist thee, to confirm thee, and to aid thee in that which will draw thee closer to Him in all conditions, and to exalt through thee His mention among His servants.

In these days certain passages have been revealed under the name of "Traveler"—there would be no harm if they were sent to European lands. Thou art remembered in all conditions and art the recipient of

favor. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Faraj'u'llah. We beseech God to confirm him in service to the Cause. Make mention of the friends in that land, each and every one. His honor Afnan, upon him be My glory and favor, wrote mentioning your arrival. Praise be to God, in every station a station is manifest. All this is from His grace, His mercy and His favor. We beseech Him to ordain for you the good of both this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH07393: O ʿAttar! Upon thee be the Glory…

He is the One Who speaks the truth!

O ʿAttar! Upon thee be the Glory of the Unconstrained! My Greater Branch has presented thy letter and read it before Our face. We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Book. Thou and those with thee have attained in the days of God when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him. We bear witness that thy father took the cup of salvation in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn and drank therefrom, despite every learned one who turned away from the Known One, and every mystic who remained distant from the One Who is Known, and every atheist who broke the Covenant of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Convey My greetings to the faces of those who have attained unto My presence, and to every servant who heard My call and turned to My horizon and acted according to what was commanded in My perspicuous Book, and to every maidservant who held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and remained steadfast in My firm and wise Cause. Verily, We have remembered every name that was in thy letter with a remembrance that all the remembrances of the world cannot equal, as testified by Him Who possesses a mighty Book. Remember them on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH07543: I summon the loved ones of God, exalted be…

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

I summon the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, to two most great matters: first, the recognition of the Ancient Being, and second, steadfastness in His Cause. And likewise I counsel them to two most excellent attributes: religiousness and trustworthiness. Blessed is the soul that in this divine Day hath turned towards Him and attained the verses of the Supreme Pen. Know thou the value of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and preserve and read the blessed Tablet, that perchance through the attraction of the Call thou mayest attain unto that which God hath purposed. We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest spend thy remaining days in His love and remembrance, and at the time of ascension mayest turn, detached from the world, unto the Supreme Companion. He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07586: His honor Ali Haydar, upon him be my glory…

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

His honor Ali Haydar, upon him be my glory, mentioned thee, therefore the Supreme Pen hath turned unto thee that It may cause thee to hear the divine Call which is raised today. Today the world is adorned with the lights of the Luminary of Revelation, the winds are speaking “The Truth hath come,” the sea is proclaiming “The Possessor hath come.” Blessed is the soul that hath in this wondrous Day hearkened unto the call of all things. O Kazim! The Wronged One of the world maketh mention of thee from the prison and counseleth thee to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Heedlessness hath encompassed the world, the world hath prevented all from the Lord of Names. We beseech God that He may assist thee to rend asunder the veils that have hindered thee, with celestial power, that thou mayest attain to the station of nearness and holiness. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH07538: When thou hearest My most sweet call…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

When thou hearest My most sweet call and the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen, say: O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and to Thy power, Thy might and Thy dominion. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, and by that which lay concealed within Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thy wisdom, to make me in all conditions one who speaks forth Thy Name, who gazes toward Thy horizon, and who stands ready to serve Thy Cause.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, and I desire naught from the heaven of Thy grace save that which shall assist me in what Thou lovest and approvest. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance that Thou withhold me not from the fountain of Thy good-pleasure, nor distance me from nearness to Thee and Thy presence. Thou art He to Whose loving-kindness and bounties the Sacred Books have testified, and the tongues of the Messengers to Whose generosity and bestowals. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH07808: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the heaven of proof!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath heard the Call and answered his Ancient Lord, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and arise to serve his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged—verily He mentioneth thee with that which hath caused the fragrances of revelation to waft and the eyes of the sincere to be consoled. How many a servant hath detached himself from the tales of old and held fast unto that which hath been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and how many a servant hath clung to them, turning away from God, the Goal of those who know. We beseech God to aid the people of Baha with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, such that neither the doubts of the people nor the mentions of the past will move them. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Take thou My Book with a power from Me and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee and to hold fast unto Thy Cause, the Unshakeable, the Firm, the Strong. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in all conditions. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH08183: The Wronged One makes mention of one of His…

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

The Wronged One makes mention of one of His loved ones in the prison, that he may be assured through God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Your letter was presented and read before His face. We have answered you with this clear Tablet. Give thanks to God that He has aided you and drawn you near, such that He has sent down for you from the heaven of bounty that which brings tranquility to the hearts of those who have turned towards Him. We have remembered you, and this is yet another time. Verily your Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Say: Praise be to Thee for having guided me and answered me from Thy Most Great Prison while Thou wert in the hands of the heedless. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, by the lights of Thy throne and the attraction of Thy call and the influence of Thy utterance, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

BH08523: O My loved ones! The meaning of steadfastness…

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

O My loved ones! The meaning of steadfastness is to hold fast to the Most Great Announcement in such wise that neither the tempests of allusions nor the hurricanes of doubts shall deter them. They shall regard as false and worthless those who lay claim to the Cause thereafter. In the Bayan it is stated that false claimants shall appear in every land. Such souls are the cause of contention, dispute and corruption in the world. Blessed is the one who hath held fast to the Most Great Name and found himself detached and free from all else but God. By the life of God! He is of the people of Baha and among those souls whose mention hath been recorded in the books of the past and future, and inscribed by the Pen of God's Will. Remember thy Lord, detached from all else but Him, and give glad tidings unto the servants with wisdom and utterance of this mighty Cause and this perspicuous Book.

BH08560: O Abdul-Karim! The purpose of this Revelation…

He is the Silent, the Speaking One!

O Abdul-Karim! The purpose of this Revelation is the purification of hearts from hatred and rancor, that perchance the peoples of the world may be illumined with the light of unity. We beseech God—exalted be His glory—not to deprive the people of the earth from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful which floweth from the Supreme Pen. This is that Water whereof He hath said: "And from water We made all things living." For this Water there are meanings beyond counting. This is that Water which

bestoweth eternal life and everlasting existence, and illumineth hearts with the light of divine knowledge. Blessed is he who hath recognized and partaken of it. O Muhammad-Mihdi! The Wronged One calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison, and counseleth thee with that which will exalt the Cause of God. Set aside what is with the people, and hold fast unto that which is with God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08533: O Baqir! This Wronged One hath accepted the tribulations…

In the Name of the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen!

O Baqir! This Wronged One hath accepted the tribulations of the world for the preservation of its peoples. By the life of God! He hath had no purpose except to quench the fire of hatred and animosity which blazeth in the hearts of the peoples. Yet the deniers have uttered that which befitteth their own souls. The justice of this Wronged One hath shone forth even as the sun from the horizon of equity. For forty years We protected him whom they had seized, setting God aside, and those who were with him. Not the slightest harm befell any one of those souls. Doth this incident not bear witness to the grace of God? The deed is manifest and His grace evident, and yet the people persist in obvious falsehood. Well is it with him who hath heard and responded, and woe betide the heedless ones.

BH08613: O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory. Hearken…

In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted throughout all lands!

O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Today the fragrances of divine bounty and generosity are wafting, and the ocean of giving is manifest before all faces. He has confirmed His handmaidens and caused them to attain unto His recognition in days when most men and heroes, divines and scholars, are seen to be deprived of the ocean of knowledge […] This station has been and remains lofty and exalted in the sight of the Lord of all beings. Were the believing handmaidens to become aware of this most exalted station and most glorious rank, they would be occupied with praise and glorification throughout all their days. O My handmaiden! Strive diligently to preserve that which hath been bestowed. This Wronged One counseleth all to sanctification and detachment, and to that which beseemeth the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH08596: O God! O All-Bountiful, All-Merciful One! These are my…

O God! O All-Bountiful, All-Merciful One! These are my eyes before Thy face, beseeching from Thee that which befitteth Thy bounty, and declaring: O my God! Thou didst create me to behold Thee; I implore Thee not to deprive me. And these are my ears, declaring: Thou didst bring me forth from nothingness to hearken; O All-Bountiful One, deny me not the power to hear. All created things testify to Thy munificence. A handful of poor ones stand before the Kingdom of Thy riches, and a company of sinners stand before the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness, yearning and supplicating for Thy boundless grace. O Lord! Thy generosity hath made them bold, and Thy bounty hath caused Thy servants to persist. Deprive them not; both forgive and bestow Thy bounty. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH08120: O friends! The verses have been sent down…

In the Name of Him by Whom the believers have hastened to the horizon of manifestation!

O friends! The verses have been sent down, the evidences are manifest, and the Book is visible in such wise as to encompass the realm of hearts and understanding. Blessed are they who arise to aid the Cause and who, through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, take possession of the citadels of hearts. Contention, conflict and corruption are characteristics of beasts—we have left these to them. Love, fellowship, wisdom and utterance are characteristics of man. Take what behooveth you, placing your trust in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The beginning hath ever been and will continue to be the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and its end steadfastness therein, in such wise that the doubts, intimations and expressions of the peoples of the world withhold and deprive one not from the Most Great Name. This is the luminary of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Lord of men and spirits. Blessed are they that hear and blessed are they that act!

BH08299: The servants and handmaidens of the earth were brought…

In the name of the All-Knowing God

The servants and handmaidens of the earth were brought from nothingness into being for the purpose of serving the Cause after recognizing the Sacred Being, and with lamentation and wailing they beseeched God, exalted be His glory, for attainment to the presence of the Day of Manifestation. Yet when the luminous horizon appeared and the divine Gate was opened, all turned away. Reflect upon this matter: Shaykh Muhammad Hasan Najafi, who was the most learned of Iran's divines, was deprived of recognition of the Dawning Place of the verses of God, exalted be His glory, while the handmaidens of God—who were mentioned in no gathering and were considered by the heedless to be without station or rank—through God's grace attained the light of recognition and reposed upon the throne of certitude. Give thanks to thy Lord for this great bounty, O my handmaiden! Be not heedless of this station, and preserve it through the Name of the Lord of all beings.

BH08461: This is the Book of God which draweth mankind…

He is God, exalted be He in wisdom and utterance

This is the Book of God which draweth mankind nigh unto Him, and this is the Light of God which moveth before the faces of them that are near unto Him, and this is the Sun of God which guideth men unto His straight path. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the signs and the ear that hath heard the call of the Mighty, the Wondrous One. Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have remembered thee as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. Glorify the name of thy Lord, then make mention of Him amongst His servants. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath ever commanded from ancient times. He aideth them that turn towards His good-pleasure and seizeth them that denied Him when He came with manifest sovereignty. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined mine eyes with the lights of Thy utterance and honored mine ears with hearkening to Thy call and strengthened my hands to take hold of Thy Book and

adorned my heart with the radiance of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and vocal in Thy praise. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to grant this prayer.

BH08551: O Ruhi! Upon thee be the peace of God…

He is the Healer, the All-Sufficing, the Almighty, the All-Powerful

O Ruhi! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. We have sent unto thee a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's mercy, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We beseech God to rain down upon thee from the heaven of grace the rains of healing, to cleanse thee from every ailment, to cure thee of every malady, and to give thee to drink from His ocean of healing and heaven of bounty and sun of grace. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Rejoice in thy Lord's loving-kindness. Thine is the praise, O Lord of all names, and Thine the glory, O Desire of earth and heaven, for having remembered Me and revealed unto Me that which hath brought solace to the eyes of all beings in their chambers. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the control of all names and attributes. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH09153: O Muhammad-Tahir! Today the Speaker of Sinai is seated…

In His Name, the Most Holy above all Names

O Muhammad-Tahir! Today the Speaker of Sinai is seated upon the Throne of Revelation and uttereth this most exalted Word: O people of Baha! Hear ye the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of ʿAkka, and follow not what is spoken by the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Ye are they who have outstripped all who are on earth and have attained unto that which none before you hath attained. Ye turned towards Him in the earliest days and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken—the Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Soon will the crier come unto you with a book from the dayspring of idle fancies. Thus doth He inform you, from Whose presence is the knowledge of all things in a mighty Book. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as will not be prevented by the turning away of the servants nor by the onslaught of them who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed.

BH09129: O Abbas! Change and transformation have been…

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

O Abbas! Change and transformation have been in the hand of God's power, glory be to His majesty. He has never been, nor ever shall be, powerless over any matter. Without any veil or covering He has been manifest and speaking. The people of the kingdom and of the heavenly realm move and rest through His Name. Reflect upon the transformation of the world—He changed the day of supreme sorrow into the day of greatest joy, that all might testify to God's power. The Primal Point declares that none but He has had or has any power. Glory be to God! He says the people of Sinai are struck with thunderous awe, yet still the deniers of the Bayan have spoken that which no idolater has ever uttered. Blessed is the soul that has held fast to the truth and become free and detached from all else but Him.

BH09151: O Muhammad-Husayn! Man is, in the sight of God…

He is God!

O Muhammad-Husayn! Man is, in the sight of God, even as a tree. His leaves are forbearance and submission, and his fruits are the knowledge of the All-Bountiful Lord. This tree is one whose fruits remain forever and endure eternally. The fruits of the tree of being have been and are countless, among them trustworthiness, religiousness, kindliness, mercy, bounty, generosity and grace. It hath been said aforetime that a fruitless tree is fit only for the fire. Now, praise be to God, the trees of this Revelation are adorned with the fruits of love and knowledge. We beseech Him that He may, at all times, send down from the heaven of truth the spiritual rains upon these trees, that they may remain verdant and flourishing before the face of the Lord of all beings. This is of the bounty of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

BH08628: From the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of eternity!

From the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen this most sublime word was heard:

> "The King, the Kingdom belongs to God, has come through His manifestation. That which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from eyes has appeared. Blessed is he who cast away what the people possess, taking what is with God, the Lord of Lords."

Thy name was present before the Wronged One. He makes mention of thee with that which caused spirits to soar. Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee in His Day and guided thee to the Path. Grieve not over anything, trust in all matters in the Powerful, the Unconstrained. Verily He assists whom He willeth through power and sovereignty, and writes for whosoever turns to Him that which pens are powerless to describe. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who prostrated when the Orb of the Command shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of all mankind.

BH09719: O My leaf and O My handmaiden! Thy mention…

In the name of the One Incomparable Knower!

O My leaf and O My handmaiden! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and this blessed Tablet hath been revealed that thine eyes may be illumined by beholding the divine signs and thy heart enlightened by His remembrance. The world was created for the recognition of the Ancient King, yet its people denied the divine proof and rose up in ingratitude for His favors. Soon will the effects of the wrath of the All-Compelling Name seize the wrongdoers and dispatch the transgressors to the fire….

BH09669: O Abdullah! The promised Day has come…

He is the One Who speaks the truth!

O Abdullah! The promised Day has come, and the mysteries of the Resurrection and the signs of the Hour have become manifest and evident. Blessed is the soul whom the veils of the people of error did not prevent from the Self-Subsisting Lord, nor held back from turning to the highest horizon. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and will aid me in serving Thee and serving Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH09674: I am Hearer and am the Answerer

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O ʿAli-Akbar! Today the people of the Most Sublime Vision are souls whom the veils of humanity have not prevented or deprived from turning toward the Lord of Power. By the Sun of the horizon of the heaven of divine might! The people of Baha are detached from all else save God. They have passed beyond names and have made for and attained unto the sea of inner meanings, reaching a station which the Pen is powerless to mention and the tongue fails to describe. To this bears witness the Book of God, the Most Great, in this mighty station. The glory from Us be upon him who has witnessed and seen and said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of earth below!”

BH09649: O Husayn! God, glorified be His majesty, in His…

He is the Just, the Wise!

O Husayn! God, glorified be His majesty, in His scriptures and tablets hath commanded His servants to that which leads to their exaltation and ascendancy. At all times He hath been in the hands of the oppressors—for God’s sake He spoke and for God’s sake He bore afflictions. Until now, God’s purpose remaineth unknown to the people of the cities of tyranny and oppression. They wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and traverse the valley of greed. Beseech ye God that He may quicken His servants through the rains of His mercy and bounty, and grant them sight that they may be delivered from the graves of ignorance and may see and find. Verily He is the Wise Counsellor, the All-Knowing, the Clear Expositor, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH09677: O ʿAli! In the days when the limbs…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

O ʿAli! In the days when the limbs of all names trembled and were disturbed from fear of the wicked ones, this Wronged One appeared from the horizon of power with the banner of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth,” and without any veil or covering, summoned all before the faces of the princes and divines to

the Most Exalted Horizon. And when the light was somewhat manifest and the fragrance of utterance was diffused, the deniers of the Bayan rushed forth from behind the veil. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Staff which vanquished the swords, to make me gaze toward Thee, turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, hold fast to Thy cord, and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09710: O Nasru'llah! Say: O deniers of the Bayan! "He…

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

O Nasru'llah! Say: O deniers of the Bayan! "He doeth what He willeth" hath ever been and shall ever be the truth. No affair among affairs and no deed among deeds is hidden from Him. Were they to drink from the ocean of this blessed Word, they would be enabled by the blessed words "We turn unto Thee." This Wronged One hath ever been and is occupied, night and day, with the reformation of the world and the reconciliation of hearts. Glory be to God! The deniers deny that which hath been inscribed upon the tablet of the world in clear script by the divine Pen. Blessed are they who possess true knowledge. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and remembered thee with verses from which hath shone forth the light of the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

BH09653: In My Name Who is manifest from the horizon…

In My Name Who is manifest from the horizon of eternity

O Rida! Hear My call. Verily it mentions thee in such wise as will draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Blessed is the servant who hath turned and attained unto that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of the utterance of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By the life of God! Neither the riches of the world nor whatsoever is with the kings and rulers can equal one word thereof. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found My fragrance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, made me to know Thee, given me to drink, and taught me. I beseech Thee by the lamentation of the lovers and the cry of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation and remoteness from Thee, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of doubts nor the intimations of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment shall keep me back. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH09521: The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy turning, thy…

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy turning, thy devotion and thy presence. If thou wouldst reflect upon this most great bounty, thou wouldst testify to the greatness, the power, the grace and the mercy of God—exalted be His glory. In days when princes, divines and people have arisen to oppose, the Hand

of Divine Power hath protected thee, and thou hast attained unto a station that hath ever been the hope of them that are nigh and sincere. Be thou thankful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee for having made me to know Thee, guided me, caused me to hear, and honored me. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me steadfast in Thy service and Thy remembrance in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me from turning unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven!"

BH09598: My God, my Adored One, my Goal, my Beloved!…

My God, my Adored One, my Goal, my Beloved! My face is turned toward the lights of Thy countenance, and my heart is directed to the court of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thine ancient bounty and Thy new generosity. Thou art that Omnipotent One Who through a single word hath fashioned the heavens and the earth and caused them to be the emblems of Thy Might, Thy Power and Thy Majesty; of Thy Grace, Thy Bounty and Thy Generosity, that the possessors of vision may behold the signs of Thy power and greatness in all things and bear witness to Thy grandeur. O God! Do not deprive the poor one from the gate of Thy riches, and do not forbid him from the ocean of Thy bestowals. Thou art the Lord of bounty, the Powerful, the Mighty, and the Supreme Ruler over all names.

BH09613: O companions of the Ark! Hear the call…

He is the One speaking with truth

O companions of the Ark! Hear the call of God, the Lord of creation. He calls you unto Him and guides you to His clear and straight path, and makes known to you that which will elevate you, and teaches you that which will profit you. He is verily the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. When thou hearest the call from the supreme horizon, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for honoring me with the traces of Thy Pen and adorning me with the ornament of Thy love. I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Tree of Thy Command and the lights of the horizon of Thy Manifestation to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, and to make me drink the choice wine of Thy utterance. O my Lord! The poor one hath turned toward the kingdom of Thy riches—I beseech Thee not to disappoint him from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH09624: In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names!

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

O My handmaiden! Today the Sun of Manifestation hath risen and is shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's Command, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised before the faces of humanity. The pearls of knowledge that were hidden within the shells of the ocean of wisdom are now manifest and visible before all faces. Yet the servants and handmaidens have been prevented from the Lord of Names by the veils of the divines. They martyred the Purpose of the world, and night and day they strive and struggle to extinguish the Light of the One Who conversed on Sinai. Glory be to God! They walk

in the path of vain imaginings and move according to the dictates of self and passion. This day is the Lord of days. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined by the recognition of the Day of God and hath attained unto the signs of the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds.

BH09959: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I…

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

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious Name, and by the light of Thy Cause shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and by the dawning-rays of the Sun of Thy proof, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all beings! O my Lord, I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great signs and by the effulgent dawnings of the Sun of Thy grace from the horizon of the world of creation, to open before my face the door of Thy favor and might. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all the first and the last ones.

BH10095: O ʿAli-Muhammad! Say: My God, my God! I beseech…

In His Name through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout creation!

O ʿAli-Muhammad! Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that I may choose for myself naught except what Thou hast ordained for me. O my Lord! Strengthen my limbs that I may lay down what I possess in hope of that which is with Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Command whereby Thou didst subdue the nations, to assist me in all conditions to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy loved ones whom neither the clamor of the malicious nor the opposition of the aggressive hath deterred. Verily Thou art the Most Powerful of the powerful and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH10072: O Husayn! This Wronged One broke the seal…

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding Speaker!

O Husayn! This Wronged One broke the seal of the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, and summoned all the peoples of the world—be they princes, divines, mystics or philosophers, male or female. Most failed to respond, being occupied with the diverse colors of the world and its glory and riches, and are so entangled that they had not, and have not, time to hearken unto the Word of Truth. Heedless of the immortal Kingdom, they cling to ephemeral hues. Blessed is the soul whom the world and all that is therein hath not prevented from the Most Exalted Horizon, nor deprived thereof.

BH10074: O Husayn! The Wronged One of the horizons hath…

He is God!

O Husayn! The Wronged One of the horizons hath summoned the people unto truth and commanded them to practice praiseworthy conduct. Today the hosts which bear the standards of triumph and the

banners of victory have been and continue to be goodly deeds and pleasing character. O My loved ones! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto the fear of God. He is the Helper and the Succourer. By the command of God, exalted be His glory, corruption and contention are condemned in His sight. Unity and concord and love and fellowship are acceptable. This is the Cause that hath been revealed in diverse Tablets from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings and recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

BH10110: O Mahmud! We have commanded all to show forth…

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing!

O Mahmud! We have commanded all to show forth love, affection, fellowship and unity, and We have lifted the ignorant prejudices, killing, corruption and whatsoever causes grief to the hearts of God's servants, the Lord of all worlds. We have ordained victory through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and through deeds and character. Blessed is he who acts according to that which hath been sent down from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take hold of justice and fairness by Our command, for He is the Commander, the Powerful. Thou hast attained unto My mention before and at this time. Be thankful unto God for this great bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!

BH10115: O Mashhadi Muhammad! The deniers say that the people…

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One.

O Mashhadi Muhammad! The deniers say that the people of Baha are slayers of men. Say: No, by God! By whose command was Dayyan martyred, and who removed Abu'l-Qasim from the world? If you were to count their evil deeds, you could not number them. The intention and desire of this Wronged One has been to remove conflict and contention from the world. To this testify the atoms of all created things and the Tablets of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. At all times has this Wronged One been afflicted in the hands of the oppressors. Say: Be fair, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. The Glory be from Us upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10501: O my Leaf, O Khadijih! From the first days…

In the name of the Desire of the world.

O my Leaf, O Khadijih! From the first days until now thou hast been adorned with the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth and hast been nourished by the choice wine of His utterance. Thy mention and thy service have ever been remembered before the Wronged One and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto the Salsabil of His love and didst drink from the Kawthar of His grace. By the life of God! Thy mention is recorded in the most exalted Paradise. This is what My tongue hath testified to in My Most Great Prison.

BH10254: O spiritual friend, Haji Ali! The details concerning my…

He is God!

O spiritual friend, Haji Ali! The details concerning my brother were submitted to the Most Holy Court. They commanded that service to one's mother is beloved in the sight of God. They should return to their homeland. A Tablet of bounty will be sent and their pilgrimage will be accepted, God willing. Abdul-Karim Najafabadi from Alexandria has requested that I obtain permission for him to turn towards the Most Holy Court. Permission was granted. His honor Aqa Siyyid Ali should write and give him the glad tidings of permission, and write on my behalf that he should turn towards the Most Holy Quarter. And you and Afraj should come. And peace. Diya'.

BH10473: O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! Today, he who possesses insight…

In the Name of the One God!

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! Today, he who possesses insight is the one who hath turned towards the Most Great Horizon. Today the accepting and the rejecting appear in two forms. The accepting one saith:

> "My God, my God! Grant Thy servants a portion from the ocean of awareness, and deprive them not of the effulgent lights of the Luminary of vision. Thou didst desire reunion; the Wronged One too desireth it, but the smoke of heedless hearts hath become an obstacle, and the hatred of souls hath appeared as an impenetrable barrier. We beseech God to preserve thy reward like unto a treasure in His Kingdom. He is indeed the Preserver, the Powerful, the Mighty."

BH10444: O Hasan! His utterance: "I have written down…

In the name of the Mother Book!

O Hasan! His utterance: "I have written down in My mention of Him these gem-like words: ʿNo allusion of Mine can allude unto Him, neither anything mentioned in the Bayan."' From this blessed word is established this supreme truth: that this Most Great Manifestation and Mighty Announcement cannot be known through the Primal Point and the Bayan. Therefore, if any soul denies the divine verses and heavenly evidences and lordly favors in this Manifestation, he is deprived of the Most Great Ocean and forbidden from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth. Take what has been revealed in truth and be of those who are secure. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10429: O My handmaiden! His honor Jalal, upon him be…

He is the Manifest, the All-Speaking

O My handmaiden! His honor Jalal, upon him be My glory, hath attained the presence of the Wronged One and achieved the honor of meeting Him. He made mention of thee. Therefore, the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken this exalted word: Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath made mention of thee in such wise that thy name shall endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of all the handmaidens in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's tender care—exalted be His glory. We beseech Him to guide them all. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH10488: O Maryam! The Ancient King in the Most Great…

He is God.

O Maryam! The Ancient King in the Most Great Prison proclaims: Today is the sovereign of days—know thou its worth and be occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Goal of all worlds. The divine call hath so enraptured the mountains, yet the servants remain deprived thereof. The fragrances of revelation are diffused, yet all are forbidden from them save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. The handmaidens who have borne tribulations in the path of God—all are mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Court and have attained His special favors.

BH10497: O Nasru'llah! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my…

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Nasru'llah! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn toward Thy horizon. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of Thy mercy, which have caused the cities of meaning and utterance to smile, to enable me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Mighty Book. O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy power, awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity and grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him in what he seeketh from the heaven of Thy mercy and the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10456: O Rajab-ʿAli! We make mention of thee and command…

In the Name of the Lord of Being!

O Rajab-ʿAli! We make mention of thee and command the loved ones to that which profiteth them. Trustworthiness is among the foremost ornaments. Blessed is he who is adorned with this sacred and luminous ornament. It is the source of glory and the mine of wealth and the repository of divine names. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it—such a one is reckoned with the people of this most exalted station before God. Rich is he who graspeth it, and poor is he who is deprived of it, though he possess all the treasures of the earth.

BH10459: O Rida! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

O Rida! The Wronged One makes mention of thee—He Who hath chosen for Himself no will or purpose, but hath chosen the will of the Intended One and the purpose of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. When thou attainest unto the ocean of My utterance, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the revelations of the lights of the Dayspring of Thy Manifestation in the kingdom of creation, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and fluent in Thy praise amidst Thy creatures. O my Lord! Deprive me not of Thy Sealed Wine, sealed by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting. Then make me of those who

have aided Thy Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH10461: O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! The clear Book hath been sent down…

He is God

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! The clear Book hath been sent down; they have denied it. The fragrances of revelation were diffused; they turned away from them. They cling to their vain desires and are heedless of God. Such is the state of these heedless souls. They are ablaze with the fire of hatred and strive to extinguish the light of the Lord of all things. We beseech God to adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness that they may recognize this Day and what hath appeared therein. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Blindness a hundred thousand degrees worse than the former is better and more excellent, for the former was prevented from outward vision, but the latter is deprived of eternal knowledge. Blessed are they that attain!

BH10712: O Aunt! We have taken the pearls of utterance…

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

O Aunt! We have taken the pearls of utterance from the Ocean of the mercy of the All-Merciful and sent them unto thee. I swear by the Sun of Truth that all that exists in the world of creation cannot equal these pearls of utterance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty favor and say:

> "Unto Thee be praise, O Thou Who art wronged, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou Who art imprisoned in the hands of the heedless ones!"

BH10707: O ʿAbbas! The world is receptive and its people…

He is God!

O ʿAbbas! The world is receptive and its people are heedless. They seek after thorns and thistles—that is, vain imaginings and idle fancies—while turning away from the pearls of utterance, clinging instead to pebbles and date-stones. Today there are seekers for all things except the pearls of wisdom and utterance that have appeared from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. These remain without seeker or buyer. Ere long will the world change and people will eagerly seek after them with their very souls. Blessed are they that attain!

BH10676: He overshadoweth all names

He overshadoweth all names.

O Abu'l-Hasan! We have heard your call and witnessed your turning to Us. You intended to attain Our presence. We beseech God to assist you in that which befits the Days of God and to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence. Today steadfastness is the greatest of all deeds. Say: O friends! The best

garment in the sight of the Lord of Oneness, after trustworthiness, has been and ever shall be truthfulness. Hold fast unto it and be free and detached from its opposite.

BH10632: In My Name, that speaketh from the Most Great…

In My Name, that speaketh from the Most Great Prison

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Lord of all created things, and glory be unto Thee, O my God, the Desire of all contingent beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing Lord of the kingdom of names and attributes, and by the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens, to aid me to serve Thy Cause. Then cause me, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to voice Thy praise. Then exalt me, O my God, through Thy Name amongst Thy creation and through my service amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH10943: O ʿAli-Rida! That which hath been revealed and sent…

He is God!

O ʿAli-Rida! That which hath been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen is the cause of salvation and prosperity for all people, were they to observe with illumined hearts and divine vision. Yet heedlessness hath prevented their eyes from beholding. Ask God to assist all to that which beseemeth His days. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful.

BH10952: O Fatimih, hold fast unto the Word and be…

He is God

O Fatimih, hold fast unto the Word and be free and detached from aught else. Today the lights of the Sun of true Divine Unity have shone forth by God's command. How excellent is the state of the one who hath attained unto it. At all times the rain of mercy is pouring down from the heaven of bounty, yet the people remain heedless of it. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

BH10922: O Hasan! Say: O deniers! The Herald…

O Hasan! Say: O deniers! The Herald, that is, the Primal Point, hath declared: "Verily, in every state He speaketh: 'I, verily, am God. There is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting."'

By the Sun of Truth! Were it not for this utterance of the Bab, this Wronged One would have remained silent concerning such mentions. He desired it, and this Wronged One, before the faces of the people on that day, raised the call and summoned all to the most holy, luminous and glorious court.

BH10923: O Hasan! The Light is imprisoned in darkness…

He is God!

O Hasan! The Light is imprisoned in darkness, and the Speaker of the Mount is forbidden to speak, for the ears of the world are occupied with listening to unworthy tales, while the Tongue of Truth uttereth Its

own praise and pondereth upon Its manifestation and mysteries and signs. Soon shall the veil be lifted, and the lights of the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shall illumine and enlighten the world. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH10953: O Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto thee and attained unto the hearing of thy shrill voice and attained unto thy presence and stood before thy face—he who hath been named Mihdi in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Mihdi! Rejoice in thy station, then render thanks unto thy Lord Who hath fulfilled His promise concerning thee and caused thee to hear His call and made thee know His station. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH10932: O Sakinih, thou hast heard the call…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

O Sakinih, thou hast heard the call of the Wronged One, before and after, and hast drunk from the choice wine of utterance. The Ever-Abiding Truth hath ever been and will continue to be turned with the glance of loving-kindness toward His male and female servants. His mercy hath preceded all, His grace hath encompassed all. Strive, that perchance there may appear from thee a deed befitting these days. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing.

BH10934: O Siyyid Muhammad! Say: My God, my God! I…

He is God!

O Siyyid Muhammad! Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy power, and by the Lamp through which Thy dominion and Thy kingdom were illumined, and by Thy Most Great Name whereby the ocean of recognition surged before the faces of the peoples, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy Cause—the Cause whereby the feet of the people of Thy realm have slipped. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power to do what Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

BH10812: Ha, Sin. We have remembered you with a remembrance…

He is the One Who speaks the Truth!

Ha, Sin. We have remembered you with a remembrance that shall endure throughout the duration of the Kingdom of God, the Lord of Lords. Verily He hath come from the heaven of immortality with a Cause before which neither the hosts of earth nor of the heavens can stand. Beware lest the might of the wicked keep thee back from God, the Lord of all men. When thou hearest My call, say:

> “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thee. I beseech Thee to make me successful in this Cause whereby feet have slipped.”

BH10997: Today the ocean of mercy is surging…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

Today the ocean of mercy is surging and the breezes of forgiveness are wafting from the direction of the favor of the Desire of all worlds. As they pass over receptive souls, all are adorned with the ornament of divine pardon. The Tongue of Grandeur has given and continues to give glad-tidings to all. We beseech God to preserve all and to adorn them with the crown of protection. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH11147: O My handmaiden! Today this word was heard…

He is the Possessor by rightful claim

O My handmaiden! Today this word was heard from the Blessed Tree:

> "Blessed is the servant who has inhaled the fragrance of My garment and clung to the hem of My loving-kindness, and blessed is the handmaiden who has attained to My recognition and witnessed that which the Tongue of My grandeur has witnessed in My mighty and wondrous Kingdom."

Glory be upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH11190: O Mihdi! Upon thee be My Glory! Today thou…

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My Glory! Today thou and the honored Siyyid Mustafa, upon him be My Glory, and the others must arise in perfect unity and harmony to exalt the Word amongst the servants….

BH11162: O Husayn! He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth…

He is God!

O Husayn! He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. The Banner of Revelation hath been raised. This is the Revelation which the people of the world were promised. The divine Books are adorned with Its mention and speak forth Its name. Yet the deaf of the world remain deprived and forbidden. Blessed are ye, and woe unto them!

BH11180: O Muhammad! Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came before…

He is God!

O Muhammad! Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came before. The wrongdoers denied Him—among them were those who turned away from Him, those who opposed Him, those who declared Him an infidel, and those who issued death sentences against Him. But God banished them through His sovereignty and elevated Him through the truth, until the limbs of the oppressors trembled at His justice and the hearts of the ungodly at His oneness.

BH11181: O Muhammad Husayn! Say: O deniers, what do you…

He is God!

O Muhammad Husayn! Say: O deniers, what do you understand by “the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds,” and by “when thy Lord shall come, and the angels rank on rank”? Say: The Sun of Truth hath risen, the Ocean of Utterance is surging—deprive not yourselves. While time remaineth, hold fast unto the cord of return. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH11217: In this Day, every handmaid who attaineth…

…In this Day, every handmaid who attaineth to the recognition of the Desire of the world is reckoned, in the Book of God, among the men….

BH11343: O Kazim, say: My God, my God! Purify…

He is God!

O Kazim, say: My God, my God! Purify the ears of Thy servants with the water of detachment that they may hearken unto Thy most sweet call. O Lord! I am the poor one who hath aimed at the ultimate goal and the most exalted summit—deprive me not of the wonders of Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of great favor.

BH11336: O Sadiq! Say: O friends! If you drink…

He is God.

O Sadiq! Say: O friends! If you drink from the Kawthar that lies concealed within the blessed words “verily He is praised in His deeds and obeyed in His command,” you will find yourselves detached and free from all save God. Reflection on these blessed words is essential. Blessed are they who reflect.

BH11446: O Muhammad Husayn! Your brother mentioned you, and We…

He is God!

O Muhammad Husayn! Your brother mentioned you, and We have mentioned you with verses that were the cause of insight among humanity and the greatest means for the recognition of the peoples. Be thankful to your Lord for this great gift and this mighty grace.

BH11448: O Nasru’llah! Your name was present before the Wronged…

He is God.

O Nasru’llah! Your name was present before the Wronged One and He hath remembered thee with that which shall be recorded in the book of thy deeds as the recompense of those who have drawn nigh and those who are near. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful, and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

BH03060: My God, my God! Every seeing one beareth witness…

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

My God, my God! Every seeing one beareth witness to Thy greatness and power, and every hearing one to Thy might and strength and authority. Thou art He Who, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, hath deposited within all things among created things the traces of Thy handiwork and the manifestations of Thy grace and loving-kindness. Everything hath testified with its inner tongue to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest one who hath acknowledged that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose—he hath heard and responded and turned with his heart toward Thy most exalted horizon, the station wherein Thy sweetest call was raised, and hath turned toward the Manifestation of Thy mysteries and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration on a day wherein the servants denied Thy proof and turned away from Thy Cause and disbelieved in Thy signs and favors and warred against Thy Self and disputed what was sent down from the kingdom of Thy utterance.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen and by that which lay hidden in the shells of Thy protection and the depths of Thy mercy, to ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions and cause him to drink from the Kawthar of Thy bounty at morn and eventide. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O my God! I beseech Thee, O God of the world and my Goal and the Goal of the nations, to bless those whom the books of the world prevented not from turning to Thy Most Great Book, nor did the might of nations hinder from facing the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of eternity! O my Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, then kindle them with the fire of Thy love. Thou art He Whom the doubts of the transgressors cannot frustrate, nor the cawing of the crows. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty, and Thou art indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Helper

That which was sent through the beloved of the heart, his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, reached this servant in the prison, and likewise the feast was carried out with the utmost joy and fragrance along with visitation on behalf of that honored one, and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance in the year 1305.

BH05410: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Best-Beloved…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Best-Beloved and my Object of worship! Thou hearest the call of Thy loved ones and beholdest the deeds of Thy chosen ones. They see for themselves no mention, praise, utterance, deed or end save through Thy power, bounty and grace. The ornaments of the world are gathered unto them solely that they might spend them in Thy path, and they love naught of all things save for the exaltation of Thy Word and the promotion of Thy Cause. These are Thy chosen ones amidst

Thy creation and Thy trusted ones throughout Thy lands. They sit not but through Thy name, they rise not but in Thy remembrance, and they eat not save it be mingled with thanksgiving and praise unto Thee.

I beseech Thee, O Thou around Whom circle the Concourse on High, to assist them in all conditions even as Thou didst assist them before, that there might appear from them at all times that which ascendeth unto Thee and which is perfumed with the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Moreover I beseech Thee, O Thou Sovereign of bounty and Lord of the Kingdom of Names, by Thy most sweet call and by the signs of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to rain down from the heaven of Thy grace upon him who hath confined his affairs to Thy mention and praise amongst Thy servants and who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause, the rain-showers of Thy generosity, the gentle drops of Thy munificence and the outpourings of Thy favors. Verily Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH06027: My God, my God! Illumine the eyes of Thy…

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

My God, my God! Illumine the eyes of Thy servants that they may behold the pearls of Thy wisdom and knowledge. Then cause them to hear that which will attract them to the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy manifestation, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances. Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Purpose! I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed that which preserveth the servants from the arrows of self and passion and from the swords of transgression and iniquity. All this Thou hast manifested from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity.

I beseech Thee, O Helper of the oppressed and Refuge of the distressed, by Thy Most Great Name through which the limbs of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the aggressive ones among Thy servants have trembled, to aid him who hath cast behind him the stations of the world and the cities of the nations, and hath taken for himself an abode in the shade of the Tree of Thy singleness and a station beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur. Thou art He Whom neither the clamor of the world nor the might of nations can hinder. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

He is the Helper

The letter of his honor Afnan, Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, containing seventy-six tumans was received by this servant in the prison through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, in the year 1305.

BH06588: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the hearts of the yearning ones have found comfort, through Whose remembrance the hearts of the believers have soared, through Whose knowledge the faces of the sincere ones have been illumined, and in Whose love the blood of the lovers hath been shed throughout all regions by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Source of bounty, by Thy Name, the Loving, to assist Thy servants to draw nigh unto Thee and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy providence and to cling to the hem of Thy mercy with such steadfastness that neither the doubts of the perverters of truth nor the whispers of the clamorers may keep them back from drawing near unto the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bestowals. O Lord! Thou seest one of the Afnan who hath turned toward Thee and arisen to serve Thy Cause and hath spoken forth in Thy love that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified to in Thy most exalted station and Thy most glorious horizon. O Lord! Ordain for him that which shall bring joy to all eyes. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Unconstrained.

He is the Helper

The letter of His Honor Afnan Haji Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious—two payments of thirty-eight tumans each were received by this servant through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory and Grace of God, in the year 1305.

BH07122: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal and my Beloved! This servant of Thine doth testify and acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who doth illumine the horizons with the lights of Thy countenance, Who doth purify hearts with the Kawthar of Thy utterance, Who doth crown heads with the diadem of Thy bounty, and Who doth adorn temples with the ornament of turning unto Thy horizon, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon Thy loved ones a blessing from Thee, a table from Thy heaven, and a benediction from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor. O Lord! Thou seest one who hath turned unto Thee, who hath spoken in Thy praise and glory, and who hath arisen to serve Thee. I beseech Thee to make him a standard of Thy Name amidst Thy creation and a banner of Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Powerful, He to Whose might and power and strength and grandeur and sovereignty all things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07691: Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and the controlling forces of all existence! I beseech Thee by those meanings that no words can contain and no veils can reach, to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy upon them that are near unto Thee among Thy creation that which will exalt them through Thy Name amongst Thy servants and draw them nigh unto Thee in Thy days.

I beseech Thee, O Illuminator of the world and He Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, to cause the hearts of those who are sincere toward Thee to be set ablaze with the heat of Thy love, that they may cast aside their desires and hold fast unto that which Thou hast willed through Thy command. O Lord! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation,

and Thou beholdest their helplessness in the grasp of the tyrannical ones among Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst protect Him Who conversed with Thee from the evil of the Pharaoh of the age, to protect them that seek Thee from those who are moved by the winds of self and passion. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, and Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH07840: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, inasmuch…

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

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, inasmuch as Thou hast guided Thy servants to the court of Thy manifestation, and made known unto them Thy proof and Thy path, and revealed unto them that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby Thou hast illumined the horizons of the hearts of Thy chosen ones in Thy days, and by the ornament of Thy kinship wherewith Thou hast, through Thy bounty and generosity, adorned their temples, to ordain for them that which will exalt them among Thy creation. O Lord! Thou beholdest them clinging fast unto Thee and unto Thy verses. They have drunk the choice wine of Thy utterance before Thy face, and have entered the gate of Thy mercy which Thou hadst opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. Through Thy might and power they have advanced until they attained the salsabil of reunion from the hand of Thy bounty and the kawthar of meeting through Thy leave and will. I beseech Thee to ordain for those who have attained unto vision and hearing the best of the world to come and of this world. Verily Thou art the All-Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH07841: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving…

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 thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth, for having guided Thy servants unto Thy path and given them to drink from the cup of Thy love and made known unto them that which draweth them nigh unto Thee and that which Thou hast sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books and Thy Tablets.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the mysteries hidden within Thy knowledge and treasured within Thy Books, to aid Thy loved ones to champion Thy Cause through the hosts of Thy verses and Thy clear proofs. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath arisen amongst Thy servants to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, desiring naught but to spread abroad that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen and its rustling, and by the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and its whispering, to strengthen him at all times to spread abroad Thy signs, O Thou in Whose grasp is the control of all religions. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Ever-Helping.

BH08267: Glory be to Thee, O my God! This, Thy…

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

Glory be to Thee, O my God! This, Thy servant, beareth witness to the richness of Thy Being and the poverty of Thy servants, and to the greatness of Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who causeth the rivers to flow and sendeth forth the winds, by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the gates of bounty before the faces of all peoples, to aid him who hath turned toward Thee and hath voiced Thy praise on a day wherein most of Thy creatures have turned away from Thee. Then write down for him, O God of the worlds, that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy bounty. 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. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Helper

The letter of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir and the leaf his wife, upon them both be the Glory of God, together with nineteen (19) tumans through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, reached the servant in the year 1305.

BH08015: My God, my God! Thou hearest the lamentation…

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

My God, my God! Thou hearest the lamentation of Thy chosen ones, and their cries in their separation from Thee, and their wailing at what hath befallen them from the enemies of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy mercy wherewith Thou hast illumined the cities of wisdom and utterance, to assist the followers of all religions to justice and benevolence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Overseer of all creation. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned toward Thee, submissive to Thy command and obedient to Thy decree. I beseech Thee to make his deeds radiant with the lights of Thy acceptance and adorned with the ornament of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Overseer, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

He is the Helper

The remittance of Ustad Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, in the amount of thirty-eight (38) tumans, was received by this servant through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, in the year 1305.

BH08648: My God, my God! Withhold not Thy chosen ones…

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

My God, my God! Withhold not Thy chosen ones from the oceans of Thy bounty and generosity. Transform, O my God, their transgressions into forgiveness, their weakness into strength, their agitation into tranquility, and their silence into remembrance and utterance, through the wisdom Thou hast ordained through Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Assist them with the hosts of Thy power and might, then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for them that are detached among Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art the One Who chooseth through Thy will, Who is manifest through Thy Manifestation, and Who

speaketh in Thy prison. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

He is the Helper

The letter of his honor Aqa Mirza Musa, upon him be the Glory of God, together with the sum of ten tumans, was received by this servant through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory and Grace of God, in the year 1305.

BH09407: Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose Name…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose Name the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the highest branches and the cry of the sincere was raised from the most exalted station! I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Beauty in the highest Paradise, and the Dawning-Places of Thy Love in the supreme Heaven, and by the Stars of Thy bounty in the heaven of bestowal, and by the flow of Thy Pen whereby the hearts of the chosen ones were enraptured, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee the best of the hereafter and of the former world. O my Lord! Thou seest him turning unto Thee, submissive to Thy commandments and ordinances, and gazing toward the horizon of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee not to withhold him from drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy Manifestation and the sun of Thy grace. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful, the Most Bountiful.

BH09873: Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of the throne and earth and the Goal of all desire! I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy mercy and the lights of the splendor of Thy countenance, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast encompassed all created things and before Whose manifestation all beings have bowed down in submission, to assist Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in their love for Thee. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned toward Thy horizon and desired to serve Thee and to diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Sender of the winds, to protect him from the evil of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs. Then accept his deed through Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

BH09895: God, our Lord and the Lord of earth…

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

God, our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Unconstrained. Glory be unto Thee, O God of all mankind and Revealer of commandments and laws! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy days and the manifestations of Thy greatness in Thy lands to assist them that have turned toward the Most Great

Steadfastness, that the doubts of the factions and the intimations of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return may not deter them. Then I beseech Thee to ordain for those who have sought Thee that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy creation and the near ones among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH10269: Glorified be He Who hath awakened His servants through…

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

Glorified be He Who hath awakened His servants through His call, and raised them to the heaven of His knowledge, and adorned them with the ornament of justice through His grace and bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned toward Thee and hearest his confession of Thy oneness and singleness. I beseech Thee by the murmur of the water of Thy bounty, from which is heard the acknowledgment of that which Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets have acknowledged, that Thou open before his face the doors of Thy providence and Thy grace. Then grant him every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH10272: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify…

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

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify that the light of Thy days hath encompassed Thy servants, and Thy most sweet call hath awakened those who slumbered among Thy creation. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy Revelation and the trees of Thy paradise and garden, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies, then aid them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward the gate of Thy grandeur and clinging to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH10403: He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth…

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

He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven, and He is the One manifest through the Greatest Name in the world. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to assist Thy loved ones who have cast behind their backs the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and have taken hold of that which Thou didst command them in Thy mighty Book. O Lord! Ordain for them every good thing which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH10383: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having…

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, for having shown unto Thy loved ones the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the effulgences of the Daystar of Thy bounty, and for having sent down for each one of them that which surpasseth all the riches and ornaments of the world and whatsoever hath been ordained therein. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of existence and the Ruler of the seen and the unseen, to assist whosoever hath turned towards Thee and hath sought Thy nearness and Thy good-pleasure and to act according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy perspicuous Book. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10299: Glorified art Thou, O Thou at whose separation…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at whose separation the near ones have lamented and by whose utterance the sincere ones have been drawn! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby the cities of knowledge and wisdom have been illumined, that Thou aid him who hath heard Thy sweetest call and hath answered Thee, O Lord of all beings! O my Lord, ordain for him from the ocean of Thy mercy a portion, and from the stars of Thy bounty a share, and from the revelations of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, that which befitteth Thy generosity, O Thou Who hast power over what was and what shall be!

BH10522: My God, my God! Make Thy protection my right…

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

My God, my God! Make Thy protection my right hand and Thy safeguarding my left hand and Thy remembrance before me and Thy praise above my head. I beseech Thee by Thy signs which none but Thee can reckon, and by Thy mysteries which none but Thee can fathom, to assist Thy servants in that which befitteth Thy days. Then aid, O my God, him who hath turned unto Thee and held fast unto Thy cord and done that which Thou didst command him in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH10580: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify that the ocean of Thy mercy hath surged before the faces of Thy servants, and the sun of Thy grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by that which is within Thy knowledge, which none hath known except Thyself, and by the winds through whose rushing sound Thy remembrance and praise are heard, to assist Thy servant who hath cast away all else save Thee, turning toward the horizon of Thy bestowals. Then ordain for him every good thing which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH10994: My God, my God! Do not withhold Thy servants…

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

My God, my God! Do not withhold Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor disappoint them of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy verses and by the light of Thy Cause whereby the horizons of Thy lands were illumined, to send down upon him who hath turned unto the lights of Thy countenance that which befitteth Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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

This Wronged One intends, for the sake of God, to impart unto you that which is the source of everlasting life and eternal remembrance. There can be no doubt that the purpose of creation hath ever been the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Now must man, purely for the sake of the Intended One, ponder what hath been the cause of souls turning towards the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Daysprings of Inspiration throughout the ages and centuries, and what hath been the reason for their rejection. Shouldst thou attain to the recognition of this station, thou wilt have attained unto all good, and wilt not be deprived of the surging waves of the ocean of the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Thou shalt behold all else besides God as non-existent and as naught.

When man attaineth the age of maturity, he must investigate and, putting his trust in God and sanctified from love and hate, reflect upon that whereunto the people adhere. He must hear with his own ears and see with his own eyes, for if he looketh through the eyes of another, he will be deprived of beholding the effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine Knowledge. Various parties exist in the world, and each hath regarded itself as being in the right, as He, exalted be He, hath said: “Each party rejoiceth in what it possesseth.”

Consider the Seal of the Prophets—may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him. When that true Luminary dawned above the horizon of Hijaz by God’s leave, the various parties turned away and arose to shed His most pure blood. That which caused the eyes of the Concourse on High to weep and the hearts of the sincere ones and those near unto God to burn was visited upon Him. One must reflect upon the cause and reason for such opposition. God, exalted be His glory, saith: “No Messenger cometh unto them but they mock at him.” There can be no doubt that had the Manifestations of God’s commandments and the Sources of His laws appeared in accordance with that which the people possessed of signs, tidings, and texts concerning His appearance, none would have turned away. Rather, all would have attained to

that for which they were created from nothingness and adorned with the ornament of existence from utter non-existence.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon everyone to observe the Cause of God with justice and fairness and to reflect upon it. The Imami divines believe that when the promised Qa'im appeareth, He will utter a word in the House of God which will cause the chiefs to turn away and take flight. This is the word which that party acknowledges and confesseth. Now reflect upon the heedlessness of some who accept and confirm the turning away of the chiefs—who, according to their own belief, are the most distinguished of men after the Imams—yet do not suspect that this turning away might be without right. In any case, hear with the ear of fairness the call of this Wronged One and that which He hath mentioned. The truth and His straight path shall be made manifest unto thee. They do not reflect for a moment that perchance that which hath appeared is the truth and that this rejection and these objections have proceeded from heedlessness and ignorance. We beseech God to aid you to behold with the eye of justice and fairness and to discern. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth to the path, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Jesus, Son of Mary—the peace of God and His loving-kindness be upon Him—appeared with clear signs and brilliant evidences, and His purpose was the salvation of mankind. Every fair-minded one beareth witness and every informed one testifieth that He sought naught for Himself and desired nothing save to guide the wayward unto the straight path of God. Yet there befell that Most Holy Beauty that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament, and matters became so grievous for Him that God, exalted be His glory, by His supreme Will caused Him to ascend unto the fourth heaven. What was the cause of what transpired? By God's life, it was the opposition of the divines! For Annas and Caiaphas, who were of the Pharisees—that is, the scholars of the Torah—together with the priests of idols denied Him and occupied themselves with cursing and reviling Him.

Consider likewise Moses and all the other Prophets. Perchance what hath been mentioned in this leaf may enable thee to attain true understanding and arise to serve the Cause with such determination as will neither be shaken by the onslaught of the oppressors nor altered by the opposition of the divines. Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, and turn from the left hand of fancy to the right hand of certainty, and from the west of doubt and misgiving to the orient of assurance.

From the earliest days this Wronged One hath been in the hands of His enemies. Surely ye have heard of some of the tribulations that have befallen Him. Through God's grace, exalted be His glory, We imparted before all people, both divines and princes, without any veil or concealment, that which would lead to the salvation and tranquility of all. No matter or thing prevented or hindered Us. And now too, in the Most Great Prison, We have mentioned for the sake of God that which is a clear book for the fair-minded.

Observe, then remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His words, exalted be He: "Leave them to plunge in vain discourse and play." We hope that through divine grace thou wilt attain unto this word and act upon it—that thou wilt pass beyond all else save God, namely those things that cause hindrance and lead to veiling, and hold fast to that which leadeth to attainment and arrival. Great is the Cause and mighty the matter!

This is the Day concerning which He saith:

> “O my son! If there be (the weight of) a mustard-seed and it were (hidden) in a rock, or (anywhere) in the heavens or in the earth, God will bring it forth: for God is Subtle and Aware.”

This is the Day whereon whatsoever lieth hidden in the hearts and souls shall be made manifest. Reflect upon those souls who freely sacrificed their lives and property in the path of love for the Self-Sufficient Lord. He verily will guide thee to His straight path and His mighty announcement.

Consider Noah and Hud and Salih—the blessings of God be upon them. What was the purpose of those Dawning-Places of the Cause, and what befell them? This servant hath not been of the learned, nor did He attend school. According to outward appearance, He was born in the house of one of the government officials and was related to him. The Cause is in God’s hands, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and the dust, and the Lord of the world to come and the world that was. None can stay His command or thwart His decree. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Hearken unto the voice of Him Who hath been wronged. Cleanse thy heart with the waters of detachment, and adorn thy head with the crown of justice and thy temple with the robe of godliness, and say: My God, my God! I bear witness to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and acknowledge that which the tongues of Thy Prophets and Messengers have spoken, and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Books and Tablets and Scriptures and Holy Writings.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I bear witness with my outer and inner tongue that Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the One, the Single, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Alas, alas, O my God, for my grievous transgressions and my grave misdeeds, and for my heedlessness which hath prevented me from turning toward the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens, and from beholding the effulgent lights of the morn of Thy Revelation and witnessing the traces of Thy Pen.

Alas, alas, O my Goal and my Adored One! I know not for which of my calamities I should weep and lament. Shall I bewail that which hath passed me by in the days wherein the Day-Star of Thy Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, or shall I weep and wail for my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness when the pavilion of Thy glory was raised upon the most exalted standard through Thy power and sovereignty?

O my God! The more Thy tenderness toward me increaseth and Thy forbearance in chastising me prolongeth, the more do my heedlessness and waywardness increase. Thou didst remember me when I was silent in Thy remembrance, and Thou didst turn toward me through the Manifestation of Thyself when I had turned away from directing myself to the lights of Thy countenance, and Thou didst call me when I was heedless of hearkening to Thy call from the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause.

By Thy glory! Heedlessness hath encompassed me from all directions as I followed the dictates of self and passion. Alas, alas, my will hath held me back from Thy will, and my desire hath veiled me from Thy desire, such that I clung to my path, forsaking Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement.

Thou seest and hearest, O my God, my sighing and my weeping, my crying and my lowliness and my tribulation. O Lord! The temple of disobedience seeketh the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness and pardon, and the essence of heedlessness seeketh the wonders of Thy gifts and favors.

Alas, alas, the clamor of the people hath prevented me from hearkening to Thy utterance, and the croaking of Thy creatures hath veiled me from gazing toward the horizon of Thy Cause. By Thy glory! I desire to weep throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and dominion. How can I not weep when mine eyes have been prevented from beholding the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation and mine ears from hearkening to Thy mention and Thy praise?

By Thy glory, O God of the world and Sovereign of nations! I desire to hide my face beneath the layers of earth and its dust out of shame for what my hands of heedlessness have wrought. Alas, alas! Thou wert with me and didst hear from me that which was unworthy of Thee, yet through Thy grace Thou didst conceal it and didst not expose my wretched state and deeds and words.

Alas, alas! I know not what Thou hast ordained for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen, nor what Thy will hath decreed, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! Alas, alas! That Thy irrevocable decree should debar me from Thy sealed Wine! I entreat Thee by the breaths of Thy Revelation, by the lights of Thy Throne, by Him through Whose advent the fragrance of Thy raiment was diffused in Hijaz, and by the light of Thy Command through which the earth and the heaven were illumined, to make me in all conditions turn toward Thee, detached from all else save Thee, holding fast unto Thy cord and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and generosity, and to choose for myself what Thou hast chosen for me through Thy great favor and Thy most great gifts. O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, the Ruler of this world and of the world to come.

BH03290: O My sister and My leaf! This wronged one's…

In the Name of the One God

O My sister and My leaf! This wronged one's sister was not with Us in this Cause and never saw Yahya during the days of this Wronged One's manifestation. Nevertheless, she has clung to such calumnies as no ear has ever heard. According to reports, she claims that in previous years this Wronged One was expecting that Aqa Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, and obtained those Tablets and gave them to be written either in his own name or Yahya's name, and gives them to people. She has likewise attempted to obtain the Kitab-i-Iqan, and her purpose is unknown. With God it is known and witnessed. Nothing escapes His knowledge and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. She has in her possession Yahya's writings in Arabic and Persian, and every person of insight testifies to the loftiness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and its transcendence. Verily He has sent down that which the world is powerless to produce the like thereof. To this testifies every fair-minded and informed person. That which has shone forth from the horizon of My knowledge is more manifest than the sun and cannot be mistaken by anyone. Blessed is he who has attained unto it, and woe unto every deceitful denier.

The sister opened the door of enmity with her own hand, and when her wrongdoing became apparent she turned away from the Truth, cut off relations with the Wronged One and attached herself to the Grand Vizier. That helpless daughter who for years bore the title of Branch, she took her, made her up, and sent her to the Vizier's house. Now observe this lack of honor and zeal—she abandoned the Truth when she saw Him wronged, and clung to one possessed of wealth. And now she claims leadership. Glory be to God! To what point has God's Cause come! O My leaf, reflect on what has befallen the Wronged One in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks to the Desired One of the world Who has mentioned thee in verses that will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. We beseech God to protect thee and ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH03682: The Promise has come, and the Promised One speaks…

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

The Promise has come, and the Promised One speaks before all faces, yet the people deny. The All-Merciful has come from the horizon of power, yet the people do not know. The focal point of the Concourse on High has appeared, yet the people do not perceive. The Self-Subsisting has come, and the Qa'im gave glad tidings of His appearance and sacrificed his spirit in His path, yet most of the people do not understand. They have cast aside the Self-Subsisting and followed delusion—nay, they know not.

O Ghulam-Husayn! Hear the call from the precincts of the Prison. He has testified to that which God testified before the creation of earth and heaven—that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There has come before the Wronged One thy letter which thou didst send to him who circled round Me on the day when the seekers circumambulated the House of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One has heard thy call and answers thee with this clear Book. We make mention of thee and those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: O people of God! Ye have attained to My mention and the traces of My Pen. Give thanks unto God for this great favor. Blessed is he who has held fast to His cord and uttered His praise and arisen to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. How many a king was prevented from turning to Him, and how many a servant turned and attained to the recognition of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

The names mentioned in the letter have each attained, through God's grace, exalted be His glory, to the lights of the Sun of divine remembrance. We beseech the Lord of existence to make each one firm and steadfast as a mountain in His Cause, and to aid them in that which leads to the exaltation of the Word of God and the advancement of His servants. We make mention of My handmaidens there and give them glad tidings of My beautiful remembrance. The Glory be upon you from Us, O My loved ones, and upon them and upon all who are steadfast and firm. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03952: O ʻAbdu'l-Husayn! We bear witness that thou hast attained…

He is the Witness from the horizon of heaven

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! We bear witness that thou hast attained the presence of the Wronged One twice. He it is Who aided thee, caused thee to know Him, and brought thee before His face, and cast upon thee that which, were it to be cast upon the mountains, they would take flight by God's leave, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High; and were it cast upon the earth, it would transform it instantly into heaven; and were it cast upon a star, it would make it a sun shining from the horizon of this Tablet, from which the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all creation. I bear witness that thou hast attained to that which hath been the hope of them that are nigh unto God from all eternity. Thou didst seek the divine court and attain the presence of the Wronged One in a place named the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the nations who were heedless of the Cause and cast the Covenant behind their backs had wrought. When the wine of My utterance from the direction of My prison did intoxicate thee, say:

> "My God, my God! Would that I had a thousand souls to spend in Thy path, and a thousand lives to sacrifice in Thy love! I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art remembered in hearts, to assist me to serve Thy Cause, to make mention of Thee, and to praise Thee amongst Thy creatures. Alas, alas! I know not what Thou hast written for Thy servant who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty and held fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I know not, O my Best-Beloved, what Thou hast ordained for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen. If Thou hast ordained faithfulness for me, then shall I render thanks with my self, my soul, my essence and my temple; and if Thou hast deprived me of this bounty, then woe unto me, and again woe unto me! By Thy glory, at this moment weeping preventeth me from making mention of Thee, O Lord of all being! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy utterance and the lights of Thy countenance to make me one of them who choose not for themselves aught save what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy command. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Kind."

BH06389: O thou My leaf, upon thee be My glory…

He is the Most Compassionate, the Most Generous.

O thou My leaf, upon thee be My glory and My favours! O thou the fruit of My Tree, upon thee be My mercy and My bounty! Thou art oft remembered in the Holy and Exalted Court. Praised be God that thou hast perceived the fragrant breezes of divine Revelation and inhaled the sweet savours of the garment of Utterance. Thou hast been and art remembered among the Concourse on High. Render thanks to thy Lord. Verily, He hath remembered thee with that for which all mentions are sacrificed. We beseech God to protect thee and those who are with thee from the one who hath falsely accused Us and stolen Our Tablets and that which We have revealed. We beseech God to assist her to return and adorn her with the ornament of justice and fairness.

O Thamarih! Thou knowest that she is unable to read even one of the Tablets, that she was not with Us in the Land of Ta, and that she hath not seen Yahya after the Primal Point declared His Mission. Nonetheless, she hath uttered calumnies the like of which hath not been heard. We beseech God to enable all to do what is loved and praiseworthy.

Glory from Us be upon thee, upon those who are with thee, and upon every firm and steadfast believer.

BH06353: In My Name, the One Who holds dominion over…

In My Name, the One Who holds dominion over all names.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Thy letter which thou hadst written to this servant was presented before the Most Holy Court and was honored to be heard. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the sealed wine and attained to the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to protect thee and enable thee to achieve the most great steadfastness.

A number of barking ones have prevented and continue to prevent the servants from the shore of the ocean of inner meanings through meaningless names. The people of the Bayan are more lost than the parties of the past, meaning those souls who turned away from the station of acceptance and denied the place of affirmation. It is not known by what proof they believe in the previous Manifestations and by what evidence they turn away.

When the attraction of the Call taketh hold of thee from the supreme horizon, say: O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Bounty and by Thy Most Great Most Glorious Name, through which the limbs of the deluded ones trembled and the hearts of the aggressive ones were disturbed, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O my Lord! Disappoint not this servant of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07955: O Abdul-Baqi! The people of the earth are slaves…

He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

O Abdul-Baqi! The people of the earth are slaves to vain imaginings, having preferred and still preferring conjecture to certitude. They have turned away from Him Who, from the first day until now, has called all humanity to the straight path and the mighty announcement, and instead they have clung to the manifestations of idle fancies. They have not attained even a drop from the ocean of fairness. Calumnies and idle fancies have prevailed and continue to prevail. Glory be to God! The sea of inner meanings surges before their faces, yet they cling to a mere pond. Ask God to protect His loved ones. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me, and thanks be to Thee for having guided me. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, and by the ocean of Thy verses, and by the heaven of Thy bounty, to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest.

BH08511: O My handmaiden, O My leaf! We have heard…

He is the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden, O My leaf! We have heard your call. God is witness and He is the One Who testifies that your mention has ever been and continues to be in the presence of the Wronged One. Your petition was received and in response this reply has been bestowed from the heaven of the loving-kindness of the Goal of all the worlds, as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We convey Our greetings to the handmaidens and leaves in that land and counsel them to that which befits the days of God. Give glad-tidings to all the kindred of the grace and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory, and make mention of them on behalf of the Wronged One. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. We make mention of Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be My Glory, and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory.

BH11151: O friends of God in His earth and His…

He is the Witness from His luminous horizon!

O friends of God in His earth and His chosen ones in His lands! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He makes mention of you with that which shall endure throughout the kingdom's duration and gives you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Be not grieved by the events of the world and what hath befallen you in the path of God, the Glorious, the Great….

BH06573: Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Lord…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Lord of existence and Knower of the mysteries of the unseen and the seen! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the breezes of Thy bounty at the dawning of the lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation in the kingdom of creation, to assist Thy loved ones in serving Thy Cause in such wise that neither the opposition of the servants nor the objections of any in the land shall hinder them. Strengthen their frames, O my God, through Thy power, and illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. Then inscribe their names in Thy Book and ordain for them that which shall endure as long as Thy celestial and heavenly dominion shall endure. O Lord! Thou seest the one who hath turned toward Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers to forgive him and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and to accept from him what he hath wrought in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There is no God but Thee, the Single One, the All-Wise.

He is the Supporter

The remittance from his honor Ustad Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, in the amount of nineteen (19) tumans, was received by this servant through the honored Mr. Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, on the 2nd of the sacred month of Muharram in the year 1306.

BH08854: Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all names, and the Speaker in the kingdom of creation! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, and the Daysprings of Thy Command, and the Manifestations of Thy Self, to aid Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O Lord! Withhold them not from the Salsabil of Thy utterance nor from the Kawthar of Thy praise. Draw them nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy mercy, then send down upon them through Thy bounty that which will strengthen them to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned toward Thee—make him then to arise to serve Thy Cause, to speak Thy praise, and to open the hearts of Thy servants through Thy Name. Then forgive him through Thy grace and generosity. Verily Thou art the Forgiver of sins and the Merciful unto both kings and servants. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH01304: Praise be to the Desired One of the world…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Majesty and the Power!

Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who, through a hundred thousand means, hath manifested and nurtured His servants and guided them to His straight and evident path. He hath gathered the wanderers in the desert of love and affection beneath the shade of His blessed Word, and through the outpourings of His mercy and the effulgences of the Sun of His grace hath bestowed bounty and repose. Glorified be His majesty and all-pervading be His favor! There is none other God but Him. And peace and blessings be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones who have drunk the choice wine of utterance and manifested His Cause to all who dwell within the realm of possibility.

And now, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! Your esteemed letter arrived and was presented in its entirety. He said:

> "O My Name! Upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy, His grace and His favors."

Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One and was heard. From every letter thereof wafted the fragrance of love, sincerity, devotion, recognition and steadfastness. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk the choice wine of certitude and utterance from the cup of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds. Well is it with thee! And the servant in attendance acted in accordance with thy request. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cause thee to attain, at all times, unto new bounties, heavenly sustenance, everlasting mention and eternal gifts. He is verily the Bestower, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

The letter of Siyyid Hashim, upon him be the Glory of God, attained unto His presence. Praise be to God that he hath attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. We beseech God to aid him to serve His Cause with wisdom and utterance. They have attained unto His presence. Now is the time of service, that is, the teaching of God's Cause, exalted be His glory, that perchance a thirsty one may drink from the ocean of grace, or one who hath turned away may attain unto the honor of acceptance, or one immersed in idle fancies may be adorned with the effulgences of the lights of the Daystar of Revelation. Blessed is he who, through mention and utterance, causeth the people of the world to be adorned with the ornament of knowledge.

O My Name! The deniers of the Bayan have clung to calumnies the like of which have never been heard from time immemorial until now. It is not known by what proof they accept the Point of the Bayan while turning away from Him Who sent it. Thou knowest how lofty is the station of the Cause and how base are the calumnies of the people. It behooveth tears of justice to flow and the cry of cities and regions to be raised. Mention hath been made of Siyyid Mihdi, and his name hath been recorded by the Pen, and likewise Siyyid Husayn and Siyyid Muhammad and the believing handmaidens. All have, at this hour, received their portion from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and the rain of mercy hath descended upon them from the heaven of grace.

Convey to all of them the greetings of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been mentioned. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of this world and of the next. Verily, He hath power over all things. The letter of Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the peace and bounties of God, was reviewed, and likewise we have heard and seen what was mentioned concerning Amin, upon him be the glory of God. We beseech the True One for that which is the cause of glory, exaltation, prosperity and comfort of His loved ones. In these days the affairs of this land are also in upheaval, and most are passing their days in hardship.

We beseech God to aid the Trustee with the hosts of grace and bounty, and to open before his face the door of wealth and affluence. Verily He is the Lord of creation. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Should He wish, He transmutes hardship into ease and sorrow into joy, and He is the One who has power over all things through His command “Be! and it is.”

O my God, my God! Take the hands of Thy loved ones who are encompassed by tribulations due to their connection to Thee and their arising to serve Thee, to mention Thee and to praise Thee. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the effulgent rays of the Sun of Thy generosity. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou hast transformed darkness into light, tyranny into justice, and oppression into equity, to send down from the heaven of Thy bestowal a blessing upon Thy chosen ones and loved ones. O Lord! Thou seest their weakness before the waves of the ocean of Thy power and might, and their poverty before the manifestations of the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation and riches. Ordain for them that which befitteth Thy generosity and grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God! The bounty is manifest and the grace is resplendent to such a degree that it is itself its own proof and evidence of itself, having no need of mention by this evanescent one. At every moment I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, on behalf of His loved ones, for that from which the fragrance of His good-pleasure wafteth. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you 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.

The servant 3 Muharram 1306

BH01302: Praise be to the Desired One, Who hath befittingly…

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

Praise be to the Desired One, Who hath befittingly adorned His loved ones with the ornament of supreme steadfastness, and bestowed and conferred upon them the food of certitude from the chalice of proof. The Supreme Cause of this most great bounty hath been the King of existence and Lord of the praiseworthy station, through Whom the river of divine knowledge hath flowed throughout all possibility, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the highest branches. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. Upon Him rest the blessings of God, His grace, His peace and His mercy, and upon His family and companions, and upon those who attained unto His days and acted according to that which they were bidden in His Book.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived, and that which was written concerning the heedless ones and deniers became known. In this connection, after presenting the matter, they stated that association with such souls, if it leadeth to their awakening and remembrance, is praiseworthy; otherwise they merely report to their like that so-and-so came, delegated and accepted, and such calumnies as Jinab-i-Nazir himself knoweth. We have spoken what We have spoken for the sake of God. We have no concern with the deeds of such souls. The condition of those who have accepted is evident, and likewise the turning away of those who have turned away is clear and manifest. We have desired good for all the peoples of the world. Our purpose is that the causes of discord be eliminated from all horizons, and that the light of unity illuminate all hearts and minds.

God is Our witness, and all atoms bear testimony to what We have endured in the path of His Cause, what We have seen and what We have heard. In the days when, by reason of the intensity of tyranny, day could not be distinguished from night, this Wronged One stood forth before all faces and, with loudest voice, proclaimed the Most Great Word, His purpose being to cleanse and sanctify the servants through the living waters of divine counsel from vain imaginings, rancor and hatred. When the Cause became somewhat manifest, they rushed forth and assailed the Wronged One, and said that which ye have heard, and did that which ye have witnessed. I have placed My trust in God and have committed My affairs unto Him. My success is from Him alone, and I seek victory from none but Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In truth, the lamp of justice hath been extinguished and the sun of equity concealed. That beloved one himself hath heard that whose putrid odor of falsehood hath corrupted the world and deprived it of the fragrance of truthfulness. As to what was written concerning the sum that was stolen, in a previous letter a word was mentioned from the blessed tongue regarding this matter. Subsequently they said that mention of the theft should not be made to those who had given it, as this would cause them sorrow. We accepted this, and if a receipt is required, it shall be sent. They said: Write to the Observer that in truth the ornaments of this world befit its people. By the life of God! Were it not for this community, not a penny would have been accepted, and yet this matter is the supreme bounty and mercy for those souls who have given and continue to give. In these days, due to religious considerations, some amounts were transferred to be given to others, the details of which were mentioned before.

Let the honored friend, Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be God’s peace, not be saddened by what hath occurred. There have ever been traitors in the world. I beseech God to grant unto him and unto this servant that which the hand of the traitor and thief cannot reach the holy hem thereof. I likewise beseech

God to kindle him with such fire of His love as shall cause the heedless to become enkindled. Verily God hath power over all things.

I convey greetings to the loved ones. I present remembrance and salutations to the beloved of the heart, the honored Shaykh and those with him, upon them be Baha'u'llah. I hope that a meeting shall also take place, as the honored master, his eminence AF, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha'u'llah, God willing, intendeth to proceed to those parts. The servant beseecheth his Lord in all conditions to make us among those whom neither the profit of the world nor its ornaments and colors have prevented from His straight path and His mighty and great Cause.

The true light of the eye, the honored Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be God's peace, praise be to God, is present and hath taken shelter beneath the blessed Divine Lote-Tree with utmost joy, delight and health. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

The servant 12 Muharram 1306

BH02395: Praise sanctified beyond mention and utterance befitteth the Purpose…

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

Praise sanctified beyond mention and utterance befitteth the Purpose of all creation, Who from the beginning of the sending forth of the Prophets and the Chosen Ones until the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—counseled all to unity and harmony. In truth, this was the purpose of their sending forth, for those united are seen as the manifestation of divine oneness, and from that light of detachment do they shine forth. The cause of the order of the world and the tranquility of nations hath been and ever shall be unity and harmony, as well as the observance of stations among the servants. Blessed is he who hath attained and acted according to what was commanded in the Book.

And then, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor, your esteemed letter arrived and the prayer was read before God. This is what the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken:

"O My Name! Upon thee be My peace! God beareth witness, and that honored one testifieth, that this Wronged One hath spent His entire life counseling and advising the servants. From every word of the revealed words, those possessed of true hearing perceive the blessed word 'Victory through unity.' We chose separation so that it might lead to connection and harmony—that is, separation from the world. God willing, may the faithful attain to what God hath willed. In all the heavenly Books, the command to love and unity hath been given, and in truth it is the cause of the world's order and the nations' tranquility. Blessed is he who hath chosen for himself what God hath chosen in the Book, and hath arisen to unite hearts and souls and to exalt the Word before which necks have bowed.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to set matters aright and to gather what hath been scattered. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth through His word 'Be' and it is.

As for thy turning toward Haifa, it is acceptable to the Wronged One. The renewal of place and renewal of air and water and those effects which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the worlds. We ask God to

make it blessed for thee. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the creation of the heavens and earths." End.

In truth, in most Tablets mention hath been made of that which is the cause of the exaltation of those who believe in divine unity and the sincere ones. Now that honored one and this servant and the friends of God must beseech from the ocean of His generosity that He may cause all to attain unto what is befitting and aid all to that which is the cause of the exaltation of His Word. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Peace and remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne.

The servant 23 Muharram 1306

Some dry ink was sent. If you wish, prepared ink can also be sent.

BH01059: The Tablet of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

This is a Book sent down by the All-Wise to him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, that it may draw him to a station where neither the happenings of the world nor the denial of nations who have violated the Covenant of God, the Lord of all worlds, can grieve him. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and that which thou didst send to My Name. We have answered thee through this Book, by which the limbs of the ignorant have trembled and every remote learned one was thunderstruck.

O servant of God! Thou art he who hath won My call, My Tablets, the traces of My Pen, and that which hath flowed from the right hand of My Throne. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!"

We make mention of him who was named Ahmad. We have remembered him before and do so at this time. O Ahmad! The Wronged One is between the fangs of wolves, and the idolaters have perpetrated that which hath caused every truthful, faithful soul to lament. They have cast truth behind their backs and taken up their own idle fancies. They are indeed among the abject ones.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One remembereth thee and announceth unto thee the grace of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. No mention can equal His mention, as attesteth He with Whom is the clear Book. Blessed is he who hath attained in this Day unto the traces of My Pen and hath clung to My Strong Cord. 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 near servants.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The scene of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, hath been adorned through His being established upon a mighty throne and His call before the faces of His servants. He is the Powerful, the Almighty. Neither My imprisonment hath prevented Me from the remembrance of God, the All-Knowing,

the All-Informed, nor hath the oppression of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment frightened Me. Behold, behold: this is the Finger of Power whereby the heaven of idle fancies hath been cleft. Hear, hear: this is the shrill voice of My Pen which hath been raised before the faces of the mystics, then the learned ones, then the kings and the sovereigns. Say:

> "O Lord of Power! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Scene, whereby the hearts of men were disturbed, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful."

O Muhammad-Ibrahim! Sorrows have encompassed Me from those who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful. They are assuredly among the wrongdoers. Verily, he who stood before My face and wrote down that which proceeded from the mouth of My Will hath been taken by the oppressors as a lord for themselves apart from God. They are indeed among the most lost ones in My Great Book.

O Ibrahim! Behold and remember those who soared on the wings of detachment until they reached the place of sacrifice and gave up their spirits in My path and all they possessed for My mighty, wondrous Cause. Verily, Hasan hastened by God's power and might to the place of sacrifice in such wise that neither his worldly wealth, nor the clamor of the nations, nor the ranks of kings, nor the hosts of the oppressors could hold him back. He gave up his spirit in My path with such joy as to amaze the Concourse on High. Yet most of the people are among the deniers. They make mention of Abraham yet deny what hath appeared in the days of the Glorious One. They are indeed among the heedless in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Hear what hath been raised from the direction of My loving-kindness for My friends. Verily, there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. When thou drinkest the choice wine of My utterance, say: My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having guided me, made me know Thee, and strengthened me to turn unto Thee. I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself for the guidance of Thy creation and their drawing nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Chosen One. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and by the waves that surge from the ocean of Thy utterance to make me hold fast to Thy cord. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Most High.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad-before-Ismail. Say: We have made mention of the Sacrifice before, and if thou desire, We shall make mention of another and say: By God! The denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise were struck with wonder when Husayn turned toward the place of sacrifice. He hastened with his spirit and soared on wings of longing, and walked with the feet of eagerness until he appeared at that station before the face of the Lord of all beings. He said:

My God, my God! This is my spirit, my soul, my body, and my limbs. I desire to sacrifice them in Thy love and in Thy path. Alas, alas, for Thy greatness and my meager provision, for Thy loftiness and the insignificance of my deeds! I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen, to adorn my deed with the ornament of Thy acceptance. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Muhammad-before-Baqir! The names have ended with thy name. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hasteneth to the horizon of My good-pleasure and acteth according to what I have revealed in My Book. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of life from the cup of the bounty of My Name, the Most Merciful. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else save Me and clung to the hem of My loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath taken the choice wine of revelation from the hands of My grace and drunk thereof in My Name. Blessed is he who hath been set ablaze with the fire of My love and hath spoken My praise before the faces of My servants. Blessed are My friends there who were not prevented by the oppression of the oppressors from turning to My horizon, nor by the ascendancy of the aggressors from this Great Announcement.

O Abdullah! We make mention of thee once again that thou mayest find the fragrances of revelation and be of the thankful. This is a day wherein the earth hath shone with the light of God, the Goal of them that know, and the heaven with the signs of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast to that which he hath been commanded, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee and My friends that which will draw you nigh unto Him, remind you of His signs, and illumine you with the lights of His Kingdom. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. And We ask Him to write for thee that which shall profit thee in every world of His worlds. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My friends there who were not prevented by the oppression of the oppressors from clinging to the hem of the robe of My mercy, nor by the ascendancy of the aggressors from this Great Announcement.

BH11709: On this day the Wronged One calleth out…

He is the All-Knowing Witness!

On this day the Wronged One calleth out from the Most Great Prison unto the peoples of the world and summoneth them unto the Most Great Ocean. His Cause is more manifest than the sun and His utterance is as the rays of light. No fair-minded one can deny this greatest bounty, nor can any just one reject this supreme gift. This is the Day of confession and acknowledgment, for the Truth, exalted be His glory, is established upon the throne of recognition and speaketh as befitteth Him. This is that Manifestation which was mentioned in the Books of old and inscribed by the Pen of God.

Convey My greetings unto the loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. I swear by the waves of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance that all are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained His grace. We beseech God to assist all to remain steadfast in His mighty Cause and not to deprive His servants of the eternal feast and everlasting bounty.

Convey greetings unto the people of Ba and Dal from the Wronged One and say: O friends! Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and speak with moderation. One word is like unto fire that consumeth, and another word is like unto light that illumineth. Cleave ye unto gentleness and forbearance. God is merciful and His mercy precedeth all; God is generous and His generosity encompasseth all. Some are weak—they must be healed and strengthened through the remedy of mention and utterance. Moderation is necessary in all things, for if strength exceedeth its bounds it turneth into weakness.

O friends! The Most Exalted Pen counseleth you and biddeth you to that which exalteth the Word of God and uplifteth souls. Hold fast unto moderation in all conditions and speak with equity in all matters. The enemies are inflamed with the fire of ignorance—one must resort to patience that perchance it may be quenched and calmed. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist you in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to enable you to observe that which ye have been commanded in the Book.

O Rahim! If thou shouldst reach the verdant land say: Where are thy trees and thy fruits? Where are thy mysteries and thy flowers? O verdant land! Where is thy bounty? Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. God shall soon manifest from thee what He hath ordained for thee. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We send greetings to the loved ones of that land and beseech God to assist them in that which is befitting, that they may give life to the servants through the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Make mention of the people of that land from the Wronged One and say: Praise be to the Goal of all creation Who enabled you and caused you to attain unto His days. Know ye the value of this station. Praise be to God that through the Most Great Word ye have attained unto the effulgent lights of the Sun of Divine Unity while the divines of the earth have fled from the Word and have strayed from the divine path.

Convey greetings unto the people of God in the land of M and Sh that perchance through the breaths of the utterance of the Goal of the worlds they may be enabled to perform such deeds as shall endure forever in God's Book throughout the kingdom of names and attributes. Wisdom requireth the concealment of names, now and in the past. Thus hath spoken the Creator of the heavens when He was established upon the throne of His Name, the Concealer, the All-Wise.

O My loved ones! Soon shall all that is visible vanish away. Prepare yourselves and be ready for ascension. Verily He will assist you and command you to that which will draw you nigh and exalt you. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O My loved ones in ʿAyn and Shin! Time and again ye have been favored with the tokens of the Most Exalted Pen and adorned with the lights of the utterance of Him Who is the Desired One of the worlds. Know ye the value of this station and hold fast unto service to His Cause. Today the Euphrates of mercy is flowing and the ocean of grace is manifest.

O thou who gazest upon Me, My glory be upon thee! Thou hast ever been and art still beneath the glances of loving-kindness. We beseech God to aid thee in a service the very mention of which shall awaken them that slumber. This is not difficult for God to accomplish. The honored ʿAli-i-Akbar hath been and still is mentioned. Praise be to God, he is enabled to celebrate the praise of Him Who is the Wronged One of the horizons.

Ever in the Most Great Prison hath the tongue been speaking, the Pen moving, and the Face turned, that there might appear from the servants that which God shall make a treasure for them with Him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the murmuring of the Kawthar of My utterance, hath drawn nigh, hath taken and drunk in the name of God, the Lord of sovereignty over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH09046: In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing!

In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing!

We testify that thou didst seek to attain the presence before the countenance of the Wronged One, to hearken unto His call and to stand before His gate. Thou art he who left thy home, turning thy face toward the House of God, the Most High, in the All-Glorious Horizon, and traversed land and sea until thou didst arrive at the Most Great Prison, which God hath made the point of adoration for the world. Thou didst hear what the ears of those near unto Him among His servants have heard, and didst behold what was the hope of the sincere ones among His chosen ones. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of earth below, to ordain for me that which shall cause me to be detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Lord of grace abounding. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH00293: Praise, sanctified beyond all mention and limitation, befitteth…

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

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

Praise, sanctified beyond all mention and limitation, befitteth the Possessor of the unseen and the seen, Who illumined the hearts and souls of His loved ones with the light of recognition through the bounty of His Most Great Name. The outward tongue speaketh "The Helper hath come," while the inner tongue uttereth "The All-Merciful hath come." His hosts are goodly deeds, His helper virtuous character, and He hath made godliness the commander of these hosts. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to witnessing and hearkening, to such extent that it beholdeth all else save God as non-existent and null. The Day is His Day, and the Cause His Cause. Today through His Name the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" hath been raised, and through His remembrance the standard of "The Sovereign hath come and the Kingdom is God's" hath been unfurled before the faces of all parties, without veil or concealment. Every fair-minded one beareth witness, and every just and discerning one testifieth and is aware.

Glorified art Thou, O God of all beings and Goal of all creation! Thou seest Thy servant distraught upon the dust by reason of that which hath befallen Thee at the hands of those who have cast the Book behind their backs and followed what their own desires commanded them. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, by the hearts that have been consumed in Thy love, and by the Word whereby the hearts of them that are nigh and sincere have been attracted, to assist Thy loved ones in all conditions to remember and praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power to do as He pleaseth.

There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else save Thee and clinging to Thy cord. I make mention of that which will draw Thy loved ones nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy holiness and will aid them to remember and praise Thee amidst Thy creation. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to make Thy loved ones the emblems

of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy victory. Then ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

And further: the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived and was honored to be heard in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply—exalted be His utterance and glorified His proof:

He is the Manifest Book

O Abdu'l-Hamid! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The servant who is present hath appeared and read that which thou didst commune with God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. From it We perceived the fragrance of love and affection on this Day wherein the Herald hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of creation!" The cry of all things was raised when the call of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, was lifted up, and they acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered from this station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and summoned all unto God, the Lord of lords.

Thou knowest, and others besides thee know, that the Wronged One hath appeared without veil or covering before the faces of all parties. Among the people are those who heard and responded, and among them are those who turned away from God, the Dawning-Place of verses, and among them are those who disbelieved and uttered that which caused the dwellers of the cities of justice and fairness to lament, and among them are those who hesitated and are in strange doubt. Neither the clamor of the people nor the doubts of those who denied God's manifestation in the return have deterred Us. The more they increased in their rejection, the more the remembrance and utterance increased from God, the Revealer of religions. Thou art he who turned to the Countenance when the servants turned away from it in the earliest days, and answered the call when it was raised between earth and heaven. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness, as a grace from Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

When the light of certitude shone forth to a certain degree, a band of servants emerged from behind the veil and perpetrated that which none had ever perpetrated before. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in this station. We beseech God to make thee a champion of His Cause and one who speaketh His praise among His servants in such wise that neither the veils of the oppressors nor the power of the pharaohs shall hinder thee. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We love to see thee detached from all else but Him, holding fast to His cord, and gazing toward His horizon at all times. Cast the people and what they possess behind thee, then protect the sheep of God from the wolves of the earth. He will protect thee, aid thee, assist thee, and reinforce thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Hear the Call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. Ever has the glance of loving-kindness been directed towards you, and the purpose is that you may, to the extent possible, lead souls from the defilement of the world to true tranquility. Reflect upon the previous people: for one thousand two hundred years and more they were occupied with the mention of God, uttering His praise and speaking

His glorification from the pulpits. Yet when the touchstone appeared and the horizon of the world was illumined with the Light of His Manifestation, all drew sword and spear against the Goal of all the worlds. Finally, by the decree of the leaders of church and state, they suspended Him and shed His blood.

God is witness, and the atoms of creation bear testimony, that the purpose of this Wronged One has been to preserve souls from the vain imaginings of the former people, lest there be repeated what you have seen and heard. The cause of His martyrdom and the reason for the opposition of church and state were the vain imaginings that emerged from heedless souls in the early days. Glory be to God! The manifestations of justice and fairness are astonished at what the previous people professed and how they acted on the Day of Judgment. It is incumbent and necessary upon this Wronged One, upon you, and upon the upright souls to protect, to the extent possible, the people of God, lest they be afflicted with the vain imaginings and idle fancies of the former people.

For the sake of God, you must exert your utmost in what has been mentioned. Arise by thy Lord's leave to serve His Cause, remind the people of His verses, and give them the glad tidings of His loving-kindness.

The purpose of this Wronged One is, first, that the fire of hatred and animosity blazing in hearts and souls may be quenched by the Kawthar of counsel and the Salsabil of wisdom, and that the lights of unity and concord may shine forth from the horizons of the hearts of all servants. Second, that the decree of conflict, strife, corruption, murder, and all that disturbs existence may be lifted. This has been forbidden in most Tablets. Today all must hold fast to that which conduces to the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. Knowledge is that which preserveth man from that which is unworthy and unseemly, and teacheth him that which will benefit both himself and all mankind. This is what the Wronged One desireth. Blessed is he who aideth Him in what He desireth; he is assuredly numbered among the helpers in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. It is hoped that through loving counsels the world may be adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon! That which is most harmful today is the people's lack of understanding concerning what has transpired. By God's life! Had there been found a soul worthy of mention and utterance, this Wronged One would surely have chosen silence and would not have accepted countless afflictions. We arose for the sake of God. You and every truthful and just one bear witness to the uprising of this Wronged One and His mention before all faces. Now that some measure of assurance hath appeared, the opponents, that is, those who have turned away from the Cause, have arisen in greater hostility than the former peoples and are occupied with the same vain imaginings. Is there any helper who will assist the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance?

Is there any servant who will arise for the sake of God to serve His Cause, to remind people of His verses, and to illumine their hearts with the light of His Command? We beseech God to aid thee in that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this Most Glorious Station. There is none other God but He, the Lord of the Throne and the earth. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have aided the Cause of God in the evening and at sunrise, at eventide and at dawn.

Section 2: "This lowly servant has ever beseeched the True…"

This lowly servant has ever beseeched the True One, exalted be His glory, for that which would cause the manifestation of infinite bounties and the exaltation of the Blessed Word. Ever has the mention of that beloved one been made in the Most Holy Court, and this servant, with utmost humility and supplication, begs and hopes from the Self-Sufficient One that He may illumine the horizons of that blessed city with the light of faith and certitude. Praise be to God that that which was the hope of this evanescent servant has dawned forth, for in these days the petition of that beloved one and the friends has arrived. His is the praise and the glory, His the gratitude and the splendor, for He has confirmed His loved ones in their recognition, turning and certitude. I have besought and continue to beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may strengthen that beloved one in unifying and bringing into agreement the friends of that land—this is not difficult for Him.

Certain souls speak such calumnies that one is bewildered—exactly the same allegations as before have resurfaced. The Kitab-i-Iqan was specifically revealed in Iraq for the honored Afnan, the Great Uncle (of the Bab), may the Most Glorious Splendor rest upon him. The details are thus: When he journeyed to the Holy Shrines and after pilgrimage arrived in Baghdad, the honored Haji Siyyid Javad—may the Most Glorious Splendor of God rest upon him—attained the presence and submitted that two maternal uncles of the Exalted One—may our souls be sacrificed for His sake—had arrived in this land and intended to proceed to the Land of Shin. He asked, "Have you mentioned anything to them about this Cause?" He replied, "No." At that moment the blessed countenance became flushed and He said, "Go to them, convey greetings from the Wronged One and say: We have never sought to meet anyone, but we do desire to meet you."

And Hadrat-i-Javad—may God's Most Glorious Splendor rest upon him—went forth, and later in the afternoon returned with the Great Uncle—may the Most Glorious Splendor rest upon him. When they attained the presence He said, "It would be most grievous to this Wronged One if you and the other Afnans should remain deprived of the Tree that has been planted and grown in your midst." They submitted that there were certain matters that had prevented and continued to prevent them. He said, "Mention those matters that have prevented you from recognizing the supreme horizon and the Blessed Tree, and ask your questions." The next day they came to the sanctuary basement where He summoned them one by one, and they submitted that which had caused their hesitation, and in their presence answers descended from the heaven of God's will, exalted be His glory, and were bestowed. Surely that beloved one and others have heard and know these details. The following day they attained the presence and submitted: "Wretched would be the soul who should read this Book and hesitate."

The journey of the Ancient Beauty—exalted be His glory—is mentioned therein; nevertheless, they have said what they have said and attributed it to one who, by God besides Whom there is none other God, is incapable of comprehending it. Likewise they say the Bayan has been altered—one's heart melts at such words, for the beginning has become like the end of the Shi'ih party. And likewise do they assert that the wondrous verses have been appropriated from the revealed utterances of the Primal Point—may our spirits be offered up for His sake—and are being circulated under their own name, notwithstanding that presently two, nay three, equivalent Revelations have been vouchsafed, and the distinction between

these divine expositions is as manifest and evident as the sun itself. Let them consider the Book of Iqan and that which hath been revealed in the Persian tongue with the Persian Bayan of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—and the other Persian writings; likewise the wondrous verses with the verses of that Being bear no outward resemblance whatsoever—indeed the difference is great.

That beloved one and this servant must beseech God—glorified be His majesty—to guide all and enable them to achieve that which is conducive to the manifestation of justice and fairness. This matter cannot be realized except by those souls who observe with their own ears and eyes, and this is specifically true of this Most Great Revelation. I beseech God to aid that beloved one to rend asunder the veils of the people's idle fancies with the finger of certitude and remove them.

The calumnies of the idolaters exceed all bounds. Those souls who were heedless and unaware of the Cause now claim to be the first to have believed in God. This servant knoweth not what fruit the Shi'ih sect and their words and deeds have yielded on the Day of His Manifestation, that now a group like unto them should, through the efforts of Mirza Hadi-i-Dawlat-Abadi, darken the world. We beseech protection and grace from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat.

At this moment the Ancient Beauty uttered this most exalted word—His word, exalted be His glory: O Abdul-Hamid! Upon thee be the glory of God and His loving-kindness. Today it is incumbent and necessary for you and others to reflect upon these events that have transpired. At first, outwardly, it was not expected that certain souls would turn away from what is with the Truth, preferring what they possessed, or that they would fail to distinguish between the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and the shadow, or that the source of vain imaginings would, unbidden and without consent, utter words. However, the corruptor seduced and cast forth that which led to error.

Now if you arise to render this service, trusting in God and committing your affair to Him—that doubts may be dispelled—it would be acceptable and beloved before God. Two or three individuals who are truly possessed of hearing and sight, and are free from love and hatred, should proceed and remain on the island for a time, truthfully relating whatever they perceive. Perhaps through this investigation that which causes certitude and assurance of souls will become manifest, and the light of certainty will be distinguished from the darkness of imagination, that all people may discover and know. This servant beseeches God to raise up several souls who will investigate for His sake, lest time pass and those possessed of vain imaginings remain in their delusions. This matter is truly necessary.

Glory be to God! It is not known what they have understood of the Day of God and what the purpose of this Revelation has been. While there is still time, effort is necessary. Those who were with Him have denied all and repudiated whatever was said, while the newly-found deluded ones say with their tongues what their hearts and very beings deny—they say with their mouths what is not in their hearts. I beseech God to assist that beloved one in all conditions. If anyone sets out and does not know how to reach the island, let them arrive in Beirut and inquire, or come to this land. The intent is that that beloved one may become the cause of manifesting that which will dispel delusions.

In any case, this servant implores God, exalted be His glory, to aid that beloved one in unveiling what is now concealed. Likewise, night and day I have besought and continue to beseech God, exalted be His station, to assist you and those souls who turned to Him in the early days to achieve what befits His Day. I convey greetings to the friends in that land and beseech for each one that which will cause the elevation of their station. The Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit, being and essence be sacrificed for the dust of their most pure feet—are present and each one expresses loving-kindness. The glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

The servant 27 Muharram 1306

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Section 1: "Glorified be God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom…"

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

Glorified be God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of earth and heaven! Glorified be God, the Possessor of might and celestial dominion! Glorified be God, the Master of both sovereign and subject, the King of both the wealthy and the destitute! Glorified be He Who hath, through His might and power, exalted His loved ones and caused them to soar in the atmosphere of divine knowledge above all who dwell on earth! Glorified be He Who hath drawn them nigh unto Him and given them to drink of the Kawthar of divine proof from the hand of His bounty, and taught them that which His servants throughout all ages and centuries were powerless to comprehend! He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. And glory and splendor rest upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward the Supreme Horizon, and whom the might of princes and divines hath failed to prevent from gaining access to that most sublime station, that place whose eminence God hath raised above the heavens. He, verily, is the Lord of all men in both the beginning and the end.

O beloved of my heart! Centuries have passed and ages have come to an end, yet this evanescent servant hath not succeeded in expressing that which would testify to what lies within concerning the mention of that true Beloved and the praise of that spiritual Master. However, that honored one himself beareth witness to this servant's sincerity and love, and to the abundance of this fading one's writings in His presence throughout nights and days, and various affairs and scattered writings. God, our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, knoweth that the delay in receiving assurance from that Beloved was the cause. At all times, petitions and letters were flying from all directions, and among the exalted words which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in the Land of Mystery was this blessed passage—His exalted Word:

> "If names to the number of raindrops were to appear before the Divine Countenance, mention of each would flow from the Most Exalted Pen."

Therefore, for those souls who have newly turned to the Most Great Ocean and have drunk from the wine of inner meanings, the Most Exalted Pen moveth and is occupied especially for them. In such case, if

there be delay, pardon is hoped for. Furthermore, by God's grace and favor, they are ever remembered in the heart and are present and standing in the most holy and exalted Court before the face of the Lord of all mankind. This servant beseecheth his Lord to make your honor the breaker of the might of the aggressors and the raiser of the standard of edification among the peoples of the world.

Your letter, which was in truth a bearer of the pearls of wisdom, utterance, love, affection and knowledge, arrived. Blessed was its step and auspicious its coming. Glorified be God! Each of its words was a fruit-bearing tree and an effective remedy. It was a key to the gates of joy, delight and gladness. It spread a new carpet and brought fresh joy, for it was adorned with the mention and praise of the Goal of all the world's peoples—may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of Command and Creation be a sacrifice for Him! The fragrance of the Beloved's love was diffused from every letter. After reading and learning of its contents, I offered praise and thanksgiving, and after mentioning and glorifying God, exalted be His glory, the glad tidings of that beloved one's health renewed my soul.

A hundred thousand praises upon the word that causeth hearts to be united and is the interpreter of souls—it revealeth the hidden secret and discloseth the treasured mystery, and informeth the detached and sincere ones of concealed mysteries. And after these stages, the supreme goal and most exalted summit was intended, and it was presented before the face of the Lord of all mankind and achieved the honor of His attention. After countless utterances, according to His command I was bidden to write these exalted words in reply. The Lord, exalted and sanctified is He, saith:

He is the Hearer, the Beholder, and the Answerer

O thou who art remembered before My face, inscribed in the Book, and gazing towards the horizon of Revelation in the final return! Hear the call from the direction of grandeur, to the right of the luminous spot: Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The Hidden hath appeared through My Name, and the Treasured through My providence which hath encompassed all regions. I complain unto thee of what hath befallen Me at the hands of those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament, and who have denied the proof and evidence. Among them is he who said that He hath plagiarized the verses of the Point and revealed them in His Name. At this My Most Exalted Pen hath lamented, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. The Mother Book beareth witness to this in the most sublime station.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere and gazest toward My horizon! The idolaters and the wayward have clung to calumnies the like of which the ears of the world have never heard. Woe unto them for having followed their desires! Verily they are among the lost in the estimation of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We have brought forth from the treasuries of Our Most Exalted Pen pearls of wisdom and utterance the like and equal of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every doubting denier. Can all that is in the world be compared with that which hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty? Nay, by My Command which dominateth all who are in the earth and the heavens! All mention hath submitted to My Most Great Remembrance, and all books have circled around this Mighty Announcement which hath been mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords.

And among them is he who said that He hath altered the Bayan. Say: Woe unto thee! The Bayan circleth around Him. Blessed are they who possess insight! Thus did their souls prompt them to a matter, and today they are in doubt and error. We leave mention of them at this time and desire to remember thee with that which attracteth the hearts of the people of understanding. The servant who is present hath presented thy letter and read it before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with that by which the Names were attracted and circled around God's providence, the Lord of all men. We have found from each of thy words the fragrance of thy love, thy turning and thy devotion to the Dawning-Place of lights. Through thy remembrance the fragrance of certitude hath wafted through the contingent world. Blessed is He Who hath strengthened thee, caused thee to know, drawn thee nigh, and inspired thee with the Cause of this Most Great Announcement whereby feet have slipped.

Happy art thou for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of bounty and for having traveled to distant lands to exalt the Word of God, the Lord of creation. O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! Counsel the people with that wherewith God hath counseled His loved ones before and after, and remind them of the loftiness of His Cause and the greatness of this Announcement whereby the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, and the mountains have crumbled. Adorn the servants of God with trustworthiness and godliness and with that whereby the station of man is exalted in the contingent world. Say: O people of the earth! Ye were not created for rancor and hostility, nor for tyranny and transgression. Ye have been created to manifest His favor and that whereby the light of unity may shine forth in all regions. Thus have We manifested the light of love and amity and have revealed that which shall endure through the perpetuity of My remembrance in the Books and Tablets.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful! The intention is that the eloquent tongue should be transformed into the language of light. The opposers have clung to the vain imaginings of the past—at times they speak of alteration, and at times they utter calumnies the like of which the ears of the world have not heard. Among these is that the Kitab-i-Iqan, which was specifically revealed in Iraq for the Afnan, the honored and departed Khal, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and wherein the journey of the Wronged One is mentioned—this they have attributed to another.

Glory be to God! The pearls of utterance which have appeared from the treasury of the Pen of the Lord of eternity are as distinct from all else as the sun, yet they have said that which no oppressor hath ever said. What has become of discernment, and whither has discrimination fled? What has veiled and hindered justice and fairness? Man is astonished, the world is astonished. Beseech ye God that He may cause the sun of justice to emerge from behind the clouds of oppression, grant deliverance, and adorn His creation with the ornament of fairness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The pure and holy Tree with its heavenly fruits is manifest before the faces of the world, and the waves of the divine ocean of utterance are visible before all eyes; yet the people remain heedless and deprived. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee at all times in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make thee a standard of His mention in His lands and an ensign of His utterance amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

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 the Cause of God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat.

O beloved of My heart! By thy life, it behooveth one to shed blood instead of tears, and hearts should be set ablaze and livers consumed, for that which is heard is such as giveth rise to the vain imaginings of the past. Glory be to God! The fragrance of truthfulness hath been lifted from among the people. How many similar utterances have been revealed from the Supreme Pen, yet they say they take from the Bayan and write. That beloved of the heart well knoweth the distinction between utterances, which is clear and manifest to every fair-minded one. They attribute it to one who is incapable of comprehending the Kitab-i-Iqan. Several years ago, one of the Afnan—upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God—wrote to this servant from the Land of Ya, saying that in these days the covenant-breakers are endeavoring to collect the wondrous verses, taking and writing them, and it is not known what new stratagem they have resorted to. Would that the people knew! Would that they understood!

As to what thou hast written regarding turning towards the regions, the lands and countries of God, and likewise the acceptance and turning of capable souls who have attained unto new life from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful—these matters were presented before the Presence and were honored to be heard. This is what the Ancient Beauty hath spoken in response, exalted be His glory:

O thou who standeth, giving voice to the remembrance of God and service to His Cause! We beseech God to manifest through thee that which shall quicken them that lie in their graves in this Revelation, whereby the Trumpet was sounded and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Almighty, the Powerful. God willing, may all the world attain unto the ornament of eternal life through the Kawthar of utterance, and drink from the chalice of life. Praise be to God, they have been and continue to be confirmed in the victory of the Cause. Remind the people in My days through My verses, that perchance they may be freed from suppositions, vain imaginings, and old and soiled garments, and become illumined by the effulgent lights of the Sun of Proof shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. Renew their garments through My Name, illumine them with the lights of My utterance, and cause them to soar on the wings of My loving-kindness. Verily, We have sent down for every name thou hast mentioned that from which the sincere shall inhale the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

This was revealed for His Honour Mirza Nabil-i-Qa'in, upon him be the Glory of God. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of utterance

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is verily the Object of adoration of the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise, and through Him the mysteries were revealed and the Dove of Remembrance warbled upon the highest branches. He hath come, Who was mentioned in the hearts of them who are nigh unto God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that thou didst turn unto Him when the servants turned away, and thou didst acknowledge Him when every remote oppressor denied

Him, and thou didst hasten with thy heart when most of the people were among the hesitant ones, and thou didst testify to that which God had testified when the people were in manifest silence. We beseech God to aid thee in that which beseemeth His days and to ordain for thee every good thing that He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He is thy Protector and the Protector of the sincere ones. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every steadfast and upright one.

This was revealed for His Honour Muhammad Kushkih-Bagh, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the All-Hearing, the Responding One

O Muhammad! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. He speaketh in every state that which draweth the people nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: He hath come with the truth, and on His right is the banner that there is none other God but He, and on His left the standard of ʻHe doeth whatsoever He willeth' from God, the Sovereign of existence. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause with such steadfastness as shall cause the servants to arise, then utter such words as shall quicken them that lie in their graves. O Muhammad! Knowest thou Who calleth thee from the Supreme Horizon, and Who speaketh with thee from this praiseworthy station? We have rent asunder the veils and manifested the Cause with a sovereignty before which armies cannot stand. When the rapture of My call seizeth thee and the wine of My utterance intoxicateth thee, raise thy hands with such detachment as shall cause the hands of all created things to be lifted up unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. This behooveth thee and those who hold fast to the cord of My Name, the Mighty, the Loving.

Section 2: "He who beareth My trust hath mentioned thee…"

He who beareth My trust hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this Tablet from whose horizon shineth the luminary of the might of My utterance, the Mighty, the Beloved. Findest thou anyone in the realm who can taste the sweetness of My utterance? Say: Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Findest thou one who will help My Cause? Say: Thou knowest better than I, and Thou art the Protector of what was and what shall be. We make mention of him who was named Abbas, who hath held fast to My extended cord. O Abbas! Thou didst stand before all faces in the early days when We summoned all to that which would draw them nigh unto the Much-Frequented House, that they might circle round it at eventide and at dawn, at dusk and at morn.

They cast the Command of God behind their backs, following every heedless and rejected one. O Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee with that which shall endure as long as the names of thy Lord, the Sovereign of the realms of might, endure. Thou hast attained unto the Day of God concerning which the Concourse of the Bayan lamented, save whom God willed, the Sovereign of the kingdoms. Blessed art thou, for thou hast turned with thy heart to the Dawning-Place of God's signs on a day whereon every heedless and veiled one turned away.

And this was revealed for His Honor Mulla Abdul-Hamid, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]:

He is the One through Whom the ocean of utterance surged in the contingent world

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath chosen for himself a path to the Lord of the Throne, that the fragrances of his Lord's Book might attract him to a station that was indeed exalted. O Abdul-Hamid! Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty with which none on earth can vie. He needeth no other than Himself to establish His Cause. Every matter dependeth on His bidding and every book on His acceptance. Thus hath the Command been inscribed by the Pen of Revelation with justice. He hath sent down the verses and manifested the proofs. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who was far from the truth. Say: O company of the deniers! Fear ye God, then behold the Tree and its fruits. They are before your faces. Be fair and follow not him who hath broken God's covenant and His testament, and was deprived of the choice wine of utterance. When thou hearest the call from the Supreme Horizon, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of heaven and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison, for having guided me to Thy path, for having caused me to hear Thy call, for having shown me the traces of Thy Pen and the fruits of the Tree of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, by the lights of Thy countenance, and by the mysteries of Thy Books, to protect me from the doubts of the suspicious ones and the signs of the barking ones who have denied Thee and Thy verses. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And this was revealed for His Honor Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God:

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

Today it is necessary, nay obligatory, upon every soul to safeguard people from superstitions and vain imaginings to the extent possible, for the opponents of the Cause have, like the people of the past, clung to that which leads to the misguidance and destruction of the servants of God. Glory be to God! Until now they have not reflected upon what became of the deeds of that heedless Shi'ih sect on the Day of Reckoning. Night and day they were occupied with the mention of God in mosques and upon pulpits, yet when the splendors of the Sun of Revelation illumined the world, they all arose in opposition and issued the decree for His death. And now upon the pulpits of Iran the divines are occupied with cursing and reviling the Goal of all the worlds. The ultimate end of these heedless souls who have again clung to the same vain imaginings is clear and evident. Beseech ye God to adorn the world of existence with the ornament of justice, equity, awareness and knowledge. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Praise be to the Goal of the world Who recorded thy name from the Pen of Grace in the Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Sun of grace, bounty, bestowals, mercy, kindness and faithfulness hath risen and shone forth from the heaven of each word of the Goal of all the worlds. Praise be to God, each of the aforementioned names hath attained unto the Kawthar of everlasting grace. This evanescent servant beseecheth the eternal Truth to assist each of His loved ones to achieve that which causeth the attraction of all who dwell on earth and the manifestation of the lights of the Most Great Luminary. And I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to grant the success to preserve that which hath been bestowed, for names have deprived people of reality. Consider how by the single word "successor" all were deluded and debarred from the outpourings of the Day of Reckoning.

A certain one in these parts claimed to be the Mihdi and a hundred thousand souls gathered round him. The Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of Iran, yet with utmost degradation they extinguished His light and cut down the Tree of His being with the sword of tyranny. Reflection on what hath come to pass is necessary, for if man truly becomes aware, a hundred thousand names would neither prevent nor hinder him; he would pass beyond the river and make for the Most Great Ocean. Confirmation and success are from God, our Goal and your Goal, our Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin, upon him be the glory of God, exalted be His utterance:

He is the Manifest Book

Blessed is He Who hath appeared and revealed what He willed, and sent down verses as a token of His grace that the servants might draw nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the King, the Just, the Manifest Truth. The verses bear witness and the atoms of creation testify that from the beginning of this Cause, in the days when the people of the Bayan were veiled behind a veil, this Wronged One called all with the loudest voice, before the faces of princes, to the straight path and the mighty announcement. No matter prevented Him, no tyranny held Him back from justice. In the prison of the land of Ta, He spoke the blessed word "The Lord of creation hath come," and in chains and fetters He uttered the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The oppression of the oppressors and the assault of the aggressors did not deter Him. His entire life was spent in the hands of the heedless. All the people of Iran, both followers of the Qur'an and the Bayan, are witnesses to what hath been mentioned. We bore what none other hath borne. In Mazandaran, We were paraded through the streets and lanes, and they inflicted upon Us that which would cause the destruction of the people of the cities of justice and fairness.

And when the light of the Cause became somewhat manifest, the people of the Bayan did that which caused the eyes of grandeur to weep. At times they claimed these verses were taken from the Primal Point, whereas every person of insight testifieth to countless differences apparent between them. These matters have been and continue to be mentioned repeatedly, that they might remain in the vision of the friends and in their treasuries of understanding, lest the doubts of the suspicious and the whisperings of satan cause them to slip. The equivalent of the Bayan, nay more, and likewise the equivalent of the heavenly Books is now present. Yet one who is engaged in service in His presence they have taken as lord besides God, and have drawn the swords of hatred against the Wronged One.

We beseech God to assist thee and make thee successful in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to give thee to drink from the cup of bounty the wine of steadfastness. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Possessor of the Light of Oneness. He ordaineth what He willeth for whom He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the Unconstrained. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are

with thee, and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament and have recognized that which hath been sent down from His Supreme Pen from His wondrous and mighty Kingdom.

And mention was made of the friends of Shahrud, upon them be the Glory of God, the King, the Mighty, the Loving. After being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, this blessed Tablet was specifically revealed for them from the heaven of will. His utterance, mighty is His statement and exalted His proof:

In the Name of the Speaker, the Everlasting

O My friends in Shahroud! Hearken with your inner ear to the call of the Wronged One. He it is Who hath shattered the idols and opened the gate of joy amid sorrows, leading humanity to that which God hath willed. We beseech God to aid souls to serve His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the soul that hath adorned its head with the crown of detachment and its temple with the fear of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. The Most Great Word attracteth hearts and souls, from which floweth the Living Waters. O people of Shin, Alif and Ha! Your petitions have previously reached Us and attained unto the glance of favor, and there hath been ordained for you that which the people of the world are powerless to comprehend. Soar with true wings and circle in this holy atmosphere. In one of the Tablets this most great verse was revealed, addressing one of the servants:

> "Verily We desired to draw thee nigh unto the Most Great Sea, not with feet like the feet of men, nor with wings like the wings of birds, but through a divine spiritual movement swifter than the lightning that dazzleth the sight."

Today the Sun of Truth is risen and the waves of the ocean of the Most Merciful's utterance are manifest. Hold fast unto unity and accord, engage in service to the Cause, and strive that perchance the rancor in the hearts and souls of men may be calmed through the living waters of loving counsel, and the light of truth may shine forth from the horizons of hearts. O My friends in that land! Blessed are ye for having turned toward the horizon of the Cause, wherein neither the veils of the divines nor the might of princes prevented you. Ye have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and have attained unto that which most of mankind have been debarred from.

Arise with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. It hath been repeatedly mentioned that one who was a fisherman became, through God's grace, exalted be His glory, the leader of the people of divine knowledge and the guide of all who dwell on earth, and a shepherd became the bearer of the Standard. Today the triumph of the Cause hath been and shall be through the hosts of God, and His hosts are goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Conflict, corruption and contention are strictly forbidden in this Most Great Revelation, in My Books, My Scrolls, My Scriptures and My Tablets. We beseech God to assist you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to confirm you in that which beseemeth His days. He is verily the Confirmer, the All-Knowing, the Commander, the All-Wise.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face unto him who was named Ghulam-i-Rida, that he may hear the call from the direction of Akka and be drawn to the Most Glorious Station, and that the hand of bounty may give him to drink of the Greatest Kawthar of steadfastness, whereby the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of Lords, shall not cause him to slip.

Some of the friends have beseeched from the ocean of the bounty of the Goal of the world's desires that He may keep them steadfast in His Cause and that they may ascend at the time of their passing with manifest certitude. Say: O My friends! Throughout the ages and centuries, each party hath deemed itself the most mighty, the most learned, the most jurisprudent, and the most pious, and with white and green turbans, serving as banners amongst the servants, they busied themselves with the promotion of the luminous Law—so they claimed. But when the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear tokens lifted the veil and shone forth from the horizon of His Will, these very souls uttered that which no oppressor had ever spoken and committed deeds which no idolater had ever perpetrated.

If a soul desireth to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness and to attain unto the station of certitude in God, it must free and liberate the heart from all save God. Hadi Dawlat-Abad hath exerted strenuous efforts in misleading the people, hath turned toward names whilst turning away from their Creator. He hath clung to the vain imaginings of the party of old which have been the cause of the perdition of all. By the life of God! Verily, he is in manifest loss and shall not be numbered among those who perceive. He claimeth faith in one of the Letters—if indeed it be a living, real Letter—yet hath denied the Mother Book which speaketh before all faces: There is no God but He, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The people of Persia have been and are familiar with vain imaginings. It is therefore incumbent upon the friends of God in this Day to protect the people, as far as possible, from such idle fancies. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the All-Wise.

Section 3: "O servant! If thou dost perceive the wafting…"

O servant! If thou dost perceive the wafting fragrance of the divine utterance from the words of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and turning away from all else beside Thee. I beseech Thee by the steadfastness whereby the feet of most of Thy creatures have slipped, and by the light of Thy Cause which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy will, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy bounty that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this life. By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world and Ruler of nations! I desire in all conditions to hold fast unto Thee and to cleave to the cord of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am he from whom hath slipped away that which beseemeth Thy days. Ordain for me from the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee and cause my remembrance to endure amongst Thy servants. Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful. By Thy glory! This servant knoweth not what lieth with Thee nor what shall profit him. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We make mention of thy son with a remembrance that shall not be erased, nor shall any decree change it, nor shall the passing of centuries and ages alter it. O Mihdi! There hath come before the Wronged One thy letter which thou didst send to one of My Afnan, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness. The servant in attendance hath laid it before Us. We have answered thee with that which no mention can equal, and thou hast been mentioned by Him Who hath spoken My praise, soared in My atmosphere, and arose to aid My Cause—through which the sincere ones have drawn nigh and every hesitating doubter

hath turned away. Praise be to God that in thy early youth thou didst attain unto the mention and praise of the Truth and wert successful in serving His loved ones.

This bounty hath been and is from God. Although the deniers of the Bayan have sullied the expanse of the world with the dust of vain imaginings and names, nevertheless the grace of God requireth mention, that perchance a few may not be confined by the veils of names and remain not deprived of the Presence of the Worshipped One. Whoso hath heard My call—it behooveth him to conquer the world through one of My words. This beseemeth the people of the Crimson Ark. Otherwise, that which the deniers from among the people of the Bayan have clung to befitteth their own selves, not God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Remember on My behalf thy mother and thy sister, then thy other sister, and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded existence. O My handmaidens! Give thanks unto your Lord, for He hath aided you to turn towards Him when every remote scholar turned away from Him.

We desire at this moment to make mention of him who was named Rida from the land of Ba and Ya, that he may find the fragrance of My loving-kindness from My verses and give thanks unto his Lord, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

O Rida! Hearken unto the Call. We have manifested the Cause before the faces of princes and divines. The kings and their subjects have risen against Me and perpetrated that which hath caused the hearts of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the companions of the supreme Heaven to melt, and thereby was the Wronged One in manifest joy and great patience. Then there joined the factions the party of the Bayan, who claim belief in the Point of the Bayan while they disbelieve in Him Whom He sent with the truth and unto Whom He revealed verses. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are in manifest opposition. Say: By the life of God! That which ye possess of names and all else will profit you not today except through this Speaking Book, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Wronged One and for having attained unto the traces of His Pen, which no thing whatsoever can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having mentioned me through the tongue of the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Ocean of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the shells of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and to drink the choice wine of Thy revelation from the hand of Thy bounty. Then make me so upright that names shall not cause me to slip from their Sovereign, their Creator, and their Originator. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have hastened to the place of sacrifice for the exaltation of Thy Word and the manifestation of Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

We desire to make mention of him who ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, and of those who ascended in this Great Announcement. O Ali! Bear thou witness that thou hast believed in God and hearkened unto the Call when it was raised from the Supreme Horizon, and hast attained to the recognition of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. We beseech God to forgive thee and His loved ones who drank the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the mercy of the All-Merciful and were among

the steadfast. Through their mention at this time, the ocean of forgiveness and pardon hath surged, as a mercy from the All-Merciful. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. God hath adorned their heads with the crowns of forgiveness and mercy, and their temples with the ornament of pardon. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. We make mention of My loved ones from that land whose names thou didst mention, that they may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O My loved ones! We counsel you to be steadfast in this Great Announcement concerning which the people have differed, and at which the limbs of the idolaters have quaked. Blessed are ye for having believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. O Husayn! We have seen thy mention and make mention of thee, and We counsel thee and My loved ones to praiseworthy conduct and goodly deeds. He, verily, is the Counsellor, the All-Knowing. O Baqir! The Mother Book hath made mention of thee in the Final Return. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless. Be thou vocal in the praise of thy Lord and steadfast in His service before the faces of the transgressors.

We beseech God to aid thee and to ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for those who act according to His mighty Book. Give thanks unto God that He hath assisted thee to turn unto Him and hath mentioned thee in this Luminous Tablet. O Ali! Be thou not afflicted by names and cleave unto that which profiteth thee. That is to say, those names which the idolaters have taken besides God. The Hand of Power hath rent asunder the veils, yet the wayward ones of the Bayan are again engaged in misleading and veiling the people through ancient tales and the names they possess. We beseech the True One to protect thee and the loved ones from the adversities of the world and whatsoever appeareth therein. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

We desire to make mention of him who was named Abu'l-Qasim, that he may inhale the sweet fragrances of remembrance and be among those who are steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped, save those whom God, the Lord of creation, hath willed. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard how thou didst praise God for that which was sent down from the Kingdom of Mine utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of My loved ones in that place whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that they may remember God, their Lord, at morn and at eventide.

O Siyyid Qabli-Rida! Well is it with thee, for thou hast drunk the choice wine from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of the beginning and the end. O Pen! Give glad tidings unto the youth of what the Lord of all being hath desired to mention from the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto My call and acted according to what was commanded in the Mother Book. Rejoice in that thy name hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. O Beloved of God! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings, surged. Today We have arisen as a herald of My Name and as one standing in service to the Cause of God. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord. He hath turned unto thee and made mention of thee in such wise as nothing possessed by the people can equal. To this doth He Who conversed with God testify from His most exalted station.

Convey My greetings to all the handmaidens in that land. We beseech God to keep them steadfast and to adorn them with the ornament of chastity. The most glorious ornament of the highest paradise, specially ordained for the handmaidens, is the raiment of chastity. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath adorned her temple therewith. O handmaidens of God! Know ye the value of the divine Word. The treasures of kings cannot equal a single letter thereof. Ere long its station shall be made manifest to all the world. Occupy yourselves with His praise and glorification by night and by day, for He hath enabled you to recognize a Cause from which all others are veiled and debarred, save whom God willeth.

We make mention of those names which thou didst mention at the end of thy letter, and We beseech God to send down upon them from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence, and to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him and preserve them from aught else beside Him. He, verily, is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-Rida, whose letter sent to one of My loved ones hath been presented, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We have, during the nights and days, made mention of Our loved ones who have turned with radiant faces toward God, the Mighty, the Loving. O Muhammad-Rida! Preserve the trust of thy Lord within thine eye, through His Name, the One Who hath dominion over what was and what shall be. We have made mention of thee and thy father as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He is in truth the Knower of things unseen. We make mention of thy mother in the Most Great Prison as a mercy from God, the Lord of existence. Give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and remind her of My verses, and illumine her heart with this remembrance whereby the idolaters have lamented and the rebellious one hath cried out. We have made mention of every name that was presented before Our face, both of the living and the dead. And verily We are the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Kind.

The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O friends of God and His party, and upon those who have cast away what they possessed and taken hold of the Book of God with the strength and power granted by Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Hasan, that the verses of his Lord may draw him to a station wherein naught in all the world shall hinder him from the Most Great Name. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He heareth what the tongues of the world utter and beholdeth their deeds. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Then make mention of him who was named Ghulam-i-Rida, that he may hear the call from the Supreme Horizon and be of them that are assured. We have caused the rain of utterance to shower upon the hearts of all who dwell within the realm of possibility, that there might spring forth therefrom the ears of wisdom and inner meanings from God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Say: O people of the earth! Be fair in the Cause of God and His Manifestation. Look ye to the right, that ye may hear the call of Sinai—verily it crieth out with the most exalted call, saying: “Blessed am I to have

attained unto Him Who converseth with me!" Then turn ye to the left—verily the Tree calleth out: "By God! He hath come Who was speaking in my outer form and inner reality!" Then turn ye forward, where ye shall behold the waves of the ocean of God's utterance, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in God's sight, then acknowledge that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of God's knowledge, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By God's life! The books of the world cannot compare with that which hath been sent down in truth, were ye of them that judge fairly. Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty. Thus hath the All-Merciful shone forth upon the kingdom of utterance, and there hath appeared from Him that which the heavens and earth are powerless to reckon.

Section 4: "O thou wronged one! Turn unto him who…"

O thou wronged one! Turn unto him who hath been named Muhammad, who was mentioned by Him Who turned in the early days unto the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Neither the sciences and arts nor what the people possessed in that day prevented him from God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Thus was the call raised in the prison of Akka. Blessed is he who hath found its fragrance, and woe unto every heedless one who remaineth veiled.

Say: O concourse of the Bayan! Have ye the living waters of proof? Then bring them forth before God, the Lord of all existence. Present yourselves before the Face, that ye may witness the waves of the ocean of My utterance and the words of the Sun of My Revelation. Perchance ye will abandon what ye possess, clinging unto that which is with God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Say: By God! Neither names nor what ye possess will profit you except through this Name, at Whose appearance the herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved!" By God's life! No refuge have ye this day, nor any place of flight. Fear ye God and be not of them who look on and deny.

Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, for having turned unto Me when the people turned away, and for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen while the servants were sunk in the pit of vain imaginings. Thus hath the matter been made manifest as a grace from Our presence, and I am He Who overshadoweth what hath been and what shall be.

Verily, the Kingdom of Utterance hath turned unto God's loved ones in the cities and lands, making mention of them in that whereby their remembrance shall endure in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Loving, that they may find the sweetness of utterance on a Day illumined by the light of His countenance. This is a Day wherein the names have shone forth through the light of their Lord. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who remaineth far removed from the court of nearness.

O My loved ones in Kha! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, calleth you from a station wherefrom light is visible at its horizon. Beware lest the might of the world hold you back from Him Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with a proof that encompasseth all the worlds. Say: Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are commanded in a Book inscribed by the Pen of God. Beware lest the doubts

of the people and the hints of him who was justly deprived of the ocean of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful veil you.

O Son of My Most Sincere Name! Hear the Call from the Prison's direction. Arise to serve the Cause amidst humanity and remind them of that which will draw them to a station blessed through God's glory. We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance and praise, and in that which will diffuse the fragrance of His good-pleasure throughout the cities and villages. Verily thy Lord aideth whom He willeth through His grace. He, verily, hath power over all things.

O ʿAli! Be thou prepared. Verily, the Most Great Ocean desireth to cleanse thee with the waves of wisdom and utterance. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. Nothing among all things can prevent Him, nor can any matter benefit Him. He hath ever been independent of all worlds.

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was imprisoned unjustly among the servants. They observed not Thy right in regard to Thee and committed that which caused Thy Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and then that which descended from the heaven of inner meanings by a command inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablet.

O Kazim! Grieve not for anything, for thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee from the heaven of utterance that which hath attracted the heart of every learned one who was endowed with true vision. When the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, attracteth thee, soar on the wings of longing in the atmosphere of love and fellowship. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having remembered me when I was wronged in the hands of the aggressors. Thus did the ocean of utterance surge before the faces of the religions, and the Most Merciful appeared with a Cause that was hidden from those possessed of sight.

O children of the Friend and heirs of Him Who conversed with God! Sanctify your ears to hearken unto My Most Exalted Word, whereby all things have been attracted and the Kingdom hath proclaimed: "The dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!" God hath indeed shone forth upon you from the Dayspring of His signs and the Manifestation of His Self, Who hath come from the Dawning-Place of eternity with a sovereignty before which the necks of the ungodly have bowed low. Verily the Mount hath circled round the Manifestation, and the call of the Tree hath been raised in the Sinai of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

We counsel you in this night to fear God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance. Beware lest ye follow your desires. Follow Him Who counseleth you for the sake of God, the Lord of the sublime Throne. We have remembered you before and have revealed unto you that from which the near ones have inhaled the fragrance of holiness from this Garment whereby every blind one hath seen, every poor one hath been enriched, every lowly one hath been exalted, every mute one hath spoken, and the straight path of God and His mighty Message have been made manifest. Rejoice in that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward you from His Most Great Prison, and hath sent down unto you that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Most Merciful throughout all possibilities. Blessed is he who hath found and attained.

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics! We beseech Thee for pardon, trusting in Thy grace and bounty which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! We are Thy servants and we acknowledge our misdeeds and sins, and have turned unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Possessor of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We beseech Thee, by the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness and mercy which have preceded Thy servants, to aid us in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

The glory from Our presence be upon the people of Baha who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon with illumined hearts and radiant faces, and who have attained that which God ordained for them in the Guardian of Names, and made them companions of the Crimson Ark. By the life of God! These are servants around whom circle angels drawn nigh. Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

And We make mention of My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and who have taken the cup of immortality with love for the Lord of all beings, and have drunk therefrom through His All-Wise remembrance. We beseech God to adorn them with the most excellent adornment and to ordain for them the best of the hereafter and of this world. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful, and the Most Merciful of the merciful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

A hundred thousand suns of grace, moons of bounty, and stars of generosity have risen and become manifest from the horizons of every word. The Kawthar, Salsabil and the choice sealed wine are visible like the sun. The Tasneem crieth out, clinging to His Most Generous Name, saying:

"Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having singled me out for the companions of Thy Ark!" And the Camphor saith: "Thanks be to Thee, O my Best-Beloved, for having singled me out for the people of the Manifestation and the companions of the Mount, who have circled round Thy will and acted according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book."

Glory be to God! Every mention from amongst the mentions, every letter from amongst the letters, and every word from amongst the words of God, exalted be His glory, is distinguished from all else like the sun. Nevertheless, the calumniators have uttered that which befitteth their own souls. Are those possessed of hearing and sight extinct? For anyone gifted with vision, even less than the eye of a needle, would perceive the difference. O my brothers! O my masters! Relinquish not justice. Reflect upon and examine the manifest evidences from our Lord, and likewise upon that which hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance by the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—and that which hath been revealed in the Persian tongue.

At that time your eyes shall be solaced and your souls assured, and the doubts of the babblers and the words of the calumniators shall not cause you to slip, and you shall find yourselves immersed in the ocean of certitude. Verily, our Lord and your Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. He hath made known to you the stations of His Manifestation, taught you His way, and caused you to hear His call. He is our Guardian and our Goal, and He hath sent down for us that which draweth us nigh unto Him and hath taught us that which beseemeth His glorious and wondrous Day.

As for the names mentioned in the august letter, each hath been blessed with the effulgent lights of the Luminary of utterance. For some, Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of God's Will, and others have been mentioned in the Tablet of Shahrud and have attained the sacred writings of the Most Exalted Pen. It is hoped that they will not be deprived of the infinite outpourings that stream forth in the Days of God, and that they will drink from the Kawthar of grace and favors that lie hidden within the exalted words. Several petitions and letters arrived from certain loved ones, each containing several names. After being presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most August Court, there was revealed for each name that which giveth eternal life to the servants.

This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may cause all to attain. In truth, on this occasion that honored one hath become the cause of universal outpourings; its fragrance hath perfumed the world. Blessed are they that have attained and they that have drunk, who have quaffed from the hand of their Lord's bounty the choice wine of utterance and the pure water of knowledge. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them to do what He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Concerning the obligatory prayer which his honor mentioned: in truth, whosoever recites it purely for the sake of God will attract all things and bestow fresh life upon the world of existence. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist His loved ones in that which will free them from the vicissitudes, conditions, troubles and darkness of this world, and adorn them with that which will draw them near unto Him in all circumstances. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

This prayer is different from the one revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas. That prayer, along with the writings of the Primal Point, may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake, was, due to matters of wisdom, sent elsewhere. And after several years another prayer was revealed, which is also not available. Then these mentioned prayers were revealed from the heaven of bounty of the Goal of all the worlds. The intention is to perform one of these three prayers—that is, if one of the three is performed, the other two are not obligatory. Likewise, regarding individual and congregational prayer, instruction will come later, and by command, whatever has been revealed concerning the ordinances will be sent subsequently. This same explanation was given to His Holiness ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God.

Regarding certain matters that were written about, these were presented before His presence. By His command, that which is befitting will be written to Aqa ʿAli-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God. Likewise, specifically for the honored leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor and sent. God willing, she will attain unto it. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Generous. Whenever your kindred were mentioned previously, He would show favor to all. His grace toward you has been evident and manifest in all conditions. Similarly, specifically for Aqa Faraj'u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, who was engaged in service, a blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to grant him the blessing of receiving his glorious and wondrous Tablet. This servant has ever been anticipating whatever may come from that Beloved One. Indeed, mention and

expression are the primary cause of love, unity, harmony and infinite stations of divine love. Finally, he entrusts all affairs to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor, upon those with you, upon those who love you and who hear your word concerning the Cause of our Goal, your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

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Section 1: "The world is observed to be…"

He is God, exalted be He in wisdom and eloquence

The world is observed to be in a state of upheaval and transformation. The singing of birds, compared to the Voice of the Speaker on Sinai and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing in the most exalted Paradise, holds no distinction in the eyes of men. The cooing of the doves of the sublime Paradise is, to most, indistinguishable from cawing and clamor. Yet soon shall sanctified eyes grow sharp and purified ears become attentive. We have previously uttered this most exalted Word: God, exalted be His glory, shall bestow the power of hearing, shall inspire understanding, shall grant the power of sight, and shall reveal the signs of the Most Exalted Pen.

These are the days of upheaval. Be not grieved by what they say and know. Thy letter was presented at the Most Holy Court and an answer was revealed. Concerning what thou didst mention about the misleading statements: By the life of God! He hath not perceived the fragrance of the divine utterance. How vast is the distance between earthworms and the luminous expanse of the most exalted Paradise! Great are the differences between the divine, luminous springtime and the dark autumn. During these days and nights, be occupied with protecting your own souls.

The source of vain imaginings hath not suffered a single blow in the path of God. He hath ever remained concealed behind veils. From his statements asking what hath become of the Word of the Primal Point and where it hath gone—though he himself wrote "Verily, I am He, the promised Qa'im Whose appearance ye have been promised"—if he believes in the hidden Qa'im, what then does he make of this verse and how does he interpret it? He is like those souls who arranged Jabulqa and established the holy precinct, and whose vain imaginings prevented multitudes from recognizing the truth.

Say: O misleader, fear God and speak with justice. Set aside […] and fix thy gaze upon reality. Today the Most Great Ocean is manifest with its waves, the Sun is shining with its effulgent rays, and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing is visible with its countless fruits. What seekest thou from a name, and what desirest thou from a title? Were He to take a handful of dust and cause all names to be generated therefrom, verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Would that thou hadst asked him what was achieved and what became of the previous community during these twelve hundred years and more. Now fear God and cease occupying thyself with renewed delusions. Look to thyself, not to others. Listen with thine own ears, not the ears of others. The heaven of vain imaginings hath been rolled up by the hand of power, even as was rolled up the carpet of those who denied the Promised Day.

O Haydar ʿAli! Through the utterances of that ignorant one the world of the Bayan hath been darkened. The station of all things besides God is confirmed through His acceptance, exalted be His glory. The previous community did not inhale the fragrance of divine unity nor comprehend its meaning. Were permission to be granted, that which would cause the treasures of divine knowledge to appear would be revealed.

In the world, the previous community was seen to be divided, each faction cursing the other. They attributed all qualities to the letters of the Qur'an. If anyone were to assert a likeness, similitude, or peer for the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, such a one would be deprived of true unity. Through His oneness, the sanctification of His Essence, and the exaltation of His Being was established the unity of His exalted Essence and the sanctification of His Self from any likeness or similitude. The Imams were created through His Word, and the foundation of faith depends upon accepting God, exalted be His glory. In all other stations there is proof, love, and friendship. Reflect upon this matter that thou mayest witness the Sun of Unity from the horizon of utterance. Faith is confined to His exalted Being. Should anyone become heedless of the divine chosen ones or the Letters, he shall be accounted among the transgressors in the sight of God. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones.

Would that the heedless ignorant one who mentioned these particulars had said that these matters were specific to you. Even as the Point, out of fear of the turbaned ones, called Himself the Gate—to what depths He condescended out of kindness and due to the lack of understanding of Iran's divines regarding this Revelation. He states: "He bestoweth Divine authority upon whomsoever He willeth and withholdeth it from whomsoever He desireth." What have the spiritually immature ones of the world to do with such mentions and such words? This is the mystery of what the late Shaykh said when someone asked him about that word which the Qa'im would utter, which the three hundred and thirteen faithful ones of that day would not be able to bear, and about which the blessed Sadiq made mention of the letter "K" concerning them.

After much warning that "thou canst not bear it," he had said that if the Promised One should appear and say "Abandon belief in the birth of the Commander of the Faithful," wouldst thou abandon it? Immediately he demurred and refused, saying "God forbid!" It is evident to the people of truth that he heard the word from His blessed tongue, and since he could not bear it, he became an unbeliever, though he perceived it not. This is because he looked not to the Source of the Cause.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. One must look to the Source of the Cause. Similarly in the Bayan He states that the bodies of the Letters of the Living in this Revelation occupy the station of the spirits of the previous Letters. All are His servants and all act by His command. Such malevolent souls are the cause and source of volumes of vain imaginings, as they have written and continue to write. In one place He states that that Day is not a day for caution—at the mere hearing they

must turn to Him. Now observe where He stands and where the understanding of those souls stands. One must lament. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, not to afflict later souls with previous vain imaginings.

Say: O ignorant one! Thou who art at such stations, what fruit wouldst thou gain from the world's prostration before thee? Turn unto God Who created thee and sustained thee. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Forgiver of sins for those who repent. And likewise He states that if anyone should speak a single verse, none should oppose him. Had this Revelation not been true, He would not have uttered such words. In any case, now they have turned away and denied myriad verses the like of which the world's ears have never heard. O Haydar-ʿAli! The Lord of Revelation was never and is not encompassed, rather He encompasses all. None save His own Self is fully aware of the manner of His Revelation. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Thou didst mention Haydar. A most mighty and holy Tablet, adorned with the seal, was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it. In truth he stands firm in service, and God, exalted be His glory, is aware. He sees him standing in His service and speaking His praise. We beseech God to aid him with the hosts of utterance, that he may conquer all who dwell in the realm of possibility through God's compelling Word. Today We turned toward utterance, and when We arrived and were established upon the throne of utterance, We revealed unto him who was named Most Noble. Every letter of his words testifieth to God's loving-kindness and bounty. We made mention therein of how the Lord of all beings was opposed by vain imaginings which caused the people of the past to stumble when the Truth came with manifest sovereignty. By God's life! They are the most lost of all factions, they who broke God's covenant and His testament, who denied His proof and His evidence, and who spoke that which none before had spoken.

As for what was mentioned concerning Haydar, We made mention of him from the direction of Our Most Great Scene that he might know and be among the thankful. We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Isma'il and give him glad tidings of God's grace and mercy, that he may be steadfast in His Cause, firm in His love and unwavering in His service. Thy Lord speaketh the truth, but most people comprehend not.

Ask of God that He may guide souls aright. Meaningless names and tales cause people to waver. The chains of idle fancy have bound all save whom God willeth. However, God, exalted be His glory, hath servants who have transcended the names that exist among the people and have set their faces toward the highest horizon. No matter can prevent them, and they have passed like lightning beyond all save God, fixing their gaze upon the Horizon of Revelation, detached from all else but Him. Thy Lord, verily, aideth whom He willeth through His sovereignty, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

As for the mention of Aqa Ghulam-ʿAli, verily We have mentioned him before and will mention him again, and We mention him at this hour with a mention whereby the servants shall remember. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing. Some time ago his letter written in the name of Allah-Mihdi reached the Most Holy Court. His words bore witness to his humility, submissiveness and devotion. The tongue giveth thanks to God and praiseth Him for having enabled him to make mention of Him and to arise to serve His conclusive and manifest Cause. Magnified be His face! By God's life, My Most Exalted

Pen loveth to make mention of His loved ones in the cities and lands, and to aid them to champion His Cause through wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Mighty, the Gracious.

We make mention of his son and those whose names were mentioned in his letter. By God's life, each one of them hath attained unto the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The gate of heaven hath been opened by Him Who is the Dawning-Place of gifts and favors, with a sovereignty that hath conquered all things and with a light that hath illumined all horizons. O youth! Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then recall when thou wert in the presence of the Countenance and didst hear the voice of the Wronged One as He spoke before the faces of the servants. Forget not God's favor unto thee when thou wert seated before His face, and He counseleth thee as God counseled His near servants who were not deterred by armies from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all beings.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those who have taken the cup of steadfastness in the name of the Lord of creation and have drunk therefrom through the mention of God, the Revealer of verses. We make mention of him who was named Mihdi, who was mentioned in thy letter, that he may be assured that the reward of them that proclaim the Message shall not be lost. He hath been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen with a mention that shall be preserved eternally in the protected treasury of God, the Lord of lords.

Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the traces of My Pen, and hath uttered that which the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: The kingdom is God's, the Lord of the beginning and of the end. And in the remembrance of him whom God hath related unto His servant standing before His Face do We give him glad tidings of My mercy, a mercy that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth.

O ʿAbbas! Render thanks unto the Lord of mankind, inasmuch as He hath enabled thee, sustained thee, and guided thee unto the even path. Say: Praised be Thou, O Lord of all being and its peoples, the Lord of the unseen and the seen, for that Thou hast made me to turn my face toward the horizon of Thy Revelation, to be assured of Thy Book, and to cling fast unto the cord of Thy mercy. O Lord! Deprive not the poor seeker of the billows of the ocean of Thy grace. Strengthen him in that whereby his mention may be exalted throughout the duration of Thy sovereignty. Thus have We sent down the verses and revealed the clear tokens. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of God from His verses that overshadow all lands.

Section 2: "In this station do We remember My loved…"

In this station do We remember My loved ones who have turned unto My horizon, soared in My atmosphere, and cast away all save Me. Blessed the land that hath been graced by their coming and honored by their presence; blessed the city wherein their call hath been raised; blessed the trees that have been favored by their glance; and blessed the fruits that were set before their faces. In truth, they were called, and attained unto the fruit of existence thereby. The Pen beareth witness to their detachment, My Tongue to their turning, and My Heart to their steadfastness in the Cause of God, the sovereign Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

These are souls who, from the earliest days even until now, have remained occupied with remembrance and praise, and have been enabled to expend in His path, exalted be He. This day is the day of deeds, not of words; and their deeds are a true testimony and a faithful witness unto proof, detachment, and service. By the all-compelling Will of God were they created, and unto Him are they ascribed. Joyous is their portion, and sweet their lot.

And regarding what you wrote about some of the friends, praise be to God that you are confirmed in what God has revealed in the Book. The reward of your deeds is with your Lord—God has made it a treasure for you with Him. Verily He is the Protector, the Trustworthy.

O Haydar-Ali! Especially for those related to His Holiness Ali-Haydar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, including his son and wife and others, wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and previously sent. Verily he has a station with your Lord—give him the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which has preceded existence. And regarding what you wrote about permission for His Holiness ʿAli-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, after hearing this matter the luminary of permission shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine will. However this depends on wisdom—if wisdom requires it then movement is beloved, otherwise patience is necessary and the reward of attainment is specially reserved for him. Repeatedly from the heaven of the Supreme Being's loving-kindness it was revealed that in this case their service in that place is a mighty matter and a great service. The Mother Book testifies to this in this station.

What you wrote about the unity and agreement of the friends—the least word that the Truth, exalted be His glory, has spoken regarding the order of the world was the word of unity and agreement. Ask of God that those few who have arisen to serve the divine Cause and have been honored with special distinction may unitedly and harmoniously engage in spreading and exalting the Word. By the life of God, great is the station of those who are humble before God! If assured, contented and well-pleased souls were to vie with each other in humility and lowliness, this would be the cause of their exaltation, glory and loftiness of station before God. He verily commands His loved ones and the Hands of His Cause to do that which draws them nearer to Him and elevates their stations. He is, verily, powerful over all things.

At this moment the Supreme Pen desires to mention all those who were present at that gathering and to favor them with the outpourings of the Pen of Grace. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Asmi-Jamal! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness, My mercy and My grace. We beseech God to assist My loved ones to hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and the Straight Path of God.

O ʿAyn before Ta! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou hast attained the presence and heard the Call and beheld the Horizon. Thy Lord verily aids His loved ones and He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Buzurg! Hear thou the Call again and again. Verily it hath been raised from the Fire kindled in the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Blessed is he who hath succeeded in hearing it and hath said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of mankind!”

O Abdullah! The Sun hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, saying:

> “Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Spot round which circle the Concourse on High and for having heard the Call of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Return.”

O servant! Before Husayn, We had made mention of thee aforetime, and in this hour, through that which the breezes of Revelation have wafted throughout all regions. Shouldst thou attain unto hearkening to that which hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of bounty, say unto thee doth Baha speak, O Sovereign of the kingdom of names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee to ordain for Me that which shall draw Me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Bountiful.

O Hasan! Upon thee be the care of God and His mercy. He who hath loved Me and arisen to serve My Cause and humbled himself before My countenance amongst My loved ones hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with such remembrance as hath enraptured the dwellers of the All-Highest Paradise. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in the exalted station.

And We make mention in this station of him who is named Kuchik, and We entreat God that He may make him great in the service of His Cause, and mighty in His remembrance and praise amongst His creatures. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O ʿAli Qabl-Naqi, thou hast been favored with My remembrance aforetime and thereafter, through verses which God hath made to be the Kawthar of utterance for the peoples of the world and the light of certitude for all religions. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty whereby I, the Lord of all horizons, have made mention of thee from the seat of the homeland. And for the exaltation of My Word have We remembered thee with that which no remembrances can equal.

And We make mention of him who is named ʿAli before Haydar once again. Therefore hath the Countenance of the Ancient turned unto thee from the Most Exalted Station. We love whosoever turneth toward My horizon and uttereth My praise amongst the servants.

And We make mention of him who is named Mu’min, whom thou hast remembered, and before thee the Trustworthy One made mention of him. Verily, thy Lord hath inscribed upon His own Self to remember every name Ja’far before His countenance. He, verily, is the All-Bounteous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

And We make mention of his consort and give her glad-tidings of My care, and We counsel her with that wherewith God hath counseled His loved ones and His servants aforetime—with the fear of God, the Lord of lords. We entreat God to ordain for His loved ones and His handmaidens that which beseemeth His days. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

By My life, O Haydar-ʿAli! The Wronged One, in an ocean of fire, makes mention of those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of the Lord of creation. Were His loved

ones to become aware of what has befallen Me at the hands of the oppressors among His creatures, they would weep both morn and eve. We have concealed most matters lest My loved ones in all lands be saddened thereby. We make mention of him who was named Yusif, who attained to that which most of mankind have failed to attain, and We have remembered him time and again. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We beseech God to aid him to do that which befitteth the people of Baha among His servants.

Say: O My loved ones! Take hold of that which We have commanded you. It will draw you nigh unto the most exalted station and will ordain for you, through His grace, that which will delight your eyes. Blessed is he whom the clamor of the ignorant hath not deterred, and steadfast is he whom the might of the powerful hath not made to falter.

O Ayyub! Upon thee be My glory. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have sent down upon thee from the heaven of bounty the rains of wisdom and utterance. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the One Who doeth as He pleaseth. Neither the happenings of the world nor the croaking of those who have denied the Beginning and the End can hinder Him. We beseech God to strengthen thee and sanctify thee through the Kawthar of utterance that thou mayest arise with all thy being to manifest the Cause among men.

We make mention of thy brother who attained Our presence in days when every doubting learned one was debarred therefrom. We also make mention of thy brother Akbar and give him the glad tidings of My mercy which hath encompassed all things. We beseech God to grant you success and ordain for you the best of this world and of the next. He, verily, is the Almighty, the One Who doeth what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Revealer of verses.

O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! The All-Merciful maketh mention of thee from the prison quarter, that thou mayest be thankful and be of those who give thanks. We have mentioned thee before in such wise that the river of utterance hath flowed throughout all regions. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Thou hast attained unto My remembrance and the traces of My Pen. Thy Lord is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Verily he who stood before the Face was taken by the idolaters for themselves. We have revealed concerning them in My perspicuous Book that they are among the most lost. And among the people is he who hath said that he speaketh the verses of the Point. Say: Woe unto thee, O thou idolatrous disbeliever! Present thyself before the Face that thou mayest hear what no ear in the world hath heard and see what the eyes of the near ones have not beheld. Were the Primal Point alive, He would circle round Me and transcribe My verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: O people! Fear God. Adorn your heads with the crown of detachment and your temples with the fear of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Consider the divines and jurisconsults of Persia and what they have committed on the Day of Reckoning. He verily aideth all to recognize this Most Great Announcement. They denied God's proof and testimony and uttered that which caused the hearts of those near unto God to tremble.

We make mention of him whom We made a son to one who was martyred in My path and gave up his spirit in My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have mentioned him before and counseled him with that which would exalt the station of man in the contingent world. We are, verily, the Counselor, the All-Knowing. We send greetings upon his face and enjoin upon him virtues from which the fragrances of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of the mystics, may be diffused.

O My Pen! How is it that I see thee at all times in motion, speaking, remembering—at one time I see thee prostrate upon the dust, and at another time I see thee in manifest sorrow. How many nights in the early dawn hours have I heard thy sighs, thy cries and thy lamentations in the early hours! Tell Me what has befallen thee, for verily I am the All-Powerful, the Almighty. He cried out saying:

> "O my Lord! With Thee is the knowledge of all things. Thou knowest and art aware, Thou hearest and seest, for Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By Thy might and Thy majesty, I complain to Thee of those who have changed Thy blessing, denied Thy bounty, disbelieved in Thy signs, turned away from Thy face, and cast behind them that which Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy utterance, attributing it to one who is powerless to open his mouth in the court of Thy glory. Alas! Alas! for this wrong that hath befallen me in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and power, O Lord of the worlds and Purpose of the nations, to place between me and Thy servants a barrier mightier than mountains, lest mine ears hear that which hath caused the hearts of Thy chosen ones in the Most Exalted Paradise and Thy honored servants to lament."

Section 3: "Glory be to Thee, O my Purpose…"

Glory be to Thee, O my Purpose and my Beloved! Thy knowledge hath grieved me, and Thy patience and forbearance after Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer.

We make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah, who was mentioned in Thy Book, and We give him glad tidings of the signs of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We beseech the Most High to make him steadfast in His Cause and firm in His love with such steadfastness as shall shake the foundations of the ungodly.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ali-Muhammad, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and be of the thankful ones. O Ali before Muhammad! One of My loved ones hath mentioned thee before, and We have sent down for thee a tablet that thine eyes may be consoled and thou mayest be of those who render thanks.

We make mention of My handmaiden and My leaf, My aunt. We have indeed mentioned her and given her the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, His bounty, His generosity and His gifts. In truth, from the beginning until now she hath been occupied with remembrance, praise and service to the Cause.

We make mention of My handmaiden in Kaf who attained the presence at a time when the learned ones, the mystics, the wise ones, the men of letters and the ignorant ones were debarred therefrom. She hath attained unto that which the dwellers of Paradise have attained. Blessed is she and happy is she. We

beseech God, exalted be He, to aid her in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Strong, the Mighty.

We make mention of My leaf, My aunt's daughter. We testify that she attained the presence before others attained it in the prison, and her deeds were accepted. From the beginning of the Cause until now they have been mentioned before the Wronged One and have rejoiced in His verses. The glance of favor hath been and is directed towards them. We beseech God to strengthen her and aid her in that which will draw her near in all conditions. Verily, He is the Protector of devoted men and women.

O Hud Hud! We have mentioned thee before and in this Clear Tablet. Thou art the one who attained the presence of My sister who was wronged in the land of Ta by reason of the fire of hatred which was kindled in the hearts of the oppressive men and women.

Thou didst mention the handmaiden of God, Fatimah, and her daughter. Praise be to God, they have been and are remembered by God. They have drunk from the cup of meeting and witnessed the waves of the ocean of divine utterance. They attained unto the blessed words "O My leaf" and "O My handmaiden." We beseech God to strengthen them in steadfastness in His mighty Cause.

As for what thou didst write regarding the chief, the purpose is that wisdom should be observed in dealing with persons of prominence in the government, for the people in authority must be protected from the envious and the malicious. This is stated outwardly. Verily, He is the All-Knowing Protector. O Haydar-ʿAli! The people of Iran have been and continue to be much attached to vain imaginings, such that even now some who claim knowledge have not freed themselves from such fancies and remain deprived of the light of the Sun of certitude. The Primal Point—may our souls be a sacrifice for His sake—with a hundred thousand verses trained the servants that perchance they would not remain deprived as before, and clearly forewarned of the wickedness of the people of the Bayan.

His exalted Word states that if someone appears with but a single verse, reject him not, and so forth. Now they deny and reject millions upon millions of verses revealed without any veil or covering. A fancied name is mentioned while they remain veiled and deprived from their Creator, Protector and Sovereign. In truth, the existing ears and visible eyes were not and are not worthy of hearing and capable of seeing. Until now the deluded ones have not understood the cause of the former people's veiling, and have not perceived the fragrance of the Day of God.

We mention the names of those whom thou didst mention in thy letter. O Na'im! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His mercy, His grace and His bounty. He who loved Me and arose to serve Me hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee in this Mighty Tablet. Give thanks unto thy Lord that He hath aided thee to turn towards Him when the pharaohs and tyrants of the earth turned away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Let not the events of the world sadden thee, nor the affairs of those who denied the Day of Judgment prevent thee. Thou hast attained unto faith in days wherein the limbs of the ungodly trembled. We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee steadfastness in this Wise Remembrance. And We mention him who was named Mirza Abu'l-Qasim that the Remembrance may make him steadfast in this Great News. Steadfastness in this Cause is not achieved nor manifested except through detachment from the tales of old and what is with the people. This Book beareth witness to that in this exalted station. The

true wings of the servants have been soiled with the clay of vain imaginings and are not capable of flight in the atmosphere of love for the Desired One of the worlds.

The deniers of the Bayan, like unto the Shi'ih sect, wish to dispute and argue about vicegerency and leadership and shaykhi matters for a thousand years, and in the end their predicament shall be superior and better than the former people—they once again curse the Truth from the pulpits, even as that party is now engaged in this. O thou who hast turned towards God! Reflect on what We have revealed before and after, that thou mayest know the station of those who have denied God's verses in this Mighty Revelation whereby the hearts of the ungodly have melted. We make mention of him who was named Fadlu'llah that he may find the fragrance of revelation and be among the firmly rooted ones. O Fadl! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. By God's life! The Wronged One hath come with that wherewith the Messengers of God, before and after, have come. But most of the people are among the deniers. Their vain imaginings have prevented them from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. They worship idols and perceive it not, and cleave to vain imaginings yet understand not.

Ye have rejected the Proof whereby ye claim to have believed in the Messengers of God, Lord of the Glorious Throne. Say: By God! The deeds of no one are accepted save through this manifest Cause, nor doth any supplication ascend to the heaven of acceptance—to this testifieth a hidden Tablet in His possession. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away what the people possess, hoping for that which is with God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Take hold of the Book with the power We have given thee, such that all the books of the world shall not prevent thee from this manifest Book. Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon—verily there is no God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Blessed is the servant who hath shown justice in this Most Great Cause, and woe unto the heedless ones.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, for having aided me to turn unto Thee and made me of those who are certain. I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in this wondrous Cause.

O Hasan! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon—verily there is no God but Him, the True One, Knower of the unseen. Thou hast been mentioned by him who appeared before Our presence and attained the honor of circumambulation during the Feast of Sacrifice, and who stood at the gate which was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven—he who was named Ali-before-Akbar at the scene of God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have mentioned thee before and at this time that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to assist thee through His bounty and strengthen thee through His signs and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O Yahud! Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who hath aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Source of inspiration. Even as the pivot of the divines of Persia, namely Shaykh Muhammad Hasan, slipped from the path and returned to his former station. Glory be to God! Each day the blessed words "He maketh your highest to be lowest and your lowest to be highest" are evident and manifest. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to recognition and been adorned with the knowledge

of God, exalted be His glory. Now what remaineth is the matter of steadfastness in the love of God. Many are the apostates, numberless the barking ones, the treacherous ones exist and the thieves are manifest. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the evil of these people. They have denied the signs of God, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power, and are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

And We make mention of him who was named Abdul-Husayn—upon him be the Glory of God. He hath attained to that which was denied to the parties except whom God, the Goal of the mystics, wished. We have sent down from the heaven of Our wisdom that whereby his mention shall endure through the endurance of the attributes of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and mercy. Then send unto him what hath been revealed in this mighty stronghold. He verily openeth before his face the gate of bestowal. He is, verily, powerful over all things.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto thee, heard thy call and thy rustling, and spoken of thy remembrance and praise among such servants as heard but recognized not their Lord, the All-Informed Speaker. He arose in the earliest days to serve the Cause and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the creation of the heavens and earths. We have mentioned him time and again and revealed for him that which hath diffused the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. His letter hath reached Us and We found from it the sweet savors of steadfastness and faithfulness in this manifest News. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who have heard and said "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that are near!"

O Haydar-ʿAli, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of this luminous Day. We have desired at the end to make mention of him who was named Lion in the Book of God, the Lord of all beings. We testify that he hastened and hearkened and attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The verses so attracted him that he soared on wings of inner meanings unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, the All-Wise. Give him glad tidings of that which God hath sent down from this exalted station. Glory be from Us upon thee and upon him and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My love! The matter of the Prison is momentous, and the correspondence abundant, and the petitions countless, and the names beyond reckoning. Night and day the Pen moveth and the Tongue speaketh. Ask thou of God that He may cause the immature ones of the world to attain true maturity, and bestow upon the ignorant among the peoples the knowledge of inner meaning. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

BH00506: Verily the Book speaketh from the most exalted horizon…

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

Verily the Book speaketh from the most exalted horizon, saying: O peoples of creation! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a sovereignty that no power of the world can weaken, nor can the swords of nations frighten Him. He hath stood before the

faces of princes and divines, and revealed unto them that whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise have been attracted. Blessed is he whose vision hath not been prevented by the veils of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

The fragrance of utterance hath been diffused throughout all contingent being, and those near unto God have hastened unto a station whereon the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon the throne of His Most Great Name. O peoples of the earth! By God, the Wronged One hath not spoken out of fancy. He hath come from the horizon of power with a manifest sovereignty. He calleth you for the sake of God and desireth from you no recompense. The dwellers of the highest Paradise bear witness to this, were ye of the fair-minded.

Fear God, O people, and follow not them who have turned away from the proof when the call of Him Who is the Manifestation of the Revelation was raised from the Mount of Knowledge. Be fair in the Cause for the sake of God and be not of the transgressors. Behold, then remember what befell the Youth at all times at the hands of those who cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an and be not of the heedless. He gave you glad tidings of the days of His Manifestation and made known unto you His straight path in this wise Remembrance.

Through His appearance the manifestations of idle fancy have wailed, and through His sovereignty the limbs of the oppressors have trembled. Beware lest the veils of the people prevent you in this Day wherein the atoms cry out "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!"

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call from the Dayspring of Glory. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto a horizon wherefrom hath dawned and shone forth the Luminary of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a Day wherein that which the Messenger of God foretold aforetime, and whereof Christ gave glad tidings, hath appeared. There is no Messenger but hath informed the people of this Revelation, whereby those in earth and heaven have been attracted, and there hath appeared that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days. Yet most of the people are among the idolaters. They have cast aside unity, clinging to what they possess of suppositions and idle fancies. To this the Most Great Ocean beareth witness in this exalted station.

O peoples of the earth! By the life of God, I desire naught for you save your salvation, and I desire only to draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Deprive not yourselves of that which hath appeared through truth. Cast aside what the people possess and take what ye are bidden by God, the Lord of this straight path.

O party of God in all lands! Know ye that We have desired for you a light whereby ye may walk in the darkness of the earth and which shall accompany you in the worlds of your Lord, Who is supreme over all, whether small or great. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God and hath testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of all things. Verily He is God, there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and the glory, and His are the might and the power. Neither do the events of the world prevent Him, nor doth the fire of battle frighten Him. He hath judged with truth and with

that whereby the stations of man are elevated, when He established Himself upon the throne before the faces of those near unto Him.

O friends of God in Shin, Alif and Ha! Verily the Word which hath issued forth from the treasuries of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, shall be a treasure for you with a trusted, generous guardian. We counsel you and those who have believed in that whereby your stations shall be exalted among the peoples. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing. It behooveth man to manifest from himself that which shall cause his remembrance to endure as long as the Kingdom and the Realm endure, and whereby faces shall be illumined in every world of the worlds of his Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. Rejoice in the verses of God and His remembrance. He hath made mention of you in the Most Great Prison in such wise that nothing whatsoever can equal it. To this testifieth every truthful and discerning one.

O people of glory! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He guideth you to a station which hath been exalted in truth from before God, the Lord of Lords. The pavilion of glory hath been raised upon the most exalted station. Blessed are ye for having cast away vain imaginings, taking hold of that which ye were commanded by God, the Lord of all mankind. We make mention of those who have turned to the Countenance and of the handmaidens who have believed in God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from unity, or discord from concord. Take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His verses, spoken His praise, turned his face and directed his heart toward the Dayspring of lights.

We desire to make mention of the friends of God in Kha and Lam that they may inhale the fragrances of revelation and take for themselves a path unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return. And We make mention therein of him who hath loved Me and desired his Lord, that the remembrance may draw him to the Most Exalted Station and give him the glad-tidings of that which God, the Revealer of clear proofs, hath ordained for him. And We make mention of Our friends there and give them glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for them, and We remind them of verses that no remembrances can equal. Beware lest the whisperings of the ungodly and the doubts of the cavilers prevent you. Arise with such steadfastness in the Cause as will cause the hearts of every misbeliever and doubter to tremble. We counsel you to fear God and to observe that which He hath revealed in the Tablets. Grieve not at what ye have heard from the ungodly. They have committed what people before them committed. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds—a promise from God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. The glory from Us be upon you and upon the handmaidens of God who have heard and believed in the Day of Resurrection.

Verily the Wronged One desireth to make mention of His loved ones in the land of the Sultan, that they may rejoice in His remembrance, be reminded by His verses, be assured by His grace, and their faces be illumined by a light that hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of Religions. Aid your Lord through the hosts of wisdom, utterance, deeds and character—this is among God's ways in this Most Great Revelation. To this testifieth the Interlocutor of the Mount, through Whom the heaven of knowledge was upraised. Beware, O My loved ones, lest ye object to anyone. Trust in God in all matters. Verily He is with His loved ones in all conditions. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He

witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Hold fast unto the Most Great Cord of God in such wise that the people of error shall not prevent you.

O Pen! The Lord of Eternity desires to make mention of His friends through His grace, for He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O My friends in Nizam! Follow God's command and His laws, then aid His Cause through conduct by which the horizons shall be illumined. It behooveth every soul to aid God's Cause in such wise as to exalt His word amongst His servants. Contention hath been forbidden in the Book, to this beareth witness the Mother Book from its most exalted station. Blessed is the poor one who hath turned with his heart to the ocean of riches, and the sick one who hath sought healing, and the seated one who hath arisen to serve God's Cause with humility and contrition.

By God's life! That which was recorded in God's Books and hidden from all eyes hath been made manifest. Aid your Lord through deeds and through that whereby your stations may be elevated amongst the peoples. Thus doth move the Pen of Justice and speak that which shall draw you nigh unto the Dawning-Place of utterance. Your names were present before the Wronged One, and He hath sent down from the heaven of bounty that which the pens are powerless to describe. Blessed are ye and blessed is the nation that hath believed in God on this Day wherein Truth hath come with clear proof and evidence.

O people of Ha and Mim! The Wronged One turneth toward you at this hour from the precincts of the Prison, and remindeth you of God's verses, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned you in various tablets with such mention as hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful, were ye to know. The Trustworthy One hath mentioned you time and again, and hath desired for you that which shall assist you to perform deeds that shall endure throughout ages and centuries. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for He hath sent down unto you that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent you from God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. Verily His favor hath been amongst you and your mention. We beseech God to strengthen him and strengthen you in that which He loveth and approveth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Hear ye the call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. His honor the Trustworthy One, upon him be My glory, and his honor Fadl, upon him be My loving-kindness, have made mention of the friends of that land. The assured, steadfast and contented souls have ever been and shall ever be remembered before God. By God's life! Their mention is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. This mention shall not be erased by extinction nor altered by change. Every discerning one is aware and every informed one doth testify that whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen hath neither likeness nor equal. Yet the calumniators among the people of the Bayan have, even more than the former people, clung to vain imaginings. Some of the friends of God, in accordance with the requirements of consummate wisdom, are not openly mentioned, yet they are recorded in the Book and sealed with the seal of might. Happy are they and joy be unto them. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We give glad-tidings of God's grace and favor to all the loved ones, and likewise to the sons of His Friend and the heirs of His Interlocutor. Each one is mentioned before God, whether small or great, female or male. It is incumbent upon all to hold fast unto that which leadeth to the sanctification of souls and the

turning of the servants unto God. The Pen of Divine counsel hath mentioned throughout nights and days that wherefrom floweth the river of mercy and whereby the lights of grace are made manifest. Blessed are they who have held fast thereunto, and woe unto every heedless one cast out. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of them that know and the Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones. O Hasan! When thou perceivest the fragrance of the choice wine of My utterance and beholdest the waves of the ocean of My wisdom, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, and made me known to Thee, and caused me to hearken unto Thy call whereby the hearts of Thy sincere servants and those who have recognized Thy oneness among Thy creation were attracted. Thy tender mercies from every direction, through Thy means, O Thou Cause of all causes, have encompassed me until I reached this luminous spot, this station which Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy mighty signs and the Dayspring of Thy most exalted attributes. Thou hast shown me that which hath been the hope of those near unto Thee, both of old and in latter times, and the gathering-place in this day of those who circle round Thy throne, wherein the leaves and the trees and the fruits and whatsoever hath been created in earth and heaven cry out:

> "By God! That which was hidden from all eternity hath appeared. Turn ye with your hearts and follow not every doubting infidel."

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the effulgent rays of the sun of Thy bounty to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the swords of the world nor the clamor of the nations may deter me. O my Lord! Thou seest this lowly one standing before the throne of Thy glory, and this poor one clinging to the cord of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Ordain for me and for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nearer unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted.

BH07570: The sun proclaimeth "The All-Bountiful hath come!…

He is the Hearer and the Answerer

The sun proclaimeth "The All-Bountiful hath come!" and the moon circleth round the Most Great Scene. Were man to hearken with the ear of his heart, he would hear from all created things the blessed word "The Lord of all being hath come!" This is the Day of God, and the fragrance of His grace is wafted throughout the world.

Blessed is he whom neither doubts nor allusions of the people in this Day have kept back from the Sealed Wine. Give thanks unto the Desired One of the world and the Ancient King, that thy deeds and service have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

Shouldst thou find the sweetness of these words, until the time of thine ascension thou wouldst cry out "My soul be a sacrifice for Thee!" Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way, and He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Beautiful.

BH00518: O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness…

He is the radiant Light shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance

O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. I complain not of anything; I love all that hath befallen Me and befalleth Me in the path of God. The soul that night and day hath been under protection and favored with grace and engaged in service, through the instigation of an ingrate, intended harm against the Wronged One. And when We departed, tumult arose and clamor was raised. That which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen they attribute to him. Lament thou over the wrongs suffered by this Wronged One. Some have said that the verses revealed were taken from the Point. Glory be to God! From the earliest days until now, verses have been revealed like unto rain, equal to all books before and after, nay more, if they would be fair.

By God's life! The Point circleth round Me and hearkeneth to My verses when they are revealed in truth, and lamenteth for what hath befallen Me from the people of the Bayan. A matter more manifest than the sun they seek to veil with the clouds of their vain imaginings. Say: Woe unto you! He hath appeared in truth and hath come with the kingdom of verses. All that is in the world cannot prevent Him. He speaketh before all faces. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a clear command. Fear God, O people, and follow not every remote oppressor.

O Samandar! It hath been proven with clear evidence that the ophthalmia of vain imaginings hath prevented eyes from beholding the signs. Therefore the Supreme Pen uttereth this most exalted Word:

> "I have abandoned the community of a people who believe not in God and who are disbelievers in the Hereafter."

He is indeed independent of them and of the parties whom wealth and occupation have kept from drawing nigh unto God, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make them the standards of His guidance among His servants and the banners of His Cause in all lands. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

Say: O company of the heedless! Hasten to the Supreme Horizon, then present yourselves before the Face to hear His sweet call and what hath been sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty. Fear God and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Open your eyes—the Sun is shining before your faces and it hath no need of aught else. To this testify enlightened servants. Then look at the sea and its waves, and be fair in what ye behold today, and be not of those who look and deny.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist His loved ones in that which will cause the elevation of His Cause and His might amongst His servants. The adornment of God's loved ones hath ever been the fear of God. We have enjoined upon all benevolence and piety, and that whereby the station of the people of God will be exalted among all religions. Blessed is he who hath adorned his head with the crown of detachment, his temple with the ornament of the fear of God, and his heart with the light of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a Day wherein if God's compelling Word were to be cast

upon rock, there would gush forth from it rivers of wisdom and utterance, and if cast upon the mountains, they would soar by God's permission, the Sovereign of the Day of Judgment.

O Samandar! From the beginning of days until now We have summoned the servants unto the Lord of creation without veil or concealment. Whatsoever would conduce to the reformation of the world and the advancement of the stations of nations, We have mentioned through loving counsels. Among the people are those who have heard and acted, and those who have heard and denied and turned away. For all there is a portion in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ask thou God that He may enable all to abide by that which hath been revealed in the Book from the Supreme Pen. The party of the Bayan, even as the party of the Qur'an, have clung to names and held fast to former delusions. Glory be to God! That which they had once cast aside they have now taken up anew.

You mentioned two souls who desired to drink of the sealed wine and aspire to the praiseworthy station. Say: Whosoever seeks the most exalted horizon must free and detach himself from all save God. Names must not prevent him, nor must the allusions of the world hinder him. Say: By the life of God! This exalted word is uttered from the tongue of the Lord of mankind purely for His sake. At the outset, the seeker must say, turning to God: "In the Name of God and by God," and must sanctify and purify himself from the vain imaginings of the former people—that is, the Shi'ih and whatsoever is with them. Say: Reflect upon the deeds of that sect and the fruits that appeared therefrom on the Day of Retribution. Then shall ye find yourselves sanctified from all that is with them. Beseech God that none of His servants be afflicted with the vain imaginings of that sect. In truth, this prayer is binding and necessary upon all.

This is a day wherein man must be illumined with the light of true unity, and this is not possible except through acting in accordance with that which the Desired One of all the worlds hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discussions." Say: This is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned save Him. Blessed is he who hath attained and recognized, and woe unto the heedless. However, the people of Persia have generally been and remain intimate with vain imaginings. For twelve hundred years they have been deprived of the Lord of Names through names. I swear by the lights of the Sun of Truth that they have not even caught the fragrance of unity, let alone its light.

Thus have We expounded for thee that from which the near ones perceive the sweet savors of the bounty of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the river of mercy flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath drunk and attained, and woe unto every remote misbeliever. We desired to impart unto thee that which We revealed to one of My loved ones in remembrance of the day whereon appeared the decree of mutual imprecation, when the Dawning-Place of the Cause went forth from the horizon of the House with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. He is the One Who hath dawned from the horizon of eternity.

The Call hath been raised from the most exalted horizon, and they that dwelt on Sinai's mount in the realm of knowledge were thunderstruck. The Rock cried aloud and proclaimed:

> "The Ocean of Union hath surged, and the Lord of the Day of Reckoning hath come, riding upon the clouds."

Blessed is he whom armies have not weakened though he be strong, and whom ranks have not frightened though he be mighty. He hastened, and hearkened, and attained the presence of God, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing.

Say: O peoples of the earth, hearken unto My Call which hath been raised in truth, and follow not the sources of fancy and imagination. Say: The proof hath appeared and the sweet-flowing stream hath gushed forth from the Pen of God, Who speaketh from the most sublime Station. We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from this Spot which God hath made the Dawning-place of lights, and We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the luminary of the loving-kindness of the Lord of creation. The servant who standeth present hath appeared before the face of the Wronged One and read thy letter. We have revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as God's own kingdom shall endure, the Lord of Lords. We beseech the Exalted One to make thee a sign of His signs and a standard of His standards in this Cause whereby faces have been darkened and feet have slipped. There hath befallen Me in God's path what no eye hath seen nor ear heard. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which speaketh before the faces of all parties. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

When the Light shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, the Maid of Paradise came forth from the Most Exalted Paradise and walked until she stood before the face of the Lord of all beings. She called out, pointing with her luminous finger to the head of the Lord of Destiny:

> "By God! This is the Hidden One Who hath appeared in truth, and this is He Who was treasured in the hearts of the Prophets and mentioned in the books of God, the Lord of all men."

Say: Be fair, O people of the Bayan, concerning this Book which God hath made the point of adoration for the books of the world, and this Remembrance before which all remembrances have bowed down. Say: Present yourselves before the Face that your eyes may behold what no vision hath beheld, and your ears may hear what no ears have heard. He is the One Who cannot be known except through Himself, and Who needeth not the testimony of scriptures, books and tablets to prove His Cause. Were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would My Herald have come Who sacrificed His life in My path. Fear God, O people, and be not of them that have gone astray.

Say: By God! He was silent—God made Him speak; He was seated—the hands of power and might made Him arise; He was sleeping—the breezes of the morn of Revelation that blew by God's will, the Lord of the Day of Return, awakened Him. Say: O people of the Bayan! He speaketh not of His own desire—to this beareth witness what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Fear God and follow not every heedless doubter. Say: O people of the deniers, deny not Him Who hath come with what the Messengers brought aforetime, and hath revealed what lay hidden in the treasury of God's protection from time immemorial. Say: Read ye what ye possess and We shall read what We possess. Then shall ye find yourselves in greater loss than any idolatrous falsifier.

Say: Remember ye the Day of Imprecation in the Land of Mystery, when He Who is the Dawning-place of Inspiration came forth from the precincts of the House, directing His steps toward the House of God, the

Lord of all men. We arrived therein while none else entered save Myself. Then did the Sun of the Cause shine forth and the Beauty of the Pre-existent appeared without veil or covering. Say: O people, can anyone stand with Him in the arena of proof and evidence? Nay, by His Self, the All-Merciful! Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the proofs, that thou mightest arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord with power and sovereignty.

O Samandar! In the Land of Mystery, the great ordeal has become more manifest than the sun. Nearly a hundred souls, both travelers and emigrants, were present; nevertheless, the opposers denied it while the chosen ones of the world have accepted it. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Orb of Revelation. The matter of his honor Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, is known and clear. Indeed, he has borne countless hardships and has been wronged. We have commanded his honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, to provide the details. And Abdi, that is Abdul-Husayn, is mentioned before the Wronged One.

Wondrous and exalted Tablets have been sent specifically for the loved ones, both men and women. It is beloved that whatever is sent should be copied, and after being checked and verified, be given to their owners. Praise be to God, all are mentioned and have attained unto the verses of the Pen. We beseech God to assist them and to confirm them in such steadfastness as will cause the feet of the world to stand firm. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon you, upon those who are with you and hear your words, and upon My loved ones in the cities and lands of God who have not broken My covenant and My testament and who were among those firm in this Great Announcement and this Manifest Cause.

BH01191: Glorified be He Who has made manifest the Path…

He is the One through Whom the ocean of utterance has surged before the faces of all religions.

Glorified be He Who has made manifest the Path, sent down the Proof, and caused all things to speak forth with the most exalted call that there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people of the Kingdom of Names! By God, the Creator of heaven has come before the faces of the learned and the princes. On His right is the banner of Utterance and on His left the standard of Proof. Blessed is the soul that hath witnessed what God hath witnessed and hath attained unto that which hath been manifested in truth from this luminous horizon. Through Him the Kawthar of eternity hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, the Trump hath been sounded, and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save them whom God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, pleased to exempt.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and be not of the heedless ones. O people! That which ye possess will profit you not this day. Cast away the things of the world and its ornaments, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest the ornaments of earth prevent you from attaining the precincts of the near ones. Hasten unto the good-pleasure of God, then with the eye of

justice and fairness look upon Him Who hath come from the horizon of power with a Cause before which the hosts of vain imaginings cannot stand. Unto this the Mother Book beareth witness in this exalted station.

That which thou didst send before in the name of bounty hath come before Our presence. We have answered thee with this Tablet which speaketh in the realm of divine knowledge that He is God, there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed. This is a day wherein the Possessor and the kingdom and the realm belong to God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: O peoples of the earth! Answer the call of God that is raised amongst you, then behold what hath appeared from Him. He remembereth you and draweth you nigh unto Him. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

When thou beholdest the waves of the ocean of the Most Merciful's utterance, say: O Lord of Religions! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me in Thy days, shown me the traces of Thy Pen, made me to know Thy path, the Dawning-Place of Thy mighty signs, and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and Thy mysteries. O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested that which every living being hath proclaimed concerning Thy oneness, Thy singleness, Thy might, Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Light of the world, by Thy Most Great Name whereby the hearts of nations were stirred, and by the lands which were honored by Thy footsteps, and by the air wherein Thy call was raised, and by the spot which Thou didst adorn with Thy presence and didst make the Greatest Panorama among mankind, to assist me to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants with wisdom and utterance. Thou art the Mighty, the Helper.

I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to manifest through me that which will attract the hearts of Thy creation and draw them nigh unto the horizon of Thy manifestation and cause them to drink the cup of steadfastness from the hands of Thy grace and bounty. O Lord! Thou seest the distant one who hath sought Thy nearness, and the weary one who hath intended the kingdom of Thy remembrance and desired from Thee the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty and generosity. O Lord! Deprive him not of Thy door and withhold him not from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou who speaketh My remembrance! Darkness hath encompassed the world, the calumnies of old have come forth anew, and the vain imaginings of the opposers have taken hold of the Bayan. The Book of Certitude, whose questioner was the Afnan who asked in Our presence and received a written answer, they have attributed to another, though therein is mentioned the journey of this Wronged One and all the Afnan bear witness to this. Yet they have ascribed it to one who, by the life of God, is powerless to comprehend its meaning. Likewise, all that hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will in every season they have attributed to the Bab. Say: O company of opposers!

Present yourselves before your Lord, the Lord of all worlds, that ye may hear that for which the world of ears was specifically created, and witness that for which the world of eyes was brought into being. By the life of God! More than the equivalent of all the heavenly Books hath been sent down, yet they speak that which they know not. Him Who in God's presence was unable to speak, they have taken as lord besides God and have done that which caused the rock to cry out and all things to weep. It is incumbent, nay

obligatory, upon the loved ones of Truth to protect the people of God from the vain imaginings of old, lest they be again afflicted thereby. He counseleth His servants and acquainteth them with His straight path and His mighty Message.

Convey My greetings to all the loved ones in that land. Blessed is the house wherein is raised the remembrance and praise of God, blessed the tongue that hath acknowledged His oneness, blessed the ear that hath heard His most sweet call, and blessed the eye that hath beheld the traces of His most mighty and wondrous Pen. Each of these souls is illumined by the revelations of the Sun of Truth and mentioned and recorded by the Pen of the Ancient of Days in the Most Great Book. Gladden them with the tidings of My acceptance, My attention, My favor and My mercy, which have preceded existence both seen and unseen. The Glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have quaffed the wine of certitude from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and who are among those firmly established in this mighty Cause.

BH01434: Praise be sanctified above all mention and utterance, befitting…

He is dawning forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Proof

Praise be sanctified above all mention and utterance, befitting the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence of that Beloved One Who, through the hosts of revelation, conquered the realm of meanings and utterance, and through the ranks of inspiration, consigned the dawning-places of vain imaginings to the depths of hell. Before the might of kings He spoke forth the blessed word “The King hath come,” and above the heads of the divines of Persia He proclaimed “The All-Merciful hath come.” The opposition of the factions did not prevent Him from revealing mysteries, nor did the oppression of the idolaters hold Him back from mentioning the Great News. Exalted be His glory and His power! There is none other God but Him.

O thou who drinkest My choice-sealed wine! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One which hath been raised from the prison fortress of Akka:

> “The King hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.”

Your other letter was received at the Most Holy Court through Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God that in all conditions you are gazing toward the Self-Sufficing One, arising to serve, and speaking forth praise. We beseech God to strengthen thee, preserve thee, and cause to appear from thee that which will draw the servants nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We ask of the Truth to aid thee and strengthen thee, that through the power of certitude thou mayest shatter the back of vain imaginings.

By the life of God! The Wronged One is in manifest grief, for it is observed that a few perfidious ones who betrayed the primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—are now leaders of the people. O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! This is the time for lamentation and weeping. Say: O people! Hear ye the testament of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and with pure hearts and clear vision, observe the signs of God. These will guide you to His straight path and His mighty announcement. Names

will not profit you; that which will profit you hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: Turn ye toward the Most Exalted Horizon and become detached from all else. Raise up your vision—the horizon of the Cause is manifest before all faces. Say: O people! The ocean surgeth by its very nature, and the Sun of Truth shineth and gloweth by its very essence. Speak ye with justice and fairness—would ye be content to be afflicted with vain imaginings like the former people? For twelve hundred years and more they clung to names and remained heedless of divine unity, and after beseeching and supplicating through nights and days, when the light of the Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, exalted be His glory, the divines reviled Him, and through the decree of those heedless souls, that Essence of Oneness was martyred.

The mention and praise of your honor, and your counsels and admonitions, have been and are for the sake of God, and will surely have their effect. A word spoken by the tongue for the Cause of God is like the Most Great Luminary—though clouds and mists may temporarily veil it, ere long it will emerge from behind the clouds and illumine the world with its effulgence. We beseech God to preserve thee, strengthen thee, set right thine affairs, and send down upon thee from the heaven of grace that which will make thee independent through His riches, a herald of His Name, one gazing toward His horizon, and one hearing His sweetest call in the morning and the evening. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and the Single One, the Protector over what was and what shall be.

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! Thy mention was in the letter. Those who are today kindled with the fire of hatred and are far from the light of the Cause were and are unaware of the root of the Cause. They follow their passions and obey their desires. They speak according to their fancies and perceive not. We beseech God to raise up there one who will take hold of the Book with power from Him and might from His presence, and assist His loved ones with an authority that armies cannot prevent nor ranks weaken. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

Those who have turned to God, praise be to Him, in whatever station and place they may be found, are holding fast to the Mother Book and clinging to the hem of divine mercy. We testify that they are among those near to God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon him who hath arisen to serve Me and hath spoken My praise, and upon thee and upon him who hath been named Husayn in this exalted station.

BH01649: Praise and glory befit the Goal of all…

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

Praise and glory befit the Goal of all the worlds Who, through the mighty hands of His manifest Law, established an impregnable fortress and, through the blessed words “in retaliation ye shall find life, O men of understanding,” preserved the wealth, properties and lives of His servants. His Command is the water of life for creation and His decree is a manifest protection for His servants. Glorified be His grandeur, exalted His sovereignty, and magnificent His power! And blessings and peace be upon the ocean of His knowledge, the heaven of His bounty, and the sun of His grace, Who was named

Muhammad in the most exalted Kingdom and the realm of creation, and upon His family and companions through whom the breeze wafted, the Word was uplifted, the sun of justice shone forth, and the river of equity overflowed—blessings whose fragrances never fade and whose effusions never alter.

And now, the letter of that honored servant arrived. Each of its intimations was a truthful witness and a harmonious messenger, for it brought glad tidings of health, love, affection and steadfastness. After its reading and review, it was taken to the Sacred Presence where it attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God that they are recipients of grace and bounty. The glance of favor has been and continues to be directed towards His loved ones. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him in His remembrance and praise, to reinforce him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, to draw him near unto Him, to ordain for him that which will gladden his eyes and rejoice his heart, to give him to drink from the immortal fountain through the hands of His bounty, and to decree for him the good of 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.

The mercy, compassion and grace of God, exalted be His glory, have encompassed His servants. Through loving counsels and firm ordinances He has preserved them. Indeed, the laws and commandments of God are protectors and guardians for the preservation of the world and its peoples. Blessed is he who holds fast to the Book, and woe to every heedless and remote one.

As to his request that His Holiness the Name of God Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, write whatever he deems advisable for that honored one—the command has been issued and, God willing, he will write. And concerning his mention of the departed and elevated Haji Ibrahim, upon him be God's mercy—after it was presented before the Lord, He spoke this most exalted word:

> "Praise be to God that that honored one has acted appropriately regarding the departed one and has held fast to what was befitting. We beseech God to write down the reward of your deed and make it a treasure with Him. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And we beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive him who has ascended unto Him, to cause him to enter the most exalted Paradise, and to make him a companion of those near ones and the sincere ones. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful."

And regarding what was written about his legacy which, in truth, is not worthy of mention—in this matter one must act according to what God has decreed in the Book: first the payment of debts, and then distribution to the heirs. Praise be to God that one like that honored one has been present and has acted and continues to act accordingly. And concerning what was written about marriage—they should consult with the guardians. Whatever results from that consultation, there has been and is no objection to acting upon it.

This lowly one conveys greetings to the loved ones of that land. I send greetings to the comfort of my eyes, Aqa Ali-Rida, upon him be God's peace, and likewise to Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be God's peace. And I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of that honored one and them, that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 12 Safar 1306

BH01731: In truth this blessed word adorns the preface…

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

In truth this blessed word adorns the preface of the books of love, affection and sincerity. His blessed and exalted Word states: “Be grateful to Me and I shall be grateful to you.” It is established by this proof that gratitude is befitting the friends of God, glorified be His majesty—those souls who hold fast to justice and are adorned with fairness. They are the trustees of the earth and its people amongst the servants. And prayers and peace be upon His Beloved, who was the loved one of the hearts of those near to God and the goal of the hearts of the mystics, and upon His family and companions, through whom the trees of success and prosperity were planted in the world and bore the fruits of sciences and arts among the nations—prayers that the events of the world and all within it cannot alter.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived. In truth it was a wondrous bounty. Praise be to God, for each pillar there was an effective trace. After its reading and review, we proceeded to the holy court where it was presented before the countenance of the Lord and achieved the honor of His attention. He said:

> “We beseech God to strengthen him and assist him in what He loves and is pleased with.”

Ahmad, your letter arrived and was read before the Wronged One. Praise be to God, the fragrances of love and affection wafted from it and the stations of submission and contentment were evident from it. We beseech God not to withhold His aid from you in all conditions and to grant that which is the cause of the manifestation and appearance of His Word. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer.

This evanescent one testifies that that beloved one has been and is mentioned in the prison, especially by the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree—may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps. They repeatedly make mention of that beloved one and seek mention from the Supreme Horizon. In all conditions the rain of providence descends and the lights of the Orb of grace shine forth. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. And when that beloved one’s supplication achieved the honor of being heard in His presence, They repeatedly showed forth kindness, mercy and compassion. This evanescent servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to increase thy station at all times and to grant from the ocean of His grace that which is everlasting and eternal. Verily God is the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what was mentioned about engagement in sciences and arts, after it was presented in His presence, He said:

> “This matter has been mentioned in most of the Tablets and all are commanded to it. The adornment of man is through perfection. However, in these days, as the affairs of that land are somewhat in turmoil, it is necessary and obligatory upon his honor Ahmad—upon him be my greeting—and others to hold fast to setting affairs aright. At present this matter takes

precedence, and afterwards whatever accords with consultation has been and will be implemented. God willing, his honor Ahmad will achieve both."

In every word and utterance a pearl of grace lies concealed and a gem of providence is treasured. Surely these bestowals will have an effect and fruits will appear. It is hoped that this evanescent one too will not be deprived in any state, for he has asked and continues to ask every good thing and every desirable word for the friends of God. I end these words with His exalted saying: "Despair not of the mercy of God." I convey greetings to the friends of that land. Verily He is the Guardian of the doers of good. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace and mercy and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

The servant 12th of Safar 1306

BH01963: Ayn, Ta. The Greater Branch was present before…

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

Ayn, Ta. The Greater Branch was present before the Wronged One and presented your letter, which attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God, the fragrance of sincerity wafted from it. We testify that you have attained to that which was mentioned in the Books of God, Lord of the worlds. You were present, heard, and beheld the Horizon of Revelation with your penetrating vision. O Attar, you have been and are remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to manifest through you that which will draw the servants near unto Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding what you mentioned about Mirza Husayn, convey to him greetings from the Wronged One and say: You and God know, and all things bear witness, that the one mentioned has ever been behind a veil. Whenever upheaval appeared, he departed to another city, while this Wronged One stood firm before all faces. When by divine power the effulgences of the Luminary of the Merciful's utterance shone upon every city, the deniers emerged from behind the veil and committed that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to weep and lament.

Say: O Husayn, hearken to the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He draws you near and guides you to the path of God, Lord of the mighty throne. Say: Cast aside your desires, then follow the command of your Lord. Unto Him is your return and your abode. Hasten to His good-pleasure, then read what hath been sent down from the kingdom of His utterance. Beware lest the imaginings of those who have broken His covenant and testament prevent thee. Look with thine own eyes and listen with thine own ears. By God's life, another's eye will not suffice thee, nor will another's ear save thee, nor will thy imaginings guide thee, nor thy conjectures elevate thee, nor will what thou possessest profit thee. For the sake of God do I counsel thee, and for the sake of God hearken thou unto what will enrich thee beyond all else save thy Lord.

The Cause is more manifest than the sun. Say: Would you be content to be afflicted anew like the previous party, and for helpless souls to be afflicted? Hear the call of the Wronged One. Rend asunder the veil of vain imaginings with the arm of certitude, shatter the idols of names with the power of the Creator

of heaven, and be of the fair-minded. For years We protected that soul—he, his family and children all remained safe and present. Not a single blow befell him in God's path. Then at another's instigation he attempted harm against the Wronged One. We departed and never confronted him. We forgave him after Our power and concealed his evil deed after Our knowledge.

Hear the call of this Wronged One. Entrust not thy hearing and sight to others, and be not content with mere listening. For God's sake, arise and journey to the island. See and hear with thine own faculties, that the matter may become evident to thee. Then present thyself in this Most Great Prison to hear what no ear hath heard. Were it not for the Glory, who would manifest the Cause? Were it not for Him, who would stand before the faces of the divines and princes? Be fair and be not of the heedless. We beseech God to aid thee to return. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

O ʿAttar, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Chosen One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the kindred, and likewise to the loved ones. At this time each hath been honored with a Tablet from the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they and joy be unto them.

BH02015: He speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

He speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance.

Your letter which you sent to Samandar—upon him be My loving-kindness and mercy—was forwarded to the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being heard in the presence. The fragrance of divine knowledge was wafted from it. Praise be to God that you have attained the honor of mention, praise and acceptance.

In these days when all peoples, both learned and common, have turned away and have done that which caused all things to lament—they spoke of the Imam yet killed his Creator; they spoke of the Successor yet martyred his Sovereign. Glory be to God! They continue anew to utter these names. It is not known what they have understood of the Day of God. I swear by the Sun of Utterance rising from the horizon of the prison's heaven—until the heart is freed from names it will not attain unto reality nor reach the ocean of inner meanings.

The first station in this Cause is detachment from all save God. Read what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an: "Say: ʿGod' then leave them to their vain discourse." If a soul discovers the fragrance of this blessed word, he will find himself free and liberated. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark.

The clay figures of the world have newly desired to play at successorship, while by the life of God they were and are unaware of the root of the Cause, its beginning, its Manifestation, its Originator and its Creator. The Mother Book bears witness and the Mother of the Bayan testifies. One who intended to remove killing from the world they have accused of killing. Say: Die in your wrath! The possessors of sight and hearing are not and will not be prevented by such idle fancies. In all Tablets whatever was the purpose of the Ancient Beauty has been explicitly mentioned and revealed. Blessed are they who understand!

Glory be to God! They called the honored Dayyan “the father of evil” and martyred him, and they called the honored Khalil “the father of calamities” and perpetrated that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to weep, and likewise with other souls. Were God to will it, We would mention what they committed in the days of God through tyranny and oppression. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We have mentioned the friends of Alif and Shin both before and after. Praise be to God that each has attained the verses of the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to manifest in all such steadfastness as befits this Most Great Cause and is worthy of this Mighty Announcement.

O people of God! The victorious hosts today are praiseworthy character and deeds. We have enjoined upon Our loved ones goodly conduct and the fear of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon you from Us, O My loved ones, and upon those who have held fast to the Most Great Cord and clung to the hem of God’s loving-kindness, the Beloved of those who know.

When you attain My Tablet say: Praise be to You, O You Who remembered me in Your Most Great Prison! I beseech You to forgive me and whoever has turned to You, then ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. You are the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayers.

O ʿAbdu’l-Husayn, say: My God, my God! Make known to Your servants the path of Your good-pleasure, then grant them the blessing of visiting Your House and illumine their hearts with the light of Your knowledge, then ordain for them what You have ordained for Your chosen ones, by the glory of Muhammad, the Seal of Your Prophets.

BH02079: God is Most Great! The Hands of the Cause…

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

God is Most Great! The Hands of the Cause of God are occupied with divine commandments and prohibitions. In one station the decree of effacement is manifest, in another the decree of bestowal is resplendent. At times He separates, at times He unites. In the illumined, refined and truthful hearts and minds, from the hidden Pen is inscribed the blessed word “Love is for My sake.” His love both enlivens and consumes—in both states it is a mercy. The world is enkindled by love and adorned by love. Glory be to God! The hearts of His loved ones are as one heart, their pillars like a single pillar. Once these exalted words were heard from the tongue of the Master: the loved ones of God are united as one hand, stand on one foot, and soar on one wing. In truth, this station is sanctified above description and utterance. Blessed are they who attain!

The letter of that spiritual friend arrived repeatedly, its reading brought joy, its fragrance refreshed the heart, its mention was a key to gladness and delight, for it was illumined with the light of the word of unity. After receiving, contemplating and reading it, We proceeded to the Sacred Spot where it was presented. He said: “O Farajullah! We beseech God to make thee a dawning-place of relief and to aid thee in that which is the cause and source of good deeds and praiseworthy character. Thank thy Lord that He hath aided thee to attain His presence and made thee among the successful ones. God willing, may enduring goodly traces remain from thee in that land for as long as the divine names and attributes endure. God is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the veils of the world nor the events of

nations can prevent Him. He is the Generous One Whose glance of favor hath ever been and will ever be directed toward His loved ones. Nothing is hidden from His knowledge; verily He is the Knower of the unseen. O Farajullah! Upon thee be My peace.

the ungodly have surrounded the believers. Each day they scheme to seize some territory. All must supplicate the Self-Sufficient One with utmost humility and imploring, that they may perhaps find deliverance and become free and unfettered. But alas! alas! Hearts are divided and views discordant. They have attributed corruption to the Wronged One Who had no thought save the reformation of the world. In any case, I beseech God to aid the people of unity. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer."

Praise be to God! A hundred thousand means came together to bring that spiritual friend near to the prison. God willing, may he be in all conditions a cause of unity, a source of accord, and a dawning-place of love and harmony. I convey greetings to the loved ones of that land and I beseech for each one glory, blessing, exaltation, care and bounty. Verily God is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace, mercy and care be upon you and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds and Object of worship of all in the heavens and earth.

The servant 12 Safar 1306

BH03214: In His Name through Whom the Sun of Proof…

In His Name through Whom the Sun of Proof has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge!

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the Desired One Who hath bestowed the Kawthar of utterance upon the blessed land of saffron and hath raised up therefrom two people of Baha. They are the moons in the horizons of divine mercy and the stars in the heaven of lordly grace.

O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letters, which were adorned with the mention and praise of God, were presented before the face of the Wronged One and were granted a hearing. Every word thereof was enkindled with the fire of love, and from that flame were manifested the mysteries of steadfastness and detachment. Such is the divine grace and His loving-kindness, which hath taken hold of thee. All the peoples of the world seek this station and are occupied with His mention and praise day and night, yet all are veiled and deprived. Soon shall they acknowledge that which they deny today. They are drowned in the ocean of doubt and uncertainty, and are unaware. Soon shall they cry for help, but none shall help them. We beseech God to adorn His loved ones with such an ornament as shall illumine the world and attract the hearts of the nations. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Those who sought the Kaaba of the Desired One have, praise be to God, attained and are dwelling in its vicinity, hearkening to the Call. We have sent down to them from the heaven of bounty that which hath caused the ocean of knowledge to surge before the faces of the religions. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land, especially to the kindred, and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, favor and mercy—exalted be His glory—that their eyes may be consoled thereby on this wondrous Day. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon him who hath cast away the world, clinging to the cord of the Most Great Name of God, and upon those whose hearts God hath purified from the fire of malice and hatred and numbered among the people of Baha in His perspicuous Book. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of all worlds and the Desire of them that have recognized Him.

BH03383: The book revealed by the Creator of heaven…

He is the One that overshadoweth all names

The book revealed by the Creator of heaven for he who hath attained unto the Most Sublime Horizon and heard the shrill voice of My Most Sweet Pen, that the breaths of inspiration may draw him to the most exalted station. The Hidden hath appeared and the Treasured hath emerged. The command is in the hand of God, the Lord of lords. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and he who hath been honored with imprisonment hath attained unto that which was revealed in His books and Tablets, and he who hath turned away is accounted as one of the idolaters in the Mother Book.

Blessed is he who hath been honoured with treading upon the dust of the prison, and beholding its trees, and their leaves, and their fruits, and their motion. At one moment they sway to the right and proclaim in their silent tongue, "Exalted are ye, exalted are ye, O party of God! By God! That which had been recorded in His books hath indeed come to pass, and this verily is the Day of fulfillment!" At another moment they sway to the left and say, "O concourse of the righteous! By God! He who is the Unconstrained hath come endowed with a sovereignty that the veils of the people of error can never hope to conceal!"

O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not every heedless doubter. O Pen! Make mention of him who hath sought the Ultimate Goal until he attained the presence of the Wronged One in this Most Exalted Station. He was named Joseph in the Book of Names by God, the Creator of heaven, Who came with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. We testify that thou didst traverse the path, clinging to the All-Glorious, until thou didst attain to a station named with the Most Beautiful Names by God, the Lord of all beings, and didst hear His call and behold His horizon and didst attain to that which none in the world have attained save whom God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, hath willed. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say:

> "Thine be the glory, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the praise, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the hearts that were melted in Thy love and by the souls that were consumed in their separation and remoteness from Thee, to ordain for this servant of Thine the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

BH03907: By God's life, the people of Iran are wed…

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

By God's life, the people of Iran are wed to vain imaginings. Even if the horizons of every land were illumined with the lights of the Sun of justice and certitude, they would pay it no heed. They turn to an imaginary pool instead of the sealed wine, and incline to the putrid waters of self rather than the divine Kawthar. Glory be to God! They have taken as lord, besides God, one who stood before His face.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! That which hath streamed forth from the Supreme Pen in the most glorious horizon standeth distinct like the sun from all else. Nevertheless, the immature ones of the world have said that which caused the Kingdom of Utterance to weep and the Primal Point to cry out. Say: O people of the Bayan! Read what ye have and We shall read what We have, and be not of the heedless. They have preferred the dawning-place of idle fancies to the Lord of All Being. At every moment they burn with the fire of malice and hatred, and perceive it not.

When thou dost win to My Tablet and find the fragrance of revelation in My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for showing me Thy signs, causing me to hear the shrill voice of Thy Pen, and illumining my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O God of the kingdom of earth and heaven and Sovereign of the realm of might, to aid me to arise to serve Thee with such steadfastness as will establish the people of Thy dominion, and to enable me to remember and praise Thee in such wise as will cause the tongues of all created things to speak thereby. O Thou Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear proofs! I testify that through Thy manifestation the mysteries were revealed and the signs appeared. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and hearken to thy words concerning the mighty, transcendent and glorious Cause of God.

BH03839: A mention from the Wronged One to him who…

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

A mention from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We testify that he turned unto the Countenance and faced the Supreme Horizon when the people turned away, and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur had uttered—the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

There hath come before the Most Great Scene that which thou didst send to Samandar, and the servant in attendance submitted it when the Throne was established in this praiseworthy station. Thy grief hath grieved Me, and thereby was grieved he who was present before the Face with a sorrow that saddened the Concourse on High. He Who possesseth the irrevocable command beareth witness to this.

We counsel thee to patience and forbearance in what hath come upon thee in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Limit thyself to My remembrance and praise, and to reflection on what thou hast

heard from My tongue and witnessed from the horizon of My loving-kindness when thou didst advance and journey until thou didst attain the presence at a Gate which We opened unto all faces.

By My life! He who hath ascended hath been forgiven by God as a grace from His presence, and the dwellers of Paradise have found from him the fragrance of his love for his Lord, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen. We make mention at this time of him who hath ascended unto God with a mention from which the sincere shall find the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

O Isma'il! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison with a remembrance from which the hands of change and extinction are cut off. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have adorned thy head with the crown of My loving-kindness and thy temple with the ornament of My mercy, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth, that thy father and mother may rejoice in this bounty which the treasures of princes and monarchs cannot equal.

The glory shining from the horizon of the kingdom of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have ascended bearing with them the trust of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04142: Today the Kawthar of divine knowledge calls out…

In the name of the one God!

Today the Kawthar of divine knowledge calls out to the people of possibility, saying: O friends! Know ye the value of these days and deprive not yourselves of the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Truth. The Purpose of the world has unveiled Himself amidst the peoples, speaking and uttering forth manifestly and evidently. Expand your hearts that ye may receive your portion of the radiant and holy pearls that in every moment appear from the treasury of the Supreme Pen.

O my leaf and my handmaiden! Through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, thou hast drunk from the cup of divine knowledge and attained unto its effects. Say: O handmaidens, deprive not yourselves on this Day of God which has appeared, but take hold of the sealed wine that stands before all faces through His Name and drink it in His remembrance. This wine hath no likeness or equal. It is the Kawthar of divine love and the Salsabil of heavenly knowledge. Its fragrance quickeneth the world and bestoweth awareness. In place of intoxication it conferreth consciousness, and in place of headache it granteth detachment. Blessed be this wine and blessed be the one who attaineth unto it, despite those people of the Bayan who have broken the Covenant of the All-Merciful.

O handmaiden of God! Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land and counsel them to purity and sanctity. The best garment in all the world for the handmaidens of God is chastity. God willing, may all be adorned therewith. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The Glory be upon thee, O my leaf and my handmaiden, and upon those who have aided thee and caused thee to know and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of My love, the Mighty.

BH04576: O thou who hast turned towards Him! Hearken unto…

He is the One Who rules over what has been and what shall be

O thou who hast turned towards Him! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee with that which hath attracted the hearts and souls, and beareth witness to that which God did testify before the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And He announceth unto the servants the Day of Mutual Summoning, whereon the Summoner shall proclaim: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be! That which was treasured in the storehouse of knowledge hath appeared and been made manifest, and He hath spoken before the faces of kings: The Kingdom is God's, the Possessor of the Kingdom! The tribulations prevented Him not from making mention of God, the Originator of the heavens. He arose and proclaimed: The Promise hath come, and this is the Promised One!

When thou art illumined by the lights of the Luminary of utterance in the days of the manifestation of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy knowledge and guided me to Thine all-highest horizon and the most exalted summit, and for having made mention of me in the prison of ʿAkka. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge Thy most great signs and the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby the limbs of the ungodly among Thy creation and the hearts of the transgressors among Thy servants have trembled. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou didst manifest Thyself unto Moses on the Mount of Thy knowledge and unto Abraham in the fire of Thy love, to make me in all conditions detached from all else save Thee and holding fast unto the cord of Thy bounty.

O my Lord! Aid me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, and to arise to perform that which hath escaped me in Thy days. Thou art He through Whose power all created things have testified, and through Whose loving-kindness all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH04503: The Book of God is manifest and speaking without…

He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of Revelation.

The Book of God is manifest and speaking without any veil, and He is the Interlocutor of Sinai, through Whose advent the Throne hath been adorned and through the establishment of the Ancient Beauty upon it hath become distinguished and mentioned among all thrones.

Whatsoever was revealed in previous Books from the Supreme Pen now existeth, but countless obstacles are observed. On one side, the divines of Iran have forbidden and continue to forbid the helpless servants from drawing nigh, and on another side the might of princes hath become an impediment and barrier. This Wronged One hath, at all times, rent asunder the veils with the finger of power, yet when one veil is rent, another appeareth. The clouds of idle fancies have concealed the rays of the Sun of Truth.

The servants do not reflect, even for less than a moment, upon the things that have transpired in the past. Had they understood the cause of the prevention and deprivation of the peoples of the earth at the

time of the appearance of the Manifestations of the divine Cause, they would now have entered, without delay, the City of Oneness.

O leaf and O my handmaiden! Give thanks unto thy Lord for My remembrance of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Ruler of the realm of might, for having made this handmaiden of Thine turn unto the lights of Thy countenance, become attracted to Thy verses, and speak forth Thy remembrance and praise. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Him Who sacrificed Himself for the exaltation of Thy Word and the manifestation of Thy Cause, to make me in all conditions hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04904: He beholdeth His loved ones

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O ʿAzim, the Great News hath come, the Straight Path hath appeared, the Call hath been raised from a near place. Glory be to God! The mysteries of the Resurrection and the signs of the Hour are all manifest, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. The Sun of Truth shineth before all faces, without cloud or veil, yet the servants have turned to a mere particle and cling unto it. They have turned from the sweet waters of the Euphrates to a putrid pool. Such is the state of the servants.

O Abdu'l-Azim! By the life of God! He who arose before Our presence to write, and for the protection of the Blessed Tree from the swords of hatred and malice We mentioned him according to the measure decreed, stood up in hypocrisy and intended to cut down the Tree. The idolaters have taken him as their lord. Fie upon them and their deeds!

Have they not beheld the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds, or have they not witnessed the effulgences of the Sun of Truth that have encompassed the worlds of the unseen and the seen? What is the cause of their deprivation and denial? By the life of God! The cause hath been and is their deeds and actions. Leave them in their vain imaginings, speaking in the name of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones, and likewise to their associates who have drunk from the Kawthar of utterance and who hold fast to the cord of steadfastness. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon all who are firm, steadfast and upright.

BH05963: O thou who hast turned towards Me! Upon thee…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Glorious Horizon.

O thou who hast turned towards Me! Upon thee be My glory! The loss suffered by the previous community on the Day of God hath become clear and evident. Ye have all seen and heard how from the earliest days of the Manifestation until now the people of Iran pronounced sentence of death against the Beloved of the worlds and occupied themselves with cursing and reviling Him from their pulpits. Now the

deniers of the Bayan, following their vain imaginings, have imitated the previous community and remain utterly veiled and heedless of the Truth. Take ye warning, O ye who are endowed with insight!

When thou hearest the shrill voice of My Pen and perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having adorned my temple with the ornament of recognition and my head with the crown of faith. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who rulest over the kingdom of names, by the pearls of wisdom and utterance which lay within the shells of the oceans of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and by the Point through which Thou didst detail Thy Books, to aid me to make mention of Thee with wisdom and utterance and to speak Thy praise amidst all religions.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy bounty and directing my gaze to the lights of Thy countenance. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions, then write down for me the good of this world and of the world to come, O my Exalted Lord! There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH06005: O My leaf and My handmaiden! Praise be…

He is seated on the throne of utterance

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto the Most Great Goal and the Most Exalted Habitation, and didst receive and drink from the hand of bounty the imperishable Kawthar of the Eternal Lord—that is to say, thou didst attain unto His recognition and presence.

Divine love, exalted be His glory, is like unto a precious pearl, sanctified above any likeness, similitude, peer or dwelling place, and its treasury hath ever been and shall remain the hearts. That pearl must needs be preserved within that treasury from the hands of the treacherous and the thieves, through the Name of God, exalted be His glory.

Render thanks unto the Desired One of the worlds, Who assisted thee and enabled thee to attain unto the Most Great Prison. Thine ears were blessed to hearken unto His call and thine eyes were honored to witness the Most Exalted Horizon. We, verily, praise God with His tongue on thy behalf and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Desired One of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee!”

Convey My greetings unto the handmaidens of that land. We beseech God to ordain for them the reward of attaining His presence, to adorn them with the Greatest Infallibility, and to aid them to observe that which He hath revealed in His Perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05727: The hosts of divine love and affection advanced upon…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of eternity.

The hosts of divine love and affection advanced upon existence. Finding every heart receptive, they conquered and seized it. The heart is a throne for the establishment of divine love.

Glory be to God! This love sometimes appears in the form of light and at times manifests in the shape of fire, speaking from the earthly sphere to the celestial realms. His is the kingdom. Its fragrances cause the world to progress and nations to unite. Blessed is the soul that discovered its fragrance and hastened to the pathway of the Friend.

The Supreme Pen testifies that you turned towards Him and, purely for the sake of God, set out from your home intending to reach the Most Great House of God. You bore the hardship of travel and traversed sea and land until you arrived at the Most Great Prison and heard His sweetest call and beheld His most exalted horizon.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and the One remembered in the hearts of Thy chosen ones, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love and enabled me to attain Thy presence, for which most of Thy servants died in their longing. I testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Most Generous of the generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH06043: Verily the clouds cry out with the most exalted…

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

Verily the clouds cry out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven: "O people! By God, the All-Bestowing One hath come with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of the earth can stand. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. This is the Day which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, foretold in the Qur'an, and before Him the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. He spoke, and His word is the truth: 'The Day when the heaven shall give forth a manifest smoke.'

Say: O people! Deny not the proof of God and His evidence. Answer Him Who calleth you with verses which none deny save those who have turned away by following every ignorant remote one. Verily today the Call is raised and the verses speak the truth, yet most of the people are heedless.

When thou hearest the Call from the supreme horizon, give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn toward Thee when Thy servants turned away, and for having guided me to the Path when most of Thy creation denied Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy greatness and by Thy signs and clear proofs to enable all to turn toward Thy direction and to act according to what hath been sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting."

BH06076: O leaf, wife of Samandar, upon both of whom…

He is the One speaking from the Kingdom of Utterance!

O leaf, wife of Samandar, upon both of whom be the Most Glorious Glory of God! The leaves of the world, night and day, are speaking in remembrance of the Divine Lote-Tree and yearning for His presence. The queens of the world each day speak His praise in their temples and are enkindled with His love. However, as recompense for their deeds, on the Day of Reckoning they were deprived of the Divine Lote-Tree of

Glory's manifestation. Each was barred from what is with God by what was with herself, except for those leaves who, through divine grace and merciful compassion, attained recognition of the Lote-Tree. These are the pearls of the ocean of providence and the fish in the sea of mercy and bounty.

Blessed is the leaf that was stirred by the breezes of her Lord's will, the Kind, the Generous. God's grace provided assistance, His generosity confirmed, and through a hundred thousand means He revealed one who became the cause of that leaf's guidance, orientation and recognition. Blessed is he and blessed are you, joy be unto him and unto you! Praise be to God, you are truly related to Him and dwell beneath the canopies of grandeur. We beseech God to assist His male and female servants in what He loves and is pleased with. Glory be upon you from Us, and upon the handmaidens of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

BH06290: Praise be to God, each of the souls mentioned…

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

Praise be to God, each of the souls mentioned has attained to that which hath no likeness or equal. O My handmaiden! At this moment when the one named Jud is present and this Wronged One is established upon His seat, and Majd is arranging the Tablets and ordering the names in the final register, it was observed that your name was not among them. Therefore, at this hour the Tongue of Grandeur makes mention of you. He is the Kawthar of utterance that gives life and bestows fresh vitality upon the realm of faith. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say:

> "Praise be to Thee for having turned toward Thy handmaiden and remembered her in Thy prison with words, each letter of which hath effects in the kingdoms of the seen and unseen."

Thus have We sent down for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the cities of the Bayan, let alone this limited world. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon him who was named Ahmad, who attained the presence and won the meeting with God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We give him the glad-tidings of Our favor, for verily I am the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH06034: Today the leaves of the trees in the gardens…

He is the Guardian over all names!

Today the leaves of the trees in the gardens of inner meanings and utterance each mention the handmaids of God with wondrous melodies and give them glad tidings. The grace of the world of the unseen and the seen has encompassed all.

O handmaid of God! The glance of God's favor is today directed toward the horizon of grace and He makes mention of all. Know ye the value of this bounty and hold fast unto such deeds as are befitting and worthy of this most exalted station. A good deed is like unto a sapling: God causes choice and wondrous fruits to grow and appear from it. And were He to turn to justice, the Pen would cease to move.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Forgiver of sins, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Concealer of faults! Praise be to God that all the people of that household have attained unto the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Soon shall they witness its fruits.

The leaves of that land are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and Tablets have been revealed and sent in response to the petition of some, and for others they have been revealed and are preserved with God. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful.

BH06840: O Sakinih! The ocean of utterance surgeth before all…

He is the Rememberer in Truth!

O Sakinih! The ocean of utterance surgeth before all faces, and the Sun of knowledge shineth resplendent from the horizon of the world. Yet the opposers of the Cause have shut their eyes and remained deprived of all things. Would that they might understand what they have forsaken and to what they have cleaved! Leave them to their vain imaginings.

Say: O my God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy male and female servants with the light of Thy knowledge, then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded His wrath and Whose grace hath encompassed all things. Ordain for Thy handmaidens that which Thou hast ordained for those handmaidens who circle round Thy throne, then aid them in that whereby their mention shall endure in Thy perspicuous Book. Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

He is God, exalted be He! The sum of forty tumans was received by this servant from His Honor Haji Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God, through the beloved of hearts, His Honor Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and twenty tumans through His Honor Ism-i-Jud, making two payments totaling sixty tumans from the hand of the honored beloved, His Honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, in the month of Safar [1311].

BH06522: The ocean of divine utterance in this hour…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord!

The ocean of divine utterance in this hour is manifest with the waves of mercy, and the sun of proof has risen from the horizon of the Most Glorious Tablet. Glory be to God! The proofs of the world bow down in prostration while the servants remain heedless. All things are engaged in glorification and praise, yet the people remain deprived.

O my leaf! O my handmaid! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who confirmed thee in recognizing the Dawning-Place of Revelation in days when the peoples of the world were deprived, save whom thy Lord willed. We beseech God that He may confirm thee in such wise that thou mayest become the cause of sanctification and detachment of the handmaids of this age. This is not difficult for God.

How many handmaids who had no mention among the servants, yet afterwards through divine grace and heavenly bounty, their remembrance adorned the pages of books. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

The intellect is a great instrument and a truthful messenger from God—it conveys both good and evil. Blessed is he who attaineth unto that which God hath desired in the Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH07360: O thou who gazest upon the Most Exalted Horizon!...

He is the Expounder, the Just, the Equitable, the Trustworthy!

O thou who gazest upon the Most Exalted Horizon! The deniers have said that this Wronged One hath taken from the verses of the Point of the Bayan and giveth them to the servants of God. Say: O people! I speak for the sake of God—come before the Wronged One and ask whatsoever ye wish and desire, that the truth may be made manifest unto you. Say: With utmost humility and supplication I tell you: while there is still time, act upon what hath been mentioned. Create not doubts in yourselves or in the servants of God. By the life of God! Verily the ocean surgeth by itself and the sun shineth by its own light. He hath no need of aught else to prove His Cause, and every matter dependeth upon His confirmation and acceptance. To this testify the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. When thou findest the sweetness of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Shut me not out from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the outpourings of Thy days. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07217: Say: O my God, my Lord, my Support...

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Say: O my God, my Lord, my Support, the Ultimate Goal of my desire, my Hope and the End of my aspirations! Thou seest me having departed from my homeland, making for Thy most exalted Station and Thy most glorious Horizon, that I might attain presence before Thy countenance, and find the breathings of Thy revelation, and hear the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and behold the horizon of manifestation, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne and of the dust! I bear witness, O my God, my Purpose and my Desire, that Thou didst strengthen me and assist me until I traversed land and sea and attained unto Thy gate, which Thou hast opened unto the faces of all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. And I beheld the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and heard what Moses heard on the Sinai of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me that whereby my eyes may be consoled, my heart illumined and my breast dilated. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH07345: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Most...

He is the One Who watches over His male and female servants.

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Most of the people of Iran are deprived of the Truth and barred from the realm of revelation and witnessing, turning instead to vain imaginings. Today the Desired One of all worlds has appeared before all faces and summoned all to the choice sealed wine, yet most remain bereft of the Self-Subsisting Lord and His bestowals, verses, manifestations and effulgences, clinging to illusion.

Praise be to God that that leaf attained recognition of the Divine Lote-Tree, held fast to it, and partook of its fruits. Blessed art thou and blessed is the one who made thee know and guided thee to God's straight path and His Great Announcement.

We beseech God to assist thee to drink at all times from the Kawthar of His remembrance and to remain occupied in His praise. This station is mighty—know thou its worth and preserve it through God's Name.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who has attained to this mighty station.

BH11811: O Muhammad-ʿAli! The world is in upheaval. The darkness…

In the name of the one incomparable God!

O Muhammad-ʿAli! The world is in upheaval. The darkness of the vain imaginings of the peoples hath seized them with the grasp of a tyrannical avenger. These fleeting days have deprived most from the everlasting bounty, and the pride of wealth and power hath become an obstacle, and love of ornaments hath veiled their eyes like a severe inflammation. Can there be found a soul who will, in the name of God, remove the obstacle and rend asunder the veil, who will abandon and pass beyond all else but God? He declareth: "A one-year-old child of the Day of His Manifestation is mightier than all who are in the Bayan." Blessed is the eye that seeth, blessed the ear that heareth, blessed the hand that graspeth, and blessed the foot that ariseth to serve the Cause of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. "Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return." We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His Cause and to open before thy face the door of His grace. Verily, He is the Most Powerful of the powerful, the Most Generous of the generous, and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

BH07311: O Abu'l-Hasan! Thy name was mentioned in the presence…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Abu'l-Hasan! Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with verses through whose light the earth and heaven were illumined. Blessed is he who hath attained unto them, and woe unto the most lost! When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and His traces, say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and unto Thee be glory, unto Thee be greatness and splendor! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the revelations of the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge, O Lord of all beings and King of the Kingdom of Names, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, speaking in Thy remembrance, and arising to serve Thy loved ones.

O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have aided Thy Cause with their souls, their spirits and all that they possess. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light

of Thy knowledge and my face with the lights of Thy countenance, and ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07605: He speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

He speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Reflect upon the previous party—how certain heedless ones with white and green turbans led the servants astray and guided them to hell, depriving these helpless creatures from the Truth and preventing them from His verses. And now certain differing souls are striving with the utmost endeavor to lead astray the servants of God, exalted be His glory. Say:

O my God, my Adored One, my Desire! With utter helplessness I beseech Thee and pray fervently unto Thee to protect me from the mischief of the ungodly, and to deprive me not of the shelter of the divine Lote-Tree and of the shrill voice of the Pen of the Most High. I testify that this Day is Thy Day and the Cause is Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy Straight Path and by Thy Great Announcement to assist me in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07943: O Khadijih! His honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My…

He is the Summoner!

O Khadijih! His honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, hath requested from the ocean of utterance the Most Exalted Holy Word, that it might be sent to you, that perchance it may become the cause of awareness among the servants and bestow new life upon all through the choice sealed wine which floweth forth in the name of the Lord, the Self-Subsisting. Today from the Most Exalted Pen the water of everlasting life doth flow—whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto life eternal. Strive thou that in these divine days thou mayest attain unto that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance. The world had yearned for the meeting, yet when the Ancient Beauty drew aside the veil, none turned towards Him save whom God wished. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath appeared in days when sore eyes have prevented men from beholding Him. In truth He hath entered the realm of the blind. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of My horizon, and woe unto the heedless ones.

BH08580: O Fatimih! The divines of the earth today are…

He is the Speaker

O Fatimih! The divines of the earth today are debarred from the Most Exalted Horizon, while you have attained unto it. Throughout ages and centuries they proclaimed from pulpits “O Qa’im!”, yet when He was made manifest they martyred Him. You have attained to the recognition of Truth through the ocean of divine bounty and the lights of the Sun of Reality, and have drunk from the Kawthar of His utterance. Today vision is for beholding the Greatest Scene and hearing is for hearkening to the call of the Lord of Destiny. Glory be to God! The one who dwelt in the desert attained the outpourings of the All-Bountiful,

while he who was in the mosque remained deprived. Yea, all relationships are severed and all names are struck down, until the Call seizes whom it will and leads from obliteration to consciousness—that is, from heedlessness to awareness. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the deniers.

BH08510: O my handmaiden! O Sitarih! We had a sister…

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

O my handmaiden! O Sitarih! We had a sister who was under the shelter of divine favor. Seeking nearness to the wealthy and the affluent, she turned away from her brother. She sent to the house of the enemy one who was related to the Friend. Beseech God that He may sanctify all from excessive love of the world. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy sanctification of Thine Essence from all similitudes and Thy protection of Thy Self from all likenesses, to assist Thy handmaidens in Thy remembrance and praise, and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy sanctification and the depths of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the lights of Thy countenance and the Word whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy servants, to inscribe for Thy devoted handmaidens from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH08554: O Sakinih, handmaiden of God, consort of Ruh, upon…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Knowledge!

O Sakinih, handmaiden of God, consort of Ruh, upon both of whom be the Glory of God! Repeatedly hath mention been made of thee and thou hast attained unto the divine verses. Vain imaginings and idle fancies have prevented the handmaidens of the land from the Most Great Sea and withheld them from God, exalted be His glory. Every handmaiden who, through the grace of the Lord of Names, hath rent asunder the veil, she is accounted as among the men in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath adorned her temple with the ornament of detachment and her head with the fear of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. We make mention of My handmaidens and My leaves, and beseech God to aid them to remember and praise Him and to remain steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My leaves who have held fast to the Divine Lott-Tree, the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH08386: The Book of God today calleth out amongst…

He is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!

The Book of God today calleth out amongst the servants and commandeth all to that which behoveth the days of God. However, one who heareth and acteth is as rare as red sulfur—existing in name but in truth non-existent and lost. O my handmaiden! The Day is the Day of God. Beseech thou the True One at all times that He may guide and direct the handmaidens of the earth to the highest horizon. Blessed is the

heart that is sanctified from the conditions of the world and its ornaments, and blessed is the tongue that is purified from falsehood and that which beseemeth it not. The All-Compelling One hath appeared after the Qa'im and is seated upon the throne of the Bayan. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath recognized and attained and witnessed that which God hath witnessed. She is, with God, the Lord of all beings, among the people of Paradise.

BH08947: Say: O my God, my Desire and my Object…

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

Say: O my God, my Desire and my Object of worship! Thou seest Thy servant who hath sought shelter beneath the pavilions of Thy grandeur and awaiteth the wonders of Thy bounty and grace. I beseech Thee by the Stream which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy most glorious horizon, to transform the hatred of Thy servants into mercy from Thy presence and loving-kindness from Thy court. Then cause them to turn unto the Spot wherein the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. Verily Thou art He Whom neither the clamor of the people nor their vain imaginings can deter. Thy power hath encompassed all and Thy will hath prevailed. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great. Ordain for me, O my God, through the Pen of Thy decree, that which shall make me detached from all else save Thee and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

BH09135: O ʿIsmat! Blessed is thy name. Thy name…

He is the Protector!

O ʿIsmat! Blessed is thy name. Thy name is the highest adornment for women—thus hath spoken the Lord of the Kingdom of Names from the supreme horizon. Convey My greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaidens of God. We beseech God to adorn their heads with the crown of thy name. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. His loved ones have been and are beneath the glance of His favor, and He commandeth all to that which causeth their exaltation and advancement. I swear by the Sun of Truth which today shineth resplendent from the horizon of the Most Great Prison—one deed performed purely for the sake of God is a treasure preserved with God in His Name and protected by His protection. Be grateful to thy Lord for this most great bounty and this supreme favor. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

BH08943: Say: O God! Thou art the Sovereign…

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

Say: O God! Thou art the Sovereign of the heavens and earth, and within Thy grasp are all who dwell in the kingdom of Thy command and creation. Ordain for Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty and to that station wherein Thy most sweet call hath been raised and the trilling of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Have mercy, O Most Merciful One of the heavens and earth, and forgive, O All-Forgiving One, those who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation. O Lord! Thou seest the sinner seeking after the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the effulgences of the lights

of the Sun of Thy pardon. Ordain for him through the Pen of Destiny that which befitteth Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence and Thy Most Exalted Station and Thy Most Glorious Habitation. Thou art He Who through Thy power hath testified to all created things, and through Thy might to all existing things. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09632: O my handmaiden, O Gulbahar! Praise be…

He is the One manifest above all things!

O my handmaiden, O Gulbahar! Praise be to the Goal of the world that in this spiritual springtime thou hast attained unto the verses of inner meanings. These verses are pearls of wondrous utterances that have appeared from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen. Blessed art thou and blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This bounty sufficeth thee that thou hast hearkened unto the Call and turned unto God, exalted be His glory, while the queens of the earth wander bewildered in the wilderness of perplexity. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it in the name of God, exalted be His glory. Verily He is with His devoted male and female servants. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH09631: O My handmaiden, O My chosen one! Today all…

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of proof!

O My handmaiden, O My chosen one! Today all the deeds of the divines of Iran—that is, the heedless souls—have not equaled and do not equal a single word of the friends of Truth. One deed of His servants stands above the deeds of all, and one word from His handmaidens excels the devotions of all—for these are adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance while the others are deprived. O My handmaiden! Today the gaze of grace and the glance of bounty are directed towards the male and female servants. Verses are being sent down and arriving like rain upon the soil of hearts. However, were the door of grace to be closed and the glance to turn to justice, the Pen would cease its motion. The Command is in the hand of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09857: In My Name that overshadoweth all names!

In My Name that overshadoweth all names!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of the world, my Creator and the Creator of all nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which the breezes of the dawn of Revelation have wafted over all lands and those who lay in their graves have stirred before the faces of Thy servants, to make me speak before all faces in Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! Thou seest the weak one who desires to aid Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Strengthen his limbs through Thy power and might. Verily Thou art He Who exalteth whom He willeth and withholdeth from whom He pleaseth. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all things and the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

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BH10051: In My Name that speaks with pure truth!

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O My handmaiden, O Rubabih! Hear this most exalted word from the tongue of the Lord of all beings, and throughout the days of your life be engaged in thanksgiving and praise. Mulla ʿAli of Kand, who carried volumes of books and for years acquired sciences and arts which, in his own estimation, others were incapable and powerless to acquire, did not attain to the recognition of God, glorified be His majesty, and remained fixed and established in his own error. But you, through His boundless grace, took and drank the choice wine of recognition from the hand of bounty. Well is it with you, and woe unto him!

BH10691: O daughters of Samandari! Mention of each of you…

He is God!

O daughters of Samandari! Mention of each of you hath been and is before the Most Holy Court, and at this moment from the heaven of bounty the rain of generosity hath showered down in your name. We beseech God that He may assist you in that which causeth the sanctification and glorification of the Cause of God. The relatives, both men and women, must not delay for an instant in acquiring perfection. Thus have We counseled before and in this Manifest Tablet.

BH10949: O servant! Your name is known but your service…

He is God!

O servant! Your name is known but your service is not known. Glory be to God! The servant is in the land of Qaf while the Master is in the Most Great Prison. Yes, in these days various matters are witnessed. The firefly hath laid claim to the station of the sun. We testify that it is among the liars. Blessed art thou for the Ancient Beauty hath turned His face toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and hath mentioned thee with words that equal not the mentions of the peoples. And I am the All-Knowing Witness.

BH11175: O ʿInayatu'llah! Divine favors encompass all. One of His…

He is God

O ʿInayatu'llah! Divine favors encompass all. One of His favors is His attention to thee from the direction of the Prison, and likewise the mention that hath been sent down specifically for thee from the heaven of the Supreme Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Glory of those who are in the heavens and the earth.

BH11338: O Taraz! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is God.

O Taraz! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison with verses that have enraptured the hearts of the Concourse on High and the exalted Paradise. When thou attainest and beholdest, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

BH11442: O Abdullah! Praised be God that thou hast been…

He is God!

O Abdullah! Praised be God that thou hast been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and art remembered in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court. Take thou the chalice of My loving-kindness from the hand of My bounty, then drink therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH00725: O son of Dakhil! Upon thee be the Glory…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O son of Dakhil! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most Beautiful! We have indeed read thy letter aforetime and responded to thee with verses that all the books of the world and whatsoever the peoples possess cannot rival, to this doth every learned and informed one bear witness. Beware lest the events of the world veil thee from the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, or the affairs of men debar thee from this perspicuous Book. We have heard thy call and have responded to thee with this wise Remembrance, which God hath made the Kawthar of life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and the Salsabil of knowledge for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou art he who heard the Call and turned toward the Supreme Horizon in this exalted station. Neither the clamor of the idolaters nor the croaking of the croakers deterred thee. Thou cast away what the people possessed and took hold of My perspicuous Book. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions to remember Him, to praise Him, and to proclaim His decisive and wise Cause.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the friends of the All-Merciful in Mamaqan, that the Remembrance may draw them to a station wherein nothing on earth shall prevent them from turning toward God, the Lord of all worlds. Take the chalice of eternity in the name of your Lord, the Creator of heaven, then drink therefrom in spite of those who have denied the signs of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed are ye for having turned toward Him when the people turned away, and for having responded when silence had seized all upon the earth save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, willed. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you. We beseech God to aid you to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance is raised, and the tongue that uttereth My praise, and the eye that beholdeth this luminous horizon.

And We make mention of My loved ones in Shishvan and give them glad tidings of God's favor at this time. O My friends in that place! Hear My call, for it will draw you near unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Blessed are the faces that have turned toward the lights of the Countenance and the hands that have taken hold of the Book through this Name, whereby the limbs of the idolaters have trembled.

We have mentioned you before and counseled you with that which will exalt the Word of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Beware lest the utterances of the people of the Bayan, who have turned away and denied God, the Lord of the mighty throne, prevent you. We counsel you with that which God hath counseled His near servants. Adorn your heads with the crowns of faithfulness in the realm of creation and your temples with the ornament of supreme steadfastness from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Verily the One, the Single, desireth to make mention of His friends in Khurmazard, that the Call may draw them to the Supreme Kingdom and strengthen them to serve His Cause on this wondrous Day. The Call hath been raised from this most exalted station. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained; he is indeed among those who are nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords. We beseech God to inscribe for them from His Most Exalted Pen the reward of attainment unto His presence, and to ordain for them that which will delight their eyes. Rejoice in My remembrance and My call, then drink the choice wine of My utterance from the chalice of My bounty, in spite of the people of the Bayan who turned away from the All-Merciful when He came with power and sovereignty. Thus do We set forth the verses as a grace from Our presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have desired to turn toward the direction of Our friends in ʿAjabshir and give them to drink of the water of life from the hands of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O My friends in that place! Hear My call from the direction of My prison, for it will guide you to a station which God hath made the point round which circle the Concourse on High, morning and evening. How many a servant hath turned toward Him and believed, how many a poor one hath hastened and attained, and how many a prince hath been prevented from drawing nigh unto God, Who causeth the winds to blow! We counsel you to be steadfast in this Cause, through which the hearts of the daysprings of idle fancies have been shaken.

O Pen! Turn thy face toward the M and R, and illumine My loved ones there with the lights of thy utterance and remind them of thy verses. Beware lest the clamor of the people of the Bayan prevent thee from the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Leave them and what they possess, turning unto God, the Lord of all men. O people of M and R! Where is the warmth of your love, and where are your raptures and your fragrances? This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, did ye but know, and this is the Day whereon the Herald hath called aloud, could ye but understand. The Resurrection hath come to pass, yet ye remain seated. The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of My Lote-Tree, yet ye perceive it not. The ocean of utterance surgeth before your faces, yet ye see it not. He created eyes for this manifest Cause and ears for hearkening unto this exalted Call. Beware lest the might of the ungodly hold you back from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest the oppression of the oppressors frighten you regarding this momentous News, whereby the hearts of the wicked and the worshippers of error have been sorely troubled.

O son of Dakhil! Convey My greetings to the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One. The people of the Bayan, meaning those who have turned away from the Straight Path, are debarred and deprived of the Great News. They have clung to that which the former party clung to and have walked in their footsteps. Consider now the baseness of the people's nature. The Shi'ih party on the Day of Reckoning was as a handful of dust in the sight of God. From the very pulpits whereon they made mention of the Letters,

they cursed the Perspicuous Book, and now they revile the Mother of the Book and the Mother of the Bayan, thinking they are rendering service to the Faith.

By the waves of the ocean of utterance, the Faith hath ever been and shall forever be quit of such souls. Even as ye witness, the Law of God lamenteth and the foundations of God weep by reason of the tyranny of the oppressors. The Tablet and the Pen are engaged in lamentation. We beseech God to aid all and adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory from Us be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those who have not broken My covenant and My testament and who have acknowledged that which the tongue of My grandeur hath spoken in this exalted station. The loved ones of God are each remembered and have attained His favors.

Say: O Almighty One! The Chosen One hath come, yet the people are in manifest doubt. Hearken unto the Call from the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Paradise in the highest Heaven: Verily there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O ʿAbdu'llah! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. We have mentioned thee in such wise as naught can equal. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the nations, for having aided me to acknowledge Thy Cause when every stubborn oppressor denied it.

O Ibrahim! The Book hath been sent down, the verses have appeared, and the evidences have proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the worlds. Know thou the station of the Word—it will deliver thee in all the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon My loved ones and My handmaidens there who have believed in God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

The letter of Mihdi, upon him be My glory, was considered. Praise be to God, it was illumined with the light of faith. We beseech God to aid him in that which will cause the exaltation of his station. Regarding his stay in the land of T and his journey to the land of M and H, about which he inquired—these matters depend upon consultation, and whatsoever emergeth from the consultation of the chosen ones, that is the decree of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of him as We mentioned him before, and We give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded, and My grace which hath encompassed all, whether small or great.

And We make mention of him who was named Mulla Hasan, whom thou didst mention in thy first letter, that he may rejoice and say:

> "My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made mention of me and caused me to know Thee and taught me, whilst I was among the heedless ones among Thy creatures and the deluded ones among Thy servants. And all thanks be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of immortality through Thy Most Glorious Name, in spite of Thine enemies. O my Lord! Assist me through Thy bounty and generosity, and enable me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to exalt Thy Word. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Thou didst make mention of Adi-Gozal. Praise be to God, she hath attained unto mention and praise. Her remembrance hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and her name hath been uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur. Give her the glad-tidings, from Me, of the favors of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Verily, We have made mention of her in such wise that her remembrance shall endure in My perspicuous Book. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones in all lands who have rent asunder the veils in the name of the Lord of all beings, and who have entered the City through My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH00333: The Day of God hath come. The Throne…

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 Day of God hath come. The Throne of Divine Utterance hath appeared at the heart of contingent being, and the Speaker of the Mount is seated thereon. The river of mercy floweth from the right hand, and the banner of authority is raised on the left. Praise be unto God, His is the bounty and the bestowal, His is the grace and the exaltation and the glory. Before the faces of all peoples He proclaimed His Cause with the most exalted call. The might of the world deterred Him not, nor did the hatred of the nations stay Him from His purpose. In days when, by reason of the darkness of tyranny, no distinction could be seen between night and day, He stood forth before the faces of all peoples, unveiled and unobscured. Neither chains nor fetters could prevent His independence, nor could bonds and imprisonment alter His Cause. He bore all trials and tribulations for the exaltation of the Word of God. Every fair-minded soul beareth witness, and every just one testifieth to this. The Cause is in His grasp; He doeth as He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Helper.

Glory and radiant praise be upon the friends of God and His chosen ones who have arisen to aid His Cause, who have spoken His praise, and who have acted according to that which was revealed in His Book. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen them in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further: the letter of that spiritual friend arrived, and as the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds wafted therefrom, it gave strength to the spirit and bestowed light and power upon sight and hearing. After reading and reviewing it, having proceeded to the Most Exalted Station, it attained the honor of being heard before His presence. This is what God hath revealed in reply, blessed and exalted be His Word:

He is the Dawning-Place from the Horizon of Eternity

The Call hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, the dwellers of Sinai have swooned away in the vale of knowledge, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath cried aloud, saying: By God! The ocean of reunion hath surged, and the Lord of the Day of Return hath appeared, riding upon the clouds. Blessed is he whom armies have not weakened, though mighty, and whom ranks have not frightened, though powerful. He hastened, and hearkened, and attained the presence of God, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing.

Say: O concourse of earth! Hear ye My call that hath been raised in truth, and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. The proof hath appeared and the fountain of Salsabil hath gushed forth from the Pen of God, the Speaker in the most exalted station. We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from this Spot which God hath made the Dayspring of lights, and We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the Sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of creation. The servant who standeth before the face of the Wronged One hath presented himself and read thy letter. We have revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Lord of Lords, shall endure. We beseech the Most High to make thee a sign of His signs and a standard among His standards in this Cause whereby faces have been darkened and feet have slipped.

There hath befallen Me in the path of God that which no eye hath seen nor ear heard. To this testifieth the Mother Book that speaketh before the faces of all parties. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. When the light shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, the Maid of Paradise came forth from the Most Exalted Paradise and walked until she stood before the face of the Lord of all beings, and, pointing with her luminous finger to the head of the Lord of destiny, she proclaimed: By God! This is the Hidden One now manifest in truth, and this is He Who was treasured in the hearts of the Prophets and mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all men.

Say: Be fair, O people of the Bayan, concerning this Book which God hath made the point of adoration for the books of the world, and this Remembrance before which all remembrances have bowed down. Say: Present yourselves before the Face that your eyes may behold what no vision hath beheld and your ears may hear what no ears have heard. He is the One Who cannot be known except through Himself, and Who needeth not the testimony of scriptures, books, and tablets to prove His Cause. Were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would My Herald, Who sacrificed His soul in My path, have come. Fear God, O people, and be not of them that have gone astray.

Say: By God! He was silent—God made Him speak. He was seated—the hands of power and might made Him arise. He was asleep—the breezes of the morn of Revelation that blew by God's will, the Lord of the Day of Return, awakened Him. Say: O people of the Bayan! He speaketh not of His own desire—to this testifieth that which hath been revealed from His Most Exalted Pen. Fear ye God and follow not every heedless doubter.

Say: O company of the deniers! Do ye deny Him Who hath come with that wherewith the Messengers came of old, and Who hath revealed that which lay hidden in the treasure of God's protection from time immemorial? Say: Read ye what ye possess and We shall read what We possess. Then shall ye find yourselves in manifest loss, greater than the loss of every calumniating misbeliever.

Say: Remember thou the Day of Imprecation in the Land of Mystery when the Dayspring of Inspiration came forth from the horizon of the House, proceeding to the House of God, the Lord of all men. We arrived thereat while none else arrived. Then did the Sun of the Cause shine forth and the Ancient Beauty appeared without veil or covering. Say: Can anyone stand with Him in the arena of proof and evidence? Nay, by His Self, the All-Merciful! Yet the people are in doubt and dissension.

Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the evidences that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord with power and sovereignty. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified when He came from the horizon of might with grandeur and majesty.

Praise be unto God that thou hast attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Glory be to God! This servant hath ever been present before His Face, from the first days in Baghdad until now, engaged in service and writing both day and night while verses descended like rain. Yet they have uttered that which no ignorant one hath ever spoken. First came mention of alteration, following exactly in the footsteps of the previous dispensation. For twelve hundred years and more they were occupied with dispute and contention, awaiting the Day of Manifestation. Yet when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of God's Will, they committed that which no oppressor had ever committed. To this day they occupy pulpits cursing. By the life of our Lord! They are indeed in drunkenness, heedlessness and thick veils.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the eternal Truth that He may assist thee to promote His Cause and protect the servants from idle fancies and vain imaginings. It is incumbent, nay obligatory, upon thee and the other loved ones to protect the servants from whatsoever leadeth to error and perdition. By the life of thy Lord and mine! Whenever this servant pondereth the deeds of the former community, he findeth himself bewildered and astonished. For despite all their professions of sincerity and love for the Sovereign of existence, when He appeared, in His early years all the divines arose to reject Him. God forbid! They did not even count Him among the believers, let alone above them. Now those same vain imaginings have emerged among souls who were and are unaware of the root of the Cause and know not from whom these revelations have appeared.

Yet they have uttered that which no heedless one hath uttered. We beseech God to adorn His servants with justice and fairness and to still the hatred in their hearts through the Kawthar of counsel and utterance. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. After the presentation of that prayer in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith: He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O thou who gazest upon the horizon of evidence! The servant who was present hath arrived and recited that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times. We perceived from it the fragrance of thy knowledge, thy turning unto Him, thy sincerity and thy submission before the face of God, thy Lord. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thy countenance for having turned toward His Face, and thy heart for having been attracted to the horizon of His Manifestation. We beseech God to aid His Cause through thee, to manifest His Faith through thee, and to raise through thee the standards of His Revelation throughout all lands and the banners of His guidance amidst His servants. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Section 2: "O thou who soarest on the wings…"

O thou who soarest on the wings of knowledge in the atmosphere of God's wisdom! Behold, then mention what the lying tongues have uttered. Among them is he who hath calumniated the Wronged One and said that He hath stolen the verses of the Point and revealed them in His own name. Say: Woe unto thee, O heedless one! Present thyself before His face and be not of them that hesitate. And among

them are those who have lamented in such wise as to cause the near ones to weep. The horizons have been filled with thy Lord's verses, yet most of the people know not. They hear the call, yet perceive not. They have committed that which no community among all communities hath committed. The Book of God in this exalted station beareth witness to this. Were We to mention to thee what hath befallen Us, grief would seize thee from every direction. We have therefore been patient and concealed it. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Patient, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

We beseech God to assist thee to rend asunder the veils of the people and to send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His court. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause in such wise that the hosts of the world shall not hold thee back, and be thou vocal in His praise in such wise that the clamor of the nations who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and have spoken that which the ancients never spoke shall not prevent thee. Thus hath the Living Waters flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and We have sent it unto thee that thou mayest drink and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of existence!

O Nura! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. As for what thou hast mentioned concerning the statement "the Simple Reality containeth all things"—in the first degree and primary station, by the Simple Reality is meant the Truth Itself, glorified be His majesty. Since all things are manifestations of His names and attributes, exalted be He, it is true that He is all things. This is a truth wherein there is no doubt, and what We mentioned before was revealed in the language of the people. We beseech God to unveil for thee what We intended in the depths of allusions in the previous Tablet. Verily, He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Know thou moreover that the Wronged One never attended schools nor associated with divines and theologians. I mention what God, glorified be His majesty, hath taught Me through His grace and bounty. If thou wouldst turn with the ear of the heart to the melodies of the Bird of Proof upon the branch of evidence, it would attract thee to a station wherein thou wouldst see naught save the sovereignty of God and His power and His greatness and His might, and thou wouldst be assured that the ocean surgeth by itself and for itself, and the sun shineth by its own essence and for its own essence. Say: Verily, the ocean needeth not aught else to prove its greatness.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. He shall verily assist thee through the truth and fulfil thy need. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Arise in the name of God and say: O people of the Furqan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come, and that which was hidden in knowledge hath been revealed. Fear ye God, and be not of them that hesitate.

O people of the Spirit! The gate of reunion hath been opened by the finger of the power of the Lord of all being. Hasten ye, and follow not every ignorant doubter.

O people of Moses! This is the Day whereof God's Messengers gave you tidings aforetime. Fear ye God, and be not of the heedless. The Mount hath attained the presence of its Interlocutor, and the Light its

sovereign Lord, and the Tree hath revealed its fruits, and the Ocean its waves, and the Sun its radiance. Fear ye God, and be not of the wrongdoers.

O followers of Zoroaster! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of ʿAkka. Verily, it is raised in truth from God, the Goal of them that are nigh. The Fire of God hath been kindled in the Tree of the Cause at this glorious station. It hath appeared in the form of Light, speaking and proclaiming:

> "The Resurrection is come and the people of the graves have arisen by reason of the blast of the Trumpet."

Yet most of the people are fast asleep. They have not awakened at the Cry, though it was raised, nor have they drunk the choice wine of Revelation when its seal was broken by this Great Name.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Die in your wrath! By God's life, your turning away, your denial, and whatsoever ye possess shall profit you not. Open your eyes and the gates of your ears that ye may hear that for the hearing of which the ears were created, and behold His lights for the vision of which the eyes were fashioned. Beware lest he who is called the Guide mislead you, and lest the doubts of the dubious cause you to slip. Forge not lies against God and His Cause. Verily, He hath appeared with the truth and hath sent down that which all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless to produce the like thereof. That which hath been sent down from His presence is even as the sun among the stars and as the ocean among the rivers. To this beareth witness the Lord of the worlds in this Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath turned unto Him and hath said:

> "Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds, and Thine be the glory, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the Messengers!"

The Sun of Utterance hath so brilliantly risen and shone forth that no mention or description remaineth possible for the stars, and the Ocean of Mercy hath appeared in such wise that no power of speech remaineth for the drop. Exalted be His grandeur and mighty be His proof. There is no God but Him.

And regarding the mention of the rational soul which appears at the end of the Book, these passages were repeatedly revealed in the days when the Sun of the horizons was dawning from the horizon of Iraq. In these days also, some time ago, one of the friends from the land of Qaf and Vav inquired about the soul, and an answer was revealed. By command, a copy thereof was dispatched to your honor. God willing, you will attain unto it and drink from the ocean of utterance that which will intoxicate you to arise in the assemblage of the world to spread the verses of God, His laws and His commandments. Convey greetings and Baha from this evanescent one to the friends of that land.

God willing, they will attain unto that which befitteth this divine Day. In truth, that which is beloved today and is the cause of deliverance of the servants from the well of vain imaginings hath been mentioned in the letter of the honored beloved, Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. The servant beseecheth his Lord to manifest the truth through His sovereignty and guide the people to His straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have taken hold of the Book of God with power from Him, detached from the world and all that is therein in the days of our Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. These are among the

birds of the arena of wisdom and utterance. Upon them be the blessings of God and His glory, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The servant 27th of Safar 1306

BH00475: Lawh-i-Rafi'(?)

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

Praise be sanctified above tongue and utterance, befitting the Sovereign of all sovereigns, Who through the key of utterance hath opened the doors of hearts and made manifest the mystery of the words "He maketh your highest to be the lowest, and your lowest to be the highest." The Hand of His bounty hath revealed the hidden pearls of the ocean of knowledge, and His complete power hath bestowed from the heaven of certitude the rains of wisdom and knowledge upon minds and hearts. Soon will its effects be made manifest in the kingdom, and He hath entrusted its watering and nurturing to the hands of His chosen ones. His grace is mighty and His bounty is most great.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all existence, of the unseen and the seen! Thou beholdest one of Thy chosen ones soaring on the wings of wisdom in the atmosphere of divine knowledge, and clinging to the cord of Thy love in days wherein most of Thy servants have turned away from Thee. O Lord! Aid him to conduct affairs in service to Thy Cause and in remembrance of Thy praise and glory. O Lord! Thou seest him turning to Thee and drinking the wine of Thy knowledge from the cup of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee to make him, in all conditions, a champion of Thy Cause, a promoter of Thy commandments and ordinances, and one who speaketh that whereby Thy Word may be exalted amongst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O God! Send Thy blessings upon him and upon Thy chosen ones there, and assist them to triumph in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Thereafter, this servant, while confined in the Most Great Prison in a certain place, was approached by one of the loved ones bearing thy letter. The servant took it with submission and contentment, and read it time and again. Then I turned toward the horizon of grandeur before the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and, after His permission, presented it before His presence. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the fragrances of revelation to waft and the horizons to become perfumed. His word—exalted be His utterance, exalted be His proof, and glorified be His majesty and power—is:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O thou who gazest upon the countenance and standeth before the door! Hear the call from the precincts of ʿAkka: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. My proof hath appeared, My testimony hath encompassed all things, and the fragrance of My utterance hath been diffused throughout all cities and lands.

As I was walking, the servant in attendance appeared with thy letter and made mention of it before the Wronged One. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the trees to be stirred and to cry out with their loudest voice: O people of creation! The ocean of your Lord's loving-kindness hath

surged. Fear ye God and follow not the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We have found in thy letter the fragrance of thy love. We have made mention of thee with that which causeth all mention to bow down in humility. Behold what hath been revealed in truth, then remind the people of the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Make mention of Him with a mention whereby the mention of all things is raised up at eventide and at dawn, and arise to serve with such arising as shall cause all created things to arise. This beseemeth thy kinship with God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when every heedless doubter turned away. Take thou the chalice of eternity in My Name amongst the servants, then drink therefrom in spite of those who have disbelieved in God and disputed His signs without clear proof or Book.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Hide not the face of the Sun with your veils. Ye pant after your vain imaginings and perceive not. Fear God and be not of the people of error. Behold, behold how the Sun shineth from the horizon of the heaven of grace! Hearken, hearken how the Call hath been raised to a station wherein the atoms proclaim: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords! Say: O people, cast aside what ye possess. By God, the Mother Book speaketh from the most exalted station. Say: Do ye sport with what ye possess? Fear Him Who hath come unto you from the horizon of might with a power that the forces of the wicked cannot frustrate.

Thus have We adorned the heaven with the stars of wisdom and knowledge, as a bounty from Us unto thee and unto those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken when seated upon the throne with power and sovereignty. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones. We counsel them with that which God hath counseled His servants in the Books, Psalms and Tablets. We have made deeds and character to be as hosts in this Revelation. He unto Whom the Mother Book belongeth beareth witness unto this. Glory be from Us unto thee and unto everyone who hath remained steadfast, whom the doubts of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all mankind, have not caused to slip.

The Most Exalted Pen hath turned from the eloquent tongue to the illumined tongue. O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of nearness! Hear with thy inner ear the call of the Wronged One and impart it to the servants, that perchance from this call, which is in truth the water of the mercy of the All-Merciful and the pure crystal stream of the All-Glorious, there might spring forth from hearts the seedlings of wisdom, utterance, knowledge and certitude. The intention is that the tablet of man's true reality might be cleansed of all traces by this pure and holy water, that it may be adorned with the seal of the blessed word "Verily, I am God's." Should they attain unto this station, the fire of rancor and hatred that blazeth in the hearts of the peoples of the world would be stilled, and the horizons would be illumined with the light of unity. Let them fix their gaze upon this station, detached from all else. That which today beseemeth that honored one is to become intoxicated with the choice wine of "Am I not?" and to arise in the arena of the world to guide the servants.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! Today is the day of mention and praise and service to the Cause. Make a supreme effort that perchance the people of Iran may be sanctified from vain imaginings and attain unto the effulgent splendors of the sun of certitude. In truth and in all sincerity I say that today is not the day of questioning. In the Tablet of Wisdom, which was revealed from the Supreme

Pen of heaven to one of the friends, these verses are recorded: “It behooveth thee not to turn thy gaze unto the past or future. Make mention of this Day and of that which hath appeared therein. It, verily, is sufficient unto all mankind.

The utterances and tokens in mention of these stations quench the fire of being. It beseemeth thee to speak forth this day with that which will kindle the hearts and cause the bodies of the assured ones to soar. He who today is blessed with the new creation and beholdeth the exalted Truth as the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting—he is indeed among those possessed of vision in this Most Sublime Vision. Every seeing believer beareth witness unto this. Walk above the world through the power of the Most Great Name that thou mayest witness the mysteries of pre-existence and discover that which no one hath discovered. Thy Lord is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be thou as the throbbing artery in the body of creation, that through the heat generated by this motion there may appear that which shall quicken the hearts of those who hesitate. Thou hast indeed associated with Me and beheld the suns of the heaven of My wisdom and the waves of the ocean of Mine 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 Munificent, the All-Wise. We have indeed expounded unto thee, when We were in Iraq in the house of one named Majid, the mysteries of creation, its origin, its end and its cause. But when We departed, We limited Our utterance to this: There is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou a proclaimer of the Cause of God with an utterance which will cause fire to burn in the trees and to proclaim: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Thus hath the river of mercy flowed to one of Our friends who attained Our presence and heard Our wondrous call.

O Rafi’, O Badi’! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. From the earliest days there hath appeared from this Wronged One that which hath had no peer or likeness. At the beginning of Our imprisonment, purely for the sake of God and for love of His servants, a Tablet was specially sent on behalf of this Wronged One to His Majesty the Sultan, wherein We sought that which would bring deliverance to all and rend asunder the veils. And had His Majesty the Sultan accepted it, all would have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon. However, he did not accept it, and certain heedless ones of the world caused the messenger to be eliminated. Thus was the word of union changed to separation, and a mighty barrier intervened. The Command is in God’s hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

O Rafi’, hear My call! Leave behind the world and all that is therein and take what thou hast been given from God. He verily loveth thee and hath ordained for thee that which, wert thou to become aware of it, would fill thee with joy through the perpetuity of God’s Kingdom, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. With all thy faculties arise to aid the Cause. Make a sign with thy brow and eye, speak with thy tongue, grasp with thy hand, and stand firm upon thy feet with such steadfastness that all the forces of the world shall be powerless to move thee or cause thee to stumble. Thus doth thy Lord, the Ancient One, teach thee, and the All-Knowing Commander enjoin thee. Within His grasp is the Kingdom of power and might. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Glorify My loved ones on My behalf and illumine them with the lights of My utterance, whereby every seeker hath sought the ultimate goal and

every tongue hath spoken that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.”

God, exalted be His glory, is My witness that this evanescent One hath ever besought the Self-Sufficient for that which shall cause thy mention to endure among all mentions. And I beseech the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen to assist thee in dispelling the vain imaginings of the people and in rending the veils of these days. This is possible now, but shall later become most difficult, for the people of Persia, one and all, are attached to vain imaginings, such that even their divines have until now failed to recognize what hath appeared and what hath come to pass. Every person of understanding is astounded by this matter and bewildered. Though all know that from the beginning of the Cause this servant hath stood in service to the Qayyum and is aware of all that hath transpired, yet they seek not his counsel, while accepting whatever may be said by one who hath not been with the Truth.

Heedlessness hath encompassed them such that they deny the light of the sun shining in the visible horizon. In this Most Great Revelation there hath been revealed the equivalent of all the books of the past and future, nay more, and the distinction is evident as the sun. I beseech God to bestow justice upon His servants and to free the sun of equity from the darkness of the clouds. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, seeking from Thee naught save that which shall adorn Thy servants with the light of justice and fairness. O Lord! Thou seest me agitated like a fish upon the sand by what hath befallen Thee from the one whom Thou didst rear with the hands of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Revelation, the signs of Thy grandeur, and the sweet savors of Thy inspiration wherewith Thou didst subdue the hearts of Thy creation, to assist him whom Thou hast named Rafi’ to exalt Thy Cause amongst Thy servants through Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I convey greetings and glorification to the loved ones of that land, and for each I seek that which leadeth to the exaltation of their being and the elevation of their souls. Verily our Lord and your Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Mighty, the Forgiving. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Glory and praise and honor be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. And praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of all who know.

BH01892: O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! The gates…

In the Name of Him through Whom the Herald hath called out from the supreme horizon!

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! The gates of utterance have been opened to the people of creation through the key of the name of the All-Merciful, and the gems of existence have attained to that which was mentioned in the divine Books of the past and future and recorded by the Pen of bounty. Well is it with thee for having drawn nigh and attained the presence and heard and seen that for which most of the

peoples of the world yearned and hastened to the supreme companion. We beseech God to assist thee to drink from the wine of divine mercy in the name of God and to bestow it upon the company of lovers. Praise be to God, thou hast attained to that which is greater and more beloved than all things with God, and that is the knowledge of Him.

Thou hast attained the honor of attaining His presence and found thy way to the Kaaba of the intended goal. If thou wert to offer praise and thanksgiving for the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm it would not be mentioned before the ocean of His grace. We beseech God to assist His loved ones there and give them glad tidings of His mercy that hath preceded all created things. He is the Revealer of verses and the Exalter of ranks. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Shaykh Kazim, We have heard thy call and have mentioned thee with this blessed and exalted Word. Beware lest anything keep thee back from God, the Lord of the kingdom of names. Hold fast to His cord, be detached from all else, be attracted by His verses, be enkindled with the fire of His Cause, and act according to what He hath revealed in His wondrous Book. We counsel thee and the friends to wisdom and to such conduct and deeds as attract hearts. Glory be upon thee and upon him who is named Abdu'l-Ali. We send greetings upon him from this exalted station.

O servant of ʿAli, servitude to God is more excellent than servitude to the world. Through God's infinite bounty thou hast attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Source of verses. This is the exalted station of servitude, the degrees of which have been sent down in the books of utterance from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto this mighty station. We beseech Him to record for thee the reward of attaining His presence. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O ʿAli-Akbar, the Wronged One mentioneth thee from the Most Great Scene and saith: The Promised One hath come. Today the Gospel calleth out to the peoples of the world saying:

> "The Glory hath appeared and He Who was mentioned by My tongue and concealed in My heart and hidden in My breast hath come. Turn ye unto Him, O people, and be not of the heedless."

O Yahya, take hold of the Book with the power of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Then give thanks to Him night and day for having caused thee to attain His glorious and luminous Day.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, the Sun of Truth speaketh and the Kingdom of utterance bestoweth its bounties at all times, yet most of the people of the world are debarred and veiled from it. Their deeds have kept them back from the light that shineth and is manifest. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of knowledge when the All-Merciful was seated upon the throne of His mighty Name.

O Husayn-Qabli-Quli, We counsel thee and the friends in that land to fear God and to that which behooveth His holy and mighty Cause. Associate with one another in spirit and fragrance and assist God through praiseworthy deeds and conduct. By the life of God, these hosts are the most powerful hosts in the world in the estimation of the Lord of ancient days. He speaketh the truth and guideth to the way,

and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful. Glory be from Us upon you and upon My loved ones there and upon every discerning knower.

BH02291: In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance…

In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance hath surged throughout creation!

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. There is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him. Glorified be He Who hath manifested His Cause, fulfilled His promise, revealed His verses and shown forth His evidences, yet most of the people understand not. They have turned to idols, turning away from God, the Mighty, the Loving. When the verses of their Lord are recited unto them, they draw back on their heels, yet they perceive not. They have cast aside their God and taken their vain imaginings, yet they know not. They see the signs of God and deny them, and hear His call and turn away from it. They are among those who denied God's proof and His evidence, and said what the ancients never said.

O Aziz! Hear the call from the direction of Akka, at the right hand of the luminous spot: There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. He hath appeared and manifested His Cause, and called all unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. He it is Who aided God's Messengers and Prophets, and guided all to His extended path. Hear the call once again: Be as the winds of the All-Merciful throughout creation, or as the spring breezes, that thou mayest adorn the earth with the roses of inner meanings and utterance. Exalted is God Who hath manifested His sovereignty and sent down His verses. He is the Single, the One, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones and remind them of what thou hast heard with thine ear of that which the Wronged One hath spoken. Hold fast in all conditions unto wisdom and utterance. Thus hath spoken the All-Merciful before and after. Blessed are the people who know.

Say: O people of Baha! Beware lest ye follow the desires of those who denied God's Manifestation and His sovereignty when He came with the truth through a command before which armies could not stand. Say: This is the Day of victory, did ye but know, and this is the Day of steadfastness, by God's command, the Lord of all existence. Beware lest the doubts of the baying ones veil you from God, the Lord of kings and servants. Take hold of God's ways and His command, and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Say: O people! Fear God, then aid His Cause through what He hath ordained in His preserved Tablet. He hath forbidden you corruption and conflict, and commanded you righteousness and goodly deeds.

We bear witness in this station that thou, O ʿAziz, hast forsaken the religion of a people who believed not in God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen, and hast taken what thou wast commanded in a written tablet. Thank God for having aided thee, brought thee into His presence, caused thee to hear His call in His praiseworthy station, and shown thee the Dawning-Place of His revelation and the Rising-Point of His verses, and what was inscribed from time immemorial, hidden from understanding and eyes. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in serving His Cause, to reinforce thee with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and to ordain for thee that whereby His Cause shall be exalted among His servants. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH02822: He speaketh before the faces of all men

He speaketh before the faces of all men

O Nuri, upon thee be My glory! He who hath drunk of My choice-sealed wine, sealed with My self-subsisting Name, hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with such remembrance that the Concourse on High hath hastened from all directions to hearken to My sweetest call from the prison of Akka. Blessed is the servant who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto every heedless doubter. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout creation, as attesteth He with Whom is the Mother Book.

Thy letter which thou didst send unto the Wronged One hath come before Him and hath been honored to be heard, through the grace of God, the Revealer of verses. From it We perceived the fragrance of thy love. We have sent thee a Tablet whereby the horizons have been illumined. Blessed is he whom clamor hath not deterred from turning toward the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and blessed is the strong one who hath cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of Lords.

That which hath enraptured the denizens of the most exalted Paradise hath been sent down, yet most of the people are wrapped in heedlessness and error. They have forsaken their God, clinging to their desires. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are reckoned before God, the Lord of the Day of Return, as among the people of the Fire. They awaited the Day of God, yet when it appeared with truth they turned away from it and committed that which hath caused the Tablet to lament, and behind it all the pens.

When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of utterance from thy Lord's Tablet, say:

> "My God, my God! I testify that Thy grace hath preceded me, Thy mercy hath preceded me, and Thy light hath encompassed me. How many a day didst Thou call out to Thy servant from the most exalted horizon while he remained silent in Thy remembrance, and how many a night didst Thou turn toward him while he was heedless of Thee. I beseech Thee, O Fashioner of the world and Educator of the nations, Who art seated upon Thy most great throne, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the books of the world shall mislead me nor the doubts of the nations cause me to slip. O Lord! Thou seest the stranger draw nigh unto the precincts of Thy mercy, the sinner seek the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the feeble one the kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which I desire from the sea of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy bestowals. Thou art He to Whose generosity, grace, might and power the realities of all created things and the tongues of all beings have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient, and Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Then make me, O my God, a standard among the standards of Thy protection and a banner among the banners of Thy victory, that I may aid Thee through wisdom and utterance, through deeds and character. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful."

BH03140: The soul that hath today delivered itself from all…

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

The soul that hath today delivered itself from all that which belongeth unto men hath attained unto one of the pearls of the ocean of divine bounty. No praise can attain unto this station, for all praise is bounded by the limitations of souls, while this station is exalted above all mention and description, and in its primary aspect and supreme state is sanctified from all enumeration.

Praise be to God! Thou hast quaffed from the wine of utterance in the name of the Best-Beloved of all worlds. This is that same wine that hath been sealed from eternity and hidden from all beings. In this most great Revelation, the finger of divine will hath broken its seal and proclaimed: Come ye, come ye, O people of Baha! Come ye, come ye, O companions of the Crimson Ark! Come ye, come ye, O friends of God, with pure hearts, unto the most exalted horizon!

When thou hast been blessed with My call and the traces of My pen, say: My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath set me ablaze, remoteness from Thee hath seized my spirit, and distance from the precincts of Thy nearness is my greatest enemy. I beseech Thee, O Thou at Whose call the near ones hastened to the seat of sacrifice to offer up their souls in Thy path, and through the sweet savors of Whose utterance in the kingdom of Thy glory were the hearts of the sincere ones enraptured, to make me in all conditions attracted to Thy verses, enkindled with the fire of Thy sacred Tree, moved by Thy will, and speaking that which draweth the people nigh unto the court of Thy companionship.

O Lord! Withhold not from those who seek Thee the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from those who love Thee the precincts of Thy nearness. Thou art He at Whose call the dwellers of the graves arose, the trumpet was sounded, and that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and preserved in the treasury of Thy protection was made manifest. I beseech Thee not to disappoint Thy servant of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

O Lord! Aid me to remember Thee amongst Thy servants with wisdom and utterance, and to teach Thy Cause amidst all religions. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all things, by Thy bounty and power to manifest through me that which will cause the standards of Thy mention and praise to be raised aloft, and through which that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book may be spread abroad. Thou art, verily, the Strong, the Powerful, and worthy to grant all entreaties.

BH03587: O Nabil! Upon thee be the glory of thy…

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing!

O Nabil! Upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the Exalted! On this glorious and wondrous day, Ali-Qabl-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, hath spread a feast and invited those who circle round. At this moment, the one named Jud, upon him be my glory, made mention of thee and acted on thy behalf that which hath been the hope of those near unto God. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee. Verily, bounty is in His hands and generosity is

in His mighty grasp. He ordaineth as He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We, from this most mighty and most glorious station, send Our greetings unto thy children whom We have mentioned before. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

O Muhammad-Ismail! Previously the pearls of mention were received from the ocean of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds and were sent to thee. Blessed art thou and blessed are His successful servants.

O Ni'matu'llah! The true bounty and heavenly food hath been and is that which was sent down from the heaven of God's will. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto it. I counsel thee to preserve that which hath been bestowed. Verily He is the Forgiver, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Abdu'l-Ali! Make My call a wing for thyself and soar therewith in the atmosphere of My exalted and glorious love. And if thou desirest, make it a fortress for thyself to protect thee from the evil of the oppressors who have denied God's proof and His evidence, and turned away from the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Abdu'l-Ali! We, from this station, send Our greetings to thy mother and give her the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded existence both seen and unseen. We beseech God to assist His male and female servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Hearer, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The glory from Us be upon thee, O Nabil, and upon those who are with thee, both male and female. Verily thy Lord is the Single, the One, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

BH07115: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! All created…

He is God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! All created things testify to Thy unity and the sanctity of Thy Being, and all contingent beings bear witness to Thy grandeur and bounty. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy love which Thou hast made the cause of the appearance of Thy creation, and by Thy Books which Thou hast made the means for the guidance of Thy servants and their preservation through Thy grace and generosity, to ordain for Thy Afnan that which shall gladden his eyes and the eyes of Thy sincere ones and them that love Thee. O Lord! Thou seest him standing firm in Thy service, uttering Thy praise, and taking up his station in Thy presence.

Make his deeds, O my God, a treasure for him with Thee, and grant him the blessing of meeting Thee in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Send unto him, day after day, the sweet savors of Thy remembrance and utterance. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He pleaseth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! Send down upon my other Afnan mercy from Thy presence and grace from Thy court. Verily, Thou art the Most Generous of the generous, and the Most Merciful of them that show mercy.

BH09138: O Ali! The world is perfumed with the fragrance…

He is God!

O Ali! The world is perfumed with the fragrance of the divine utterance and is engaged, with the utmost joy and ecstasy, in glorification and praise. We beseech the True One to cause His servants to attain unto that which even inanimate objects have attained. Glory be to God! The word of acceptance and good-pleasure hath wrought strange and wondrous transformations in the world. Through the word of acceptance, an earthen House became the Point of Adoration for the world and a black stone became the object of devotion for all peoples. His power hath at all times manifested that which is the greatest cause for assurance and faith. Blessed is he who hath seen with true vision and heard with true hearing the Call of God from the Prison of Akka. He is indeed among the triumphant ones in this resplendent station. O ʿAli! Praise be to the King of existence, that thou art mentioned in His presence and known by Him.

BH10931: O Spirit of God! The Most Great Spirit hath…

He is the All-Seeing!

O Spirit of God! The Most Great Spirit hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and remembereth thee with that which its fragrance shall never pass away, by virtue of the eternity of My Kingdom and the permanence of My Dominion. When thou findest and knowest this, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Ocean of Bounty, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having manifested me and caused me to speak, in my earliest days, with Thy remembrance and Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH10972: O Mustafa! Upon thee be the glory of God…

He is God!

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings. Take thou a cup of My choice-sealed wine, then drink thereof in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto thy Lord and cause thee to enter the pavilion of knowledge, wisdom and utterance. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who bestoweth this mighty favor and Who giveth to drink of this most pure Kawthar. When thou hast attained unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Ocean of Bounty, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names!

BH11170: O thou who art dear to God! We have…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the grace and the favors.

O thou who art dear to God! We have remembered thee, and in this hour, verily, My remembrance thou seest at times like unto the sun shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace, and at other times like the water of life for them that are enchanted with love of the All-Merciful, and at times thou beholdest it walking before My loved ones—it is the Most Great Protection for the preservation of him whom God hath willed, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH11156: O Badi’, verily the Ancient One makes mention…

He is the One Who dominates all names!

O Badi', verily the Ancient One makes mention of thee in His presence as a token of God's grace and bounty and as an evidence of His generosity and mercy. We have been with you in all conditions and heard from you that which testified to your sincerity and humility and your remembrance and praise. Blessed are you and those who love you for My sake, the straight and manifest path.

BH11354: O Valiy! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness…

He is the All-Hearing

O Valiy! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Verily My glance from My horizon hath turned towards you, and the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet as a bounty unto you. Say: Glory be to Him, the Holy One, our Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat.

BH01669: O Zayn, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness!…

He is the Speaker from the Supreme Horizon!

O Zayn, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The souls mentioned have attained unto the signs of divine bounty and heavenly favor. The names of all servants have been and are mentioned before the Countenance. This is a covenant about which We spoke before. Verily He fulfilleth His promise, there is no God but Him, the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

Mention thou on behalf of the Wronged One Jinab-i-Husayn. Verily We mentioned him before that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. He and the other loved ones have attained unto the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. Give them glad tidings from Me.

Each of the souls whom Jinab-i-Mulla Baqir, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, mentioned has attained unto the mention of God, exalted be His glory. The ocean of bounty is surging, the sun of generosity is shining, and the heaven of munificence is upraised. Blessed are they who attain!

We make mention at this time of him who is named Nuru'llah and give him glad tidings of the mention of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Nuru'llah, rejoice in My mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And We make mention of him who is named Ja'far that the mention may attract him to a station wherein naught in the world shall prevent him from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having mentioned me in the prison and manifested unto me Thy Cause and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Goal of them that know Thee.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad that he may thank God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Hear thou the call of the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. Verily He hath borne tribulations for the salvation of all on earth. Every discerning one beareth witness unto this. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn unto Thee. I testify that Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

And We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli with verses that all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and mentioned me in Thy great prison.

O Ibn-i-Mahmud! Hear the call of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Verily He hath mentioned thee in His praiseworthy station which God hath made the point of adoration of the Concourse on High and the Dawning-Place of His Cause in what was and what will be. When thou hearest My call and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say: May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy prison, O Thou Wronged Stranger! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested what was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of existence.

And We make mention of all My loved ones and give them glad tidings of the mercy of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. O loved ones of God! By God, the Truth is with you, but most of the people are heedless. Ye have arisen in the love of God and His remembrance, but most of the people understand not. Leave them in their vain imaginings, placing your trust in God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal.

And We make mention of My handmaidens there in this exalted station. Verily We give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and His bounty that hath encompassed existence. O My handmaiden Hajar! Thy name hath come before the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee with that which shall never perish as long as the kingdom and the heavenly realm endure. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Mention from which the near ones inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

And We make mention of My handmaiden Begum and give her glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for her at this time from the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then remember thy Lord at eventide and dawn.

The glory from Us be upon the loved ones of God and His friends, and upon His handmaidens who have believed and attained when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. We bear witness that they are among the triumphant men and women in My [destined] Tablet.

O Zayn! Loving-kindness appeareth and is visible as the sun. Ask thou of God that He may make the servants ready for the recognition of the Luminary of Truth and the Ocean of Verses. That one should write replies to the letters of some of the attaining souls. The Most Exalted Pen moveth by night and day. We beseech God that He may enable His servants to drink of that which floweth and streameth from its fountain. The Command is in His hand and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH02639: Knowest thou toward what direction thou hast turned? He…

He is the True, the Faithful!

Knowest thou toward what direction thou hast turned? He Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, will acquaint thee therewith. Thou hast turned toward Him Whom all directions have denied, save such as God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. Thou hast faced Him from Whom all creatures have turned aside, except those whom God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath desired.

Dost thou know toward Whom thou hast shown love? I shall make it clear unto thee, that thou mayest attain unto clear certitude. Thou hast loved Him Whose hatred hath filled the scrolls of the world, as every discerning one doth testify. By the glory of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne! None can truly hold fast unto My cord unless he be detached from all else besides Me. Then will his soul confess, and his tongue utter, that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His glorious and wondrous station.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, sent by one of My Afnan who hath loved God and was immersed in the ocean of His knowledge while people were in great hatred, and who drank the choice wine of reunion time and again, and the Kawthar of meeting from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me assured of Thy Manifestation and for having caused me to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. Were it not for Thy grace, who would deliver me from the pit of idle fancies and the sea of vain imaginings? I testify that through Thy bounty Thou didst save me, and didst make known unto me Thy path, and didst guide me to Thy momentous Announcement, whereby hearts and minds were shaken, except for those whom the hand of Thy favor had seized—a grace from Thy presence. I testify that Thou didst remember me when I was heedless of Thy remembrance and praise and of Thy manifestation among Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion to make me steadfast and firm in Thy love, such that the doubts of those who have turned away from Thee and denied Thy most great signs and the evidences of Thy power in the realm of creation shall not cause me to slip. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We make mention at this moment of him who was named Muhammad-ʿAli and give him the glad-tidings of God's grace, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God, exalted be He, to draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions and to make him attracted by His verses, holding fast unto His cord and clinging to His luminous hem.

Blessed are they who have attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen in My days, and unto whom hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will the word of forgiveness. By My life! A single letter thereof cannot be equaled by the treasures of kings and sovereigns. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know Thee and the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH04492: The ocean of utterance hath been stirred…

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

The ocean of utterance hath been stirred by the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, He hath appeared and brought forth from the treasury of knowledge the pearls of wisdom and understanding. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of the ignorant ones. Say: All the books of the world cannot compare with that which hath been sent down from His presence. To this beareth witness the Ancient King in His glorious and wondrous station.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One time and again, and We have heard the yearning and lamentation of thy heart, and have found in every letter the fragrance of turning, humility and lowliness before the Manifestation of God, the Mighty, the Great. We bear witness that thou art standing at the gate of grandeur and present before the Throne, hearkening to the shrill voice of the Pen and gazing toward the horizon of God's loving-kindness, the Beloved of those who know. We beseech God that through thy remembrance and supplication He may raise up servants in the earth. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Soon shall appear that which God, the Peerless, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath ordained. Were We to lift the veil, thou wouldst witness the people circling round the will of thy Lord, Who ruleth over all that are in the heavens and on earth.

O My Afnan! Thou art of Us—these are words that have appeared from the Hidden Treasure stored within My Most Exalted Pen. This station shall soon appear like the sun from the horizon of heaven. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the Faithful One. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon My Afnan who are with thee and who love thee and obey what thou biddest them in this mighty and wondrous Cause.

BH04784: The Wronged One was walking in the house…

He is the One Who watches over His loved ones.

The Wronged One was walking in the house and gazing upon things and the mysteries of the Revelation concealed within them. One of My Branches presented himself and We bade him read thy letter. After hearing it, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names turned toward thee from the prison and revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of utterance throughout contingent being and the sweet-scent of the All-Merciful amidst all religions. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Wronged One and testified to that which God Himself hath testified—that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having heard my call and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having answered me with that which hath shed abroad the fragrance of Thy loving care and grace. O Lord! Adorn my heart with the seal of servitude unto God and my breast with the word "sovereignty belongeth to the Sovereign." O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord of all being! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Self-Subsisting Name not to disappoint me of Thy sealed wine, and by Thy Name the All-Bountiful not to deny me the outpourings of the Day of Return. O Lord! Thou seest the drop seeking the ocean of Thy grace and the atom the sun of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the mysteries that lay hidden in Thy knowledge to forgive me through Thy generosity and bounty and to ordain for me that which shall cause me to attain unto the word of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH05232: O Mazhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

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

O Mazhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. Today the hidden mystery is manifest and visible in the Most Great Countenance, and nearer than the twinkling of an eye is the gathering and dispersal before the faces of men, resplendent. The Lord of the Day of Reckoning is seated upon the throne of revelation, and with one exalted word the reckoning of the first and the last has reached its end. The utterance of the Goal of all the worlds was the balance of truth, and it weighed all things: some He dealt with through justice, and others through grace. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He shall not be asked of His doings.

O Shaykh! The Day is the Day of God, and all are commanded to render assistance, and assistance is through hosts; however, in this Revelation wisdom and utterance have been and are the helpers of His Cause, and all are commanded to these. We beseech God that He may strengthen thee and designate thee as one of the standards of His Cause. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: My God, my God! Thy grace hath encompassed me, and Thy mercy hath preceded me, and Thy call hath awakened me, and Thy command hath raised me up, and the light of Thy countenance hath guided me to Thy Most Great Path. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to assist me to serve Thy Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH05580: O friends of God in Kaf and Kaf! Hearken…

He is the Dawning from the Horizon of Utterance

O friends of God in Kaf and Kaf! Hearken with your inner ears to the divine call. He is the Protector, He is the Helper, and He is the Succourer. Today, the denizens of the highest paradise are those souls who have sanctified their hearts from the doubts and vain imaginings of the world's peoples and have illumined their breasts with the light of recognition. These are the people of Baha—every Book speaks of their mention and recalls their station. Today the Divine Lote Tree has, from the most exalted horizon, sent choice new and delicate fruits especially for the friends in those regions, that all may attain the divine bounty and partake of the heavenly feast. Its fruits have been and are His verses, which in every time are manifest and visible from the treasury of His knowledge.

We beseech God to aid all who are on earth to that which befits His Day. Say: O our God, our Goal, and our Beloved! We are Thy servants and Thy creation. We have held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and have turned to the horizon of Thy grace. We beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge to aid us to be steadfast in Thy Cause, lest the doubts of the deniers and the hints of the barking ones cause us to slip. O Lord! Have mercy upon us through Thy generosity, then forgive us through Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Munificent, the Generous, and within Thy grasp is the control of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH05492: In My Name, the Protector over all names

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This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One on this Day wherein the Herald proclaims: The Kingdom belongs to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. Say: O concourse of divines! Where is the phrase “may God hasten His advent” and where are your supplications and prayers for His appearance and manifestation? Be fair, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Ye have pronounced judgment against Him through Whose name your stations were exalted and your ordinances encompassed all and your commands were executed. By the life of God! Ye have committed that which hath caused the fruits and trees and leaves to lament in God’s most exalted Paradise, while ye remain heedless.

Soon shall ye behold the recompense of your deeds. Your appointed time is the pitch-dark night, and it is near, did ye but perceive it. Say thou: My God, my God! I disavow their deeds and actions and whatsoever hath proceeded from their mouths. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of all peoples, by Thy Most Great Name through which the gates of knowledge and wisdom were opened to all who are in Thy heaven and earth, and the ocean of understanding surged in the contingent world through Thy bounty and generosity, to forgive me and ordain for this servant of Thine that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

BH06367: O ʿAbdu’l-Hamid! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the Hearer from His Most Exalted Horizon

O ʿAbdu’l-Hamid! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. Rejoice within thyself and give thyself the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Verily the Most Great Ocean desired to send thee from the shells of His bounty the pearls of loving-kindness and favors. By the life of God! No mention or utterance can equal this Word. Verily it is as the sun among all mentions, to which My Manifest Book beareth witness.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We found from it the fragrance of thy love for God, the Goal of them that know, and every word thereof testified to thy clinging to the hem of the robe of thy Lord’s mercy, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. We beseech God to make thee a standard of His Name amongst His servants, and through thee to draw people nigh unto Him and guide them to His straight path. We sent thee aforetime that which remindeth the servants of the signs of God, the King, the True One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou speaking with an utterance whereby the tongues of the world will speak, and arise to serve the Cause with such arising whereby every doubting sitter will arise. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon My loved ones there who have cast aside all else save Me and have held fast unto My strong and mighty cord.

BH07209: The verses have been sent down and the clear…

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

The verses have been sent down and the clear tokens have appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Resurrection hath come to pass and the Hour hath struck, yet the people are in evident doubt. How many a ruler hath been prevented from attaining the presence of the Countenance, and how many a poor one hath attained and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know!” Blessed is the servant who hath today hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, and woe unto him who hath denied His Manifestation and disputed His verses—he is accounted among the idolaters in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Fear God, O people, and deny not Him Who hath come with the hosts of divine revelation and inspiration from the horizon of your Lord’s decree, the All-Speaking, the All-Seeing. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, when the Wronged One was in His mighty prison.

We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause and to grant thee victory in this Day wherein the seal of the Choice Wine hath been broken by the finger of the Almighty. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every steadfast, firm one.

BH07145: God, the Lord of the worlds, bears witness…

He is the One Who speaks before the faces of all!

God, the Lord of the worlds, bears witness that the Promise has come and the Promised One has appeared with manifest sovereignty. He has ordained the laws and sent down the Book and made manifest His straight Path. He has spoken before all faces and informed all of the Great News. Blessed art thou for having desired that which is praiseworthy in the days of thy Lord, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

When the shrill voice of My Pen attracted thee and thou didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and for having made me recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by them who soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and spent what they possessed for the exaltation of Thy Word and the hearkening unto Thy Cause, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness.

Then I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all being and the All-Compelling over the seen and unseen, to ordain for my mention an influence from Thee and a power from Thy presence, that it may guide Thy servants to Thy Most Great Path and draw them nigh unto Thy Most Mighty Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07176: We have sent down the verses and manifested…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and sent down from the heaven of utterance the table of divine knowledge. Blessed is he who has attained and woe unto the heedless. Today the heavenly table is being sent down at every moment and bounty is descending from the heaven

of generosity like a copious rain. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most great gift and have drunk from the sealed wine with the name of God, exalted be His glory. In this wine are concealed effects and hidden wisdoms. It sanctifies existence from all else save God and at every moment increases one's love for Him. It causes man to attain to such a station that he sees naught save God and regards all else as non-existent and null. This is of the bounty of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. You have ever been and continue to be remembered in the Holy Court. Through His grace, preserve this most great bounty and keep it hidden from the thieves and the treacherous. Thus has the Pen spoken while the Wronged One was in a mighty fortress and manifest prison.

BH07488: In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

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

The Divine Lote-Tree desires to send unto thee a fruit from among Its fruits, and a leaf from among Its leaves, and a remembrance from among Its remembrances, that It may draw thee closer, in all conditions, to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. When thou attainest unto this, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of earth and heaven, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and caused me to hear Thy call from the direction of Thy prison, and honored mine eyes with beholding the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy verses and Thy clear proofs, and by the rustling of Thy Lote-Tree and Its fruits and leaves and branches, to aid me to perform such deeds as shall diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. This is my purpose and the purpose of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, before and after. Thou hast previously attained unto the Divine Tablet. In these days thy mention hath repeatedly been made in the presence of the Wronged One. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee time and again. We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Book. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

BH08123: O my Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O my Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy bounty and awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation to make me content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me through Thy generosity and prescribed for me through Thy grace. By Thy might, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations! My tongue desireth naught save Thy mention and praise, my heart loveth naught save Thy love and nearness, and mine eyes choose naught save to behold the horizon of Thy Revelation and the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee, O Creator of all things, to ordain for me that which I have desired from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bestowal. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one hath turned toward the ocean of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by Thy grace not to disappoint him. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH09078: O Isma'il, upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Isma'il, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support! The fire of separation from Thee hath consumed me, and Thy remoteness and absence hath destroyed me. I know not, O my God, whether Thou didst create me for Thy remembrance or for Thy torment. If Thou didst create me for Thy remembrance and praise and for recognition of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, then strengthen me that I may arise to serve Thee amongst Thy servants and to praise and glorify Thee before the faces of Thy creation. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. By Thy glory! I am content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me through Thy decree and destiny, for I testify that Thou art praised in Thy doings and obeyed in Thy command. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09170: O my leaf and O my handmaiden! Today it…

In the Name of the Desire of the World!

O my leaf and O my handmaiden! Today it befitteth the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree to make mention and offer praise unto God, exalted be His glory. Each of the leaves of the Ultimate Lote-Tree is engaged in a different remembrance and uttereth a different praise. The declaration of each one is "God hath come with manifest sovereignty" and the remembrance of each one is "Blessed are they that have attained!" O leaf! With the hand of trust, take fast hold of His cord and grasp His luminous hem. Beseech God that He deprive not His leaves of the call of the Divine Lote-Tree and cause all to attain unto that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance and the source of eternal life. O my God, my God! Withhold not this handmaiden from the heaven of Thy bounty and deprive her not of the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH08661: Today and always, the highest adornment for the women…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

Today and always, the highest adornment for the women of the earth hath been the blessed word "O My Handmaiden." Every handmaiden who attaineth unto this word is recorded as one of the denizens of the highest Paradise in God's Book. Blessed is the handmaiden who attaineth unto it and unto the chastity which God hath made the ornament of His accepted handmaidens.

Say: My God, my God! I render thanks unto Thee for having remembered Thy handmaiden in the Most Great Prison and for having revealed for her that which no mention among mentions can equal. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation, to aid Thy male and female servants in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

BH09906: ʿAyn, Lam. Say: My God, my God! Praise be…

He is the Speaker, the Hearer!

ʿAyn, Lam. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me appear in the days of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and for having caused me to hear Thy call from the precincts of Thy prison. I beseech Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know and Beloved of the sincere ones, by Thy Name through which Thou didst abase the standards of the idolaters, to make me pure in my love for Thee, speaking forth Thy praise, and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. O my Lord! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy giving. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH10086: O Safar! Thy name hath been mentioned…

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

O Safar! Thy name hath been mentioned in the Most Great Scene, and We have remembered thee in a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the light of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Compassionate. When thou attainest unto it, say:

> "My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned with my heart, my outward being and my inward being toward Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy grace, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy bounty and generosity, and by Thy sovereignty wherewith Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy servants, to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great."

BH09739: My God, my God! Nearness to Thee is my…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of divine utterance.

My God, my God! Nearness to Thee is my hope, and to stand before Thy presence is my desire, and to hearken to the flowing of Thy Pen is my wish, and to appear before the throne of Thy justice is the ultimate goal of my purpose. I beseech Thee, O Light of the world and Illuminator of the nations, by the Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which Thou hast destined for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones, who were so carried away by the breathings of Thy Revelation that they hastened to the place of sacrifice in their longing to attain Thy presence. Thou seest, O my God, the hands of hope upraised to the heaven of Thy bounty, and eyes expectant of the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for me in all conditions that which will draw me nearer unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

BH10738: O Yavar, upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

O Yavar, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power! Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy Manifestation, to make me one of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have drunk the choice wine of recognition from the hand of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH00253: This is a day of separation and likewise…

Section 1: "This is a day of separation and likewise…"

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

This is a day of separation and likewise a time of reunion, sometimes union is manifest and at times separation. Imaginary realities and frozen entities are, in themselves, clinging to ancient tales and holding fast to suspicions and vain imaginings. No trace of the Water of Life appeared in those souls, and it yielded no fruit. "And for the wrongdoers We desire nothing but loss." A single meaningless word deprives a party from the ocean of inner meanings, for the nature of earthworms lies hidden therein. Every person of insight is bewildered as to why people cannot distinguish between the sun and its shadow. Greatness belongeth unto God! Power belongeth unto God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne!

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter was received and the fragrance of musk was diffused therefrom, for it was adorned with the mention of the Goal of the world's peoples and embellished with remembrances of His loved ones. After reading and reviewing it, it was taken to the Most Exalted Horizon and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining the honor of His listening ear. At that moment the Tongue of Grandeur spoke verses whose fragrance perfumed the world and whose light of utterance illumined all possibility. God is Most Great! How lofty is the Cause and at what level are the claimants! In any case, after the appearance of the effulgences of the Orb of favors and grace, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses, blessed and exalted be His words:

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

O thou who art mentioned in My presence! Great is the Cause and great is the Day. We beseech God to aid all to do that which beseemeth His Day. At every moment there hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance that which no ear hath ever heard the like of, and there hath appeared that which no eye hath ever seen the like of. O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! At every moment precious pearls appear from the treasury of the Pen of the Lord of the Day of Judgment, but those who can distinguish are missing and unseen. Croaking and hypocrisy have deprived the horizons of the light of unity. The manifestations of negation have, in the name of affirmation, prevented the world from the lights of the Sun of true oneness. The condition of the servants is evident—for years they have drunk from the cup of vain imaginings and have reached maturity at the breast of idle fancies. Assuredly they were not and are not worthy to draw near to the Most Great Ocean. They are familiar with buzzing and flee from the cooing of the doves of the supreme Paradise.

My God, my God! I testify that Thy Most Great Name hath illumined all created things with the lights of its utterance. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear signs, and by Thy power that hath encompassed existence both seen and unseen, to aid Thy servants to justice and fairness and to hearkening unto what Thou hast sent down from the kingdom of Thy grace and the dominion of Thy utterance. O Lord! This is a day that hath preceded all centuries and ages, wherein the ocean of Thy bounty hath surged and the fragrances of Thy mercy have wafted. Disappoint not Thy servants through Thy generosity and munificence. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God! The bounty of the True One, exalted be His glory, toward that spiritual friend is evident and manifest. At this time, being Sunday the third of Muharram al-Haram, the letter of that spiritual friend was honored to be heard in the Most Holy Court, and this response was immediately revealed from the Most Exalted Horizon. All atoms testify to His grace and all created things bear witness to His favor.

The opposers and hypocrites have clung to calumnies at which the world of justice stands bewildered. That which was revealed from the Supreme Pen they have falsely attributed to others. The Kitab-i-Iqan, which was specifically revealed for His Holiness the Afnan, the honored Uncle, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, and wherein the journey and migration of the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, is mentioned, they have denied—while equivalent to all the heavenly books from the Bayan and before it, nay rather more, exists. Nevertheless, they have said that which no deceiver has uttered. The verses themselves testify to their distinction, and according to the words of the Primal Point Himself, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, Who declares that all the Bayan cannot equal one of His verses. However, O My loved one, it requires a true champion and a spiritual lion to grasp this blessed verse and to behold all else but God as non-existent.

The misleader Dowlat-Abadi, who is known by the name of Hadi, has raised the standard of hypocrisy and has newly intended to build a second Jabulqa and Jabulsa. May the True One, exalted be His glory, protect the helpless servants. Verily, He has power over all things. This evanescent servant and that spiritual friend must supplicate the True One day and night not to allow these poor ones to be afflicted anew with the well of vain imaginings. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The names mentioned in the letter of that spiritual friend were presented before the face of the Lord of Eternity, and specifically for each one was revealed that which speaks of God's grace, bounty and mercy.

This is that which hath been revealed for Jinab-i-Mirza Muḥammad-Ḥusayn of Ardabil—upon him be the glory of God. He, exalted and glorified be He, saith:

In the Name of the Compassionate, the Generous One

O Muhammad! Hearken before Husayn to the cry of the wronged with the ear of the spirit! Today doth the ocean of divine knowledge give utterance through this blessed and most exalted Word. O My loved ones! The croaking of the ravens is raised from every quarter, and the treacherous lie in ambush. Blessed is the soul that hath quaffed from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and hath been made to partake of the Great Steadfastness. He is the knight in the arena of wisdom and utterance. From the True One do We beseech that He may confirm thee and illuminate thee with the light of true Unity. He is the Commander and He is the All-Powerful.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mirza Mihdi of Ardabil, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The calumniators have laid hold on that which the ears of the world have never heard the like thereof. Among other things they have said that whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of divine will in this spiritual Day hath been taken from the Bayan. Glory be to God! The difference between the Pleiades and the dust is manifest. By the life of God! Were the First Point in My presence, He would transcribe My verses and send them forth unto all regions. Blessed are the souls that have not been deprived by the croaking of the ravens from the Luminary of the horizons, and who cleave fast unto the cord of steadfastness. O Mihdi! Render praise unto Him Who is the Desire of the world, Who hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mashhadi ʿAli of Urumiyyih, upon him be the Glory of God.

In the Name of the Mighty, the Beloved

O Ali! The clamorous ones are repeating words of old, clinging anew to names while remaining deprived and forbidden from their Creator and Originator. Glory be to God! The Cause is more manifest than the sun, and its call more exalted than ocean waves and the whistling of winds. Yet eyes are seen to be deprived and ears forbidden. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and taken up the cup before the faces of all peoples, drinking in the name of the Lord of all beings, to the dismay of those who have denied the Source and the Return. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath held fast to My strong cord and My mighty announcement.

This was revealed for Asadu'llah-i-Mamaqani, upon him be the glory of God.

He is the Manifest and He is the Hidden.

O Asadu'llah! The opposers of the Cause are seen to be more lost than the previous faction. Say: O opposers! He was sleeping when the hands of grace and favor awakened Him, He was seated when the Will of God, the Lord of Lords, caused Him to arise, and He was silent when He was made to speak that which drew to Him the people of the cities of wisdom and utterance. What hath appeared is not from Him but from God, the Lord of all worlds. Fear God, O people, and oppose Him not, neither deny Him Whom they mention day and night. Return unto your Lord, verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

This was revealed for Hasan-i-Mamaqani, upon him be the glory of God.

He is the One warbling upon the branches.

O Hasan! Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the Word of God. The idolaters have slipped from the path and have failed to perceive the fragrance of revelation wafting in the divine days. They are deprived of true knowledge and forbidden from the effulgences of the Sun of divine oneness. All the souls mentioned should read what hath been revealed in these Tablets from the Supreme Pen and partake of the Kawthar of the most great bounty that lieth hidden within the words of the Ancient of Days. Blessed

art thou for having attained unto the traces of My Pen, and blessed is he who hath heard My call and acted according to that which hath been revealed in My mighty Book.

This was revealed for Mulla Abdu'l-Majid-i-Nayshaburi, upon him be the glory of God.

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Abdu'l-Majid! What oppression could be greater than this: that He sheltered a soul for years beneath the canopies of grandeur, such that not a single blow touched him in this Cause, and then, through the enticement of a vile one, he heedlessly arose against the Wronged One. And when his inner thoughts were revealed, this Wronged One chose another house and departed, while he and his children and dependents remained safe and sound, and still live. Yet heedless souls have uttered that which no ear hath heard, attributing injustice to the Dayspring of Justice and the Dawning-place of fairness. Without His presence they slew the Dayyan and called Him the source of all evil, and committed that which caused the Most Exalted Paradise to wail and lament.

It seems as though modesty and shame were never created in such heedless souls. O Pen! Leave mention of this and say: O Abdu'l-Majid! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord. He will verily assist thee through His command, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Purify the people with the water flowing from the Most Exalted Pen, and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My will and the atmosphere of My desire. Verily thy Lord is He Who dominates what was and what will be. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and oppose not Him through Whom ye were promised in the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Be fair in God's Cause and His manifestation, and be not of those who witness the clear proofs yet turn away from them, who hear the verses yet deny them. If ye oppose Him Who hath appeared with the truth, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Fear God and be not of those who pronounce judgment against God, the Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from His praiseworthy station. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of revelation from this preserved chalice and this sealed vessel.

Section 2: "This was revealed for His Honour Mirza Muhammad…"

This was revealed for His Honour Mirza Muhammad of Shahrud, upon him be the Glory of God:

He Who gazeth from the Most Exalted Horizon

O Muhammad! This Wronged One, at all times and in all conditions, summoned the people to the Self-Subsisting Lord. And when the Cause became manifest and We chose not concealment and flight, We were repeatedly cast into prison, sometimes with chains and fetters and sometimes without. And in the land of Mim befell what tongue and utterance are powerless to describe. The point is that no abasement or tribulation prevented this Wronged One from proclaiming the Cause. And when the sun of the Cause had somewhat risen, the idolaters emerged from their hiding places and made for this station. The knowledge is with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Ask of God to grant fairness and bestow

steadfastness, that they may not be deprived of the Known through the unknown, nor be barred from that which is with God through that which is with them.

But this matter is very difficult, for the hearts of the servants are inclined and attached to vain imaginings. For thirteen hundred years they waited, and when their Goal appeared they pronounced death sentence upon Him. From pulpits in mosques they prided themselves in mentioning the Successor, while they slew His Creator and know it not. Take heed and be of the discerning. O Muhammad! Praise be to God, thou hast heard the Call. Now steadfastness is needed. The Cause is in the hands of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This was revealed for His Honour Haji Muhammad of Khidr, upon him be the Glory of God:

He Who is established upon the throne of utterance

O Muhammad! Ahmad was a Guide to the Path and Bearer of Proof, yet they denied him and chose rejection over acceptance, complaint over thanksgiving. At last the command of emigration was revealed, and after that the command of the sword appeared. The water of the sword cleansed the dust of the world and adorned the face of the earth. This caused rejection to be transformed into acceptance, and denial into acknowledgment. In this Most Great Revelation these matters have been lifted—victory hath been ordained through deeds and character, and through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. This is from God's way in this Revelation, and thou shalt find no change or alteration in His way. That soul must, with complete steadfastness, assist the Cause through the hosts of divine character on this Day of Separation. We beseech God to confirm thee and enable thee to achieve that which will exalt His Word.

This was revealed for Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Speaking One

O Husayn! This Wronged One is afflicted in the hands of enemies. All the peoples of the world are seen to be in opposition, and the people of the Bayan have joined them, although We have spoken naught save that which God hath willed, and through the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen have summoned all to the Most Glorious Horizon. The fault of this Wronged One hath been the revelation of verses, the manifestation of proofs, and the vindication of the Cause. We beseech God that He withhold not eyes from beholding and deliver them from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings. He is the Almighty, He is the Powerful. Glory be to God! They seek to prove the Cause through a drop while remaining heedless of the ocean, clinging to a leaf while deprived of the Tree. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him when most people turned away, and for having acknowledged Him when those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, denied Him.

This was revealed for Muhammad Karim, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the Sanctified from all Names

O Karim! Say: My God, my God! Disappoint me not of the wonders of Thy mercy, the manifestations of Thy grace and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one turning wholly unto Thee, seeking from Thee steadfastness in Thy Most Great Announcement whereby the hearts of the

nations were struck with consternation. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, circling round Thy Will, and desiring that which Thy Will hath desired in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest the servants mired in the clay of doubts and idle fancies. Take their hands with the hands of Thy power and deliver them from that which beseemeth not Thee and Thy days. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, Whom no earthly might nor the ascendancy of the nations can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This was revealed for Abdul-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful

O Abdul-Rahim! Praise be to God, thou hast heard and attained unto that for which thou wast created, and thy tongue hath been enabled to confess that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. The sealed wine is the utterance of the Self-Subsisting Lord, and the proof of His Revelation and His arising before the faces of the peoples. Beseech God that He deprive not His servants. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink of Thy Sealed Wine from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Revelation, Thy arising, Thy sitting, Thy remembrance, Thy speech and Thy silence, to make me steadfast in the service of Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

A hundred thousand thanks unto the Desired One of all worlds Who hath revealed for each of the aforementioned names that which its fragrance hath encompassed the worlds of the seen and unseen. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to graciously aid them to hearken unto that which hath been revealed, and likewise to strengthen them that they may quaff from the Kawthar of utterance that lieth concealed and treasured within the words. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

At this moment the Tongue of Grandeur hath turned toward the ultimate goal, speaking these sublime words, glorified be His utterance: O ʿAli-Akbar! The purpose of this Wronged One in bearing tribulations and trials, and revealing verses and manifesting evidences throughout the days and nights, was that the fire of malice and hatred which blazeth in the hearts of the various factions due to their differences might be quenched by the Kawthar of divine counsel. However, souls who were thought to be helpers of the Cause arose in opposition, among them Yahya. God is My witness, and earth and heaven bear testimony, that I reared and protected him through the nights and days. At last, through the temptation of a certain soul, he appeared as a serpent.

When he found no opportunity and what lay in his heart was exposed, he resorted to deception and guile. He is like unto a viper that both biteth and gloweth. Deluded souls who are in truth unworthy of mention have clung to him. Would that they had turned to one like unto themselves. The deluded ones have taken him as their lord besides God, and they perceive it not this day. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon the names whose mention was sent down from the heaven of thy Lord’s will, the True One, the Faithful.

Glory be to God! The affairs of the deceivers and transgressors flow in improper channels. All the people of the Bayan know and bear witness that this servant was present in Iraq from the earliest days and is

aware and informed of all that transpired. None of the transgressors hath questioned this servant that what hath come to pass might be conveyed to him, though assuredly the fragrance of the word of truth is distinguishable from aught else. They have forsaken this servant and hearken to and accept whatever may be said by those who were not with the Truth and are unaware of this Cause. In this state I grasp the hem of the All-Possessing with hands of lowliness and supplication, saying: My God, my Beloved, my Adored One, my Master! I beseech Thee by Thy generosity, whereby Thou hast favored all created things and revealed unto them that which draweth them nigh unto Thee, to aid Thy servants to act with justice and fairness. O my Lord! Withhold them not from acknowledging Thee and Thy signs. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

Mention thou all the loved ones in that land as bidden, quaff from the choice wine of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds, and be free and detached from aught else. All have been and are within sight, and likewise this servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid each one to mention Him, praise Him, and serve His Cause. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you, upon those with you, upon those whose names thou didst mention, and upon every upright servant. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00601: The Tablet of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting

He is the Witness from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down, desiring naught except to attract thereby the hearts of the servants unto God in their return, to guide them to the Most Exalted Horizon, and to teach them the path of righteousness. Blessed is he who hasteneth unto the good-pleasure of God and uttereth that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered when He was established upon the Throne with power and sovereignty. The necks have bowed down before the Lord of Lords, yet the people are in a strange sleep. We have manifested that which was hidden in knowledge. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen. Woe unto every heedless denier.

We have remembered thee and revealed unto thee a Tablet which testifieth before the faces of the world that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Chosen. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. He hath remembered thee in such wise that its fragrance shall endure throughout centuries and ages. The Glory from before the Lord of Names be upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

We have turned from the Arabic tongue to the Persian. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. It bestoweth new vision upon the sight and eternal life and awareness upon the soul. Thy letter arrived and was presented at the Most Holy Court. We heard thy call and saw thy letter. Praise be to God, it was observed to be illumined and adorned with the lights of the Luminary of Divine love. We beseech God to cause the Salsabil of utterance to flow from the tongues of the loved ones, that all may attain unto eternal life through that spiritual and delicate water. The water of utterance hath a penetrating power and influence which most of the people of the world are powerless to comprehend.

This is that water concerning which He saith: “And from water We made every living thing.” We beseech God to illumine the hearts of His servants with the light of knowledge and to strengthen their limbs in such wise that neither the might of the aggressive ones nor the ascendancy of the oppressors may enfeeble them. Let them take hold of the Book with divine strength and power and adhere unto it. The letters of the Word and the words of the Book have ever been and shall ever be remembered before the Wronged One.

Blessed are ye, O children of the Friend and heirs of Him Who conversed with God! Ye have attained unto that which most of the divines of the age have failed to attain. Well is it with you for having drunk the choice wine of loving-kindness from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Bestower, the Generous. Rejoice in that God hath forgiven you at this time and purified you from transgression. Henceforth We counsel you to fear God and preserve what ye have been given by Him. He is verily the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

O son of Nasir! The honored ʿAziz’u’llah, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly mentioned the friends of Marv. We have remembered those who have attained unto the lights of knowledge with a remembrance whereby spirits have taken flight. He in Whose possession is the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. The prison-land appeareth each day in a different state. If there be delay in the sending of Tablets, it hath been and is due to the tyranny of the oppressors and the upheavals in this land, as well as the multitude of petitions that arrive from all directions. We desire to make mention of Our loved ones there, that they may rejoice in God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds.

O Isma’il! Thy name was present before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for thee from the treasuries of the Pen of the Most Merciful the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest behold and be of the thankful. This is a Day wherein the banner of proof hath been raised to the highest station and the standard of knowledge hath been uplifted upon the luminous spot on the shore of ʿAmman. God knoweth the purpose of the mystics.

We make mention of him who hath been named Moses that he may testify to that whereunto God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Beware lest the happenings of the world hold thee back from the Most Great Name, or the doubts of the heedless debar thee from My straight path. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him Who hath been wronged, when every remote oppressor and every doubtful scholar turned away from Him.

O thou who art dear to God! When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of My bounty, and My most sweet call hath drawn thee to the kingdom of Mine utterance, say:

My God, my God! How can the weak make mention of the manifestations of Thy power, and how can the feeble describe the dawning-places of Thine utterance? I beseech Thee by the power before whose revelation all things have bowed down, and by Thy knowledge which hath encompassed all created things, and by the sweetness of Thine utterance and the might of Thy will, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and upright in Thy judgment. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Mercy of God! The mercy of thy Lord hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth, and His favor hath encompassed all who are in the kingdom of His command and creation. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy path and for having sent down unto me in Thy Most Great Prison that which hath gladdened all eyes. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties and Educator of the peoples, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Elias! Behold and remember when We sent forth Him Who conversed with God with clear signs; the people turned away from Him until We helped Him through a command from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Helper of the Messengers. His rod prevailed over the swords of Pharaoh and his chiefs. Verily thy Lord is the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Rahim! Say: O concourse of the earth! The promise hath come, and that which was hidden hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath given you. The appointed time hath come, and the Sovereign of signs hath been established upon the throne and hath called all unto the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen. This is through the grace of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O Rahim! Behold and then remember when He Who conversed with God sought the ultimate goal and the supreme summit until He reached the right Valley and heard the call from the Most Glorious Tree that “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Ancient Revealer.” We sent Him unto Pharaoh and his chiefs, and there befell Him in My path that which caused the denizens of My kingdom to lament, yet most of the people were heedless. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the lights of this Day and for having turned unto God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Son of Jacob! The Light hath shone forth and the darkness hath been illumined, the Cry hath been raised and the Table hath been sent down, yet the people are in manifest loss. They have cast the rights of God behind their backs, having followed every accursed satan. Beware lest the doubts of the peoples withhold thee from the Dawning-Place of the signs of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Soon will there come unto you one who will croak; leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the Lord of the Sublime Throne. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O son of Mihdi! Praise be to God that the friends of God have attained unto that which hath no like nor equal. Today the understanding of every soul must needs attain maturity and behold itself independent and self-subsisting from all who dwell on earth. All must today fix their gaze upon the horizon of oneness. Some among the people of the Bayan have loved and continue to love discord, awaiting the appearance of some calf that they might thereby summon the helpless servants unto it. Say: The Revelations have reached their end. Whosoever before the completion of a thousand years maketh any claim, whosoever he may be and whatsoever he may bring forth, is false and untrue. Give thanks unto the Object of all creation Who hath aided thee and guided thee. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

O son of Dost Muhammad! The meaning of steadfastness is that the people should become aware and know with absolute certitude that after the Most Great Manifestation they neither were nor are in need of another Manifestation. The Primal Point, namely the Herald of the Most Great Beauty, gave the people glad tidings that they might purify and prepare their hearts. Before His mission was complete, the divines of Persia pronounced the sentence of His death and martyred Him. Thereafter the Most Great Luminary rent asunder the veil, and through His Revelation the worlds of Command and Creation were perfected and established. That which was intended was made manifest. Should some deluded soul appear and make a claim, verily he is a lying impostor. Whosoever attaineth unto this station is reckoned among those endowed with supreme steadfastness by the Pen of God and is so recorded.

Say: O loved ones of God! Some weak souls are observed who, upon hearing a word from some deluded one, slip from the Straight Path. The cawers from one direction and false claimants from another have appeared and will continue to appear. Blessed is he who strengtheneth their weak ones, and steadfast is he who repelleth them, and wise is he who counseleth them, for they are the cause of corruption in the world and loss among the peoples. We beseech God to preserve you and His loved ones from their evil and their scheming. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. We ask of God that He aid thee to make mention of Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Khudadad, O son of Nasir! Each of the souls mentioned hath attained unto the remembrance of the Wronged One and been adorned and illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of utterance. We beseech God to ordain for each of them a brilliant star in the world of the spirit, and a book in the world of knowledge, and an essence of love in the city of lovers, and a volume of certitude in the realm of understanding. Verily He hath power over all things. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

My God, my God! These are Thy servants and Thy creation, encompassed by Thy Will and Purpose within the grasp of Thy power. Should Thou forgive them, verily Thou art the Master of forgiveness, and should Thou chastise them, verily Thou art the Unconstrained in every condition. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the letter Nun and the Pen, and by the mysteries of Thy Most Great Name, to attract the hearts of Thy servants through the breezes of Thy utterance to the supreme heights and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, O Lord of all beings and Master of the world to come and the world that was!

BH01013: Praise be befitting and worthy of the Eternal Purpose…

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 Eternal Purpose, and thanksgiving unto the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. He is the One Who, with perfect might, for His own sake, hath been and still remains imprisoned in the fortress of Akka amidst the hands of the ignorant and the people of error. Exalted be His dominion, glorified His Command, magnified His station, and there is no God but Him! Blessings, peace, glory and splendor be upon those who have borne tribulations in His path, who have offered up their souls in His love, who have left their homelands, yearning to hearken unto His sweetest call and to behold His most exalted horizon.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived from the great city. Praise be to God, it bore witness to steadfastness in the Cause and orientation toward the Source, and likewise to joy after sorrow, tranquility after agitation, and health after bodily weakness. It also spoke of the well-being of God's loved ones in that land. After its perusal and reading, it was taken to the Most Exalted Paradise and presented before His countenance, attaining the honor of His attention. Thereafter these effulgent words and manifest letters dawned and shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance of the Purpose of all worlds. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in earth and heaven!

O ʿAziz! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Thou art he who attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the Call from the most exalted horizon and witnessed the effulgences of the Luminary of the Cause at its highest zenith. We beseech God to aid thee to rend asunder the veils of the people through His Name, whereby the idols have fallen and the standards of misbelief were lowered, while the banners of divine unity were raised in the cities and lands.

The True One, exalted be His glory, hath asked for justice and fairness from His servants. All must be adorned with the ornament of love, unity, fellowship and accord, and must associate with His servants with the utmost joy and fragrance for the sake of God. Verily pardon hath preceded, bounty hath preceded, mercy hath preceded, and loving-kindness hath preceded. Today the ocean of mercy is surging and the sun of loving-kindness is shining. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and say: Strive that perchance ye may illumine the dawning-place of hatred with the splendors of the sun of love, and guide the wayward to the straight path.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Ibn-i-Basir, upon him be My glory. Say: Two years ago thy petition attained the Most Holy Court, and a tablet was revealed for thee from the heaven of the Divine Will. Each of the names mentioned in thy letter was honored with God's remembrance and the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, but there was delay in its dispatch. Now We have sent it as a bounty from Us, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. In each letter thereof lieth concealed an ocean and a hidden book. Glorified be He Who hath joined the ocean with the book, even as He hath joined water and fire.

And to each of the names mentioned that have arrived in these days, convey greetings and glory from the Wronged One. Say: Today all must render victory to the Truth through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, that the people of the earth may observe and follow. Glory be from Us upon those who have heard and responded to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Elevated Seat. The true outpouring of grace is manifest from the horizon of every tablet and descendent from the heaven of every page. We hope that the peoples of the world shall not be deprived of the rains of divine mercy and shall attain unto that for which they were created. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning your brother, upon him be the Glory of God, and his debt, and the actions of that spiritual beloved one, and the relinquishing of the house for the payment thereof and the exaltation of God's

Cause—all these matters were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. His mighty utterance and glorious proof states:

O beloved one! Blessed art thou and blessed is what thou hast done in the path of God. Praise be to the Purpose of the world that He hath aided thee in that which causeth the exaltation of His Cause. Trustworthiness before God is among those attributes that hath had and hath no likeness or equal, and it is the cause of glory and the source of wealth. Concerning its description there hath flowed from the Supreme Pen that whose fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Convey to Asadu'llah the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One. Say: Be not grieved in any matter. Take hold of trustworthiness, placing thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He will verily aid those who have committed their affairs unto Him, who have held fast to the cord of His grace and clung to His luminous and blessed hem.

The letter of Khodadad which arrived again and which thou didst forward attained unto the Most Holy Court. Thereupon the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of thy Lord's pardon was diffused. We beseech God to assist him and those who have believed unto that by which their remembrance shall endure throughout His earthly and heavenly kingdom. He is verily the Helper, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Praise be to God that Khodadad, son of Nasir, upon him be the Glory of God, hath again been blessed with His grace and mentioned in the Most Holy Court. This servant mentioneth each of the friends and seeketh for them both outward and inward bounties, that all may hold fast to the Cause and arise to serve it, and appear among the servants with detachment and trust in God. The world is transient, yet the attainment of enduring stations hath been ordained therein. This is the decree of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. From your steadfastness and action regarding the aforementioned debt, it is hoped that the door of grace shall be opened and affairs shall be set aright. Verily He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, and He is the Ever-Bountiful, the All-Glorious, the Ancient. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the cord of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all creation. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02969: Thou didst likewise mention Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him…

…Thou didst likewise mention Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, who hath attained unto the honor of being heard. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, not to withhold steadfast and well-pleased souls from this supreme bounty, and to grant each one the reward of attaining His presence. After this was presented before His countenance, this divine word was revealed—exalted be His utterance:

"O Haydar-Ali! Haydar-Ali hath rendered many services and hath traveled far and wide to spread the divine verses, and hath borne the hardships of journey in His exalted path. Thou too, praise be to God, bearest that name. God willing, thou shalt attain unto a deed without equal. Concerning these matters there hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which is the cause of everlasting mention. God willing, ye shall act accordingly. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn thy intention with the ornament of acceptance and to ordain for thee, from His Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining His presence. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below."…

O Murtada! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings. The Herald of this Most Great Revelation declareth that all existence is for the sake of being mentioned but once in His presence. Today the treasures of the world cannot equal the word “contentment” which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they who have attained unto the Word and become possessors of the divine Tablet. All that hath befallen the loved ones hath been recorded and inscribed in the blessed Crimson Scroll. The profit of the world is for the loved ones, and its loss is the portion of the oppressors and transgressors. Ere long the enemy shall return to the fire, and the friend to the Most Great Scene. Praise thou the Goal of all creation Who confirmed thee and caused thee to attain unto the revelations of the Supreme Pen. Verily He is powerful over all things….

We have made mention of all the handmaidens of the earth and summoned them unto the Supreme Horizon, yet none attained save a few. Implore God that He may assist His handmaidens and deprive them not of the Kawthar of His recognition….

BH03002: That which was hidden from time immemorial hath been…

He is the One Who is manifest without veil or covering.

That which was hidden from time immemorial hath been revealed, and that which was treasured in God’s knowledge, the Lord of lords, hath appeared, and that which was promised in the Books of God, the Master of necks, hath come to pass. Through Him God hath rent asunder every veil and caused every tongue to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto My Day and heard My call and been honored by the tokens of My Pen and arose to serve My Cause amongst My servants. He is indeed of the people of My Kingdom. Upon him rest My glory and My loving-kindness and the glory of all who are in earth and heaven.

Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee in the Most Great Prison that which no mention can equal. When thou hearest and readest it, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made known unto me Thy path and revealed unto me that whose fragrance shall never cease through the eternity of Thy names and attributes. O my Lord! Thou didst create me by Thy command and didst manifest me for Thy remembrance and praise and for turning unto Thy horizon. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace to aid me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and made manifest through Thy sovereignty. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

A hundred thousand thanks unto the Goal of the world’s peoples that He hath aided you to serve the Cause. Blessed is the soul whom the events of the world did not prevent from the love of God’s friends and who arose with complete dedication to serve. I swear by the Sun of Truth that no deed is concealed from God—all is revealed and its recompense recorded by the Pen of the Ancient of Days.

In these days a new event hath occurred in the City of Lovers. Verily the serpent hath opened its mouth and bitten the Dawning-Place of his Lord’s loving-kindness. We beseech God to aid His loved ones to beautiful patience and wondrous steadfastness.

Thou hast ever been and still art remembered. We beseech God to strengthen thy body and assure thy heart and illumine thy face and lengthen thy days. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Almighty, the Powerful. The Glory be upon thee time after time, again and yet again, from the One Who is Forgiving, Merciful.

BH11758: O Ali, upon thee be My glory! The Wronged…

He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One does not complain of tribulations, nor of what hath befallen the friends in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Know thou that the Son of the Wolf hath devoured sheep from among the flock, and the Oppressor hath hamstrung the She-Camel of God before the faces of all peoples. Blessed is he who hath ascended, and woe unto him who hath committed that which hath caused the Manifestations of My Most Great Name to lament. When thou receivest My Tablet, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having watered the lands of Thy knowledge with the blood of Thy loved ones, whom Thou hast made the dawning-places of steadfastness amidst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by them and by their blood to send down from the heaven of Thy mercy relief from Thy presence, peace from Thy side, and compassion from Thy direction. O Lord! The necks of hypocrisy have grown long, and the clouds of darkness have encompassed the Daystar of the horizons. I implore Thee by Thine own wronged state and the wronged state of Thy loved ones to assist Thine enemies to act with justice and fairness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me to stand before Thy face, to hearken unto Thy call, and to enter the depths of the ocean of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and for my brother who is named Asghar every good thing which Thou hast sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Tablets and Thy Books, O Lord of all beings! O Lord! Ordain for my other brother who is named Baqir, and for my sister, that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy mercy, and the sun of Thy favor. I testify that Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful, and the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness. We have made mention of him who is named Muhammad-Rida, then of him who is named Mihdi, in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom the hosts of the oppressors have not frightened.

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BH04896: O Haydar-ʻAli! Hearken with thy spiritual ear…

He is the Speaker of Truth!

O Haydar-ʿAli! Hearken with thy spiritual ear to the divine call, store up the pearls of His wisdom in the shell of thy heart, and preserve them from the eyes of the treacherous and the thieves in the name of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne, speaketh the truth. That which hath shone forth in Iraq from the Pen of the Luminary of the horizons is manifest, and from every land the croaking is raised. Glory be to God! The ocean of divine knowledge hath appeared at its utmost height, and the waves of utterance are at every moment visible before all faces. Beseech thou God that He deprive not His servants of this most great bounty.

Say: My God, my God! My soul is a sacrifice for Thy love, and my spirit is a sacrifice for Thy grace. Thy servants are occupied with themselves in their homes while Thou, in the Most Great Prison, art occupied with their remembrance. What pen can reckon such bounty and what understanding can attain to the atmosphere of its nearness? Every letter of its letters is the Most Great Gate for those who have recognized His oneness and have turned unto Him. By the life of God! Were but one word of His words to reveal the hidden meanings within itself, all the heedless ones of the earth would utterly proclaim:

> "We turn unto Thee, O Forgiver of sins! We return unto Thee, O Concealer of faults!"

Thus doth the Lamp of God reveal its light, and the Most Great Sea its waves. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath remained faithful to God's Covenant, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05469: Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God…

He is the One Who gazes from this luminous horizon.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused, through my Name, the pearls of utterance to emerge from the shell of the ocean of Thy mercy, and for having remembered me through that which was treasured within the Pen of Thy grace. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who rulest over the Kingdom of proof and Who art the Sovereign of the realm of utterance, to rain down upon me from the heaven of Thy mercy and the clouds of Thy loving-kindness the showers of wisdom and knowledge.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance and awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are sincere, whom neither swords could deter from clinging to equity in Thy Cause, nor could the hosts of the wicked frighten from turning toward the sanctuary of Thy nearness.

My God, my God! Thou seest the servant turn toward the door of his Master's loving-kindness, clinging to the cord of His grace in his movements and his rest. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Tree to ordain for him that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy days—those through whom the ocean of utterance surged before the faces of all religions. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O my Lord! Strengthen him and Thy handmaiden who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, that through them Thy remembrance may be exalted amongst Thy servants and Thy Cause amongst Thy creation. O my Lord! Ordain for her that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy mighty throne. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06335: O Ahmad-i-ʿAli, hear the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Ahmad-i-ʿAli, hear the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree, planted by the hands of grace in the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have heard thy cry and have answered thee with a Tablet from which the horizons have been illumined.

When thou attainest unto it, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Great Announcement. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Merciful Name, to illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge and to adorn their heads with the crown of Thy loving-kindness and their temples with the ornament of Thy trustworthiness.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have held fast unto the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy wisdom treasured within the repositories of Thy knowledge, to make me one who circles around Thy Will and stands ready to serve Thy Cause. By Thy might, O Thou Who art the Master of my being! I desire naught save what Thou desirest.

I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones—those whom neither the might of the world nor the clamor of the nations could deter, who turned with radiant faces toward Thy most exalted horizon and said:

> “Praise be unto Thee for having caused us to hear Thy most sweet call and shown us the traces of Thy Pen, O Thou Who art the King of the Kingdom of Names! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!”

BH06702: The Most Great Book, which had forever been treasured…

He is the Manifest Counselor.

The Most Great Book, which had forever been treasured in the Divine Treasury of Knowledge, hath appeared and with the most exalted call hath summoned all to the supreme horizon. The fire of hatred and enmity of the world did not prevent it, and the might and dominion of the pharaohs of the earth did not weaken it. It appeared for the sake of God and endured tribulations in the path of God, and there befell it that which hath no likeness or parallel. It became the target of the desires of the opposers, the object of derision of the infidels, and the victim of the harm of the oppressors. Whatever they desired, they carried out against it, for this Wronged One was without helper or assistant. His food was pieces of liver and His drink was heart’s blood. Every day a new harm appeared and a fresh tribulation descended. From the clouds of tyranny, without cease, rained down the arrows of hatred, yet in all conditions the fire of divine love burned more intensely and steadfastness grew stronger. His is the praise in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Thus have We adorned the crown of thy love with the diadem of God’s favor, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07409: O Gulistan! Your mention hath been made and thy…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of mystic knowledge.

O Gulistan! Your mention hath been made and thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Know thou the worth and station of this most great favor. Divine bounty hath ever encompassed and continueth to encompass all—the seeing and the blind, the learned and the ignorant, male and female—all stand in one spot. Whosoever hath attained unto the blessed words “O My servant” and “O My handmaid” is reckoned among the people of Baha, inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Recognize the bounty of thy Lord and be among the thankful ones in the Book of God, Lord of all worlds.

Verily the grace is in His hand and the bounty in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Blessed is the handmaid who hath attained, and woe unto the servant who hath been deprived of drawing nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We beseech God to assist His handmaidens to sanctification and detachment, and to the chastity which God hath made the first ornament of His steadfast handmaidens and steadfast servants.

BH08503: O My handmaiden! Your name was mentioned…

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

O My handmaiden! Your name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the Tongue of Divine Evidence in the Kingdom of Utterance mentioned you with these exalted words: Give thanks unto your Lord and glorify His Name, for verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We have made mention of all the handmaidens of the earth and summoned them to the Most Exalted Horizon, yet none attained except a few. Beseech God that He may assist His handmaidens and not deprive them of the Kawthar of divine knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the Kind, the Merciful.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in the prison of ʿAkka, and thanks be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thy Most Glorious Horizon. I beseech Thee to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne above and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

BH08597: O Morteza, upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing

O Morteza, upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of all beings. The Herald of this Most Great Revelation hath spoken: All existence is for the sake of being mentioned but once in His presence. Today the treasures of the world cannot be compared to the Word of acceptance which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they who have attained unto the Word and become possessors of the divine Tablet. All that hath befallen His loved ones hath been recorded and inscribed in the blessed Crimson Tablet. The profit of the world belongeth to His loved ones, and its loss is the portion of the oppressors and transgressors. Erelong the enemy shall return to the fire, and the friend to the Most Great

Scene. Give thanks to the Goal of all beings, Who assisted thee and caused thee to attain unto the revelations of the Supreme Pen. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

BH08950: Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou…

He is God, exalted be He in remembrance and utterance

Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast created all creation as a manifestation of Thy bounty and bestowal, as an expression of Thy generosity and mercy, as an affirmation of Thy unity and oneness, and as an acknowledgment of Thy grandeur and sovereignty. O Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine assured of Thy most great signs and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty in the realm of creation, and of what Thou hast sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Primal Word through which Thou didst create earth and heaven, and by the breathings of Thy Revelation whereby the hearts of Thy servants were attracted, and by the ocean of Thy bounty in the kingdom of Thy riches, to make me a servant of Thy Cause, a helper of Thy Faith, and one who speaks Thy praise. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH09126: O Shirin, O my handmaid! Praise be…

He is the One standing before the faces of all!

O Shirin, O my handmaid! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who bestowed upon thee and granted thee a portion from the choice wine of utterance. All created things testify to His generosity and all contingent beings are assured of and acknowledge His grace. Today whoever attained His recognition became the essence of all sweetness in the world, and whoever was deprived became the bitter colocynth. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and guided me to the ocean of Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom nothing among all things could prevent, nor the hatred of those in the realm of creation. Thou hast appeared and manifested that which befitteth Thy Revelation, Thy greatness and Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09767: We have made thee among those who have attained…

He is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days

We have made thee among those who have attained My favors and have entrusted to them the service of the Holy Places. Take what thou art commanded and be of the thankful ones. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Light whereby Thou hast illumined the world and by Thy Command whereby Thou hast subdued the nations, to make me a servant of Thy Cause, O Lord of Names, and of Thy Most Exalted Word, O Lord of all mankind, and one who gazeth toward Thy Most Glorious Horizon and holdeth fast unto Thy cord, O Possessor of the kingdoms of sanctity and righteousness, Who art established upon the throne of imprisonment through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought.

BH00337: These days are days of new joy…

Section 1: "These days are days of new joy…"

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

These days are days of new joy, for in the City of Lovers a lover has attained his heart's desire and achieved that which is beloved. Though in one sense it is a time of grief, lamentation and mourning—for it is observed that the thirst of the oppressors remains unquenched, and each day they are seen in fresh flames and boundless conflagration—yet when one who seeks attains the supreme homeland, and a lover resolves to sacrifice himself, drinking with utmost desire and love from the cup of annihilation in the path of the Lord of eternity—a draught whereat the angels of the highest heaven and the cherubim exclaimed "Well done! Well done!" and beyond them the Tongue of Grandeur from the Throne of Glory spoke the words "Blessed, blessed is he!"—this is a station of greatest joy and supreme gladness.

For a lover from the City of Lovers has attained that which was the ultimate hope of those who draw nigh and those who yearn. In these days the court of the presence of the Lord of all beings is perfumed with his mention and illumined by the light of utterance. Would that this cup were destined for me and His grace would bestow upon me that which He has bestowed upon the sincere and the sanctified ones. His is the praise and the glory, His the thanks and the bounty. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O beloved of my heart and joy of my soul! Your letter arrived like spiritual springtime blossoms from the divine Lote-Tree and was beheld. The water of the love of God flows from its every word, for the fragrance of detachment, sincerity and love for the Lord of the worlds and the Ancient King wafts from it and spreads abroad. We beseech God to strengthen your pen and your treasury of love, from which has appeared that which brings delight to eyes and illumination to hearts. After its perusal and reading, it was presented before the Divine Presence, after which permission was granted, and He, blessed and exalted be He, spoke thus:

"O Varqa! Upon thee be My glory, My grace and My mercy! These days are different days, for the fragrance of steadfastness has pervaded the world and fresh musk of utterance is wafting anew from the Lote-Tree of the Purpose of all worlds. The lovers are seized with fresh ecstasy and those who are attracted have a new melody. The breeze of the dawn of Revelation has strengthened the Sinai to utter the final call, the supreme attraction, the sweetest chant, and the most glorious song. This song in one station renews the world and gladdens the nations. In this station the tongue of grace speaks this most exalted word:

The blessed fruit has sought the divine Lote-Tree and the goodly leaf has intended the supreme Paradise. The blessed Word of the Book has returned to the Mother Book, and the cry 'The Truth has appeared' has reached the Tree of Sinai. No utterance can fully describe this station, nor can the bird of understanding soar in this atmosphere. What has been mentioned is but a drop from the ocean of the love of God." And in another station the Tongue of Grandeur speaks thus: "O Varqa! Upon thee be My glory and My grace! Verily the serpent has opened its mouth and swallowed its master. Glory be to God!

Oppression has reached such a state that justice laments, patience is struck down, and forbearance has taken flight. Yet these countless transgressions and oppressions are the cause and reason for the appearance of the greatest justice, and these sorrows that have come to pass are the cause of supreme joy. Those possessed of vision behold this, and accepted souls comprehend it. Soon will God purify the earth from the defilement of these people. Verily He is the Ruler in the beginning and the end."

The letter of A. H., upon him be my glory and loving-kindness, attained unto hearing, and the gaze of the Wronged One and the glance of the Beloved were directed towards it. His call hath ever been heard by the Most High. The Hand of Supreme Benevolence and the Great Bestowal hath manifested for him that which transcendeth description by ink, pen, and paper. Lofty and graceful trees have been specially planted for him. How many were the servants who, from the earliest days and thereafter, desired to render assistance and service, yet attained not thereunto; while he desired and attained, reaching that which had been the hope of those near unto God and the desire of the sincere ones. O dove! The Supreme Pen hath testified and doth testify. Reflect upon the bounty of God and His mercy, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! And thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of all names! And glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and draw them from the north of sorrow to the right hand of joy through the fragrances of the revealed and inscribed verses. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the All-Knowing, the Wise. The servant in attendance hath appeared before the Countenance and presented that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of Bounty and the Sovereign of existence. Blessed be thy tongue for what it hath acknowledged, and thy pen for what it hath confessed, and thy heart for what it hath accepted. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to exalt that which He hath willed and to manifest that which hath been forbidden to the peoples of the earth. The world is bewildered by these heedless people. At every moment the world calleth out and giveth tidings and showeth forth, yet all remain veiled and heedless save whom God willeth.

The loved ones of God must today engage in the assistance of the Truth with perfect patience, forbearance, calm and dignity, and act in accordance with that which is befitting. Say: By the life of God! This is the Day before whose revelation centuries and ages bow down in worship. O loved ones of God and His party! Strive that perchance ye may raise up the dwellers of the graves through the sealed wine. Today is the day of arising, not of sitting, but arising through wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the soul who, through the Name of God, glorified be His majesty, hath purified both the seen and the unseen from the dust of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the Kawthar of His utterance, and hath turned with a pure heart toward the court of God.

Though such a one be asleep, yet in the sight of God he is vigilant, hearing and speaking, for all his limbs, members and hair have been manifested through the love of God, have derived strength from His grace and favor, and have arisen to serve. Neither the clamor of the world can prevent this arising, nor can the chains of the people of the contingent world hold back this tongue from utterance. Before all faces He hath said and continueth to say: The Day hath come, yet the people are in a strange sleep.

Thus hath the Sun revealed its light and radiance, and the sea its waves, and the Tree its fruits, and the Pen its tokens. We, from this Prison, send Our glorification at this moment to Our loved ones who are described by the All-Merciful in the Qur'an as "honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding," and through what the All-Merciful hath revealed at this time. These are servants whom the power of the world cannot weaken, nor can the hosts of nations prevent. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised. The splendor shining from the horizon of My heaven, and the wave surging from the ocean of My favor, and the light dawning from My western horizon be upon thee and upon My loved ones there, and upon all who are steadfast and firm. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Section 2: "Glory be to God! The inanimate is moved…"

Glory be to God! The inanimate is moved, attracted and gladdened by the fragrances of the utterances of the Lord of creation, yet the people are all deprived save whom our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, willeth. All the world and the communities of nations have been and are beseeching and yearning for God, glorified be His majesty, to hear the blessed word "O My servant" or a word from which the fragrance of relationship might be inhaled. Yet in these days, when they hear at every moment the blessed words "My servant," "My leaf," "My fruit," "O thou who hast turned to the lights of My countenance," "O My loved one," and "O thou who seeketh Me," they pay no heed, for they are deprived of the ocean of knowledge, though the lamp of loving kindness shineth bright and luminous before all faces, and the radiant beams of the Sun of Truth are manifest and visible from every horizon.

They have forsaken all divine favors and heavenly bounties, occupying themselves instead with ancient names. They have taken fancy as their lamp and conjecture as their remedy. I seek forgiveness from God the All-Glorious for the deeds of these heedless souls and the beliefs of this rejected band. Soon shall the hand of divine power rend asunder the veils and remove the barriers. At that time, the opposers shall be afflicted with a punishment the like of which no ear hath heard nor eye hath seen. The actions of these days have surely reached the ears of that Beloved One. In the land of Sad, what Ibn-i-Dhi'b hath done and continueth to do—verily he hath surpassed his father in oppression, unbelief, hypocrisy and tyranny.

In any case, this servant beseecheth, imploreth and asketh from God, exalted be His glory, that which will cause the removal of veils and the lifting of barriers. Verily our Lord is the Strong, the Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

Concerning the mention of Karbila'i Zayn, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise his request, after this matter was presented before the Most Holy Court, these blessed words were revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur. The Lord, blessed and sanctified be He, saith:

> "O Zayn! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of Creation. Turn thy face toward the House, then turn to Him with such detachment that all created things shall turn with thee. Thus hath the Luminary of utterance shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful. He is the Hearing, the Answering. We have permitted thee what thou didst desire in the path of God, thy Lord, the Lord of all lords. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me

and permitted what I asked from the ocean of Thy bounty and generosity. My limbs, my members, my outer and inner being all testify that Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful."

It endeth thus.

Praise be to God that after this submission, the sun of permission hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's will. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. This servant conveyeth greetings and praise to all the friends in that land, and beseecheth and hopeth that all will seek divine confirmation and assistance for him. Verily our Lord hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He heareth and seeth. There is no God but Him, the Hearing, the Seeing.

Especially for the pilgrims, upon them be the glory of God—meaning those souls who are related to the presence of A and H, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—wondrous and exalted Tablets have been revealed, each adorned and illumined with the seal of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. A hundred thousand congratulations would be insufficient, nay less than that. As commanded, one must hold fast to wisdom. The people are both ignorant and heedless. In all cases, forbearance is necessary and wisdom is essential. It endeth thus.

In truth, the honored master, His Holiness the Haji, upon him be the eternal glory of God, performed in the days of the Manifestation that which the people of the world are deprived of. This is a testimony which this servant hath repeatedly heard with his own ears from the Tongue of Grandeur.

Another matter is that His Excellency the Crown Prince has not, to this time, outwardly been involved in the blood of this community—this is a gift and favor from God, exalted be His glory, towards him. Would that His Excellency could become aware of this great bounty. If one of the pure-hearted, fair and just officials were to be inspired regarding this matter and make it known, it would be most excellent, for then he would become aware of the divine confirmation and favor that has thus far been shown him and would recognize the value of this great blessing and supreme gift. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect His Excellency from this manifest injustice. Praise be to God who has protected him until now and will continue to do so, for verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers. This matter must be confirmed by someone outside this community who will say it, for He inspires whom He wishes with what He wishes, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The cause of martyrdom of the honored teacher (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory and the Most Resplendent Light) in the land of Sad in these days was not sedition, for those who intended sedition had their intentions rejected and were not accepted. God Himself, exalted be His glory, knows of His favors and gifts. Praise and glory be unto Him. He has commanded all to reform and forbidden them from corruption, and through His supreme grace prevented the manifestation of rancor and hatred. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Regarding what was mentioned about the two sacred books, they were instructed to bring the volumes to His presence so that His Excellency could make multiple copies, after which His Holiness Alif and Ha (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God) and each of the steadfast ones could obtain copies. Those

two were read in his presence and corrected. The previous verses with anyone should be erased as they are not correct.

And regarding what was mentioned about the Chief Artist (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God) and his intention, it was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. His blessed and exalted Word states: “Excellent is what he has intended. Praise be to God.” His work and service are present before the Face. In truth, this work of his has no equal and will be eternally preserved in the Book of God. We give permission for him to paint a limited number for Abu’l-Jamal and Abu’l-Hasan specifically for that honored one and one or two of the friends. This is from God’s favor, His Most Great Bounty, and His Most Perfect and Complete Gift. Glory from Us be upon him, his son, his wife, and upon those who have witnessed what God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, has witnessed.

A limited number is permitted; if increased it is not beloved, and the reason is known. Praise be to God, they are assisted and confirmed, and likewise are the seekers and those who have attained. The Branches of the Blessed Tree (may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps) mention that beloved one with utmost grace and send greetings and praise. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who hear your words in this Most Great, Mighty and Protected Cause.

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BH11870: Praise be to God Who hath appeared and caused…

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

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

Praise be to God Who hath appeared and caused to appear that which hath broken the necks of the Pharaohs and caused the limbs of the tyrants to tremble—they who denied God’s proof and His evidence, who turned away from His sovereignty, who rejected His signs, and who are the divines of Persia that pronounced judgment against the Dawning-Place of God’s verses and the Dayspring of His evidences, who shed His blood and slew His loved ones and His friends. God is quit of them, and so too are the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise, and they who circle round His mighty Throne. Glory and praise be unto them whom neither clamor nor the howling of those who violated the Covenant of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, could deter. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined the people of Baha with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto them from the heaven of Thy bounty that which hath gladdened the eyes of the sincere ones among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee to make them the signs of Thy remembrance and the standards of Thy Cause in Thy lands. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived like a divine herald from the realm of inner meanings, bearing multiple glad-tidings: first, the glad-tidings of divine love; second, of arising to serve

His Cause; and third, news of that honored one's health and well-being. Each of these is, in truth, a perfect bounty and an all-encompassing favor. Its perusal wafted the breezes of joy and diffused the fragrance of delight. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds for having caused that spiritual beloved to be enkindled with the fire of His Lote-Tree—an enkindlement whose heat is manifest from the words of his letter. After its perusal, it was presented before the Divine Presence and achieved the honor of being heard. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the Most Merciful, uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance—His Word:

> "His light hath shone forth and His sovereignty hath been made manifest."

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

O Messenger! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen! On this day all things are engaged in praise, glorification and thanksgiving. At this moment the sun proclaims with the loudest voice "The All-Bountiful has come!", and the trees cry out "The Chosen One has appeared!", while the Concourse on High declares "The veil has been rent asunder and He Who is the Lord of the Kingdom of Names is established upon the Throne of Utterance!" The very atoms of the world give each other glad tidings of the lights of the Kingdom and the appearance of the Lord of the Realm of Might. Yet few are found who have ears worthy to hear.

In all the Books, Scriptures and Psalms this Day has been named the Day of God, yet most of the people of the world remain heedless, veiled and opposed. The people of utterance are striving with the utmost endeavor to extinguish the divine light and quench the fire of the celestial Tree. This Wronged One has been, from the earliest days until now, a captive and prisoner in the hands of the enemies. Nevertheless, they have said that which no oppressor has ever said. Say: O people! Today this blessed word, which is the essence of all Books and Scriptures, has been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen and set before the face of the Lord of all mankind, namely: "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth."

O thou who speakest My praise! Were the people of the earth to become aware of the hidden treasure within this blessed Word, all would hasten to circle round it and would cleave to that which is with God rather than to that which is with them. Today the river of mercy flows from the Pen, the light of utterance shines forth from the horizon of the heaven of possibility, and the ocean of knowledge surges before the faces of the world. Yet those souls who are consumed by the fire of hatred and malice are deprived and forbidden from all these. Base nature has reached such a point that they occupy themselves with false tales of old. Those who are engaged in service before His face have clung to such a person while remaining heedless and veiled from the Truth.

The river of mercy proclaims with the loudest call: O people! Hold fast to justice and cleave to equity. Your idle fancies will not suffice you in place of the Lord of all beings, nor will your conjectures suffice in place of His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Cast aside the book of your own selves and take hold of the Book of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. He calls out with the most exalted voice: O concourse of earth and heaven! Be fair in this Cause whereby the limbs of the world and the hearts of nations have trembled, and in that which hath appeared from His presence. Be not of those who observe and deny,

who hear the call yet turn away from it, who hear the verses yet dispute them. These, verily, comprehend not.

Say: O people! I was asleep when the Call awakened Me, and I was silent when the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, caused Me to speak and commanded Me to raise My voice in this atmosphere. This is not My crime, if ye be fair. Fear God, O people, and follow not the desires of every ignorant one, nor follow those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. Were it not for the Glory, who would stand before all faces and who would guide the servants to the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving? Through Him the Trumpet was blown, the dwellers of the graves arose, and the Cause of God appeared before the eyes of the princes and kings. Through Him were the signs of God spread abroad, the mysteries unveiled, the lights made manifest, and the seas set in motion.

O Rasul! Upon thee be My loving-kindness. I was walking within the House and speaking words whose true meaning the peoples of the earth have been debarred from comprehending, and to whose hearing their ears have been closed, save such as God, the Lord of this exalted station, hath willed. The servant in attendance entered bearing thy letter and laid it before the Wronged One. We have remembered thee through this sealed Tablet, which crieth aloud and proclaimeth: The promise hath come to pass, and this is the Promised One. Fear God, O people, and follow not every ignorant outcast. From thy letter We perceived the fragrance of thy love and of thy service for the sake of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Blessed be thy pen, and thy tongue, and thy heart, and whosoever hearkeneth unto thy word concerning this Most Great Announcement, which hath appeared as a command from God, the Lord of all being.

O Lord my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy tribulations and imprisonment and by what hath befallen Thee in the prison-city of Ta, and by the lights of Thy Revelation and the stations that have been honored by Thy footsteps and the cities that have been illumined by the radiance of Thy countenance and the things that have been adorned by Thy glance and the air wherein arose Thy sighs at what hath befallen Thy loved ones, to assist Thy servants to return unto Thee. Every fair-minded one beareth witness to Thy greatness and Thy power and to the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. O Lord! Aid them to achieve that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and withhold them not from the fountainhead of Thy knowledge and the dawning-place of Thy wisdom and the dayspring of Thy most great signs and the source of Thy most exalted and most glorious Cause.

Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of the highest rank and the control of all who are in earth and heaven. Ordain through Thy will that which will draw Thy servants nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy grandeur. Then help them through Thy bounty and might and through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that they may hasten with their hearts unto Thee and forsake all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

These days are the manifestation of this blessed verse of the Qur'an which states "They have eyes with which they see not" to the end of the verse. For it is observed that eyes physically exist, yet most factions are prevented from seeing; likewise ears exist, yet they are deprived of hearing. The Greatest Talisman is manifest, yet no one perceives. They speak according to their own beliefs, yet before God they are dumb

and mute. This particularly applies to those who turn away from the Bayan, who seem deprived of understanding and truthfulness. Now mention is made of Mu'awiyih's golden peas, which is among the falsehoods of the Shi'ih sect. Most of what this group has possessed has been devoid of truth.

Mu'awiyih openly did whatever he desired and feared no one's words in pursuing such matters. O My loved one! Justice and fairness have vanished, and in their place tyranny and oppression reign. In such circumstances they do what they please and say what they wish, nothing restrains them. These are they who ride the steeds of self and passion, galloping in the arena of error and wretchedness. They fear not God, nor do they show shame before His servants. They do what none before them has done, and say what no oppressive souls have said. It is best that we pass over mention of heedless souls and occupy ourselves with the remembrance and utterance of God, though even this is said as counsel to the servants, that they might catch the fragrance of truth and turn to its horizon.

We beseech God to give them to drink from the cup of truth and the chalice of knowledge, that they may return unto Him, submissive and lowly. Verily, He is the Most Powerful of the powerful and the Most Generous of the generous. Praise be to God that that spiritual friend has arisen to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness and complete devotion in days when sight and hearing have become like the phoenix—existing in name but absent in reality. All shall receive the recompense of their deeds and soon shall find themselves in evident torment.

I relay remembrance, praise and glory to the friends in that land, and I beseech the True One to make each like an immovable mountain and like an undulating ocean in this Most Great Cause, and to ordain for each that which neither perishes nor changes. He is the Powerful One before Whom the power of the world and its peoples is as nothing and non-existent. This servant has ever mentioned and continues to mention all in the Most Holy Court. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Concerning that which thou didst write regarding the sanctity, purity, steadfastness, trustworthiness, fidelity, and faithfulness of the friends in that land—that is, the land of Kirmanshah—after it had been presented in the Most Holy and Inaccessible Presence, these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of divine favor by Him Who is the Revealer of verses. He, blessed and exalted be He, saith:

O My friends! One of My loved ones has made mention of you, and We have made mention of you with a remembrance around which all remembrances circle. Verily the Divine Lote Tree desires to send you a wondrous, fresh fruit, and the Ocean of Utterance to honor you with one of its waves, and the Sun of Truth with one of its effulgences, that the attraction of grace and favors may so seize you that neither the tongues of the ungodly, nor the words of the deniers, nor the might of the oppressors, nor the doubts of the croakers who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, may prevent you. O party of God, rejoice! O hosts of God, rejoice!

For today, by the attestation of the Truth, glorified be His majesty, you possess hearing and sight and are endowed with the light of divine love, having attained to that which was the hope of the Messengers. This station is great and this rank mighty. Strive that perchance you may, with joy and radiance, guide the wayward to the divine ocean of knowledge and direct them to the straight path. You have always been

and continue to be remembered. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for this great bounty and for this remembrance, each letter of which God has made a treasure with Him. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere and the steadfast. There is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be to Thee, O my God and the One remembered in my heart! Thou seest Thy friends in the hands of the oppressors, and there hath befallen them in Thy days that which hath caused the hearts of all being, both seen and unseen, to melt. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Interlocutor spoke, and by the Staff that overcame the swords, by Thy Name, the All-Powerful, that Thou assist Thy chosen ones with Thy hosts that have conquered all who are in the heavens and earth, and by Thy signs which caused the Concourse on High, the Most Exalted Paradise, and those who circle round the Throne at all times to tremble. O Lord! Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy mercy the rains of Thy generosity and blessing. Strengthen their hearts with Thy power and their limbs with Thy might, lest they be frightened by the might of the aggressive ones among Thy servants and the ungodly among Thy creation. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them in what they desire in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful.

Section 2: “A hundred thousand thanks and praise be…”

A hundred thousand thanks and praise be to the Purpose of the world that He confirmed that soul with a confirmation to which the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath testified, and that testimony sufficeth. The testimony of this servant and the like of this servant is not worthy of mention. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn His servants and loved ones with that which shall cause their names and remembrances to endure through the duration of the manifestation of His names and attributes. As for what thou didst write concerning the honored Haji Ibrahim and his son Aqa Qasim, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented before the Presence. His blessed and exalted Word: O thou who gazest upon the Face!

We have heard thy call and accepted thy intercession. We have pardoned the first and We ask God to forgive him through His bounty and to remit his sins. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist Qasim in His remembrance and praise and the service of His Cause, and to enable him to forsake that which He hath forbidden and to act according to that which He hath commanded in His perspicuous Book. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him that he may be of the thankful, the doers. Rejoice, O messenger, in My grace toward them and My favor upon them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Through My remembrance the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of thy Lord’s pardon, the All-Merciful, wafted. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Mention was made of Aqa Muhammad Isma’il of the people of ?, upon him be the glory of God, who intends to make pilgrimage to the House of God. After this was presented, these manifest verses were revealed from the Mother Book. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Muhammad Isma’il! Upon thee be the glory of God! Turn thy face toward the House of God, the Lord of the glorious Throne. Draw nigh unto it with such devotion as will cause the fragrance of sincerity to be diffused among the servants and the sweet savors of thy love for the Lord of the worlds. Permission hath come from the direction of grace that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy

forebears. Thus hath surged the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and He hath made mention of thee in such wise as to attract the hearts of the sincere ones.

Praise be to God that thou hast been granted permission, and God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which thou hast intended. Were the servants to know and find the reward of attaining His presence, all would surrender their lives and whatsoever they possess that they might achieve it. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to assist him to perform such deeds as shall conduce to permanence and shall be the cause of His good-pleasure. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning what thou didst write about the heedless ones, that is, the deniers, and their opposition and hatred—in truth this servant is bewildered, nay the world is bewildered, for these souls were not present at the scene of the Cause and know not its foundation. All that was revealed in the Bayan beareth witness to this Cause—were it not for Him, the Point of the Bayan would not have appeared nor would the Bayan have been revealed. We beseech God to bestow justice upon the servants. The heedlessness of these souls and their lack of understanding hath reached such a point that while Mirza Yahya traveled with seventy people during the migration from Iraq, he nevertheless informed his followers that he was not with them, and those ignorant ones accepted this.

Their ignorance hath reached such a degree that the people of the cities of knowledge are bewildered. For years this servant was with him by command, yet these heedless people never asked even one person to tell them, for the sake of God, what the truth was. And until now they know not from whom came the Tablets that were sent to the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. But they would know if they were fair, and would understand if they were truthful. The recompense of their deeds hath prevented their eyes and deprived their ears. Soon shall they see the consequences of their actions, then shall they find no helper. We beseech God to make them aware and to aid them in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Concerning what thou didst mention about Haji ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, that he came to that region to counsel and guide him who rent asunder the veil with the finger of might and power, and likewise concerning the mention of that beloved of hearts, Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness—these matters were presented before the Desired One of the worlds. His blessed and exalted Word:

The Supreme Pen beareth witness to the grace of the All-Bountiful. There hath been sent down for him from the heaven of utterance that which, were it to be cast upon all things, would cause them to raise their cry. We make mention of him at this time in such wise as to cause the fragrance of divine knowledge to be diffused throughout all possibility. We beseech God to protect him and to assist him with the hosts of wisdom and knowledge, and to make him a standard of His name and a banner of His remembrance among the people. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of him who hath been named Ali, upon him be My glory. His deeds in the path of God have been accepted. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this at this moment, and He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Ali! Blessed be thine ear for what it hath heard, and thine eye for what it hath beheld of the signs of God, and thy tongue for having uttered His beauteous praise. Say: Praise be

unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having made me to know Thee and guided me to Thy straight and manifest path. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

This servant conveyeth praise and glorification unto him, and beseecheth from God that which will cause His Word to be exalted amongst His servants.

As for the mention made of the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Siyyid Murtada, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise the mention of his love, steadfastness, and what befell him—these matters were presented before the Throne. His word, exalted be His majesty and abundant be His favors:

O Murtada! We testify that thou hast attained unto the pearls of wisdom and utterance which were treasured within My Most Exalted Pen, and in My days thou hast attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Lord of the exalted Seat. We sent thee aforetime that which the books of men cannot rival, as beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. There befell Us in the Land of Ta what caused those near unto God to weep. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of life from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having assisted me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Source of Thy Cause, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I wish to be a servant to Thy Cause in all conditions and to speak Thy praise. Thou art He Who created me, taught me, made me to know Thee, and mentioned me time and again. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy Revelation and by what lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! The poor one seeketh the sun of Thy riches and the seeker the ocean of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the seas that surge in the hearts of Thy loved ones and by the fire that spoke forth from Thy Tree unto Thy call, to aid me to achieve that which will exalt me. Verily, Thou art the Munificent Giver. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O Murtada! Be not grieved. The world hath ever been subject to change and alteration. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Verily, with difficulty cometh ease." We beseech God to send down upon thee from the heaven of His mercy a blessing from Him and a favor from His presence, to adorn thee with the ornament of His might, and to ordain for thee that which will comfort thine eyes. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God that he hath been and continues to be successful, for there hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen for him that which all the riches of the world cannot equal even a single letter thereof, nor ever shall.

As for what thou didst write regarding thy stay in that land, excellent is what ye have done, and the pursuit of medical science hath also been accepted. He said: We beseech God to assist thee, aid thee, and make thy remembrance and medical practice a cure for ailments. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

This matter is most excellent, for engagement therein and association with the servants is a means of tranquility for souls and is beloved for the purpose of teaching. And if it be possible to maintain fellowship with some of the learned, this would be good, for it is a source of tranquility. We beseech God to assist thee in all that thou wishest and desirest. [Veily He is] the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to what you wrote regarding Jinab-i-Aqa Ali Pasha Khan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, previously his petition was sent by the beloved servant Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory and favors, and a response is being sent down from the heaven of grace. And likewise you had mentioned Jinab-i-Ali Akbar Khan, may God strengthen him—a blessed Tablet specifically for him is also being sent. If their capacity allows, bestow it that they may drink from its ocean of meanings. As per your request, Tablets are being sent specifically for each of those souls who are turned to the horizon of the Manifestation. God willing, may they attain unto them and act as befitting.

As to what you wrote regarding Jinab-i-Aqa Khudabakhsh, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and his love and assistance—after it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses, blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "O Khudabakhsh! The Wronged One hath repeatedly made mention of thee. Praise be to God, thou art blessed with His grace, confirmed in service, successful in deeds, and distinguished by steadfastness. We beseech God to aid thee in that which causeth the exaltation of His Word and service to His Cause. We are with those who have arisen to serve the Cause and have aided their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take thou the chalice of immortality from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, then drink therefrom in spite of every ignorant remote one, every shameless opponent and every tyrannical transgressor. Verily We were with thee and heard thy call, thy turning and thy devotion. We beseech God to ordain for thee the best of what He hath revealed in His Clear Book. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Desired One of all the worlds."

And likewise they mentioned Jinab-i-Hakim Lalihzar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. Praise be to God, mention of him and Jinab-i-Aqa Khudabakhsh, upon them both be Baha'u'llah's glory, was made in the Most Holy Court, and after this matter was presented, these verses were revealed specifically for him, blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "O Lalihzar! Upon thee be My glory! We made mention of thee before and at this time. Give thanks to thy Lord for this manifest grace. The mention of all the world equalleth not His mention, nor do the books of all nations equal His Word. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones. Say: My God, my God! Thy mention of me transcendeth my station. This is naught but from the wonders of Thy grace and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful and that Thou art the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then grant me the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayer."

Section 3: "This evanescent servant also conveys greetings to them…"

This evanescent servant also conveys greetings to them and to Jinab-i-Aqa Khudabakhsh, upon them both be Baha'u'llah's glory, and I seek confirmation. As to what you wrote about their steadfastness and service, this matter is truly in such days a great station and mighty deed. I beseech God for confirmation on their behalf. Verily He is the Confirmer, the Generous.

You mentioned Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, may God strengthen him in what He loveth and is pleased with. After this was presented before His presence, these verses were revealed from the heaven of Will, blessed and exalted be His Word:

O Messenger! Upon thee be the glory of God, Lord of existence! Thou didst make mention of Shaykh Muhammad. We beseech God to aid him and grant him success, that he may arise with complete steadfastness to praise the Lord of Days amongst the people. Say: O Shaykh! By the Sun of Truth that shineth from the horizon of the prison sky, from the beginning of this Cause none were aware save two souls, and both have ascended. The knowledge is with God, thy Lord, the Lord of the worlds.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe justice and equity, to read what hath been revealed and to reflect upon that which hath appeared. These are like two wings for man's ascent to the goal.

This Wronged One hath been in the hands of enemies from the beginning of this Cause until now—at times imprisoned, at others captive, at moments in chains. Yet at no time did He protect Himself. With complete power, steadfast reliance, and firm resignation, He summoned all on earth, from kings to subjects and others, to the Dawning-Place of supreme guidance and the Path of God, the Lord of all mankind. With utmost clarity We declared to the kings that which would ensure the healing of the world and the tranquility of nations. Neither the might of kings nor the clamor of subjects deterred Me. I spoke before their faces that which I was commanded by God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

Thou thyself bearest witness to what hath been mentioned, and surely thou hast heard of the Tablet to the Sultan, which We sent forth openly through wondrous means. When it was presented before the Sultan, the bearer raised the Book and proclaimed: "I have brought thee from the Most Great Announcement a mighty Book." Likewise, We openly proclaimed the Cause to other monarchs and manifested God's Command, such that now in every land the banner "Verily He is God" is raised and the standard "He doeth what He willeth" is unfurled. When the fragrance of the garment of utterance was diffused somewhat among the people of creation, certain ones emerged from behind the veils with swords, seeking to harm this Wronged One.

Judge thou fairly, by God, O Muhammad! Were it not for Baha, who would arise among men? Were it not for Him, who would champion God's Cause, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below? Who would make mention of Him among the enemies? We beseech God to aid thee in that which befitteth this blessed Day. Arise, detached from all save God, to celebrate His praise and glory. Observe the ocean and its waves, and likewise the Tree and its fruits. If today a tree should appear adorned with countless fruits, can one deny it? Or can one conceal the waves of the ocean? Nay, by God! Save those who have not drunk from the cup of fairness and are deprived of the ocean of justice. Now there hath been

revealed and made manifest the equivalent of all divine Books of the past and future, nay more. By what proof and evidence did they believe in the Point of the Bayan? Today the path is manifest, the evidence revealed, and the Mother Book proclaimeth with loudest voice: "The All-Bestowing hath come!" Yet the people hear not, nor do they perceive. They cling to the river while deprived of the ocean.

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and with the hands of might rend asunder the veils and shrouds of the wicked, and shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the power of the Mighty One of the horizons. By the life of God, the oppression of the oppressors has caused the reality of the Cause to be hidden from all eyes and sight. Those who lived in perfect comfort and suffered no harm whatsoever in this Cause are now remembered as the oppressed ones—such is the condition of those who follow idle fancies. Let him reflect upon the Shi'ih sect and its divines. For twelve hundred years they claimed to hold fast to the cord of successorship, yet differences appeared regarding their stations and ranks, and to this day they curse one another. What was the fruit of those souls and what became of their recompense on the Day of Reckoning? What was the outcome of those twelve hundred years during which all the divines, from every pulpit, cursed and reviled the Truth, until finally they issued the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood? This is a matter which you yourself and other servants, if they speak truthfully, will confirm. And now some are occupied with organizing such a party.

Say: Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him through Whom the divine fragrances wafted, the sea surged, and the Dove of Utterance warbled in the Most Exalted Paradise upon the highest branches. O people of creation! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that the might of princes, the denial of divines, and the clamor of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, have failed to intimidate. Say: Hear My call, then turn unto Him. Verily, the gate of bounty is opened before the faces of all in the heavens and the earth. Say: Beware lest the doubts of the people of the Furqan or the cawing of the people of the Bayan, who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and denied Him of Whom the Herald declared "Verily, I am the first to worship Him," prevent you.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, that which ye possess will profit you not this day. Hearken unto that which the Bayan warbleth upon the branches. It said, and its word is the truth—and I have written its essence regarding His mention—"He is a sign that cannot be indicated by My indication nor by what was mentioned in the Bayan." Fear God and follow not your desires. Behold the sun, its dawning and its effulgences and its lights, then the Tree and its fruits and its leaves. Beware lest the imaginings of men debar you from the truth. Cast behind you all else but God, then hasten with illumined hearts and radiant faces to the station wherein is raised the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

Beware lest ye withhold the eyes from beholding the Most Sublime Horizon, or the ears from hearkening to My sweetest call, or the hearts from turning unto Him, or the faces from directing themselves toward God, the Lord of all worlds. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of justice from the cup of My utterance and thou art seized with the intoxication of the Kawthar of My knowledge, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having shown forth the Path and sent down the verses, and for having guided me to the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Dayspring of Thy commandments, and the Source of Thy laws. Thou didst cause me to hear Thy call while I was in the hands of Thine enemies,

and didst manifest that which was hidden from the eyes of Thy servants and concealed in Thy knowledge. I testify that Thou didst remember Thy servants when they were silent in Thy remembrance, and didst turn toward them when they had turned away from Thy horizon. I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded all things and Thy grace hath encompassed all.

I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which, when it shone forth from the heaven of Thy will, all names bowed down before it, and by Thy Command whereby Thou hast subdued the earth and the heaven, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee, to hold fast unto the cord of Thy grace, and to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. Then ordain for him who hath turned back and shown justice in Thy Cause the best of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

Praise be to God that mention hath been made of that distinguished one by the Supreme Pen. God willing, may the place be made ready for acceptance. God is the witness and testifier that this servant had for a long time desired to write something to him and reveal, for the sake of God and in His path, that which He knoweth, for the Trusted One, upon him be the glory of God, made favorable mention of him in the previous year, and likewise mention of him came from another quarter, and that distinguished one hath also made mention at this time. In any case, I beseech the Self-Sufficient, the Transformer of all things, and the Revealer of verses to confirm him that he may become a sign of His name in His lands. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The Cause of God is more manifest than the sun and more exalted than the heaven. Every person of insight beareth witness and every hearing ear testifieth that from the beginning of creation until now no Revelation like unto this Most Great Revelation hath appeared or been made manifest. However, the unjust ones of the world, who are deprived of equity and forbidden from beholding, are striving with the utmost effort to conceal this world-illumining Sun. But alas! alas! The time shall come when new eyes and attentive ears shall appear through the Word of God, and they shall see all else but God as non-existent and shall turn unto the court of the One Beloved. O beloved of my heart! Until now no one hath comprehended the reality of the Cause. Were the details of the beginning of the Cause to be mentioned, all would hold fast unto the Straight Path and the Great Announcement.

Mirza Yahya was accompanied by seventy people during this journey. In their presence, he was unable to speak, yet the deluded ones, in their imagination, have denied this matter which seventy people witnessed. Such is the condition of the people. In the Land of Mystery, the power of God was manifestly revealed before the faces of a hundred companions who had gathered there. Who could speak in His presence? The tyranny of the Amir-Nizam became the cause of his name being elevated for the protection of the Source. If they would observe the signs of God with the eye of insight, detached from all else save Him, they would become aware of the root of the Cause. Then would the light of unity become manifest and every just one would testify to the power of God, His sovereignty, and His majesty which dominates all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Moreover, should ye deem it advisable, convey from this servant greetings and glorification. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid that honored one to proclaim His Cause in complete detachment

from all beside Him, and to exalt through him His remembrance amidst His creatures. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Mention was also made of the honored friends—Aqa Siyyid ‘Ali-Muhammad Kha, Aqa Mir Siyyid Ahmad, and Aqa Mirza Murtada—upon them be the glory of God—who have turned their faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon and attained unto the sealed wine. Their names were remembered in the Most Holy and Inaccessible Presence, and for each of them there was revealed, in particular, that which is the cause of the supreme guidance and the mighty proof for the people of the earthly realm. God willing, they shall drink and receive their portion from the Kawthar of inner meaning and utterance hidden within the words of the Desire of all mankind.

This servant likewise conveyeth to each one his glorification, and imploreth God, glorified be His majesty, to confirm them in such deeds that the mention thereof may endure and abide within the Book of God. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous; He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

It is our hope that all the peoples of the earth may, through the breaths of divine inspiration, turn their faces toward the horizon of the Revelation of the Lord of mankind, and be not deprived of the Kawthar of His utterance. Verily, our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Ever-Forgiving, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Upon Him have we relied, and unto Him have we consigned all affairs. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. The glory, the remembrance, and the praise rest upon you, and upon those who are with you, and upon whoso hearkeneth unto your word concerning this mighty Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01212: Praise be befitting and worthy of the Lord…

He is God, exalted be He in might and power!

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who through His glorious Name opened the gates of mercy and prosperity to all the peoples of the world, and taught and guided all to that which is the cause of the Most Great Guidance and the Supreme Gift. These gates, which in truth are primarily the gates of the effusions of the King of Oneness, are the guides of the Way and the bearers of proof and evidence. They are the Manifestations of Names and Attributes, and the Dawning-places of revelation and signs. In every age and cycle, a gate among the gates was opened to the face of creation through a name among the Names, until it culminated in the ultimate gates of the Most Great Grace, the Most Noble Station, the Supreme Rank, and the Uttermost Goal. He commanded all the peoples of the world to circle round it. Whosoever obeyed was mentioned as being among the people of the most exalted Paradise and was recorded by the Supreme Pen. The disobedient were deprived and the obedient achieved.

This nobility was attained and made manifest through the Muhammadan Revelation and the Ahmadan Light. His grace caused dust to ascend above the heavens, and His mercy enabled the people of the earthly realm of creation to reach the highest Paradise. From the parched valley flowed the Euphrates of grace, and from the veiled Hijaz appeared the Morn of Revelation. Can any likeness be seen for this power, or any similitude be observed? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! The place that was the abode of

idols became the seat of the remembrance of the Lord of all beings. Through the influence of the Muhammadan Word—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—the lifeless world was renewed, and the furnaces of polytheism and infidelity were transformed into gardens of faith. The dumb spoke, the blind saw, and the deaf heard.

Now we beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to adorn the lost glory with the ornament of existence, and to make manifest the vanished might before all faces. What happened to that power and strength, and what caused this weakness? Until now, all remain heedless of the cause and reason. Today all the monotheists must, with utmost supplication and humility, petition God, exalted be His glory, and seek from Him that which will cause the standards of victory and the banners of triumph to be raised. His power has ever encompassed all, and His might has conquered the world.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest the weakness of the unitarians among Thy servants and their abasement amidst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, to assist Thy servants in that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

And furthermore, in these days mention was made of the friends of that land before the Master, and each attained to that which is the source of divine confirmation and the cause of heavenly success. He says—and His sweet utterance is this: O Abu'l-Qasim! Thou art remembered. This Wronged One hath ever beseeched God—exalted be His glory—on behalf of His loved ones for that which is everlasting and eternal. That which is subject to decline is not worthy of mention. Consider the pharaohs and tyrants of the earth—from their palaces they returned to the grave. Love of position and wealth hath made men heedless of the Day of Reckoning. These are their houses which God hath left to the spider. Take heed, O ye that are endued with discernment! Blessed is the soul whom the ornaments and colors of the world have not deprived of the ocean of divine knowledge.

Blessed art thou for having held fast unto that which is praiseworthy, detached from every remote clamourer. However, We counsel the loved ones to perform good deeds and display praiseworthy conduct, and to observe that which God hath revealed in His Book. Know with absolute certitude that had the people of unity held fast unto the glorious Law and acted according to that which the Lord—exalted be His glory—hath commanded, they would not have been afflicted with the abasement of this day. One whose sole purpose and intention was to reform the world and exalt the Cause of the favored community hath been called a mischief-maker and imprisoned, and there befell him that which caused every just one to weep and every fair-minded soul to lament. We beseech God to assist His loved ones and chosen ones, and to open before their faces the doors of goodness and blessing. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Mention thou, on behalf of this Wronged One, all the men and women. For each We beseech divine assistance in obedience and worship. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Mustafa! We have ever besought the Self-Sufficing Lord on thy behalf for that which changeth not and whose mention shall not be effaced from the Book of the world. Say:

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have recognized Thy unity and Thy oneness. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and by Him through Whose advent the heavens of Thy grandeur and might were honored, to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. O my Lord! Aid me to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Thou art indeed the One Who cannot be frustrated by the power of the idolaters who have encompassed Thy lands and territories and committed that which caused the people of the cities of justice and equity to lament. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful….

BH01149: Praise be unto that Supreme Being Who through His…

He is God, exalted be He in might and power!

Praise be unto that Supreme Being Who through His appearance caused all things to proclaim "The Promised One hath come!" and through His utterance made all the trees of the most exalted Paradise speak that which the Interlocutor heard. Great is His sovereignty and mighty His proof, and there is no God but Him. And blessing and peace be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones and His loved ones who cast away what they possessed in hope of that which is with Him, and who acted according to what they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

And further: may my spirit be a sacrifice for your service and for your steadfastness. Your esteemed letter appeared like the horizon, from which the light of detachment shone forth resplendent. It refreshed the soul as though the fabled water of life had become manifest and its existence verified. This is the time for gratitude for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of your favors and the choice wine of your mention. After attending to it, pondering over it, reading and studying it, it was presented before the Presence of the Desired One. This is what the Tongue of the Beloved uttered:

> "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My remembrance, and My favor. Praise be to God that thou art mentioned at all times, and the favor of the Truth is directed toward thee. The Wronged One beareth witness that thou hast attained unto that which was revealed from time immemorial in the Books of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Thou didst turn to Him in the early days when the people were in manifest denial. Thou didst turn to the lights of the Countenance and wert present and didst attain unto that which cannot be equaled by whatsoever the people possess. Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness unto this. The peace from Us be upon thee and upon the son who was mentioned before the Wronged One and who stood at the gate. Give him the glad-tidings of My Most Exalted Word and illumine him with the light of My wondrous utterance. And the peace that shineth forth from the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven be upon thee and upon him and upon whosoever loveth thee and hearkeneth unto thy word, and upon every steadfast and upright one."

He is the Lord of grace and bounty; His is the munificence, and His the justice. Ever hath the Day-Star of His loving-kindness shone forth and been manifest from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation unto that honored one. The atoms themselves bear witness unto this utterance, and all created things testify unto this word: verily, He hath loved His Afnan and loveth them with such a love as none can reckon; He,

in truth, is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. In very truth, that honored one abideth within the prison. This is a testimony uttered by Him Who is the Manifest One. This evanescent servant imploreth and cherisheth the hope that the Everlasting Truth may aid and strengthen that honored one in whatsoever transcendeth all stations. Verily, our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

As to what was written concerning the two souls from among the friends of Sarvistan: they arrived, they came, and attained the presence; yet this was done without permission. The servant beseecheth his Lord that He may, through His grace, accept their deed; verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

And concerning that which ye wrote regarding the bestowal of some gift unto the person mentioned: it was accepted, inasmuch as the hands of the divine bounty are present and outstretched. Such acts as these are a cause for the engendering of love within hearts and souls. He hath declared that the servants must be assisted in whatsoever leadeth unto education and spiritual nurture; and among the means which have been and remain the cause of turning unto God and the instrument of salvation is the noble Name of God. Blessed are they that attain thereunto. Thus hath it ended.

And concerning Sarkar Iskandar Khan—may God assist him—of whom ye wrote: God willing, he may lay hold upon the hem of divine assistance and be drawn unto the right hand. The asking is from the servant, and the answering from the Lord.

As to the mention ye made of the martyred one—Ruhi, upon whom be my life offered up, and upon whom be the most glorious of all glories: after these words were laid before Him, this blessed utterance proceeded from the Mouth of the divine Will:

> “O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory. The son of the wolf hath torn My lamb asunder, the oppressor hath hamstrung My she-camel, and the serpent hath opened wide its mouth and swallowed its master. The cause of that wronged one’s martyrdom was his refusal to consent unto corruption.”

End.

Your honor knoweth what it was they sought of him, and what the purpose of the wrongdoers was. And when the prohibition was issued, and he refused to consent unto the corruption they desired, that refusal became the cause of the setting of that star of the heaven of truth. Yet, by the life of our Beloved, this setting was itself the cause and herald of many risings. Were the heedless and the ungodly but aware of this station, they would never venture upon such aggression. We beseech God to confirm His loved ones in patience and steadfast endurance, and His enemies in justice and fairness. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Chooser.

Convey, in my name, salutations and utter self-effacement unto the honored Afnan, that noble sir, Aqa Siyyid Aqa—upon him be the glory of God, the Most Glorious. And I beseech God, exalted be He, to manifest unto him that which shall rejoice his heart and the hearts of His loved ones and dear ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Convey likewise my greetings unto the honored brother, Aqa Nur'u'llah, and unto the spiritual beloved, Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli—upon each of them be God's loving-kindness and grace. For each one do I supplicate success. Verily, our Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. The peace, the remembrance, and the glory rest upon your honor, and upon those who are with you, and upon such as love you and hearken unto your word in the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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That which ye sent was received and delivered unto those for whom it was intended. In conformity with the example of the Seal of the Prophets—may the souls of all besides Him be His sacrifice—it was expended in the winning of hearts. In the eyes of some this is accounted worthy, and since until now it had not been disbursed, it was therefore bestowed upon others.

BH04516: A Book sent down by the Lord…

He is the Compassionate, the Generous

A Book sent down by the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Verily, it hath been revealed from the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds, and guideth mankind unto His straight Path and His mighty Announcement.

O thou who art present before the Countenance! We bear witness that thou didst hear the Call from the Supreme Horizon and didst turn unto it and attain unto the presence of the Wronged One and didst hear the shrill voice of His Pen and didst behold the horizon of His Revelation and didst gain that which was recorded in His Books and Scriptures and Tablets. We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success and ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones who circled round His Will and acted according to that which was commanded unto them from His presence. Verily He is the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

When thou hast attained unto the Tablet say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the cup of Thy reunion and for having brought me into Thy presence while the opposers lay in wait to prevent Thy servants from turning unto the court of Thy nearness and entering the precincts of Thy companionship. I testify that Thou didst enable me to rend asunder the veils and the shrouds and didst guide me unto Thy most exalted station wherein Thy most sweet call was raised. O Lord! Thou knowest that the fragrance of Thy utterance attracted me and the light of Thy countenance took from my grasp the reins of patience. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, to ordain for this servant of Thine Thy nearness and Thy presence once again, or to ordain for him his reward through Thy munificence and generosity and bounty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

BH06187: He from His most exalted horizon

He from His most exalted horizon.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Lord of the world, Creator of the nations, and Quickener of moldering bones! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the gate of bounty was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven and the river of mercy flowed in the realm of creation, to strengthen me in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, that neither the veils of glory may prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor the veils of them that are gone astray hinder me from turning toward the light of Thy countenance. Praise be unto Thee, O God of all beings and Goal of all created things, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee, such that I left my homeland out of longing to attain Thy presence, until I stood before Thy face in Thy prison and heard Thy sweetest call from Thy most exalted horizon.

Were it not for Thy grace, who would strengthen me to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book? O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I hold fast to Thy grace—ordain for me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy bounty. 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.

BH05321: O servants! The light hath appeared, the Sun hath…

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

O servants! The light hath appeared, the Sun hath risen, the Book hath been revealed, the proof is resplendent, and the Kingdom of Utterance is manifest at the midmost heart of contingent being. Yet the people remain heedless and in denial. Say: O servants, be ye ashamed before the Lord of Creation! Deny not Him Whom ye remember night and day, before Whom ye stand in service, and Whose Name ye invoke. Today the Straight Path is manifest and calleth out, guiding all to the supreme horizon. The Balance uttereth “The All-Merciful is come,” and the Herald between earth and heaven proclaimeth this most exalted Word: “The Desired One is come with a sovereignty before which the sovereignty of the world and the might of the nations cannot stand.

Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of possibility, and be not among the heedless.” Blessed art thou, for thou hast turned unto Him in days when all turned away, and made mention of Him in times when all were silent. Beseech thou God to aid thee to remain steadfast, for mighty is this Cause and mighty this Day. We send greetings to the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace, favor and mercy, glorified be His majesty. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have embraced that which is good, turning away from evil and from all that God hath forbidden in His perspicuous Book.

BH07250: What a wondrous Book hath been inscribed by what…

In the Name of Him by Whom the horizon of proof hath been illumined throughout all creation!

What a wondrous Book hath been inscribed by what Pen—by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting! And what a glorious Tablet hath been traced by what Reed—by the Reed of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be! This is a Tablet from whose horizon the Sun of true knowledge hath shone forth. Blessed are they who understand.

How many a learned one have We left to himself, and how many an ignorant one have We rescued through My all-prevailing grace that overshadoweth all who are seen and unseen. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, and for having been the object of the Ancient Beauty's attention from His glorious station.

Let not the intimations of the nations grieve thee, nor the clamor of those who have denied God, the Lord of existence, cause thee fear. They that have turned away shall soon find themselves in evident loss. They awaited the days of God, but when they came, they arose in opposition in such wise as caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies and held fast to the cord of the tender mercies of their Lord, the Sovereign of Kings.

BH00178: Praise, sanctified beyond all utterance, befitteth the Sovereign…

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 all utterance, befitteth the Sovereign of contingent beings and the King of all worlds, Who hath adorned the realms of inner meanings and divine knowledge with fresh and wondrous garments through the living waters. These living waters at times appear in the form of letters, and at other times shine forth like unto the sun, absorbing all excess moisture that the warmth of divine love might set aflame the hearts and souls of those who are ready. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His power! Glory be unto God, Who caused "Verily I am God" to be manifested from the Tree, that all might be prepared to hearken unto the divine call in this most great and divine Manifestation. Yet when the call "Verily I am God" was raised from the Uttermost Tree in the highest Paradise, all returned to hellfire—the recompense of denial—save whom thy Lord did choose. They accepted it from the Tree, yet denied its Creator.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! Within Thy grasp are the reins of all verses, and by Thy command are all created things moved. I beseech Thee by the fragrance of revelation in Thy days and by Thy persecution among Thy servants, to assist Thy creation to be fair in Thy Cause and just in Thy lands. Thou art the One Whose power no circumstances, doubts or allusions can withhold. Thou hast manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy might and sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

And further: an esteemed letter arrived from your honor, the fragrances of which perfumed the realm of remembrance and delighted and illumined the world of the heart, for it spoke in remembrance of the peerless Friend and uttered His praise. In truth, every letter thereof was a reflection of the Divine Book and every word bore witness to the dawning of the celestial Luminary. After its perusal and reading, it was taken to the station of holy nearness and presented before the countenance of the Ancient King, and after permission was granted, the ocean surged and the fragrance wafted, and there appeared from the tongue of our Lord's will and the Lord of the Throne that which enraptured all spirits and minds. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One and who hast quaffed the sealed wine in His Self-Subsisting Name! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it hath been raised in truth for the life of all who are in the heavens and earth. Through it the ocean of knowledge hath surged in the realm of possibility, and that which was hidden in divine knowledge and stored in the treasuries of God's protection, Lord of all worlds, hath been revealed. Through it the Most Exalted Paradise hath proclaimed: "O people of the mortal realm, rejoice within yourselves, for the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven hath come with manifest sovereignty." And the Supreme Paradise hath called out: "By God! The Purpose of the worlds and the Beloved of nations hath appeared, through Whom the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, and every wise decree was made manifest." And behind these the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: "O people of the earth! The Most Exalted Horizon hath been illumined by this Revelation, which hath been the hope of the sincere ones and those brought nigh. Beware lest the veil prevent you from beholding Him, or the doubts of the world hold you back from drawing near unto God, Lord of the Mighty Throne.

By God's life! That which ye possess shall profit you not save through this Cause, whereby idols have fallen, the standards of the ungodly have been reversed, and the banners of unity have been raised in His Name, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest vain imaginings withhold you from the Lord of all beings, or idle fancies from this Self-Subsisting One, Who hath arisen before the faces of the world with a sovereignty that the veils of the nations could not prevent, nor the doubts of those who denied the Day of Judgment. Say: Fear God, O people, and deny not Him Who hath brought you that which lay concealed in the hearts of the Prophets and was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in His Books and Tablets.

By His life! We counsel you for His sake. Be fair and be not among the abject. Take hold of God's Book with the power from Him and the authority from His presence, and follow not the ways of the ignorant. He hath manifested for you what was hidden and revealed unto you the signs of God, Lord of the exalted Throne. He desireth for you naught save that which draweth you nigh unto God—to this His Books, His Scrolls, and His Tablets bear witness, if ye be of those who know.

The servant in attendance hath appeared before the face of the Wronged One and presented thy letter. We have answered thee with this clear Book. We have found from thy mention the sweet fragrance of My love, and from thy words the perfume of My affection, and We have sent down for thee that which shall endure as long as My celestial dominion and My realm of might endure. To this beareth witness the tongue of My grandeur in this glorious and wondrous station. By My life! I would not exchange My imprisonment for all that is in the world, nor My sorrows for the joy of all worlds, nor My tears for the oceans of life, nor My sighs for that which hath appeared through My all-pervading Will in the heavens and earth. Blessed art thou for having turned to Him from Whom most of creation hath turned away, and for having loved Him Whom every remote misbeliever hath detested.

We beseech God to assist thee and strengthen thee to mention and praise Him, and to serve His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Thus hath the Pen revealed the hidden pearls within it, that thou mayest read and be of the thankful. God hath forgiven thee and thy father as a grace from His presence, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Through My mention the ocean

of forgiveness hath surged and the breezes of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, have wafted. He is verily the Hearer, the Answerer. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of the heaven of My mercy, the sun of My bounty, and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance—the Light shining and gleaming from the horizon of the kingdom of My utterance. Upon thee, and upon those with thee, and upon those whom the veils of glory did not prevent and whom the party of error did not frighten, who turned and responded to their Lord, the Manifest, the All-Seeing.

Now hear the Call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue, that perchance the peoples of the earth may attain unto that which they are this day deprived. Glory be to God! That Station from which, like unto torrential rain, the verses of God were revealed night and day—this they have denied, while counting themselves among the righteous and the confessors of truth. The greatest barrier and the mightiest veil have been and continue to be the dawning-places of idle fancies. Most of the world's people have been reared on suspicion and have grown intimate with vain imaginings. Blessed is the powerful and mighty one who, with the finger of certitude, rent asunder the veils of idle fancy and attained unto the lights of the Day-Star of Revelation.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Names have prevented most from the ocean of inner meanings, and mention of "successor," "guardian" and "mirror" hath deprived them of the Dayspring of verses and the Dawning-Place of clear proofs. By the life of God! None hath been or is capable of soaring in this sublime and spiritual atmosphere save through effacing all that he hath heard. Justice hath vanished, equity lamenteth. Those who were not with Us and were unaware from the beginning of the Cause have uttered that which no oppressor hath uttered. They have taken their idle fancies as lords beside God. Lo! they are among the lost.

Say: O servants! Hearken unto God's counsel. Let not time slip away. The Blessed Tree is laden with countless fruits, and the Ocean of Utterance surgeth with boundless waves. The Sun of Truth hath appeared with wondrous lights and beloved effulgences. Behold with your own eyes, not through the sight of the heedless. Hear with your own ears, not through the hearing of the deniers. Perchance ye may soar on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of divine knowledge and attain unto that from which ye are now barred. Ascend by the ladder of trust to the heaven of God's bounty, and turn ye to the stairway of resignation. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth you to His straight path. Whoso wisheth, let him accept, and whoso wisheth, let him turn aside. Verily He is the Most Holy, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful.

His is the praise and glorification, His the grace and bounty. At every moment there hath appeared that which enlighteneth the eyes of the world and the vision of the nations. However, this dependeth upon the justice and fairness of the people. Should they turn from what they possess to what God possesseth, and make for the arena of justice and fairness, they shall attain unto that which is the ultimate goal of seekers and the final hope of the sincere ones.

Indeed, a strange talisman hath appeared. Those who today reject the truth are barred from drawing nigh and are deprived of hearing the Word of Truth. This evanescent servant—with the Eternal Truth as witness and the people of the world as testimony—hath for nigh forty years stood in service, aware and

cognizant of all matters. Yet none among the deniers hath ever questioned this servant, that perchance through the mention of events he might attain unto a drop from the ocean of knowledge and deliver himself from the darkness of self, the whisperings of Satan, and the hatred of those who are heedless and have turned away.

For instance, Hadi of Dawlatabad had and hath no knowledge whatsoever of the beginning of the Cause. God is witness that whatsoever he hath said and continues to say hath been and is without understanding, merely blind imitation, saying that which no unjust one hath ever said. Like unto those turbaned divines who, having once grasped the reins of authority, shall never release their hold upon them, a potent elixir of vain imaginings hath been administered unto him, and his pride hath deprived him of the Sultan of Manifestation. Would that he had presented himself before this Servant and, with justice and equity, had hearkened unto that which he hath neither heard nor attained! This Servant prayeth for all mankind and beseecheth the True One—exalted be His glory—that He may not deprive the souls of the world, that is to say, the diverse parties of the nations, of the River of Reality and the Ocean of His bounty. Verily, He is nigh, ready to answer. There is no God but He, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Unto the souls mentioned in the epistle, after their supplication had been offered at the Most Sacred Threshold, there was vouchsafed to each that which bestoweth life and granteth fresh existence. Verily, He is the Ancient Revealer.

This is that which hath been revealed for Fatimih, the handmaiden of God. Upon her be the glory of God! Thus speaketh He Who is blessed and exalted.

He is seated upon the Throne of Bounty!

O Fatimih, O My handmaiden! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have remembered thee with these blessed words, each of which is a fountainhead of divine bounty and a dawning-place of heavenly utterance. The queens of the world are deprived, while the turning handmaidens have attained. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds and hast turned toward the supreme horizon. Verily, He hath appeared and manifested that which He desired, as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We counsel thee and all handmaidens with that which befitteth the Day of God. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath turned and attained, and woe unto every doubting scholar.

This is what was revealed for the handmaiden of God, Khadijih, upon her be the Glory of God:

He is established upon the Throne of Utterance!

O Khadijih! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Today the Sun of Manifestation is shining and visible from the horizon of the heaven of the prison, and the ocean of grace is surging before all faces, and the Fire in the Blessed Tree is calling out with the most exalted call. Yet the servants are heedless and veiled, having been raised on suspicions and being intimate with idle fancies. Blessed is the soul that hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and attained unto the lights of certitude. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, with utmost humility and supplication, that He may

not deprive the handmaidens of the earth and prevent the servants from the ocean of inner meanings. He is indeed the Generous, the Merciful. There is no God but Him, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

This is what was revealed for Diya', upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One speaking before all faces!

O Diya'! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names. Thy mention hath been mentioned and thy name is present. By the Sun of the horizon of utterance, all that is witnessed cannot equal a single word of the divine words. The sun of His grace hath illumined the world of existence, and the heaven of His loving-kindness hath been adorned with the stars of mercy and compassion. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto witnessing and hath been adorned with the ornament of His mention. Joy be unto thee and unto thy father and thy sister, from the presence of God, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Section 2: "This is what was revealed for the handmaiden…"

This is what was revealed for the handmaiden of God, Rabi'ih, upon her be the Glory of God:

He is the Hearing, the Answering!

O My handmaiden! When thou hearest My call and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say: O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn to Thee and to direct my face toward the horizon of Thy Revelation. O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens, and a leaf among the leaves of the Tree of Thy providence. I beseech Thee by that Cord which, when moved, causeth all created things to move, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise. Then write down for me, with the Pen of Thy bounty, that which Thou hast written for Thy leaves and handmaidens who have been blessed to circle round the Kaaba of Thy presence and have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy generosity. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to Thy cord. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy bounty and grace. Verily, Thou art the Lord of Bounty and the Sovereign of existence. There is none other God but Thee, the Educator of the seen and the unseen.

This was revealed for Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout creation.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He calleth at all times for the salvation of all who are in creation, but the people hear not. None have arisen in truth save those who are among the most lost in My Manifest Book. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee with that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds, endureth. When thou art blessed with My verses, turn thy face toward God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, and say:

O my God, my God! I testify that by Thy Name the names have been erased, and by Thy Manifestation the idols have fallen, the standards have been reversed, and illusions have been shaken, and by Thy grace the

Kawthar of life hath flowed, whose source Thou hast made to be Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace, and anticipating what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Most Exalted Word and the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, to make me speak Thy Name and mention that which hath appeared from Thee. O Lord! The poor one hath turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty, and the seeker toward the Luminary of Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of those whose deeds have been accepted and who have attained unto Thy presence in Thy Most Great Prison. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the world and the Educator of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for Rubabih, the wife of the aforementioned, upon her be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection:

In the Name of the One True Object of Desire:

O handmaiden of God! Upon thee be My Glory! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books. God, exalted be His glory, gave glad tidings of this Most Great Manifestation to all the peoples of the world and all things, and created all for this blessed Day. However, the doubts of the ignorant, the suggestions of the learned, and the might of princes have prevented all from the ocean of the utterance of the Lord of all beings. All are occupied with themselves and heedless of Him, save those whom thy Lord willeth. The ornaments of the world have deprived the people of the realm of creation. How many are the men who are deprived of the river of mercy and forbidden from drawing nigh unto God, exalted be His glory. Thank thy Lord, for He hath enabled thee, assisted thee, and made mention of thee in His Great Prison. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Most Great Name

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The deluded ones, like the people of the past, cling to vain imaginings and remain heedless and veiled from the ocean of divine knowledge. The sayings of old have come forth and the ways of fancy have appeared. From the malice and hatred of that party was manifested that which caused the angels drawn nigh and the Dawning Places of the revelation of the Lord of all worlds to weep and lament. And now the deniers of the Bayan are seen to be like unto that people, nay worse. They have committed that which no oppressor hath ever committed, and with utmost endeavor and complete determination they strive to extinguish the divine light and quench the celestial fire of God’s love.

Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath reached such a state that they deny the light of the Sun of Truth and conceal the waves of the ocean of utterance. Like clouds they have become veils and have prevented the servants from the effulgences of the Luminary of proof. Thus have their souls enticed them.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant sight and bestow hearing, that perchance the heedless may become aware and turn towards the court of God. Take thou My Book with My Name and My power. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto My Kingdom and protect thee from the doubts of the suspicious

ones and the intimations of the barking ones. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Khadijih! Hold fast unto the cord of grace and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of His bounty. We beseech God to adorn His handmaidens with the ornament of chastity, trustworthiness, truthfulness and purity. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We make mention of the handmaidens of God at this time and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, loving-kindness and attention, exalted be His glory, and We beseech confirmation for all in such deeds as will cause the exaltation of God's Word. Verily He speaketh the truth and commandeth His servants and handmaidens that which will profit them in every world of His worlds. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God that each of the loved ones and leaves hath attained unto the ocean of utterance and the light of revelation. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to confirm all to take the pearls of utterance which have appeared from the ocean of His grace. Although these have been and are manifest, yet to attain unto them is impossible without the confirmations and favors of God. Verily He confirmeth whom He willeth even as He confirmed them to turn unto Him and mentioned them with such mention as cannot be equalled by the mention of all peoples. Verily He is the Protector of the doers of good and the Goal of them that know.

Having sought permission to attain His presence, after it was presented before Him, this exalted Word was revealed from the Mouth of Will, blessed and exalted be His utterance: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Love of wealth and position hath deprived the world of the outpourings of the Day of Return, to such extent that they have regarded the Reformer of the world as a corrupter and have deemed the Ocean of Justice as tyranny. With utmost vigor and effort they are occupied with preventing the servants from attaining the court of His presence. The people of oppression have become an obstacle. We beseech God to grant fairness. Well, if wisdom requireth it, they may turn, but with such turning whereby all created things turn unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Signs. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor which hath appeared from His Mighty Announcement.

Thus hath the luminary of permission shone forth from the heaven of bounty with such radiance as hath transformed the darkness of sorrow into joy. According to the command, if one or two souls turn, there is no harm.

O My loved one! Ever hath God, exalted be His glory, loved and continueth to love His chosen ones, and His grace is evident as the sun. However, they have been prevented by other causes: first, the might of princes; second, the clamor of divines; and third, the blessed Word that was heard from the Mouth of Will, exalted be His utterance: "The earth is a prison, outwardly still but inwardly in motion."

Knowledge is with God, our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Concerning the mention of one of the uncles who ascended before attaining to faith, after it was presented at the Most Exalted Station, this supreme Word was revealed, exalted be His utterance: We beseech God to forgive him through His bounty and generosity, and to send down upon him mercy from

His presence and light from His own Self. Verily, He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who assisted thee to turn and to make mention. Verily, He assisteth whom He willeth through His bounty and generosity, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. And He hath answered that which thou didst desire. Verily, the Command is in His grasp—He giveth and He withholdeth, and He is the Commander, the Taker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The ocean of forgiveness and grace of God, exalted be His glory, is before the faces of all beings, yet the people, like unto cattle, have denied this most great favor through their own vain imaginings. In these days, one who is heedless, to whose ignorance and negligence all things testify, hath mentioned that which every letter thereof beareth witness to his ignorance. Would that the deniers had understood the root of the Cause! Until now they know not from whom came that which transpired in the presence of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. In any case, the Truth is evident and manifest as the sun above all else, but the blind and sightless are deprived of beholding it. Leave them to their vain discoursings. Verily, we are God's and unto Him shall we return.

As to the request for ultimate success and prosperity, after it was presented at the Most Exalted Summit, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these decisive verses, blessed and exalted be His utterance: O thou who drinkest My choice wine! We have heard thy call and the servant in attendance hath laid before Us that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and this world, Who hath come from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in that which draweth the hearts of those who have turned towards Him, and to exalt thee among His servants through His Name. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. Say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to turn towards Thee, to acknowledge Thy oneness and to confess that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, clinging to Thy cord, yearning to plunge into the ocean of Thy oneness, to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and to attain unto Thy presence. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Quickener of the nations, by the Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, preserve me, aid me, and be a light unto me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then decree for me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, the best in this world and the world to come.

Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been mighty through Thy will and supreme through Thy purpose. Thou doest as Thou pleasest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the Answering. O Lord! Ordain for me and for those with me, and for those who have laid hold on the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy mercy, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

Praise be to God! The waves of the ocean of bounty are successively and continuously manifest and evident. Well is it with thee and blessed art thou! This servant beseecheth his Lord to make thee

steadfast in His service and vocal in His mention amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings on behalf of this servant to the friends in that land. For each one I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for steadfastness, as the heedless ones, the barking ones, and the transgressors lie in wait. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him and assist them to remain firm in the Most Great Steadfastness. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the All-Wise.

Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you, and upon all who are firm, steadfast, resolute, speaking, and upright. Praise be to our Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

The servant 19 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1306

BH11693: Today, praise and thanksgiving are the exclusive privilege…

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

Today, praise and thanksgiving are the exclusive privilege of His loved ones—those souls who have attained and continue to attain unto the Choice Wine, and who fear not the appointed hour. They have freely sacrificed their lives in the path of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds. Neither the might of princes doth frighten them, nor the oppression of divines cause them to tremble. With most eloquent utterance, they have proclaimed before all religions: "The Truth hath come!" Glory be to God! Wonder upon wonder that the deeds manifested by the lovers in this Revelation have not served to admonish or awaken the peoples of the earth. Whither is fairness fled? What hath become of justice? One, at the moment of martyrdom, exclaimed "How wonderful!"

Another declared "I have offered up my spirit unto God!" Yet another, before the House, offered up his life with his own hands. If ye were to count the martyrs of God in this Revelation, ye could not number them. In truth, they are beyond reckoning. Each gave his life in such wise that the denizens of the Supreme Paradise exclaimed "Blessed be God!" and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise cried out "What rapture for the sake of God!" Glorified be the majesty of our Lord! There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O thou beloved of My heart! Thy distinguished letter arrived, bringing into existence the joy that was lost and manifesting the hidden gladness into the realm of being. Praise be to God, it bore tidings of thy well-being, and after causing joy and delight, it was presented before the Presence of the Lord of all worlds at the Most Exalted Court and the Source of the joy of earth and heaven. It was honored to be heard, after which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses. Thus speaketh the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, through My Name, which speaketh before all faces:

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Word from which every people shall find the greatest of what they possess, whereby the people of the Furqan shall discover the fragrances of the All-Merciful, and the people of the Gospel shall find the utterances of the Friend, and the companions of the Torah shall hear the cooing of the Dove of the Cause

upon the highest branches, and the people of the Bayan shall find that which attracts the hearts and minds. Thus hath the Mother Book revealed its utterance, and the Mother of Utterance its verses, and the Most Great Ocean its waves, and the Sun of Being its bounty and effulgence.

Blessed is the soul that hath ascended, heard and seen. Woe to the heedless! Thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst hear His call and knew that He desired naught save the reformation of the world and the education of the souls of nations. But the people turned away from Him and denied His Manifestation and whatsoever was revealed from Him, out of transgression against God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. By God! This is the Day wherein the Mount hath been moved to smile, for it hath attained unto its Interlocutor, and the Tree calleth out with the most exalted call:

> "He Who caused Me to speak hath come! Fear God, O people, and deny not Him through Whom the river of utterance hath flowed throughout all possibility and the ocean of knowledge hath surged before all religions."

Be fair in the Cause of God and His Manifestation, and be not of them who disputed His signs and denied His favor and committed that which caused every discerning scholar and every informed mystic to lament.

Say: O concourse of men! The Most Great Scene hath been adorned through the Lord of Destiny, and every hidden matter hath been revealed. Turn with radiant faces to the Supreme Horizon and follow not those who have denied the proof of God and His testimony, when He came with a mighty command and clear sovereignty. The servant who was present brought thy letter and presented it before the Face. We have revealed for thee that which was a bounty to the righteous and a light to the chosen ones and a river of life to all peoples. We beseech God to aid them to turn unto Him and to grant them success in that which beseemeth this holy, mighty and wondrous Day. When the attraction of My utterance taketh hold of thee and the wine of My exposition intoxicateth thee, say:

My God, my God! My soul is a sacrifice for Thy call, and my spirit for turning to Thee, and for Thy remembrance. Thou hast turned toward me from the direction of the Prison and remembered me when I was silent in Thy remembrance, and called me when I was asleep. I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded me and the light of Thy Cause hath encompassed me. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, and by the Word whereby the hearts of Thy servants and the realities of Thy creation were attracted, such that they hastened to the place of sacrifice out of longing to meet Thee, and by the neck which attained the rope of enemies in the land of Sad as a manifestation of Thy power and an expression of its detachment from all else but Thee, that Thou aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause, then enable them to rend asunder the veils of idle fancies that prevented them from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory and from hearkening to Thy most sweet call which was raised from Thy Most Exalted Pen.

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 to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and manifested for the ascension of Thy creation to the station Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and generosity. O Lord! I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who did not break

Thy covenant and Thy testament, and whom neither the might of kings nor the wealth of monarchs prevented from gazing toward Thy horizon and holding fast to Thy cord. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed is God! What a wondrous mention and blessed time, when the call of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven was raised with the praise of all things! The waves of the ocean of utterance appeared in such wise that the seas of the world became, as it were, all ears to hearken, and likewise the trees. What a rapture hath in this hour seized the world! It is as though the wondrous words have bestowed new spirit and granted fresh life. Each one speaketh with glad tidings and uttereth a word, yet what profit is there, when the people, bereft of justice, are all deprived and forbidden? If they turn aside from this Most Great Cause, what matter is worthy of attachment, and if they deny it, what cause is deserving of acceptance?

In any case, prayer is necessary, not cruelty, for strife, contention and corruption have been strictly forbidden in this Most Great Revelation in the Book of our Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Would that they had understood the purpose of the Desired One! He hath commanded all servants in all conditions to patience and forbearance, and the friends have so firmly clung to this blessed word that they are slain but slay not, hear evil but speak it not. These unjust ones of the world have become confident, and each day there occurs that which causeth the eye of justice to weep. The light which is the cause of the world's illumination—they strive to extinguish it. And these swords and spears, though outwardly directed at these servants, in truth return upon the oppressors themselves. We beseech God to make known to all what they are prevented from recognizing today through idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily we are God's and unto Him do we return.

As for thy expression of humility and lowliness before the Most Holy Court, after it was presented, these blessed words were spoken: This humility and lowliness of thine is, before God, exalted be His glory, greater than the might and power of those who possess power. Blessed be thy tongue, for it hath spoken the truth. We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to decree for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure in every world of His worlds. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Thou didst mention Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God. After it was presented before the Throne, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him from the right hand of the Throne. God willing, may he attain unto it and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the Most Merciful that which will intoxicate him such that in the assemblage of the world he may cry out "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of all realms!" This servant conveyeth greetings and beseecheth God to grant enabling grace. In truth, the mention of the Beloved is a fresh joy for the heart, a new melody for the ear, and a trustworthy fountain for understanding. Praise be to God that that loved one hath attained unto mention, praise, orientation, love and acceptance. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous, and He is the Helper, the All-Wise.

Regarding Qurratu'l-ʿAyn and the joy of the heart of Luqman, upon him be the glory of the Most Merciful: A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath also been revealed specifically for him from the horizon of the heaven of proof. It is hoped that he may be nurtured under the shadow of the grace of God, exalted be

His glory, and attain unto that which is the cause of everlasting life and eternal mention. His mention brought joy, and this is evidence of God's grace and mercy. The servant beseecheth his Lord to ordain for him what is best for him. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

I convey greetings to the friends in that land, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant each one that which leadeth to exaltation and elevation. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH03514: The Promise hath come to pass…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of proof!

The Promise hath come to pass, and that which was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath appeared. Verily he hath attained unto all good, as witnessed by […] He speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but Me, the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of the Throne […] Thou hast attained unto the call of the Wronged One. Turn thy face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling […]

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and […] Thy face and clinging to […] Thy grace. I am the one who, O my God […] was uttered by the tongue of Thy grandeur, and I have held fast to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Books [and Thy Scriptures] and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Aid me to gaze toward Thy horizon with Thine eye and to hearken unto Thy call with Thine ear. O Lord! Thou seest the transgressor turning toward the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity, seeking Thy forgiveness […] and the ignorant one [turning toward] the kingdom of Thy knowledge and wisdom.

I beseech Thee by [the light] whereby Thou hast illumined Thy earth and Thy heaven, and opened the doors of the hearts of Thy servants, that Thou [mayest make me] enriched through Thy riches, detached from all else save Thee, and content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy firm decree and Thine irrevocable destiny. Verily Thou art He through Whose bounty all created things have testified, and through Whose grace all contingent beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Lord! Withhold not him who hath turned toward Thee, and remove not him who hath sought the court of Thy nearness and the threshold of Thy door. Ordain for him through Thy bounty that which shall cause him to arise to serve Thee and to speak Thy praise among Thy creatures. Then write down for him the good of all worlds among Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04827: Praised be God! The light of utterance has dawned…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Praised be God! The light of utterance has dawned and shines forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, and the call of the Goal of all worlds has been raised in the kingdom of knowledge. The pens of the oppressors—that is, the ignorant ones of the earth—did not prevent His Pen of justice, and the veils of

creation did not conceal the radiance of His Word. With the most exalted call He proclaimed in the realm of creation and summoned the people to the supreme horizon. Clamor arose from all directions; from every side they assailed the Wronged One. Glory be to God! From the signs and clear proofs to which all the peoples of the world have clung and still cling, nothing has appeared save denial and turning away. The hearing of the people of the world has been defiled by false tales, and likewise their sight by the dust of vain imaginings. For these two reasons they are debarred from the presence of the Cause of causes, and prevented from the Salsabil of the utterance of the All-Glorious. We beseech God to remove that which bars—He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

When thou hearest My call and the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen in the prison of Akka, say:

> "My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath consumed me, and remoteness from Thee hath set me ablaze. Thou seest and knowest that this servant of Thine hath yearned for Thy nearness and Thy will, and his heart hath melted in longing to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee, O Mystery of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur amongst mankind, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking forth among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer."

BH04908: O Ali! Upon thee be the peace of God…

…O Ali! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness!

First, fhou shouldst under all conditions be filled with joy, exultation, and gladness. But the manifestation of this station is and hath ever been impossible unless thou holdest fast unto absolute reliance upon God. This is the remedy for sorrow and in truth the supreme antidote for all manner of grief, gloom and melancholy. And trust is not attained except through perfect certitude. Certitude hath its effects and fruits.

Second is forbearance and the showing of friendship to high and low—God forgive! All are noble if they but accept the loving counsels of Truth. This luminous station illumineth the heart, breast and mind of all with an indescribable light.

Third, conduct, deeds and words must be conditioned by wisdom and the requirements of the time. Praise be to God that thou art adorned with all that hath been mentioned. This testimony in this station is a pearl beyond compare and a light without peer.

O Ali! Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends. God willing, may all be aided to achieve that which the time requireth. In times calling for vigorous action, hesitation is not permitted, and in times of peace and reconciliation, words of wrath are not befitting. God willing, may all be enabled to attain to contentment and submission, which are as two luminaries in the heaven of existence. Blessed are they and those who are endued with understanding….

BH07139: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath come from the dayspring of power is the Hidden One in knowledge, inscribed in the Tablet and mentioned in the books of the past from God, the Lord of the worlds. He raiseth up whomsoever He willeth through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. The clamor of factions hath not hindered Him. He hath appeared and revealed what He desired with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glorification be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Source of Thy commandments and the Fountainhead of Thy laws. I beseech Thee by Thy loved ones who have spent whatsoever they possessed for the exaltation of Thy Cause and whom the happenings of the world did not withhold from drawing nigh unto Thy Most Great Name, to make me a servant of Thy Cause, steadfast in Thy love and firm in my devotion to Thee. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07342: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Today every leaf…

In the Name of Him Who hath preceded all names!

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Today every leaf is engaged in remembrance, and the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree are speaking forth "The Truth hath come!" Blessed is the soul that was not held back from the Straight Path and the Great Announcement by names, but passed by them like lightning and attained unto the Truth. The Day is God's Day, and the Light of the Sun of Truth is shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will. Names have no station or path in this realm.

O My handmaiden! Thy remembrance was mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and this blessed Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor. Give thanks to thy Lord for this, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison, and glory be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy Most Glorious Horizon. I beseech Thee by the hearts that have been illumined by the light of Thy knowledge, and by the faces that have turned toward the splendors of Thy countenance, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous."

BH09103: O My loved ones! Upon you be My glory…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of proof.

O My loved ones! Upon you be My glory and My loving-kindness. Praise be to God that you are among those souls whose names were not prevented by their Owner from being inscribed, and whose book was not deprived of that which was sent down. You have passed beyond the world and joined the arena of

the utterance of the Lord of all beings, and held fast to His cord. This station is like unto the head compared to the various stations of the world, and like unto sight compared to the temples of ranks among the nations. Beseech God to grant you strength that you may remain firm and steadfast in this most exalted station and most glorious spot. We mentioned you before with a mention whose fragrance is everlasting and enduring, and this is yet another time from God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne and of the earth.

BH10277: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name the Compassionate, and by Thy Name the Kind, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the gates of generosity upon the faces of the world, such that neither error prevented Thee from giving, nor did the disobedience of Thy servants prevent Thy bounty and grace. Thou didst conceal through Thy Name the Concealer and forgive through Thy Name the All-Forgiving. O Lord! Thou seest the distant one who hath desired the Kawthar of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the mysteries hidden in Thy Books to assist me in Thy remembrance and in service to Thy Cause and in acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy of answering prayer.

BH10534: Verily the heaven of bounty desired to send thee…

He is the Single, the One!

Verily the heaven of bounty desired to send thee a star from among the stars of mystical knowledge from the direction of its Name, the All-Merciful. When its light taketh hold of thee and its manifestation attracteth thee, rise from the horizon of the House and say: O concourse of earth and heaven! By God, the King of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a sovereignty that no might can frighten and no power can weaken and no veil can conceal and no clamor of them that have denied the Day of Judgment can silence. Thus have We adorned the crown of thy heart with the diadem of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

BH11160: O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! O thou…

He is the All-Knowing

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! O thou who art oppressed in Khartoum, upon thee be My loving-kindness! O thou who hast held fast to the Self-Subsisting after the Qa'im, upon thee be My grace and My mercy! Say: My God, my God, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord, my Lord and my Beloved, and glory be unto Thee, O my Master and my Support, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the hours which […]

BH11094: The Ocean of Inner Meanings has desired to send…

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

The Ocean of Inner Meanings has desired to send unto thee a chalice from the Kawthar of utterance. When thou hast drunk thereof, say:

> "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having turned toward me from the direction of Thy prison and remembered me with that which the treasuries of kings and rulers cannot equal. I bear witness that Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

BH00701: Praise be to God Who has made manifest…

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

Praise be to God Who has made manifest the Path and sent down the Proof, and Who has called all unto Him through His evidences that no evidences in the world can equal, and through a Book that no books of the nations can match. And peace and blessings be upon His Most Perfect and Complete Name, through which His path appeared among His servants and His balance among His creation, and upon His family and companions, through whom the clouds have rained and the earth has yielded its fruits, and through whom the door of divine knowledge was opened to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the Cause of God encompassed all religions.

And further: the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived, adorned with the pearls of divine praise and thanksgiving, and illumined with love and affection for the Prophets and holy ones. Praise be to God that the opposition and neglect of the people of the world did not prevent you and He preserved you. This preservation has been and is from God. Who besides Him can preserve the servants save God, the Powerful, the Preserver, the Wise?

After perusal, it was presented before Him and He said: "O Rida, upon thee be the peace of God! This Wronged One has, from the earliest days, counseled all people regarding that which would exalt their stations and the station of God's sovereign Word. At the outset We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants to be trustworthy, truthful and pure. Through goodly character is the station of creation exalted and the Creator's good-pleasure won. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Fire that spoke unto Him Who conversed with Thee, and by the Light of Thy knowledge whereby the hearts of them that have recognized Thee were illumined, and by the fruits of the Tree of Thy Cause and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, to ordain for me that which will elevate me amongst Thy servants and cause me to speak forth Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! Thou seest the feeble one seeking the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and the ailing one the ocean of Thy healing. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. O Lord! I implore Thee by them and by Thy Most Great Name to assist me in that which befitteth my servitude towards Thee and Thy lordship over me. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous."

Praise be to God! The news of your health and well-being was precious tidings, as though emerging from a treasure-house of love. Blessed art thou! I beseech God that He may, in all conditions, assist you in that which leadeth to the exaltation of His Cause and His Word. He said: Write to Rida—upon him be peace: O Rida! We beseech God that He may aid thee and through thy deeds and character draw the souls in that

land to the shore of the ocean of unity. Despair not of God's grace and mercy. Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His exalted Word: "He hath created man and taught him articulate speech."

The possessors of divine mysteries have said: "Knowledge is the completion of that which is known, and power and might are the completion of creation." Therefore when the heart of man is sanctified from doubt, uncertainty, misgivings, and the promptings of self and desire, it perceiveth knowledge in all things and learneth from all things. God willing, mayest thou be assisted to attain unto spiritual qualities, goodly character, and pure deeds. O Rida! The hosts of deeds and character have ever been and shall ever be victorious. Hold fast to the sure handle of the blessed word "Fear God: God will teach you." When fear of God is attained, knowledge is present.

O Rida! The sacred and luminous pearls of knowledge lie hidden in the ocean of the heart, but the time for their mention hath not come. It hath been said: "Not all that is known can be disclosed." Would that there were a river that could receive sustenance from this ocean! What We have said was for the reformation of the world and the training of the souls of the nations. But those who are colored with the hues of the world accepted it not. They attributed oppression to the Dawning-Place of justice, and tyranny to equity. Beseech God that He may adorn and illumine all through His handiwork, which is sanctification and detachment from the colorings of the world.

Deal with the foreigners with utmost love, and with the Arabs with kindness and compassion. Ever keep before thy face this blessed word:

> "Glory is not his who loveth his country, but glory is his who loveth the world."

Peace be upon thee from Us, and upon those who have cast away desire and taken hold of guidance. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the last and the first.

It is hoped that through thy spiritual presence hearts and minds may be illumined, and that this journey may plant new saplings in fresh and goodly soil. Praise be to God that the time is at hand, the opportunity hath not passed, death and loss have not come. Therefore must man strive and, mindful of the one true Friend, do that which will reform and enlighten the world. This evanescent servant beseecheth God that He may, through the hands of your endeavor and effort, plant in the soil of being whatsoever will prove beneficial. Verily, He hath power over all things.

They have said: O Rida! What is incumbent upon thee today is that those souls should be pleased with thee, for verily they are good people who believe in divine unity. God willing, mayest thou be adorned with two ornaments: forbearance and benevolence. The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined by two luminaries: consultation and compassion; and the pavilion of world order is upheld by two pillars: reward and punishment.

Praise be to God! From your missive all are content and joyful. This is the fruit of your journey, praise be to God that you have attained it.

Jinab-i-Aqa Ghulam-Ali and Qurratu'l-Ayn—upon them both be the salutations of God and His grace—arrived and attained the honor of His presence, and abode in Bahji for two or three nights; thereafter they took their leave and departed. Once again mention was made of Qurratu'l-ʿAyn, together with such words as are the cause of joy and yearning concerning pure and holy deeds. Verily, our Lord is the One Who aideth and confirmeth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

As to what was mentioned concerning the items which were kindly dispatched, please God they will arrive. It had been intended that in these days Siyyid Hadrat-i-Afnan—upon him be from all glory His most glorious splendor—should come, and that he would bring them with him. If they arrive, most excellent indeed is the desired end. We sow for the servants of the earth; we write and render thanks. Yet it is certain that they shall arrive, for that honored soul hath sent them with utmost love, and this servant in turn receiveth them with full assurance of that love. In such a case there can be neither hindrance nor obstruction in the way, and thus they will arrive.

We have committed all affairs unto Him and have placed our trust in Him. Upon you be greeting and remembrance and praise, and upon those with you, and upon the righteous servants of God.

The servant, 28 Jamadi'ul-Awwal 1206

BH02474: A Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto…

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

A Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancies on a Day when servants who broke God's Covenant and Testament, disputed His verses, denied His proof, and rejected His testimony that encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth, have clung to such fancies. The dawn hath appeared and the breeze of God hath wafted over all regions, yet the people remain in evident drunkenness. They have cast away that which profiteth them and taken that which harmeth them, and have committed that which hath caused all things to lament. They shall ere long behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily God is the Just, the All-Wise.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have read it and replied to thee with a Tablet through every word of which God quickeneth such as have believed in Him and in that which hath been sent down from His presence. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have found from every letter of the letters of thy missive the fragrance of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having believed in Him and in that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His grace, and for having acknowledged that which the Nightingale of Proof warbled upon the highest branches.

The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a sovereignty that the hosts could not repel, with a might that the power of kings could not weaken, and with a command before which all in the heavens and on earth have bowed down. He stood before the faces of the world and summoned all unto the All-Knowing, the One Informed. He chose not silence for Himself nor did He conceal His face for less than a moment. He appeared and manifested that which He desired, despite the company of divines who broke God's Covenant and Testament and turned away from His straight path.

When thou hearest the call of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and attainest unto My choice-sealed wine, turn thy face toward God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to make mention of me while I was in the hands of the wicked ones, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having caused the lights of Thy luminous countenance to shine upon me. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Command through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged and the fragrance of Thy garment was diffused, and by Thy Name through which the gate of song was opened before the faces of the poor, and the gate of wisdom before all creatures, and the gates of bounty and knowledge and bestowal before all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and by the shrill voice of Thy Pen and the penetrating power of Thy Word, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art verily the Most High, the Supreme.

O my Lord! Disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy chosen servants as were so intoxicated by the wine of Thy utterance that they sought the place of sacrifice, yearning to attain Thy presence and seeking Thy good-pleasure. Then write down for me the good of this world and the world to come. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing.

BH11882: The signs of the favors of God, exalted be…

He is the One manifest above His servants.

The signs of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, are manifest and evident from every direction, and the effulgences of the lights of His Revelation are sanctified and holy beyond all else. The Kawthar of utterance flows from His Pen, and the Salsabil of knowledge is manifest and visible through His Name. One drop thereof would resurrect the inhabitants of the graves and bestow upon them eternal life. By graves is meant heedlessness of the self and passion, and the death of those in such graves is more severe and greater than physical death. Praise be to God that you have drunk the Kawthar of knowledge from the hand of the bounty of the One sought by all the worlds, and have attained to that which most of the people of the world are deprived of. We beseech God to assist you and to manifest through you that which will cause the exaltation of the Word and the advancement of souls. Commit all affairs to Him and place your trust in Him. Say:

My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, and my Beloved! I have placed my trust in Thee and have committed my affairs unto Thee. I know not what profiteth me or harmeth me; Thou art more knowing than I, and Thou knowest what draweth me nigh unto Thee and delivereth me. Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will assist me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to mention Thee among Thy servants with wisdom and utterance. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. Ordain for him every good that was in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH11883: The Command hath come, and the decree hath appeared…

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

The Command hath come, and the decree hath appeared, and the Herald hath called out before the faces of the servants: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of creation!” Blessed is he who hath heard the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, and hath arisen, turning towards Him, and hath said:

“Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Support, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved, my Purpose, my Hope and my Desire! I testify to Thy singleness and Thy oneness, and to that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and that which hath been inscribed by the Pen of Thy Command in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. And I testify that Thou didst create me for the recognition of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Manifestation of Thy Self.

> “I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and the unseen, by Thy Name through which the pearls of mysteries appeared through the key of Thy chosen Name, and through which the hearts of the righteous were attracted, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones, and Thy loved ones. Thou art He Who disappointeth not those who hope in Thee, nor driveth away from Thy door those who seek Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great and Most Glorious Name to assist me in that which will elevate my station and my rank among Thy servants and Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

BH11884: At this moment the Mother Book hath…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

At this moment the Mother Book hath, in the most exalted call, summoned the people of the earth and invited them to the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Source of heavenly ordinances. O people of Baha! Know ye your station and recognize the value of these days. Praise be to God that warfare and strife have been removed, and the light of justice hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, glorified be His majesty, and the pavilion of grace hath been raised at the midmost heart of contingent being. Blessed is the seeker who hath, purely for the sake of God, taken shelter beneath its shade. Today the gate of bounty is opened wide and the Great Herald is, at every moment, proclaiming amidst the people: O ye that possess ears, hearken unto His call, and O ye that have eyes, turn toward His horizon. The station of this Day cannot be limited and is sanctified above all measure and bounds. Beseech ye God to illumine the world through the lights of His Most Great Name and withhold not His servants from the ocean of His bounty. He is the Powerful One Whom the might of the idolaters could neither prevent from His purpose nor hold back from His Will.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me and made me known and mentioned me in such wise that the fragrance thereof will endure throughout the continuance of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH11888: In My Name, the One Who Standeth amongst all…

In My Name, the One Who Standeth amongst all peoples

Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can I mention what Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy generosity and honored me through Thy grace, whereby Thou hast guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement, and given me to drink of the choice wine of Thy utterance from Thy verses and the Kawthar of Thy grace from Thy Book? I testify, O my God, to Thy greatness and Thy power and Thy sovereignty and Thy authority. Alas! Alas! for my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness and my separation on the carpet of meeting with Thee. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Educator of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me from the Pen of the Most High the reward of meeting Thee and attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy gate.

Alas! Alas! I witness Thy love, O Beloved of the world, and the hatred of the peoples, and I behold Thy drawing near and their turning away from the shore of the ocean of Thy mercy. Thou art He Who, O my God, created the learned and the princes for Thy remembrance and praise and the service of Thy Cause in Thy lands. But when Thou didst manifest Thyself, they rose against Thee with such oppression that the near ones lamented, and they advanced toward Thee with swords of hatred and visited upon Thee that which caused all existence to be seized with grief. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH11894: Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the One Who ruleth over all names

Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, and Who hath spoken before all faces that which caused the limbs of every heedless and rejected one to quake. Glorified is He Who hath manifested whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be, and it is!” Neither the might of the oppressors nor the opposition of the pharaohs, who denied that which was sent down from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, could hinder Him. When thou findest the fragrance of the Manifestation, say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, and Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Generous, to make me one of those who have quaffed the wine of reunion from the hands of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of meeting through Thy grace and favors. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Then ordain for me that which will assist me and preserve me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Loving.

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BH00101: The praise of those who praise, the thanksgiving…

Section 1: "The praise of those who praise, the thanksgiving…"

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

The praise of those who praise, the thanksgiving of those who give thanks, and the glorification of those who glorify—how can these be attributed to Him Who is sanctified and exalted above creation, knowledge and comprehension? The inability of all things to reach Him testifies to His sanctity, and the confession and acknowledgment of both the visible and hidden tongues of all created things and beings bears eloquent witness to His transcendence. Who can describe Him as He deserves to be described? Who can mention Him as He deserves to be mentioned? The remembrances of those who remember are bounded by limitations, and the comprehension of those who comprehend falls short and is veiled.

O God, O Self-Sufficient One! By what utterance shall I make mention of Thee, and with what tongue shall I praise Thee? The Prophets and Chosen Ones have confessed their powerlessness, and likewise both the distant and the near, the obedient and the rebellious—all acknowledge their impotence and shortcoming. The essence of expression is mute in the arena of Thy praise, and the reality of speech is dumb in the court of Thy mention. Yet the ocean of Thy generosity has given hope to the realm of utterance, and the banner of Thy bounty has confirmed existence, that they might not remain utterly deprived of Thy mention according to their capacity. For were the door of Thy remembrance and praise to be shut, hope would vanish and the sword of despair would cut down and uproot the saplings of existence.

O Merciful One! We beseech from the ocean of Thy mercy. O Generous One! We implore from the sun of Thy generosity. Look not upon our weakness and lowliness; consider rather Thine exaltation, transcendence, grace and power. Perchance Thou wilt transform this handful of dust into a precious jewel, and set this cold world ablaze with the fire of Thy Tree. Thou art the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

And then, O beloved of my heart! The noble pages thou didst send, each one a volume from the world of inner meanings, arrived. Their words refreshed the soul, and the fire of their mention transformed languor and stillness into attraction and motion, for each letter was adorned with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and spoke His praise. Blessed art thou! It was not passion that made thee speak, but rather divine guidance. Were the servants to be fair and to see and hear with penetrating eyes and attentive ears, disputes and contentions would disappear, and "Our Cause is but one" would unveil its countenance and become manifest. But the servants have been reared on vain imaginings and have drunk from the pool of idle fancies; therefore they are deprived of the four, nay the nine rivers. Leave them to their devices. In any case, after reading the letter and becoming aware of it, the spirit ascended on the wings of detachment until it reached the presence of God's throne, the Lord of all worlds. And after attaining the presence and receiving permission, thy letter was presented in its entirety, and these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all men, exalted be His blessed and transcendent utterance:

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Lord of the Worlds Who, through the Dayspring of His signs and the Manifestation of His clear tokens, alone summoned all the peoples of the world to the choice sealed wine. His irrevocable Decree remained unhidden by doubts and untainted by idle fancies. From the horizon of each of His words shineth forth the light of certitude and blazeth the fire of true knowledge. These light and fire outwardly differ yet inwardly are united. Blessed is he who hath attained unto them both. Today, attentive ears hear from the Blessed Tree that which Moses heard on the Mount of Certitude, and perceiving eyes behold that which the Prophets and Messengers sought after. Exalted is this Day and exalted is He Who hath appeared therein. The former cannot be compared with previous cycles and ages, nor can the latter be likened to any previous revelation of God's Word, the Dayspring of lights.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and answered thee time and again with that wherewith God hath illumined the cities of knowledge and wisdom and the horizons of hearts and minds, and through which the river of mercy hath flowed amongst all created things. O Muhammad, hearken once again 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. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, nay rather, He remembereth him who wisheth to remember Him, for His remembrance preceded the world even as His mercy preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Muhammad! The Most Great Announcement remembereth thee from this supreme horizon, which God hath made a prison for the Dayspring of His signs and the Dawning-place of His clear tokens, and for such of His servants, drawn nigh unto Him, as were not hindered by veils from the Lord of all beings, nor were they frightened by the hosts of the oppressors. We were walking in the house on a dark night when the servant in attendance entered with thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this clear Book which speaketh before the faces of all mankind. By God! The Most Great Name hath come with a sovereignty before which the power of kings and rulers cannot stand, and He desireth to purify the hearts of all peoples from rancor and hatred. For this He hath borne in the world of creation such afflictions and hardships as none knoweth save God, the Lord of all worlds. He counseleth the princes of the earth to justice and equity and to that whereby their stations shall be made manifest before the faces of the servants. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and acted according to that which he was commanded by an All-Knowing Commander.

O Muhammad! Remind the people of God's verses with joy and fragrance. Verily they attract them, draw them near, make them know, and guide them to this Straight Path. The wolves have surrounded God's sheep, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. The son of the wolf hath devoured sheep from My flock in the land of Sad on this Day whereon the Caller proclaimeth from the highest horizon of the world:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

Were ye to count the martyrs in My path, ye could not number them. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this, yet most of the people are among the deniers. They have denied God's proof and

evidence and cast His Book behind their backs. Lo! They are among the transgressors. This is a Day wherein the heaven hath come with manifest smoke, and the people have been prevented from turning to My most glorious horizon and from drawing nigh unto this resplendent station. By God! The smoke hath appeared as a recompense for their deeds. Lo! They are among the abased ones. Say: On the first day when the Most Exalted Pen moved, the Most Glorious Paradise trembled with joy, and the tribes of the earth who cast away God's Covenant and His Command were shaken, having followed every remote pretender. Thus hath the Pen revealed its secrets and that which was treasured therein, that it might give the people glad tidings of this mighty and wondrous Cause.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His favors! Verses have been revealed of such magnitude that none can encompass them—they have encircled the world. Yet most remain veiled until now. The words of old have not departed from the view of those who turn away among the people of the Bayan—they speak with fabricated words of the past and cling to manifestations of vain imaginings. How far is the glory, loftiness and greatness of this Cause from the understanding of those heedless souls! They are deprived of the heavenly waters of divine mercy, and are content with bitter hatred. Such is the condition of these people. Calumnies have arisen such that the world's hearing has recoiled from its power to listen. Any person of justice and fairness who contemplates the verses revealed in this Most Great Manifestation will know with absolute certainty that the Hidden Being has been granted authority. the ungodly and transgressors strive with utmost effort to extinguish the divine light and quench the heavenly fire. But the Word of God has not been and will not be prevented from penetrating. Assuredly those possessed of vision, hearing and utterance will arise and summon humanity to the supreme horizon with the most exalted call.

Indeed, nearness and remoteness, acceptance and rejection, death and life, ignorance and knowledge are all dependent upon and connected to the recompense of the deeds of the servants. Thus at the beginning of the Manifestation of the Herald, that is the Point of the Bayan, not one of the renowned divines of Persia attained to the light of recognition. The cause and reason was the recompense of deeds which became a barrier and deprived all. Would that they had held fast to repentance and return! They utter the blessed words "There is no power nor strength save in God," yet they turn away from its appearance and meaning. They say "O Imam!" while issuing decrees against His Creator. In truth, astonishment itself is astounded at the deeds and words of this group.

Say: O my God, my God! I testify that through Thy Most Great Name the ocean of generosity has surged, and through Thy binding command the sun of bounty has shone forth from the horizon of the world. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations, by the mysteries hidden in all things, by the breaths of Thy most great verses, and by Thy sovereignty which has encompassed earth and heaven, to assist those who turn away to turn towards Thee, the deniers to confess, the oppressors to justice and fairness, and the rebellious to return to the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the heaven of Thy bestowals. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

That which was hidden from hearts and eyes has in this Manifestation become manifest and evident. Can the whisperings of corrupt souls now prevent the servants from reaching the shore of the sea of oneness? From the deeds and behavior of the Shi'ih on the Day of Judgment was revealed that which had

been concealed for twelve hundred years. Until now they have not ceased—continuously from pulpits they revile and kill the Truth and His loved ones. Glory be to God! In these days an event has occurred that has caused astonishment. One of those who turned away from the Bayan, Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi, merely upon hearing that in the land of Sad he had been called a Babi, that unjust one ascended the pulpit and, like the Shi'ih, uttered curses, revilement and abuse—first against his own guide in Cyprus and those in Cyprus, and then from the beginning until now against all. Glory be to God! What that unjust one has done for the sake of two days of life! But he is content with the foolish ones of the world who accept whatever he says. For instance, should he state that his purpose in cursing and reviling was something else, those possessed of vain imaginings would accept it.

Say: O ye objectors to the Bayan, what is the distinction between truth and falsehood? Judge fairly. In that land how many martyrs have sacrificed their lives in the name of the Goal of the worlds, and ye have all heard of them. The twin resplendent lights, that is, the two Husayns—upon them be the most glorious of all glory—of whom ye have heard, despite their wealth, glory and fortune, sacrificed their lives in the path of the Friend. And though the wicked ones strove mightily that they might utter but one word to save themselves, they would not consent. They forsook creation and all that pertaineth unto it, but forsook not the truth. Likewise before them, Mulla Kazim and other souls—upon them be the most glorious glory of God—all freely sacrificed their lives at the threshold of the Friend. And several months ago His Holiness Ashraf—upon him be the glory of God and His grace—attained the most great martyrdom. His martyrdom is proof of certitude, steadfastness and confession, while the life of Hadi is evidence of wavering and denial.

Section 2: "Judge fairly, O people of the Bayan…"

Judge fairly, O people of the Bayan, and speak with pure truthfulness, and conceal not the truth through your idle fancies. Until now it hath never happened that a Babi would confess and yet remain alive, while the unjust Hadi preferred mortal life to eternal life. Yet assuredly with one lie he will quiet those possessed of vain imaginings. Alas, alas, for their lack of fairness, their tyranny and their oppression! By the life of our Beloved and our Goal! Today it would be fitting to establish a house of mourning in the arena of the world and, in lamentation for justice and fairness, to recite those exalted verses which have been sent down from the heaven of will specifically for the dead.

O people of Sad! Hearken unto the counsel of this servant. Take for yourselves a path unto God. Ye have not been and are not informed of matters. Now ye have become entangled with souls who in the earliest days were occupied in building the cities of idle fancy with the hands of vain imaginings. Fear God, O people, and be not among the transgressors.

As for the mention that was made of Ali Pasha KH-A—upon him be the glory of God—last week a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for him, that it might reach that loved one through those who would deliver it. Now too is he mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and the tongue of grandeur speaketh these exalted words—glorified and exalted be His utterance:

> "O Ali! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and arise with wisdom to aid the Cause. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for the helper that

> which the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Say: O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee to assist me in that which will abide with me in every world of Thy worlds and by which the cities of Thy justice will be illumined. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant who hath turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee, and who testifieth to his servitude unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to withhold him from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

Thus was it ended.

And likewise these exalted words were revealed especially for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Rustam—may God, exalted be He, sustain him. He, blessed and glorified be He, saith:

O Rustam, upon thee be My greetings! Ponder upon that which hath been aforetime and that which hath appeared thereafter, and behold with the eye of insight, purely for the sake of God. The decline of true knowledge and wisdom hath ever been caused by the divines. Reflect upon the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. Though He proclaimed the blessed Word of Divine Unity, they issued the decree for His death. All peoples arose in opposition, and ponder thou the cause of their opposition. When thou discoverest this, thou wilt hold fast unto this Most Great Revelation with such firmness that all the earth shall be powerless to deter thee. Likewise consider the Manifestation of the Friend of the All-Merciful in ancient times, and thereafter the appearance of the Spirit, and before Him the Interlocutor. One they called a sorcerer, and another they named an impostor. Examine what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "Never came there unto them a Messenger but they did mock Him."

After reflecting upon what hath been mentioned, arise and turn towards the Kaaba of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest how I have cast aside all else but Thee and have taken hold of Thy Cause, have forsaken all save Thee, turning unto the court of Thy grace and the sanctuary of Thy glory. I beseech Thee to assist me in rending asunder the veils and dispelling the mists. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my sight with the radiance of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation. O Lord! Withhold me not from the ocean of Thy verses and the sun of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Behold, the petition of His Honor Mirza Husayn Khan—upon him be the Glory of God—was submitted unto the Sacred Threshold and was graciously received with divine attention. A Most Holy Tablet, specially ordained for him, descended from the heaven of the Divine Will and was dispatched, that he might be intoxicated by the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and become occupied in remembrance and praise.

Regarding the mention made of His Honor Sulayman Khan—upon him be the Glory of God—and likewise his enkindlement with the fire of divine love and his devotion to the service of the Cause which was recorded: these glad tidings attained the honor of being heard in the Most Holy Court, and a Most Holy Tablet, specially ordained for him, appeared and descended from the horizon of the heaven of bounty and was dispatched. It is hoped that he may be made a recipient of the eternal, everlasting life and may

quicken the world, inasmuch as today the breathings of Revelation are wafting forth. May he too be made a recipient of the traces of the Supreme Pen. I beseech the Exalted One that He may confirm him and those who are with him in the service of His mighty, unshakeable Cause.

Regarding the mention made of His Honor Himmat ʿAli Khan—upon him be the Glory of God—the beloved of the heart of His Holiness [the Bab]—upon Him be all the Glory of His glories and all the light of His lights—his mention hath been recorded. A Most Holy Tablet, specially ordained for him, descended and was dispatched to the land of Qaf, that it may reach him. The friends of God—upon them be the Glory of God—who exist in those regions are all mentioned in the Most Holy Court and have been made recipients of the waves of the ocean of the favor of the Desired One of the worlds. This servant giveth glad tidings to all through the bounty and favor of the True One, and seeketh for each that which is the cause of the enkindlement of the world and the purification of nations.

Regarding the mention made of His Honor Aqa Mirza Aqa [title]—upon him be the Glory of God—after submission unto the Most Holy Court, these verses adorned with splendors descended specially for him, that the attraction of the divine utterance might seize him and draw him nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Assisting. His words—blessed and exalted be He:

He is the Manifest, the All-Knowing

O Mirza Aqa! With manifest certitude the foundation of vain imaginings hath this day been rolled up by the command of the Lord of Days, and the carpet of certitude hath been spread. Strive thou that perchance with utmost joy and delight thou mayest illumine with the lights of certitude those who have lost their way in the valley of doubt and conjecture. The tongue was created for mention and praise, and these days are in truth the springtime of utterance. We beseech God to aid thee to purify hearts and souls from vain imaginings and idle fancies. Vain imaginings have debarred and deprived the world from the Lord of all beings. Whenever a light appeared, they strove to extinguish it, and whenever the Sun of Justice shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace, they endeavored like clouds and mists to conceal it. Most of the verses of the divine Books have testified and do testify to that which hath been mentioned.

Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and with the hands of detachment rend asunder the veils and shrouds of the people—yet with wisdom and utterance, for the decree of the sword and spear hath been lifted. By the life of God! The utterance that proceedeth from the tongues of them that are detached is sharper than the sword and more penetrating than the spear. Say: O my God, my God! I testify that Thou didst remember me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was silent in Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee to aid me to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Illumine my sight, strengthen my heart, and reinforce my hearing and my limbs to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayers.

Mention was made of Asadabad. His exalted Word: Should God will it, He would change its name to Nurabad. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends of that land. Praise be to God, they have been and are among the triumphant ones. That which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting existence was specially revealed for them before and after.

This servant hath also mentioned this to Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Let them investigate and send copies of whatever was revealed concerning them and has been lost. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Mention was made of Haji Fadlu'llah and Kaka Khan, upon them be the Glory of God, and likewise of Haji's love for the prayer of Salat. In truth, were all the world to attain unto a drop from the ocean of fairness, they would sacrifice their wealth and lives to obtain it. Today the taste of the servants hath changed and their power of comprehension hath been altered, therefore they are deprived of understanding that which hath descended from the heaven of bounty. O my brother and my true friend! The diverse winds of the world and its colors have stirred up impediments and deprived the sense of smell from perceiving the fragrances of revelation. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to educate mankind, that through the hosts of refined and noble utterances and praiseworthy deeds and character they may guide people to the divine law. Verily He is the Near One, verily He is the Watchful, verily He is the Helper.

Concerning Aqa Siyyid Aziz-i-Quli and those with him, upon them be the Glory of God, mention was made. After being presented before His face, these exalted words were specially revealed for them. His blessed and exalted Word: He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing:

O dear one! Every soul that hath in this day attained unto the recognition of this Most Great Announcement hath attained unto the glory of God and is illumined by the light of God. The glory of this world hath been and ever will be ephemeral, and likewise the clamor and differences of the peoples. But this most exalted and blessed Word, which hath in this hour dawned from the horizon of the Supreme Pen, is everlasting and enduring. Neither shall obliteration seize it, nor shall extinction find it. Give thanks unto the Peerless Beloved that He hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison and adorned thee with the tokens of the Supreme Pen. He Who loved Me hath mentioned thee; We have remembered thee in this Clear Tablet.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and its surroundings, both those related and others, and say: I swear by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth that this blessed Day hath no peer or likeness. Strive ye, and through unity illuminate all regions. Beware lest the darkness of the world prevent you from drawing nigh unto the Light, or tyranny from justice, or oppression from equity. The loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, must, with pure and holy hearts, sanctified from all directions, beseech and implore from God that which is the cause of the return of all and the means of salvation for all. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Him, the King, the Just, the Manifest Truth.

Section 3: "And as for the mention that was made…"

And as for the mention that was made of Dawlatabad and the loved ones of that land, upon them be the Glory of God, and likewise their steadfastness and attraction—mention of each and every one was made in the most exalted heights in the presence of the Lord of all beings, and these wondrous and blessed verses were revealed from the heaven of bounty and mercy. His word, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O My loved ones in that place! Your names have been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, whereupon the ocean of My loving-kindness surged, the fragrances of My grace were wafted, and the sun of My utterance shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty. We have remembered you with such remembrance that through it the call of all things was raised:

> "God, there is none other God but Him, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, the Master of the Day of Judgment."

Blessed are ye, and again blessed are ye, for having turned towards Him from Whom all on earth have turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, has willed. Ye have attained unto the traces of God from aforetime, which nothing can equal. We beseech God to strengthen you in that which will cause your deeds, your remembrances, and your character to endure in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have heard your call and have answered you, and We have shone upon you with the lights of utterance that ye may draw near, under all conditions, unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O friends of God! Hearken in the Persian tongue: Hold fast to unity and harmony. Great is this Day, and the Cause of God hath appeared like the sun from its horizon and is manifest. Hold fast to consultation and occupy yourselves with teaching. This is the assistance that hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Tablets of the past and future. Hold fast unto it and be of them that render assistance.

O friends of God and His party! Hear the call from the direction of Akka, from the Sublime Tree upraised in truth. Verily it illumineth your hearts, strengtheneth your frames, confirmeth you and aideth you with the hosts of utterance. He, verily, is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to grant strength that all may arise with supreme steadfastness and firm certitude to turn towards the cities of hearts and minds. Let not time slip away, and hearken unto the sincere counsels of them that are detached. Should any differences appear among you, strive to remove and efface them, that ye may attain true unity and be numbered among the helpers. The handmaidens of God have been mentioned at this time in the Crimson Book by the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to preserve the leaves of the Tree from the various winds of the world and to illumine each one with the light of steadfastness and the radiance of detachment. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Mention was made of His Honor Aqa Husayn K. in Dah-i-Naw—upon him be the Glory of God—and likewise mention of His Honor Aqa Mirza Rahim and his brother, His Honor Aqa Abdu'l-Azim—upon both of them be the Glory of God—in J.W., and in Bayghish the sons of the late Aqa Nawruz ʿAli and His Honor Mahmud Bik—upon them be the Glory of God. These names were submitted unto the Most Holy Court, and each was made a recipient of the remembrance of the Desired One of the worlds. His words—blessed and exalted be He:

"O Compassionate One! Night and day the divine Call is raised on high and verses descend from the Kingdom of bounty and bestowal. But the opposition of the opposers and the heedlessness of the

negligent—that is to say, the divines of this age—have prevented the people from the Most Great Vision. Blessed is the soul whom the opposition of those heedless souls did not prevent, and who attained unto the Most Great Honor. Praise be to God! Verily, thou hast turned toward Him, and heard, and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

We counsel thee to steadfastness in this mighty Cause, O Abdu'l-Azim! The Cause is mighty, mighty! Entreat the True One that He may deliver the world from the negligence of the Shi'ih party and from the hatred and enmity of those souls. The most contemptible parties of the world have been witnessed. They uttered 'Yea, O True One!' and martyred Him. Blessed art thou in that thou hast left them to themselves and turned unto God, the Mighty, the Great."

The Most Exalted Pen has willed to make mention of the elevated Nowruz Ali. Today is Nowruz and in truth it is the sight of all days, nay the sight by which the world is illumined. The realm of time cannot equal a single hour thereof. O Nowruz! Thou art in the highest companionship, inasmuch as the Lord of all beings hath made mention of thee. We made mention of thee before thy ascension and after thy ascension, that the grace and favors might encompass thee from all directions. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Rememberer. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have ascended unto God, holding fast to the cord of love and recognition. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. We make mention of the children in this exalted station. We beseech God to aid them to remain steadfast with such constancy that neither the opposition of the opposers nor the hosts of the oppressors shall deter them. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

O Mahmud! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and We have mentioned thee with these sublime words. For divine mention there have been and are infinite degrees and stations. Among these, when a single word proceedeth from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for someone, at that moment there appear in the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven lofty and transcendent stations consisting of mansions, dwellings, chambers and endless new bounties, to such an extent that those who enumerate, remember and record are unable to count them. Consider the grace and favors of God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the hearts of the sincere ones and those near unto God! We beseech God to set thee ablaze with the fire of His love, that through the warmth of love thou mayest ignite the souls in that land. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Each of the souls mentioned attained unto that which had been the hope of the world from time immemorial. The divine Books speak of this Day, and all the Prophets and Messengers held fast unto it, beseeching and hoping from God the meeting of this blessed Day. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto Him and attained unto steadfastness.

Now, for each of the petitioners specifically, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent in reply, including those of his honor V.Z., his honor Haji Mirza Hasan, his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Ali Sar, his honor Aqa Siyyid Sharif, and his honor Sulayman Kh.A., upon them be the glory of God, as well as the other loved ones upon whom be the glory of God who were mentioned before. Praise be to God, all have received their portion from the ocean of utterance of the Goal of all worlds, and there was revealed specifically for each that which all on earth cannot equal. God willing, may the loved ones drink

from the chalices of words that which bestoweth eternal life. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And as for the mention they made of his honor Haji Kazim, upon him be the glory of God, and the mention of his house which has become a gathering place for the friends of God, and likewise the mention of his vision—these matters were presented before the throne of God, exalted be His glory, and one Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent from the heaven of utterance of the Goal of all worlds specifically for him. We beseech God to exalt him among His servants through His Name. Verily He is powerful over all things.

And likewise they wrote mentioning his honor Siyyid Bahlul, upon him be the glory of God. After being presented before His presence, these sublime words were revealed from the treasury of divine knowledge concerning him. His word, mighty is His utterance and manifest His proof:

O Muhammad, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! All the friends have been and are mentioned before the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make them the banners of His remembrance, the standards of His guidance, the rivers of His mercy, and the trees of His loving-kindness amongst His servants and His creation, that all may partake of the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree and attain unto that which they are heedless of today. On this day, every created thing doth proclaim with eloquent tongue and giveth glad-tidings unto all of the appearance of the Most Great Light. Blessed are they that hear, and woe unto the heedless!

Mention was made of his honour Siyyid B.H. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give him to drink from the chalice of the Water of Life, that he may arise among the servants, speaking His praise, turning unto His horizon, standing firm in service to His Cause, and directing himself toward the lights of His countenance. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Say: This day is the Lord of days, with which neither years nor months, nay, neither centuries nor ages can compare. God willing, they will guide the servants through wisdom and utterance to the stream of the All-Merciful, that all may not be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord in His days. His mercy hath preceded and His grace hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

This servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, to assist him in that which beseemeth His Day, that he may be a cup-bearer among the people through His Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Exalted is this mighty and sublime station!

Thus far doth the discourse end, and mention is concluded here for now, that God willing, the response to the remainder of the august letter may be sent later, as time is wanting at this moment and the bearer of news is departing. I convey greetings, peace, praise and glory to all the friends in that land and its surroundings, and I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to illumine all with the light of deeds and character, which are the cause of the order of the world and the progress of nations. Verily, He is the Illuminator Who illumineth whomsoever He willeth among His servants, and He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken unto your words in praise of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 19 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1306

BH01222: O people of Paran! By God and His Cause…

In the Name of Him Who heareth and seeth; He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

O people of Paran! By God and His Cause, the Wronged One hath turned toward you time and again, repeatedly, from the precincts of the Prison, and hath made mention of you through verses whereof God hath made each letter a fountain of Kawthar and Salsabil, and a source of the water of life for the quickening of all worlds. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed be your tongues for having acknowledged the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, and your hearts for having turned unto Him on a day wherein the fire of estrangement was kindled in all regions, and every oppressor arose to extinguish His light and quench His flame. Thus did their souls prompt them—they are assuredly among the transgressors in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds. There have come before Our presence servants who have believed in God and His signs, and who have taken for themselves a station nigh unto the mercy of their Lord, the All-Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Beware lest ye be saddened by the fire of hatred which hath been kindled in the hearts of the divines who have violated God's Covenant and pronounced judgment against Him through Whom the Path was made manifest and the Balance spoke, saying: "I am the All-Distinguishing, the All-Knowing." Hearken unto My call and the shrill voice of My Pen, then observe that which hath appeared through the will of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: O people of Paran! The call of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath been raised. Hearken, and be not of them that are veiled. Beware lest the doubts of the cawing ones prevent you from God, the True King, the Manifest. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given from the presence of One mighty and great.

We have desired at this time to make mention of the Friend who hath ascended unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Before his ascension We revealed for him that which brought solace to the eyes of them that are nigh unto God, and after his ascension We mentioned him from My Most Exalted Pen in such wise that the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Sublime Paradise welcomed it, as bidden by the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. O Friend! We have desired to make mention of thee at this time once again, as a mercy from Us—verily thy Lord is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. The glory shining from the Most Sublime Horizon and the light radiating from this Most Glorious Station be upon thee, O thou who didst hear the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and who didst believe in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who loved thee and made mention of thy days, thy turning and thy devotion. We testify that he is among the sincere ones

in the Book of God, the Lord of the Glorious Throne. Thus did the Pen speak when the Lord of Eternity was in this noble station.

O friends of God in Paran! Give thanks unto your Lord for having aided you to remember and praise Him, and for having drawn you nigh unto Him when the people were in manifest remoteness. Say: O concourse of men! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Destiny hath uttered from His Most Great Prospect, and be not of the heedless. By God! Ye were not created for yourselves, but rather to serve this Cause whereby the hearts of the idolaters have been sorely troubled. The banner of unity hath been raised before your faces, and the call hath been lifted up from the Most Sublime Horizon:

> "The kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Master of this wondrous Day."

Your eyes were created to behold My signs, your ears to hear My call, and your hands to grasp My Book, if ye be of them that understand. Be ye of such constancy that the cawing of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, shall not prevent you. Take ye, with the hands of power and might, the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones who have ascended unto God in that land, that they may inhale the sweet fragrance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless. The first fragrance that wafted from the breezes of Revelation and the first light that shone forth from the horizon of the Throne be upon you, O loved ones of God and His chosen ones. We testify that ye believed in God when most of mankind denied Him, and hearkened unto the Call when it was raised in truth, and attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of the Messengers. Through you the Sun of Certitude shone forth from the horizon of possibility, and the ocean of utterance surged before the faces of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ye are they whom the affairs of the world did not deter, whose resolve its might could not weaken, and whom the doubts of the suspicious could not veil. We testify that ye turned unto the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament when every wayward transgressor broke it. Through you the river of mercy flowed amidst all created things, and the Dove of Unity warbled upon the branches:

> "There is none other God but Me, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

Blessed are ye, and blessed is he who maketh mention of you in accordance with what hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord at this time. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance and illumined the hearts of My loved ones who have cast away all else but Me, clinging to the hem of My luminous robe.

O Pen! Make mention of My handmaidens in that land and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded existence itself, from the first to the last. O My handmaidens and My leaves! Take ye the cup of immortality in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink therefrom through My sweetest remembrance, in defiance of the divines of the earth and its jurists who have cast behind their backs My Book and taken the book of their own fancy in this Day wherein all things proclaim:

> “The veil hath been rent asunder and the Lord of Creation hath come with manifest sovereignty.”

The glory from Us be upon them and upon you and upon every people that hath acted in accordance with what hath been commanded from the Tongue of God, which speaketh in this exalted station.

BH03492: He it is Who warbles upon the branches

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This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who has drunk the sealed wine when the Self-Subsisting came from the heaven of utterance with a clear proof. A letter from the Prisoner to him who has turned to the Hidden Mystery that appeared and summoned the peoples at their return unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the coverings torn away when the Revealer of verses came with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth. While We were seated upon Our seat, there came one named the Present Servant from the tongue of God, the Commander, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful, and read thy letter before Our face. We found from it the fragrance of My utterance and thy love for Him Whom most of the servants detest, and thy turning to Him from Whom every transgressor and sinful one has turned away. We answer thee with this wondrous and glorious Tablet. When thou attainest unto it, turn thy face toward the Kaaba of God, the Lord of the throne and of the dust, the Master of all men. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink what flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen and made known to me that which most of mankind were prevented from knowing. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Bountiful Name, and I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the kingdom of names, to make me one of those who have cast vain imaginings behind them, turning to what Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy Will in Thy Mighty Book. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy greatest verses and attracted by the breezes of Thy revelation, O Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy most exalted Word and by Thy sovereignty that hath subdued all things, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and upright on Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. Then ordain for me, O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations, the best of what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03928: O Name of Generosity! Upon thee be My glory!…

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of bounty!

O Name of Generosity! Upon thee be My glory! The letter of his honor Samandar, upon him be My glory, was reviewed. Blessed is he and his pen and whoso loveth him for My sake. All that hath flowed from his pen, both before and after, in proof of the Word of God, is acceptable before the Wronged One. He hath spoken the truth, to this beareth witness the Tongue of My grandeur and whoso is with Me in My Kingdom and circleth round Me. We beseech God, exalted be He, to preserve him from the oppressors and transgressors. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. We hope that afterwards the answer to certain

passages will be revealed and sent, and We make mention of My loved ones there. By My life, We have mentioned them with a mention from which wafteth the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors. He is verily the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

The letter of his honor [Khalil], upon him be My glory, was read in the presence. He hath spoken the truth. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. His mention and yearning in divine love hath deposited traces in the contingent world, and this trust is preserved with the Trustee. And verily He is God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest. In truth the sweet savors of steadfastness and joy and the fragrances of attraction and longing have been diffused from them throughout all regions. We beseech God to strengthen him at all times with the hosts of inspiration. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Name of Generosity! The blessed word "The names descend from heaven" hath appeared and is known as Abdul-Karim, upon him be the glory of God. His letter was read in the presence. This word of his was the result of the elevation of the heart and hath attained unto the acceptance of hearing. Joy be unto him. His words: "O my God! O my Lord! The servant is Thine and mercy is Thine." We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His loved ones there and those who are with them. He is verily their Guardian in this world and the next, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03978: Verily the Most Great Sea desired to make mention…

In the Name of the Mighty, the Great

Verily the Most Great Sea desired to make mention of one of Its waves, that the remembrance might attract it to a station wherein the atoms proclaim:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, Lord of the worlds and Master of the Day of Judgment."

O thou who art present before the Countenance! God giveth thee glad tidings of His grace and hath accepted what thou hast wrought in His path. He, verily, is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. We bear witness that thou hast aimed for the Ultimate Goal and hast heard the Call of God, Lord of the mighty Throne, and hast dwelt in the precincts of His Sacred House and hast heard His Call raised between the heavens and the earth. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn unto Thee and honored me with the visitation of Thy presence and provided me with the fruits of certitude from the Tree of Thy divinity. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Hidden and Treasured Name, which appeared through Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, then ascended the throne of utterance at the midmost heart of contingent being and summoned all to the court of Thy might and the carpet of Thy holiness and the pavilion of Thy glory and the canopy of Thy grandeur, that Thou write down for me that which will preserve me from all else save Thee and give me to drink of what hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen, that I may abide by the abiding of Thy Will and Purpose.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have cast aside my affairs and occupations and all else besides Thee, turning unto the lights of Thy countenance and directing myself toward the Kaaba

of meeting with Thee. I beseech Thee to make this meeting a treasure for me in the repositories of Thy protection and a store for me with Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee to forgive me and those who desired their remembrance before Thy throne. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH11881: O Ahmad! When Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets…

In the name of the One Incomparable Knower:

O Ahmad! When Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—appeared, they reviled Him and issued a decree for His death. Before Him came the Spirit (Christ), whom they crucified, and likewise they denied Moses, and cast the Friend of the All-Merciful (Abraham) into the fire. What was the cause and reason for these matchless and unprecedented injustices? It was the divines of the age—by their decree the rulers acted, doing that which caused all things to lament and the Tablet and Pen to weep. They martyred the Herald (the Bab)—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—and now each day they scheme against this Wronged One. They hamstrung His she-camel, they tore apart His sheep, they sank His ship. The Wolf and his son committed that which no oppressor had ever done. Yet whatsoever hath befallen hath caused the exaltation of God's Word and the advancement of His Cause. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I testify that Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest through Thy power which encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Ordain for me from the wonders of Thy grace such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy acceptance and the sweet-scented breeze of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy pre-existent mercy and Thy all-encompassing favor and Thy generosity which hath encompassed the heavens and earth, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Thou art, verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Bountiful.

BH04825: The Tongue of Grandeur has in all times summoned…

He is established upon the throne of utterance at the pole of contingent being.

The Tongue of Grandeur has in all times summoned the servants to the living waters and continues to do so. The Book calls out with the most exalted cry between earth and heaven, giving glad tidings to all and summoning them to the Hidden Name and the Treasured Secret. Blessed is the soul that has attained to this most great bounty and this most hidden mystery. Today another world has appeared and another carpet has been spread, yet the people of doubt and fancy remain occupied with their previous imaginings. Say:

O God, my Worshipped One, my Adored One! Through a single word of Thy sublime words Thou didst create earth and heaven, and through one drop from the ocean of Thy generosity Thou didst bring

existence into being. Thou art the One with such power that the might and strength of the tyrants of the earth and pharaohs of the lands could not prevent Thee from Thy purpose. O Generous One! A poor one has turned to Thy gate and a helpless one has clung to the cord of Thy power. He begs of Thee Thy ancient grace and beseeches Thy fresh forgiveness. Deprive him not from the ocean of Thy bounty and withhold him not from the living waters of eternal life. Thou art powerful and mighty. O Lord! The atoms of the world bear witness to Thy wealth and acknowledge and confess Thy grace. Would One like Thee, so rich, deprive one like me, so poor? Far be it! Never! I testify, and all things testify, that Thou art the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

BH04963: Verily the Divine Lote-Tree desires to make mention…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

Verily the Divine Lote-Tree desires to make mention of one of its fruits, and to gladden it with its loving-kindness and grace, and to remind it of that which hath been inscribed upon its leaves by the Most Exalted Pen of God, the King, unto Whom belongeth the kingdom of heaven and the realm of names.

O thou who art turning toward My direction, gazing upon My countenance, and standing before My throne! Hearken unto My call, for verily it will draw thee nigh unto My kingdom and aid thee with the hosts of My wisdom and utterance, and will inform thee of that which hath been ordained for thee by My Pen in My Crimson Tablet, whereof none hath been apprised save God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of this wondrous Day.

Give thanks unto God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath, for having aided thee to turn toward Him, and adorned thee with the ornament of certitude, and caused thee to appear before His presence, and enabled thee to hear His most sweet call, and to behold His most glorious horizon.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the billowing oceans of Thy utterance, and by the signs of Thy grandeur, and by the manifestations of Thy might, and by Thy most exalted Word whereby Thou didst unite Thy creation and the hearts of Thy servants, and by the blood of Thy chosen ones which was shed in love for Thy Beauty and in yearning for Thy presence, that Thou aid me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, and to serve Thy Cause.

Verily Thou art He Whom neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs nor the wrath of the oppressors can frustrate. In Thy right hand is the standard of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” and in Thy left hand the banner of “He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.” There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling.

BH05404: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, and glorified art Thou, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, and glorified art Thou, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Concealer, to conceal the sins of Thy servants and whatsoever

they have committed in Thy days. O Lord! Thou art He Whose generosity hath encompassed all created things and Whose mercy hath preceded all existence. None hath ever returned disappointed and frustrated from the door of Thy grace, nor have any souls remained deprived and hopeless. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all created things to forgive Thy servants and Thy creation, and take them not to task for their misdeeds and errors.

Wouldst Thou, O my God, chastise him who hath acknowledged Thy mercy and confessed to Thy favors and bounties? Nay, by Thy might! I testify that Thou dost not withhold those who seek Thee from the ocean of Thy grace, nor those who desire Thee from the sun of Thy bounty. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to be attracted by Thy verses, whereupon I hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness and heard Thy sweetest call, which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of earth and heaven, and for having shown me Thy beauty in the Most Great Prison through what the hands of the nations have wrought. O Lord!

Ordain for me and for those with me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace the table of Thy utterance and the blessing of Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH05873: The Book proclaims with the most exalted call: O…

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds!

The Book proclaims with the most exalted call: O deniers! This is the Day of Return—deprive not yourselves! Look upon and ponder the proofs of the Prophets and Messengers, that ye may not remain deprived of the Most Great Proof which hath today shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen. Every proof hath bowed down before the proof of God, the Lord of all worlds, and every evidence hath submitted to the evidence of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

Take hold of the Book of God with His strength and follow not those who follow every heedless doubter. Say: Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and with the finger of might rend asunder the veil of idle fancy. Say: Fear your Lord, the Most Merciful, and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: We pass over whatsoever hath been said and is being said, and hold fast unto the very proof and evidence itself. Read ye what ye possess and We shall read what hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of all worlds. It would be a pity if ye should remain veiled this day by that which the people possess from that which is with God. Say: We counsel you for the sake of God and desire from you neither recompense nor thanks. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful. The splendor from Us be upon thee and upon every steadfast and upright one.

BH06632: In My Name that dawneth from the horizon…

In My Name that dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

The call hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Blessed is the ear that hath heard it, and the tongue that hath answered, and the heart that hath turned toward it, and the foot that hath hastened, and the

face that hath been directed toward it, and the eye that hath beheld the horizon of the Revelation when He appeared and manifested what He desired on the part of God, the Commander, the Almighty, the Powerful.

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning toward Me, thy devotion, thy presence, thy attentiveness, and thy entry through a gate that hath been opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy signs, and thanks be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having shown me Thy most exalted horizon, and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call. I beseech Thee by Thy signs which have encompassed all things, and by the Concourse on High, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, to make me steadfast, firm and upright in Thy love and Thy Cause. Then ordain for me the good of all worlds among Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH06713: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath believed in the Self-Subsisting, through Whom the limbs of all names have trembled and all who are on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath willed. Thou hast attained unto My remembrance, and thy name hath been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur in this exalted station. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, say:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy manifestation and Thy establishment upon the throne of Thy grandeur and Thy power amongst Thy servants and Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the Manifestations of might and power, whom neither doubts prevented from turning to Thee nor allusions from holding fast to Thy cord. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which shall accompany me and benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of Thy bounty and have attained unto the most great steadfastness, such that neither armies frightened them nor the might of kings deterred them. They turned with radiant faces, detached from all else save Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH11893: O Taqi! The Wronged One hath heard thy call…

In the Name of the One True God

O Taqi! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and answered thee. He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Know thou with clear certainty that the people of Iran have been reared on vain imaginings and have drunk from the breast of idle fancies. Most difficult is it to rend asunder the veil in their sight. The most exalted and greatest among that people are, by their own account, the divines

and jurists of the land, yet these souls are regarded by God as the most ignorant, base and lost. Throughout ages and centuries they sought the presence of the Truth, yet when He was made manifest they martyred Him. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name the Almighty, and by Thy Name the Chosen One, and by Thy Name the Powerful, to sanctify the earth and its cities and regions from the likes of these. O my Lord! Thou seest how they have turned away from Thee and pronounced judgment against Thee without any clear proof or Book. Cleanse the earth from the defilement of these who have manifested rancor and hatred. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Avenger, the Just, the All-Wise.

BH07243: This is a Book which the Lord of Hosts…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the heaven of proof!

This is a Book which the Lord of Hosts hath sent down as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Bestower, the Generous. Hear thou the Call from the Most Glorious Horizon—verily it will draw thee nigh unto a station sublime and wondrous.

Say: O my God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. There is no God but Thee, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I bear witness, O my God and my Beloved, that Thou didst create me to know the ocean of Thy unity and the sun of Thy manifestation, and to acknowledge that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thy horizon and attained that which Thou didst send down unto Thy Messengers. I beseech Thee by the power which the hosts of the world have not weakened, and by Thy might which the onslaught of the nations hath not rendered powerless, and by Thy Self-Subsisting Name through which the dwellers of the graves arose and the Trumpet was sounded, to make me one of those who have circled round Thy Will in Thy kingdom and acted according to that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07350: O friends of God! The daysprings of falsehood…

He is the One speaking from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

O friends of God! The daysprings of falsehood and hypocrisy have ever forbidden their followers from drawing near to and associating with other servants, fearing lest they discover the calumnies of those false souls. But the people of truth have ever counseled all with loving advice to associate and unite. O My friends! The deeds and words of the men of the arena of steadfastness and power have been and are distinguished from all else. We beseech God to lead all from the west of fancy to the east of certitude. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O thou who hast turned thy face to My horizon! We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in this Most Luminous Tablet, that thou mayest attain unto that for which existence itself was brought into being. Say: My God, my God! Look not upon my self and my transgressions, but rather upon the Sun of

Thy bounty and the Heaven of Thy generosity. I have come unto Thee detached from all else beside Thee. Do with me as beseemeth Thee. We testify that Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH10761: The Sun hath desired to bestow upon thee…

The Sun hath desired to bestow upon thee an effulgence from among the effulgences of its Most Great Name. When thou art illumined by its lights and hast attained unto its presence, arise and turn thy face toward the Ka'bah of God, the Possessor of the kingdom of names, and say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God and God of earth and heaven! Unto Thee be praise, inasmuch as Thou hast brought forth from the treasuries of Thy Most Exalted Pen, for this Thy servant, the pearls of wisdom and utterance, and the gems of loving care and tender mercies. I bear witness that Thou art, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH10798: The Ocean of bounty hath willed to send unto…

The Ocean of bounty hath willed to send unto thee, from the quarter of justice, a cup of the sealed wine. When thou attainest unto it, take it in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then drink thereof, despite those who are lost in vain imaginings, who have broken the Covenant of God and His Testament.

And say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Unto Thee be praise, for Thou hast remembered me and hast made me of those who have attained in Thy mighty and wondrous Tablet.

BH11831: O My brother! How great, how very great, can…

O My brother! How great, how very great, can the law of obligatory prayer be, when, through His mercy and loving kindness, one is enabled to observe it. When a man commenceth the recitation of the Obligatory Prayer, he should see himself severed from all created things and regard himself as utter nothingness before the will and purpose of God, in such wise that he seeth naught but Him in the world of being. This is the station of God's well-favored ones and those who are wholly devoted to Him. Should one perform the Obligatory Prayer in this manner, he will be accounted by God and the Concourse on high among those who have truly offered the prayer….

BH00107: Praise be unto Him Who is the Ultimate Goal…

Section 1: "Praise be unto Him Who is the Ultimate…"

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

Praise be unto Him Who is the Ultimate Goal, for in establishing His Cause He hath sought no other proof besides Himself, and no mention of aught else hath found or findeth access unto Him, inasmuch as He is sanctified above all that is in the world. Great indeed is this Day wherein the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—in the Most Exalted Paradise and the Most Glorious Horizon proclaimeth "Verily, I am the first of them that worship." We beseech the Most High to preserve His servants from vain imaginings and idle fancies, for the abominable Shi'ih sect hath been and continueth

to be deprived of the recognition of the Hidden and Treasured Name through their vain imaginings and idle fancies.

They considered themselves the most exalted of creation and the most profitable among the inhabitants of all lands, whereas in the sight of God they are reckoned among the basest of creation and the most lost of servants. For twelve hundred years they cried out "O Vicegerent!" yet on the Day of Reckoning they slew the Creator of a hundred thousand vicegerents. Now again some of the opposers are preventing people from the Lord of all beings through these same means. Time and again this exalted word was heard from the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names—blessed and exalted be His utterance: "Until they pass beyond the river of names, they shall not attain unto the ocean of inner meanings."

In any case, this servant and that honored one and all others must beseech God to preserve the people of God from these names and former matters and the vain imaginings of that rejected sect.

Glory be to God! In the beginning of the Cause the divines of the Shi'ih sect prevented the helpless people from approaching the shore of the sea of oneness, and how many servants did they sentence and execute merely out of selfish desire. To this day they curse the Truth from their pulpits. Indeed, they have committed that which neither Jews nor Christians, nay even the idolaters have committed. In all circumstances we seek preservation and assistance from God, glorified be His majesty, that perchance the servants of God may not hereafter be afflicted with the vain imaginings of that heedless sect. The Command is in God's hand—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And now, O beloved of my heart, in a previous letter it was promised that the remainder of the answer to your elevated letter would be sent later. Now is the time to fulfill that promise.

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

Mention was made of his honor Haji Fadlu'llah and his honor Kaka Khan, upon them be the glory of God. The answer to the first name was previously mentioned, and in this station the second one is addressed through these sublime utterances which flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur—blessed and exalted be His word:

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

O Fadlu'llah! Praise be to God, the grace of God—glorified be His majesty—encompassed thee and circumstances, by the command of the Lord of the Day of Return, assisted thee, and thou didst attain unto that which was revealed in the divine Books of the past and present. Today the blessed word "The Truth hath come" can be heard from the waves of the seas, the leaves of the trees, the rushing of the winds, and the flowing of the rivers. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say:

All praise be to Thee, O Lord of all being and Master of the Throne on high and of earth below, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of immortality by Thy bounteous hand, and made known to me Thy Cause, and illumined for me Thy path, and revealed to me Thy proof. I testify before the faces of all mankind that Thy proof hath encompassed the nations and Thy evidence hath appeared by Thy command

and shone forth by Thy will. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen worlds, by the station which Thou hast honored with the establishment of Thy throne thereon, and by the city which Thou hast made the footstool of Thy feet, and by the House wherein Thy call was raised, and by the lands which have been blessed by Thy favoring glance, to make me one who speaketh Thy praise and glorification, and who holdeth fast to the cord of Thy grace in such wise that neither the power of men nor the veils of glory shall hold me back.

I shall arise in Thy Name to serve Thy Cause and summon the servants through wisdom and utterance to the court of Thy glory. O my Lord! Let me taste a drop from the ocean of Thy knowledge and illumine my heart and my whole being with the dawning lights of the Sun of Thy wisdom. Thou seest me, O my God, turning to Thee and detached from all else but Thee, beseeching from the heaven of Thy bounty the wonders of Thy grace. Would the All-Possessing turn away the poor from His door? Would the All-Knowing cast out the ignorant from His presence? Nay, by Thy glory! I am certain of Thy grace and bounty, Thy power and strength, Thy riches and wealth. I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist me in that which shall waft the fragrances of Thy acceptance and good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous.

This was revealed for Kaka Khan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]

In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance hath surged

O Kaka Khan! Upon thee be the Glory of the All-Merciful! This Wronged One mentioneth to everyone that which is easy to understand. Were all the peoples of the world to recognize this single word which now floweth from the Most Exalted Pen, all would exclaim "We believe in Thee, O God of the worlds!" For twelve hundred years and more, among the established and certain beliefs of the Shi'ih sect was the life of the Qa'im and His existence in well-known cities, and whosoever claimed His birth was put to death. Then it became clear and evident to men of insight that this sect had been in error, and throughout these twelve hundred years not one among their divines or others gained any knowledge of the birth of the Manifestation and the manner thereof, wandering instead in the valleys of fancy and imagination.

In such circumstance, how can any fair-minded and knowledgeable person confirm other matters that have proceeded from that sect? In brief, the purpose is that one must purify the hearing of heart and conscience from all that hath been heard from this sect, that one may become enabled to hearken unto that which hath been revealed and made manifest from the Most Exalted Pen. Until now God hath concealed, for the world is seen to be deprived of hearing ears. When thou art blessed with My mention, say: "All praise be to Thee, O Lord of the kings of the world, and all glory be to Thee, O Desire of the nations, for having revealed unto me in Thy Most Great Prison that which shall endure as long as Thy names and attributes endure. Verily Thou art the Almighty, doing as Thou pleasest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

This evanescent servant is engaged in praise and glorification with both outer and inner tongue, for at all times the waves of His ocean of bounty have encompassed and continue to encompass His loved ones. For every name there hath been revealed that which is a proof for all and an evidence for all, that all may

know what hath appeared in the days of God, our Lord and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below and the Lord of all worlds.

Concerning the mention made of Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Abu'l-Fadl and Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad Khan, the doctor—upon them both be the glory of God—after it had been presented before the Presence, these radiant verses shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, glorified and exalted be He. He, blessed and exalted be He, saith:

In the Name of Him Who speaks before the faces of all

Today the Dayspring of divine verses and the Orient of heavenly revelation, the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery, calls out before the faces of princes and divines, giving unto all the glad tidings of that which hath been ordained in the Book of God especially for His chosen ones. O Abu'l-Fadl! The veils of self and passion, and the shrouds of the people of tyranny and transgression, have prevented the Sun of Justice from shining forth and have deprived the servants of this most great bounty. For ages they yearned and longed for the presence of the Lord of Names, yet when the breezes of God wafted in this spiritual morn and luminous dawn, and the Speaker of Sinai was established upon the throne of manifestation, all turned away and assailed the Lord of Names with arrows of hatred and spears of enmity.

They wrought that which causeth the Tablet to cry "O the grief!" and the Pen to lament "O the regret!" Rivers of blood flow from the hearts of them that are near and sincere unto this day. The divines of the Shi'ih sect are aflame with the fire of hatred and strive to shed the blood of the chosen ones and pure ones. God is Most Great! Night and day they occupy themselves with building imaginary cities and towns, deprived of the lights of the Sun of certitude. To this day none hath reflected, nor doth reflect, on what were the words of that people and what shall be their recompense on the Day of Retribution. We beseech God to acquaint thee with that which was concealed from eyes and to aid thee in mentioning that which was barred from sight.

The waves of the ocean of utterance are manifest at the heart of contingent being, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shine forth from the horizon of the prison, yet the heedless servants circle round a shallow pool and worship the idols of vain imaginings. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance and guided me to Thy path and shown me the traces of Thy Pen and caused me to hear Thy call. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to aid me in Thy remembrance and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad Khan, upon him be the glory of God:

In the name of Him Who is supreme over all who are in earth and heaven

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of remembrance and utterance may attract him to the horizon of the manifestation of his Lord, the All-Merciful—the station wherein the atoms proclaim: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thy name was mentioned before the Prisoner

in His Most Great Prison. We have remembered thee with that which the remembrances of all peoples cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is powerful to do as He pleaseth through His word "Be" and it is. We have made manifest the path and have sent down from the heaven of grace that whereby hearts are illumined and eyes are solaced. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of the bounty of his Lord and hath attained unto such steadfastness as the hosts of them that have disbelieved in God, the Almighty, the Most Loving, could not prevent. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of utterance from My garment, say:

Section 2: "O my God, my God! Praise be unto…"

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me from Thy prison, and for having sent down unto me that from which Thy near ones perceive the fragrance of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy grace and what lieth concealed therein of the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom, that Thou mayest ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall be a healing for all ailments and an antidote for the weakness of bodies. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and confessing Thy unity and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee to make me a servant of Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants and a standard of Thy Name in Thy lands. Verily Thou art He to Whose strength and power all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and sovereignty all things possible have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Today the letters of the Book are each chanting a melody in the Divine gathering, but these chants need pure ears. The Tree of Hope is, praise be to God, present and visible. At one time this exalted word was heard from the Supreme Kingdom—His exalted Word:

> "O servant in attendance, be not grieved. The True One, glorified be His majesty, bestoweth the ear and causeth to hear."

This is a word from which the sea of glad-tidings hath surged amongst creation. Blessed are they that drink therefrom.

Mention was made of his honor Malik-Husayn-i-Khabbaz, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, the divine ocean of utterance surged and this Tablet shone forth from the Dayspring of grace. His blessed and exalted Word:

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

O Husayn! Hear the call of the Wronged One. Strive that perchance the servants may not, like the previous party, become ensnared by idle fancies and vain imaginings. For twelve hundred years they were occupied with the mention of the Successor while deprived of the Truth, and when the Sun of Manifestation dawned forth they attacked like the beasts of the earth and visited upon the Lord of existence that which no true seer or spiritual hearer can bear to witness or hear. Now the deniers of the Bayan are again occupied with the same vain imaginings. They have clung to one who was engaged in service beneath the pavilions of grandeur, and yet they remain debarred from the Truth. Although no one was with Us or informed of matters, nevertheless they have resorted to calumnies the like of which have never been heard. Say:

O my God, my God! Adorn Thy servants with the ornament of justice and fairness, and enable them to behold Thy signs with Thine eyes and to hear Thy call with Thine ears. Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones and hearest the clamor of the idolaters among Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, which calleth out before all faces, to aid them to draw nigh unto Thee and to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Withhold them not from the revelations of the Sun of Thy knowledge in Thy days. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

Likewise mention was made of his honor Rida Khan and his honor Muhammad-ʿAli Khan, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented before the special presence, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace for each one, that they might draw nigh unto God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This is what was revealed for his honor Rida Khan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing

The Wronged One makes mention of thee for the sake of God and reminds thee of His verses which hold sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth. The light hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, whereby the earth hath been illumined, yet the people remain behind an obvious veil. This is a Day wherein atoms proclaim with loudest voice, while most among mankind remain heedless. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One: Raise thy hand and rend asunder therewith the veil of idle fancy, in the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, that thou mayest behold what was hidden from all eyes and concealed in the knowledge of God, Lord of all worlds. When thou art attracted by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and art seized by the choice wine of My Most Glorious Name, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, and glory be to Thee for having honored me, and thanksgiving be to Thee for having strengthened me on a Day wherein the people of Thy realm have turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to number me among them who have turned towards Thee and hastened until they took the Kawthar of eternity from the hand of Thy bounty and drank in Thy name amongst Thy servants. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to the horizon of Thy Manifestation, the Dayspring of Thy verses, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this was revealed for His Honor Muhammad-ʿAli Khan, the Minister's Overseer. Exalted be His utterance and glorious His proof:

In My Name, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout all contingent being

This is a Day wherein the Caller hath called out before the faces of all people: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds! The Most Great Ocean hath appeared, and We have brought forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance which lay hidden and treasured within its shells, by the command of God,

the Mighty, the Wise. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared before the faces of princes and divines. He hath spoken that which We commanded Him from God, the Powerful, the Almighty, such that neither the power of the world could weaken Him, nor could the might of kings and sovereigns prevent Him. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences for the guidance of all people, whereunto testifieth His clear Book. We were walking in the prison and swimming in the ocean of utterance. We have turned toward thee and made mention of thee with that which shall never perish, so long as the kingdom of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous, endureth. When thou attainest unto My Tablet and findest the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, say:

My God, my God! My outward and inward tongue, my limbs and members, my veins and the very hairs of my body bear witness to Thy unity and oneness, and that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the breaths of Thy revelation to ordain for me that which will cause me to turn to the light of Thy countenance, to speak in praise of Thy Self, to hearken unto the verses of Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy sweetest call, and to arise to serve Thy Cause, O Lord of all being! O Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy strength, and the poor one seeking the door of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him in that which he seeketh from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

How sweet is the fragrance of divine utterance and the diffusion of the musk of the Merciful's knowledge! We must, at all times, beseech the True One—exalted be His dominion and mighty His proof—to make the people of earth receptive, that they may not be deprived of the special effusions of His days, that they may detach themselves from what they possess and turn to that which is with God. Glory be to God! The various parties of the world each cling to certain proofs and evidences. For example, the followers of the Gospel hold fast to a few pages, and by these limited pages consider themselves superior to and better than all other peoples. And before that, the Torah, which was specific to Moses, consisted of a few books.

They have gathered various sayings of the Prophets like Isaiah, Ezekiel, Solomon, David, Jeremiah, Zechariah and others into one volume, though most parts of it are historical accounts written after Moses. Then came the decree of the Furqan (Qur'an), which in truth distinguishes between right and wrong. Those were the days of the Seal of the Prophets, His was the epoch and His the time. Besides what has been mentioned, none possessed anything else. And now, many equivalents to all these have been revealed and are available and evident. Yet the heedless, ignorant servants remain deprived and forbidden. The servant testifies that this is the recompense of their deeds in turning away from the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Speaker of Sinai.

In service to the opposers, this servant offers two words: Let some be appointed as representatives by others and come to this land, but on condition that they possess their own eyes and ears, as they are commanded in this Revelation, and witness that which equals all previous books and accept it. And if they desire, another equivalent can be newly revealed, provided all acknowledge that these verses did not exist before and have descended from the heaven of divine nature. Even then, I do not impose the obligation of belief. Let it suffice that they cause no harm nor bring about that which would cause the

atoms of creation to lament and wail. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of proof that we are unable to enumerate all that hath been revealed until now, and until now it has not been compiled. O brothers! The Tongue of Grandeur hath repeatedly said and continues to say: O people! The ocean of inner meanings surges before your faces at its utmost height, and its waves are visible to every possessor of sight, and the sun of grace shines resplendent above the heads of all.

O servants! Behold and judge with fairness! Nevertheless, until now they remain heedless, clinging to former traditions—most of which are fabrications of the Shi'ih sect—and have perpetrated against the Truth Itself that which no oppressor has ever perpetrated. O my God, my God! Aid Thy servants to justice and fairness, and enable them to see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

Mention was made of the friends of God—his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad T. R., his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad, his honor Aqa Ali-Muhammad, his honor Aqa Muhammad Allaf, his honor Aqa ʿAli, and their honored mother, upon them be the glory of God. Mention of each was made in the most exalted heights before the face of the Lord of Names, and unto each were specifically revealed wondrous and exalted verses from the heaven of grace. Thus speaks He, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the Answerer from His most glorious horizon

O Muhammad! We sent forth Muhammad with signs that drew unto Him the hearts of those near unto God, and with clear proofs that illumined the horizons of the hearts of the sincere. We commanded him to cast upon mankind the Word of Unity, as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Yet the people denied Him, turned away from Him, opposed Him, and committed that which caused every fair-minded and discerning one to cry out. We beseech God to aid thee to rend asunder the veils before the faces of the various peoples, and to strengthen thee in that which befitteth this glorious and radiant Day. Say: O people! The Day of God is come.

Hearken unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: to lead the people out of darkness into light and to remind them of the Days of God. Thus was it sent down aforetime from the presence of One knowing, wise. Give thanks unto God for that the Wronged One hath remembered thee while confined in a far-off place. In exile, He calleth all to the most exalted homeland; in abasement, He ordaineth for His loved ones supreme glory; in prison, He speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Section 3: "O Ahmad! By the life of God…"

O Ahmad! By the life of God, the musk of divine knowledge hath perfumed all creation, and the All-Merciful hath come with the kingdom of clear proof, yet most of the people have turned away. The Book speaketh the truth, but they hear not. The heaven proclaimeth, the Sun declareth, yet most of mankind know not. Their desires have held them back from their Lord—nay, they comprehend not. The ornaments of the world with their various hues have occupied them, as witness noble servants. We beseech God the Exalted to strengthen thee to hold fast to His cord and to cling to His robe, such that neither cannons nor armies shall keep thee back from the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal.

O son of Sha'ban! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. It hath been raised from this exalted place, and He hath revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Kind. Thy name was presented before the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee with verses that all the treasuries of kings cannot equal. When thou hearest the call from the direction of ʿAkka, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy light that is never extinguished, by the fire of Thy love that is never veiled, and by Thy carpet that is never rolled up, to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and upright in acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, with my house serving as an abode and shelter for Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee to adorn it at all times with Thy remembrance and praise, that there may ascend from it, through the tongues of Thy loved ones, mention of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art verily the Strong, the Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad! Reflect upon the tribulations that have befallen the Wronged One. From the earliest days until now He hath summoned all to the truth, while at all times He hath been afflicted by the tyranny of enemies. At times the abode of the Wronged One was the prison of Ta, at times the prison of Mim, at times the Land of Mystery, and now the Most Great Prison. Nevertheless, in all conditions and circumstances, without any veil or concealment, He gave the peoples of the world glad tidings of the favors of the Lord of Eternity, and there was sent down from the heaven of His Will that which is sanctified above likeness and similitude. Every possessor of justice hath testified to His greatness, and every fair-minded one hath witnessed His power and is well aware. Beseech God that He deprive not His servants, that perchance they may be illumined by the lights of certitude and attain unto the hearing of His call. The days are His days, and the reins of grace and bounty are in the grasp of His power. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the hosts of the world could not hinder from making mention. He stood before all faces and proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful!"

O Ali, O son of Ibrahim, upon thee and upon him be My glory! This Wronged One hath turned toward thee in this night and maketh mention of thee, that thou mayest hear and be of them that are thankful. Idle fancies and vain imaginings have debarred the people from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The proof is evident, the testimony manifest, the path clear, yet the tyranny and rebellion of most have prevented them from turning to the Purpose of the worlds. Today the Tree speaketh for itself, its fruits are manifest in utmost delicacy, the carpet of utterance is spread forth, and the people of Baha are engaged in praise and glorification with the utmost joy, gladness, glory and delight.

Blessed is the one whom the calumnies of the Shi'ih party have not prevented from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. Say: O friends, take ye the cup of immortality from the hand of bounty! Take it in His Name and drink it in His remembrance. Well is it with you and pleasant it is to you! The glory from Us be upon thy father who hath ascended to the Most Sublime Companion, and upon thee, and upon thy mother, and upon those who have attained unto My mention, My loving providence and My beauteous praise.

And likewise in another letter mention was made of His Holiness Haji Mulla Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah. His mention was made in the Most Holy Court and a Most Glorious Tablet was sent down from the heaven of grace in answer to his petition. God willing, may he receive his full portion from the bounties of these days. This servant beseecheth God to grant him success, for it would be regrettable if one such as he should remain deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord in this day. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Musa, one of the Children of Israel, upon him be the glory of God, after it was presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden, these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of loving kindness, the Revealer of verses. He—exalted and sanctified be He—saith:

O Moses! There is no harm in your sojourn in Sultan-Abad. In outward affairs hold fast to consultation, then, trusting in God, occupy thyself therein. We beseech God to adorn all His loved ones with the ornament of trustworthiness, piety and chastity. Verily He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. It behooveth the people of Baha to admonish mankind through their goodly character and praiseworthy deeds. We make mention of those who have believed in God in this Revelation wherein the veils have been rent asunder and the signs have appeared. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart, set his face, hearkened with his ear, witnessed with his eye, and taken hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Him and the might conferred by His presence. O Moses! Under all conditions hold fast unto God and place thy trust in Him. We have enjoined wisdom upon all. Blessed is he who hath clung to its hem by the command of God, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel thee to observe justice and equity in all matters. These two are the guides of souls and the guardians of existence from God, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

Blessed are My loved ones in the land of Ha and Mim. We have mentioned those who believed there aforetime with a mention that cannot be equalled by all the gold of the world nor the treasures of the nations. Verily thy Lord is the Helper at all times. There is none other God but Him, the True, the Certain.

Rukni dwelleth in that land of H.M. We beseech God to aid him through the means of heaven and earth and enable him to achieve that which will perpetuate his remembrance. Verily We have mentioned his name and the names of My loved ones out of wisdom from Us, and We beseech the Most High to protect them from the evil of the oppressors, the cawing of the ravens, the allusions of the wayward, and the doubts of the deniers. He is the Single, the One, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of Mihdi and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him. We beseech God to open before his face and the faces of My loved ones the gates of blessing, bounty, glory, wealth and loftiness. He is the Lord of mankind, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former days.

We make mention of him who is named Rahim and he who is named ʿAshur. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for them and for His loved ones that which will solace their eyes and gladden their hearts. He is the Helper of those who draw nigh and are sincere. O Shaykh! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. In truth, the Most Clear Book hath been specially revealed for thee in these days, and all the names mentioned have been rendered successful through the waves of the ocean of utterance. Say: O friends! Ye must be enkindled with the fire of the love of God and illumined with the light of His knowledge. Soon will the call "The departure! The departure!" be raised from every house.

Strive ye, that haply ye may attain unto that which will endure and abide through the name of the Desired One of all worlds. Ye dwell in your homes while the Lord of the House is imprisoned. He doth witness and see, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing.

A hundred thousand praises and glorifications to the Desired One Who, despite the multitude of tribulations and imprisonment in the fortress of ʿAkka, His sacred tongue is occupied with the mention of His loved ones. The trials of the world and the oppression of the nations have not prevented the Lord of existence from His bounty. At all times the waves of the ocean of His grace are manifest and the effulgences of the sun of His generosity are evident. All the loved ones, whether in that land or in other regions, are, praise be to God, remembered and are recipients of His favors. This servant is holding fast to the cord of His bounties and beseecheth for all that which will cause the world of existence to be filled with joy and delight.

Furthermore, His honor the Name of God, Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious of the most glorious Baha, hath repeatedly made mention of that spiritual friend. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee to serve His Cause in such wise that all tongues may make mention.

Regarding the honored Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, who resides in that land—after being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these sublime words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the All-Merciful's utterance—blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "O Leaf! God willing, may you be blessed with divine favors and be ever-gazing toward the Supreme Horizon. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you and those with you the good of both this world and the next, and to give you to drink, under all conditions, from the chalice of steadfastness. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over all things, and He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Generous."

Her petition reached the dwellers of the Pavilion of Infallibility. They graciously penned a reply which was sent. O beloved of my heart! Despite the countless letters arriving from every direction requiring responses, praise be to God, replies to your letters were sent successively, and all souls mentioned therein were blessed with the waves of the ocean of the All-Merciful's favors. God willing, may they be assisted to achieve that which befits His days. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have attained the sealed nectar and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH00770: He dawneth above the horizon of the heaven…

He dawneth above the horizon of the heaven of proof!

O loved ones of the Most Merciful in Milan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath turned towards you from the prison precincts and desireth to remind you of the verses of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. They draw you nigh unto Him, open before your faces the gates of attainment, and give you to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of bounty. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

There hath befallen Us in prison that which hath caused the hearts of them that are nigh unto God to melt. The people have turned away from the Countenance and followed the desires of them that have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. O people of God! We counsel you with that wherewith God hath counseled His servants: Associate not with God, the Lord of all the worlds. Cast aside the dawning-places of idle fancies, clinging fast to the cord of certitude. Thus have We counseled Our loved ones aforetime and in this perspicuous Tablet.

Beware lest the happenings of the world and what hath appeared from the nations sadden you. Trust ye in God under all conditions, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He is with you, heareth your call and seeth your deeds. He is the One Whom the oppression of them that have associated partners with God hath not hindered, nor the clamor of every remote ignorant one.

Adorn your temples with the ornament of godliness and your hearts with the light that hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of My Most Exalted Pen, which hath sent down every clear Book. Beware lest ye exchange nearness for remoteness and acceptance for rejection. We desire to behold you possessed of such steadfastness as would cause the hearts of the people to tremble and the feet of the ungodly to slip.

Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath aided God through wisdom and utterance. He is of the sincere ones in My Mighty Book. The Most Great Ocean hath manifested the pearls of proof by the command of the Most Merciful, yet most of the people are heedless. Eyes have not attained their radiance, nor have ears heard My Call which hath been raised in truth, save those who have cast away the dawning-places of hatred and taken what they were bidden by God in this wondrous Day.

O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come, and by His command the Salsabil hath flowed. Blessed is he who hath advanced, hastened, and drunk therefrom. Woe unto them that have turned away, who have violated My Covenant and My Testament, and have cast behind their backs My mighty Announcement which was mentioned in the Qur'an and, before it, in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from drawing nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Let not the clamor of the hypocrites prevent thee from thy most sweet trill, and let not the conditions of tyranny and error veil thee from this glorious, mighty station whereon the Most Great Throne hath been established and whereon the Wronged One hath sat with a power that hath conquered all things and a might that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O friends of the All-Merciful in Milan! Ye are they who have turned unto His Countenance on a day when the people of error turned away from the Self-Subsisting, rejected His signs, and disputed His sovereignty, until they pronounced sentence upon the shedding of His blood. Thus did their souls deceive them. They are, verily, numbered with the idolaters in the sight of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Rejoice, O My friends, in My Name, and drink the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My bounty, in defiance of those who have broken My Covenant and My Testament, and have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled, and most of the people are among the lost.

We have commanded you before, and after, and in this Tablet, with that which shall elevate you and profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We beseech God to assist you with the hosts of divine care and favor, and to enable you to that which shall cause His traces to spread throughout the East and West of the earth. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Grieve not over what hath befallen you in My path. We have borne afflictions and trials for the reformation of the world and the salvation of the nations. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Wronged One was speaking that which draweth the servants nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have counseled you in the Tablets and in My Books and Scrolls, wherein every word calleth you to the most exalted station. This is a day whereon the doors of mercy and utterance have been opened unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Hasten, O people of the earth, and be not of them that tarry. Ye were not created for yourselves, but for the service of the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the lights of the Countenance, and the poor one who hath attained the ocean of wealth, and the seeker who hath attained unto his Goal on this Day which God hath adorned with His mention in the Books of them that are nigh unto Him.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath attained thy presence, who hath been named Ali-Askar in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We beseech God to make him a servant of His Cause and one who speaketh His praise with the wisdom wherewith We have commanded Our loved ones in My Great Tablet.

O Alif and Ha! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names. Thou and thy children and those with thee have been mentioned from the earliest days. We beseech God to write down for thee the reward of those who have attained His presence time and again. We make mention of thee at this moment and behold thee before the Throne. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this testimony which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this exalted station.

We make mention of the handmaidens of God in that place and give them glad tidings of His grace and bounty. We beseech God to confirm them in steadfastness and to give them to drink of His hallowed wine which floweth by His firm and binding command.

O people of Milan! Upon you be the Glory of God and His mercy, then the grace of God and His bounty. Verily, He is with you and heareth that which proceedeth from your mouths, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. When the choice wine of verses hath taken hold of you and the breezes of revelation have attracted you, say:

O our God! Thou seest us turning unto Thee, holding fast unto the cord of Thy grace and favor, standing firm in the service of Thy Cause, and awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and grace. We beseech Thee, by those who hastened to the place of sacrifice in their longing to meet Thee and behold Thy beauty, and who gave up their spirits for Thy name and love, to ordain for us that which shall draw us nigh unto Thee and enable us to perform the deeds wherewith Thou hast commanded us in Thy Book. O Lord! We are Thy servants and in Thy grasp, and we have turned unto the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty. We beseech Thee not to deprive us of that which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Verily, Thou

art the Almighty, Whom the pharaohs of the earth and its wolves cannot frustrate. Thy sovereignty hath prevailed, Thy Cause hath appeared, and Thy verses have been sent down. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In the Persian tongue We make mention: O Ali-Qabl-i-Askar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Throne. Blessed art thou for having turned thyself unto the Wronged One whilst He was in His Most Great Prison. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy presence, thy hearkening, and thy turning unto God, glorified be His majesty. Convey unto the loved ones in that land the greetings of the Wronged One. All must partake each day of the choice wine of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. This choice wine in one station representeth the verses of God, glorified be His majesty, in another station His remembrance and praise, and in yet another His bounty and grace.

This choice wine in one station is the cause of the life of the world, and in another the cause of the preservation of the peoples. Whoso drinketh thereof attaineth unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of all men have been shaken, save whom God, the Lord of this exalted station, willeth. Praise be to God that all the men and women of that land have attained unto the mention of God, and in this most holy and radiant Day the mention of all hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Say: Rejoice, then render thanks unto your Lord for this great bounty. Know ye the value of these days. The call is raised at all times, the Kingdom of Utterance speaketh forth, the river of mercy floweth from the Most Exalted Pen, and the Salsabil of generosity is manifest.

The chalices of prosperity are visible and evident—seize them in His Name and drink thereof in His remembrance. The mercy that shineth forth and appeareth from the waves of the ocean of My bounty be upon My loved ones and My handmaidens who have submitted to the command of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Praise be to God, for He is the Goal of them that know.

BH04091: In My Name, through which the fragrance…

In My Name, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted throughout creation!

This is a Day wherein the Herald has proclaimed before the faces of all people: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of all worlds!” The Most Great Ocean has appeared and We have brought forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance that were hidden and treasured within its shells, through a command from God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The Promise has come and the Promised One has appeared before the faces of princes and divines, speaking that which God, the Powerful, the Almighty, has commanded Him—such that neither the might of the world weakened Him nor the power of kings and rulers prevented Him. We have sent down the verses and manifested clear proofs for the guidance of humanity, as attested by the Clear Book in His possession.

While walking in the prison and swimming in the ocean of utterance, We have turned toward you and remembered you with that which shall never perish, through the everlasting dominion of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

When you attain unto My Tablet and find the fragrance of your Lord’s verses, say:

> “My God, my God! My outer and inner tongue, my limbs and members, my veins and the very hairs of my body bear witness to Your unity and oneness, and that You are the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. O my Lord! I beseech You by the fragrances of Your revelation to ordain for me that which will cause me to turn toward the lights of Your countenance, to speak in praise of Your Self, to hearken unto the traces of Your Most Exalted Pen and Your sweetest call, and to arise to serve Your Cause, O Lord of all humanity. O my Lord! You see the weak one clinging to the cord of Your strength, and the poor one seeking the door of Your riches. I beseech You not to disappoint him in what he seeks from the ocean of Your bounty and the heaven of Your generosity. Verily You are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but You, the Mighty, the Great.”

BH04450: A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who…

In the Name of Him Who overshadoweth all that are on earth and in heaven!

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of remembrance and utterance may draw him to the horizon of the revelation of his Lord, the All-Merciful—the station wherein the atoms themselves proclaim:

> “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen!”

Thy name was present before the Prisoner in His Most Great Prison. We have remembered thee with that which the remembrances of all nations cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is He Who, through His word “Be!”, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. We have made manifest the Way and have sent down from the heaven of grace that whereby hearts are illumined and eyes are gladdened. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of the bounty of his Lord and hath attained unto such steadfastness as the hosts of them that have denied God, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved, could not prevent.

When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of utterance from My garment, say: “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me from the direction of Thy prison and for having sent down unto me that wherefrom the near ones perceive the fragrance of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy grace and by that which lieth concealed therein of the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall be a healing for ailments and an antidote for bodily weakness.

O my Lord! Thou beholdest me turning toward Thee and acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee to make me a servant of Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants and a standard of Thy Name in Thy lands. Thou art He to Whose power and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and sovereignty all things possible have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.”

BH05289: The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is the Counsellor, the All-Knowing!

The Wronged One makes mention of thee for the sake of God and remembers thee with His verses which hold sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth. The light hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, and by it the earth is illumined, yet the people remain behind a clear veil. This is a Day wherein the atoms cry out with their loudest voice, yet most of the people remain heedless.

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One: Raise thy hand and with it rend asunder the veils of idle fancy in the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, that thou mayest behold what was hidden from all eyes and concealed in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds.

When the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree attracts thee and the choice wine of My Most Glorious Name takes hold of thee, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having honored me, and gratitude be unto Thee for having strengthened me on a Day wherein the people of Thy realm have turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me one of those who have turned towards Thee and hastened until they took the Kawthar of eternity from the hand of Thy bounty and drank in Thy name amongst Thy servants.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06567: O Asad, upon him be the Glory of God!…

O Asad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is established upon the Throne of Utterance.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Ancient Name, Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Mighty Name and by Thy Most Perfect and Most Generous Name, to inscribe me with Thy Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book among those who have aided Thy Cause, who have bowed down before Thy Manifestation, and who have acted according to what they were commanded in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thee and to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee.

Verily Thou art He through Whose generosity all created things have testified, and through Whose munificence all beings have borne witness. Strengthen, O my God, my limbs and my heart and my tongue for Thy service and Thy love and Thy praise. By Thy might, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! My tongue profiteth me not unless it speaketh Thy remembrance, nor mine ear unless it hearkeneth to the melody of Thy Pen and the rustling of Thy Divine Lote-Tree, nor mine eye unless it be honored to witness Thy signs whereby were attracted the hearts of those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee and the sincere ones among Thy creation. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

BH01157: O spiritual beloved, that is, the sacred pillar…

He is God, exalted is He!

O spiritual beloved, that is, the sacred pillar of words and meanings, Aqa Husayn Aqa, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God] the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God that thou hast attained, and continuest to attain, to that which beseemeth His near and sincere servants, for thou art possessed of a noble character and an exalted station, and art nourished by food that hath not altered its taste. Blessed be ye and those who have attained to what ye have attained and are sustained as ye are sustained. And praise be to Him Who hath bestowed upon you and us the blessing of unity and guided us to His straight path.

Furthermore, should that beloved one send anything to the region of Syria, convey on behalf of this servant greetings, praise, remembrance and glory to my true brother and spiritual beloved, Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God], and give him the glad-tidings of the Lord's grace and favors. Praise be to God, mention is made of them, and their place and station in the Pillar and Station are evident and manifest. They have not been and are not absent for a moment, for from the right side of the heart, a firm place hath been assigned and established for them, and before the eye is their manifest station. How then could they vanish from sight?

Moreover, the vine-cuttings and trees sent by them, both before and after, did arrive; yet, by reason of the abundance of the rains and the vehemence of the winds, they were consigned underground in trust, until within these past two or three days they have been brought forth, and the planting and sowing thereof commenced. In the name of the true Planter and the true Husbandman, and on their behalf, they have been and are being planted. This year the severity of the rains hath disordered the arrangement and work of planting the trees. Such is the decree of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. For example, the olive trees were cut off from their place for two months, and it was not possible to set them in the ground, for the soil was but mud. At all events, they are now occupied with the planting; what the favors of the true Grower and Disposer shall bring to pass remaineth to be seen. In the words of the Beloved, He may cause it to grow, or He may burn it up: the command is in His hand and within the grasp of His power.

It is hoped that, since they have sent these things with pure intent, and they have been and are being planted by hands of humility and lowliness, purely for the sake of God and in quest of His good-pleasure, they may spring forth, yield increase, and bear fruit, so that the brethren and the servants of the Merciful, who have attained unto righteousness and piety, may eat thereof and gather of its produce, while the Concourse on high exclaim, "Joyous and wholesome be it!"

As to the several peach saplings which they sent: outwardly it appeareth that they reached this place dried up, even as that beloved one observed. Yet nevertheless, since the giver bestowed them in the fullness of love, and the sender likewise dispatched them with complete affection, therefore, though they were dry, the utmost care and the fullest endeavor were exerted in planting them; indeed were they accounted even as verdant, lofty, and flourishing trees, inasmuch as the donor gave with exalted resolve

and acted in accordance with the blessed verse, “They prefer others before themselves.” May God enable him to do that which He loveth and is well pleased with.

And as to what hath been written concerning the varieties thereof—namely, that in that city there are four kinds, two with sweet pits and the latter two with bitter pits, and likewise the smaller and the larger of the two sorts—it hath not been, nor is it, of great consequence whether the kernel be sweet or bitter: the peach itself must be good. Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida—upon him be the peace of God—hath expressed a desire for the peaches of Qumsar. Should those kinds be found, there is no harm in the bitterness of the kernel. The species and variety must be excellent, sweet in savor, fragrant in scent, and full of juice. If, together with these qualities, the kernel also be sweet, that were beauty upon beauty and light upon light.

This servant felt deep regret concerning the trees that were sent, for the donor gave whatsoever he had in his garden, with his gaze fixed upon love and affection; but the long distance of that land, and the violent, tempestuous east winds upon the way, dried them utterly, to such a degree that the very root-stock was drained of all moisture. Thereafter, the matter of that stock resteth with God, glorified be His majesty. He Who hath given life, and giveth life, unto mouldering bones is assuredly able to quicken it. Yet, if at the season of grafting—that is, of budding—it be possible, let them send scions thereof; perhaps here they may be grafted upon an apricot tree or some other stock. Likewise, if an excellent almond-apricot should be obtainable, it would be well.

All things hang upon the will and desire of the true Disposer and Creator. Whatsoever He willeth, the means thereof are and shall be made ready. Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida himself hath also written that, at the time when the fruits appear and come forth, whatever fruit proveth good, choice, and reckoned among the pure and wholesome things, he will send insofar as may be possible. This too dependeth upon the will of God.

In brief, let these matters be written unto him, or else let this very sheet be sent to him. Perchance this servant also may hereafter be enabled to submit a reply. Verily, God is the Helper, the Sustainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace be upon you, and upon him, and upon the righteous servants of God.

The servant 14 Rajab 1306

BH02178: O Sulayman! Upon thee be the Glory of thy…

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

O Sulayman! Upon thee be the Glory of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. In truth I say, inform and apprise the people. The people of Baha in this day are those whom neither the tales of the first and the last, nor worldly affairs, nor the books of nations have withheld or can withhold from the Great Announcement of God. This sealed nectar hath not been and is not the portion of those who dwell in fancy and idle imaginings. The wine of certitude hath been and is reserved for those who are sincere and detached. Whosoever in this day is born of the Word and attaineth unto the new life—he is worthy of this station, and all others are forbidden and deprived. This is a testimony that hath in this hour flowed from the Most Exalted Pen.

Say: O people of the earth! Withhold not yourselves from a single drop of the Most Great Ocean, and deprive not yourselves of a leaf from the Divine Tree.

O Sulayman! Verily I say! No one hath apprehended the root of this Cause. It is incumbent upon everyone, in this day, to perceive with the eye of God, and to hearken with His ear. Whoso beholdeth Me with an eye besides Mine own will never be able to know Me. None among the Manifestations of old, except to a prescribed degree, hath ever completely apprehended the nature of this Revelation. Today the All-Encompassing Ocean is manifest and the Sun of Truth is shining. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings with the power of certitude, who hath detached himself from all else save God, the Lord of the worlds, who hath adorned his head with the crown of detachment and his temple with the ornament of steadfastness, and his heart with the light of the knowledge of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, sent by him who was named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in the Crimson Book. From My Most Exalted Pen I have answered thee with that which hath made the limbs of the divines of Persia to quake—they who have taken their vain imaginings as lords besides God and pronounced judgment against Him through Whom the sun hath shone forth and the horizons have been illumined. Thus have their souls enticed them. They are indeed of the perfidious in the sight of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Meeting.

O Sulayman! Dedicate thy days to the service of God. Verily, We have been with thee and have heard thy mention of this Most Great Cause and the Great Announcement. Rejoice in the testimony of My Most Exalted Pen concerning thee and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the clamor of the people nor the might of the aggressive ones may keep me back from Thee. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee.

I beseech Thee by the Hour and its signs, and by the Resurrection and what hath appeared therein, to ordain for me the recompense of one who hath sought Thy presence, appeared before the gate of Thy grandeur, heard Thy call, and found the fragrance of Thy verses, the breezes of Thy revelation and the sweet-scented winds of Thine inspiration. Then ordain for me through Thy bounty and grace the good of all Thy worlds. O Lord! Assist me with the hosts of wisdom and utterance that I may mention Thy servants and bring them nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty One Whom the affairs of the world and what the nations possess cannot frustrate. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty.

BH03734: O Ibrahim! Great is this Day and great…

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing

O Ibrahim! Great is this Day and great is the Cause. Until the ears of the people of the world are sanctified from hearing the tales of the past and what is with the nations, they have not been and will never be capable of hearing this Call which is raised from the most exalted horizon. By My life and My Cause,

whose very essence is His Cause—until they free themselves from the gulf of names, they will not attain to the ocean of inner meaning. This is the truth, in which there is no doubt. We beseech God to confirm thee, that thou mayest ascend by the steps of inner realities to the spiritual heights. I swear by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth, which are manifest and evident from the horizon of the Cause, that this Wronged One hath had and hath no purpose except the reformation of the world and the edification of the nations.

All the loved ones must hold fast to this command. Today the people of divine unity are tormented and afflicted among the ungodly. We beseech God to confirm and deliver the believers. Thy letter hath now arrived and was honored to be heard and blessed with grace. Know thou this most exalted station, then make mention of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and say:

My God, my God! Aid Thy servant to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, then make him 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-Bountiful, the Generous.

We desired to make mention of him who was named Askar, that he might rejoice in what the Supreme Pen hath revealed unto him—that which God hath made the source of life for all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Askar! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One when He was in the hands of the aggressive ones. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, holding fast to the cord of God, the Strong. We beseech God to ordain for thee, as the reward of thy recognition, that which shall endure as long as His names and attributes endure. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH05610: O Muhammad-ʿAli! We have heard your call and your…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O Muhammad-ʿAli! We have heard your call and your remembrance, and witnessed your turning and devotion to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Reflect and recall those days when you were present before the Face and heard the call of God, the King, the Powerful, the Just, the Wise. Forget not God's favor upon you. Verily, He is with you in all conditions—He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Grieve not over anything; in all matters place your trust in God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey my greetings to your mother who hath ascended and soared until she arrived at the pavilions of light—that station wherein the Interlocutor of the Mount spoke forth from the throne of revelation that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. And convey my greetings to your sister who melted in separation, yearning to attain the presence of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

We make mention of your brothers and those whom neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the clamor of the heedless prevented from drawing near unto God, the Lord of this exalted station. We beseech God to assist you to be steadfast and to open before your faces the gates of grace and mercy. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06414: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to remain…

My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, and guide those who have turned away to turn towards Thee. Then grant Thy loved ones to drink from the cup of Thy bounty from the hand of Thy giving. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous….

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Light wherewith Thou didst illumine the Hijaz, and by Thy Command whereby the vale of Mecca did flow, and by His family and companions whom Thou didst make the repositories of Thy knowledge, the treasuries of Thy wealth and the pearls of Thy unity, to aid Thy servants in that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. O my Lord! Strengthen Thy monotheist servants through Thy might and power, transform their abasement into glory and their ignorance into knowledge, then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy mercy and generosity. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty. O my Lord! Aid Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and ordain for them from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Confirmer, the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise….

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BH00294: At every moment doth the Herald of Truth, glorified…

Section 1: “At every moment doth the Herald of Truth…”

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

At every moment doth the Herald of Truth, glorified be His majesty, summon the servants and command them to that which exalteth them, raiseth them up, and profiteth them. From the sweetness of His call is the world of utterance enthralled, and from every deed among the deeds are the means of preservation in their completeness made manifest. Whatsoever hath appeared or shall appear from the realm of the will of the Sovereign of Divine Purpose is for the purpose that man might attain unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Furqan. His word, blessed and exalted be He, is: “The All-Merciful hath taught the Qur’an, created man, taught him clear expression.” By the Sun of Truth! The oceans of knowledge and understanding lie concealed in this most exalted Word. Glory be to God! While words may be effaced by water in their outward form, yet the Word of God containeth oceans of meaning that neither effacement can seize upon nor change can affect. And likewise He saith: “Men whom neither merchandise nor selling diverteth from the remembrance of God.” Should man attain unto the spirit of detachment and sanctity that lieth hidden within this blessed verse, he would behold himself freed and detached from all else but God.

O friends of God, strive! O party of God, arise! Today must the world of ears and eyes be preserved and sanctified from beholding and hearing the suspicions and idle fancies of heedless souls. Meeting with such souls is a deadly poison, and intimate association with them is a stinging serpent. Through the grace of God, glorified be His majesty, let not the hem of sanctity be sullied by the calumnies of the godless.

Though they may cause certain matters to appear dubious in darkness, yet what can they do and what remedy can they seek after the sun hath risen at its meridian? Nay, by God! They have no remedy, for all the mysteries and secrets of hearts shall be made manifest and evident. The tongue of truth in the Kingdom of utterance hath aforetime spoken this most exalted word:

> "Verily God knoweth the treachery of the eyes and that which the breasts conceal."

In all circumstances must one take refuge in God. Who would have thought such matters would occur in that land? On the first day when it was arranged that the beloved of the heart, the honored Haji Shaykh, and his esteemed brother, the honored Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon them both be the peace of God, would engage in commerce in that city, it was thought that this commerce would be a means for the manifestation of trustworthiness and religiosity among the servants. However, it yielded the opposite result, and there occurred what occurred.

O my God, my God! The sweetness of Thy remembrance departeth not from the soul. Bestow upon the people of the world but one drop from that ocean of longing, yearning, attraction and enkindlement that Thou hast bestowed upon Thy lovers, that discord may be wholly removed and the light of concord may shine forth. O my God! What transgression hath poor Nur committed that he should receive its recompense? At present he is behind veils of darkness—when, through Thy grace, shall he emerge from behind them and show himself to all the world? This servant hath ever raised the hands of hope and desire toward the heaven of Thy bounty, and he beseecheth of Thee that which would bring ease and tranquility to Thy creation. O God! Guide the souls that oppose, and make the heedless aware. Thou art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

After greetings, the successive letters from that beloved of the heart arrived, and after their reading and perusal, were taken to the Holy Presence and attained the honor of being heard. This is what the Lord—may our spirits be sacrificed for Him—spoke:

> "We desired to send thee the fresh dates of utterance from the palm tree of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, and We desired to present unto thee the fruits of wisdom and knowledge from the Sacred Tree, planted by the hands of grace and bounty in the luminous spot, as a command from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

The manifestation of unseemly matters in that land hath clouded the world of being. Thou and all things bear witness to the loving counsels and goodly admonitions that have flowed from the tongue and pen by night and by day. Nevertheless, the Wronged One's counsel only increased the oppressor's bonds. O thou who gazest upon the Face! Certain souls have committed that which hath caused the heart of the world to be troubled and its eyes to weep. After countless claims, it was observed that one made peace with the enemy and assailed the friend, and the Name 'the Concealer' concealed and did not reveal. We ask and beseech God not to deprive His servants of the waves of the ocean of trustworthiness, religion, truthfulness and sincerity. All must ask of God that which is the cause of tranquility for the people of creation. The pearls of wisdom and utterance that were hidden in the treasury of the Pen have been

revealed in such wise that no just and fair-minded one can deny them, and must acknowledge this bounty and favor as unmerited.

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Pen of destiny, through whose motion all created things were set in motion, and by Thy Will which hath preceded all contingent beings, to make us of those who have caused their wills to be extinguished in Thy Will, and their desires in Thy Desire, and have chosen for themselves what Thou didst choose for them through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance of God! Some of the servants have imagined that the place of commerce in that land is connected to this place, while thou knowest, and the world knoweth, and God knoweth that it hath had and hath no connection whatsoever with this place. The purpose was to establish a place both for commerce and for the exaltation of the Word. Another person was specifically appointed so that, trusting in God, he would not be without work and occupation. His lack of contentment kindled the fire of sedition, and each day groundless discussions arose and were spread. Envy is a world-consuming fire, and greed is a world-destroying flame. In any case, this fire brought shame and disgrace, and the Cause's reputation was compromised among the servants, for most are seeking some pretext to which they might cling and thereby sully the pure and holy garments with their calumnies.

Now observe what was intended and what was done. The turbidity of unseemly deeds and false words reached such a point that the tongue of the Wronged One uttered the blessed words "I complain of my grief and sorrow unto God," and likewise these other blessed words "Patience is seemly, and God is the One Whose help is to be sought against that which they assert." That which the tongue seeks to shun mentioning and the pen to avoid recording hath come to pass. In all cases one must hold fast to the cord of grace and with outward and inward tongue remember these words:

My God, my God! We are Thy servants and Thy creatures, within the grasp of Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued cities and lands, and through which Thou hast raised the standards of Thy unity in all regions and the banners of Thy justice amongst Thy servants, and by Him Whom Thou hast established in the place of Thyself in the realm of creation and through Whom Thou hast manifested the kingdom of attributes and names, to make known unto us that which will preserve us from all that beseemeth not Thy sincere servants and trusted ones who are nigh unto Thee, and teach us that which will profit us outwardly and inwardly and draw us closer to Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most High. O Lord! Leave not the cities of hearts and minds deprived of the splendors of the Sun of Thy justice and trustworthiness. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! What can I say? The reading of that beloved one's letter, far from bringing joy, has added immeasurably to the world's sorrow—an addition beyond measure and count. Many had imagined that in that land the door of trustworthiness would be opened, that justice and fairness would find there a dwelling place, and that in that great city there would appear such deeds as would cause religion to flourish and bring about the acceptance of existence. All has been reversed to such a degree that every believer and sincere one, out of shame and embarrassment, neither wished nor wishes to hear anything

about the affairs of that city. The case of Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli is evident, his occupation known. He had no involvement in any direction, yet to every soul he spoke of His Holiness the Sheykh (69) [Baha'u'llah] that which caused astonishment. Everyone who arrived in this land, he recorded in a register. In short, he set aside all matters and focused on that helpless one, hoping perhaps to eliminate him and have affairs referred to himself. To those within and without he said that which was neither fitting nor worthy. After all, what was the cause of such enmity, and what was the reason for such calumnies?

Section 2: "Nevertheless, these matters were concealed in this land…"

Nevertheless, these matters were concealed in this land, and absolutely nothing was revealed about these subjects, not even a word, lest it cause sorrow. Finally, matters reached a point which that beloved one knows. However, these things occur due to heedlessness. Had he accepted the counsel of the friends and occupied himself with his own work and attended to his own affairs, his commerce would now be renowned throughout the horizons. Even now I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist him and guide him to that which will cause the elevation, exaltation, ascent and advancement of his station. In any case, hope has not been and is not cut off, for the door of divine grace has ever been and remains open. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

As to what was written about traveling to various lands in the path of God for the purpose of teaching the Cause, refining souls and exalting the Word—after these matters were presented before His countenance, He said that it is very clear and evident that matters which cause the refinement of souls and the unity of hearts and minds take precedence with God over other deeds. You are certainly inclined toward what was mentioned, but what is beloved to the Wronged One today is that arrangements be made for your relatives to establish a dwelling place near you. This dispersion has not been and is not beloved. In any case, matters should be arranged such that both the first matter and this matter are accomplished. At present, whatever divine wisdom requires and whatever means become available should be embraced.

And regarding the two matters mentioned by the Afnan, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, concerning the honored Afnan, upon him be God's grace, mercy and loving-kindness, as well as ʿIshqabad—both are acceptable and should be carried out. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, will grant complete assistance and manifest that which will cause the spread of knowledge and wisdom. God willing, you will be assisted. Your mention has not and will not leave Our thoughts, and you will not be forgotten. Surely divine assistance will reach you. Perhaps through your attention and the efforts of some of the friends, a door may be opened for the reformation of the world and preservation of peoples, and all may attain to that which brings comfort and tranquility.

O thou who gazest upon His countenance! The deeds in that land have grieved the Wronged One to such an extent that the pen has been prevented from mention and utterance. The intent is that the friends of this Wronged One should become the cause of the reformation of the world and the comfort of nations. Now nothing is evident except conflict, corruption and discord. Nevertheless, in all cases I beseech God to grant fellowship and manifest that which causes the elevation of existence. Now the affairs occurring in that land have become and continue to be the subject of discussion everywhere. Reflect on the

conditions of the Wronged One—the bearing of countless afflictions was for the preservation of stations, yet now it has yielded the opposite result and caused waste.

Repeatedly in these days letters have arrived from the honored Afnan Aqa Siyyid M, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, and the honored Amin, upon him be God's grace and bounty, but until now no reply has been sent, as conflicting matters and unseemly deeds have prevented the pen from mentioning the friends. Not for a moment was it considered what the fruit of this discord would be and what the end of this antagonism would be. In any case, we beseech God—and you should beseech Him—not to deprive His servants of the adornment of wisdom and to assist them in that which befits the station and rank of humanity.

From this land also no good signs are observed. They have turned their attention to every kind, yet in the prison-land no place can be found. Perplexity has resulted, and it is abundantly clear and manifest that not all have acted according to the Will and the exigencies of wisdom and the requirements of the time, and the portals of commerce have been utterly barred. Since the conclusion of certain negotiations, moreover, there have arisen sundry discussions, and the condition of the people of the city is likewise evident. They speak and give utterance only to that which their own selves and idle fancies prompt them. Justice and fairness have departed from the world, or from tyranny and oppression have hidden in dark corners. From the might of the oppressors and tyranny of pharaohs, naught remains of these two wronged ones—namely justice and fairness—save their names. Let us see what the Hand of Power will manifest hereafter.

However, the discord and incidents of that land have surpassed all trials and in truth are the greatest, as We have stated before:

> "My calamity is not My imprisonment, nor what hath befallen Me from Mine enemies, but from those who attribute themselves to Me and commit that which causeth My heart to lament."

Your honor knows well what has transpired. Many complaints have been written from Yazd about the commerce of that land—nothing has resulted save shame and disgrace. If they would now become mindful and arise to make amends, it would still be good. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

This servant beseeches God at all times to manifest that which was the purpose of creation. The friends in this land, despite the difficulties and constraints that have occurred, remain patient and grateful. We beseech God to send down from the heaven of His bounty mercy from His presence, grace from His side, and relief from His direction. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

The repeated supplications at the beginning and mention of farewell at the end were both read in His presence. He said:

> "O servant present! The mention of separation and farewell is most touching. Praise be to God that his tongue hath attained to praise and his being to service. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to manifest through him that which shall cause the greatest joy among

mankind, to strengthen him with the waves of the sea of His utterance, and to assist him with the hosts of His favors. He, verily, hath power over all things and is worthy of answer."

Indeed, perfect effect hath been achieved and grace and bounty are manifest and evident. We beseech God to manifest that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause and sublime station, and not to deprive His loved ones of service, remembrance, praise, presence and meeting. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

The letter from the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa ʿAzizu'llah, upon him be God's peace, which that loved one sent, was received and its answer was sent some time ago. It was decided that the charitable funds should be spent in that same land, and all the mentioned souls have attained to remembrance. God willing, may all be confirmed in that which hath been revealed in the Perspicuous Book. And regarding the trust of his honor Haji Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be 66 [Baha'u'llah], His Holiness the Name of 66 [God] J.M., upon him be God's peace and care, it was received and they have written and sent it. Peace, remembrance, mercy and glory be upon your honor and upon God's righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 18 Rajab 1306

BH00999: Praise be unto the Desired One, whose purpose hath…

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

Praise be unto the Desired One, whose purpose hath ever been the salvation and protection of His servants, and whose laws and commandments have each been, in the eyes of them that are endowed with insight, a vigilant guardian that slumbereth not—each a mighty fortress and an impregnable stronghold. Exalted be His favors, all-encompassing His dominion, and manifest His grace, His mercy and His loving-kindness! And peace and blessings be upon the Source of existence, through whom were illumined the realms of hearts and minds and the cities of justice, and without whom neither would the world have come into being nor would laws and ordinances have been established among the peoples. Through Him did the river of mercy flow, the sweet savors of grace were wafted, and the waters proclaimed: "He Who is the Lord of Names hath come!" and the dust proclaimed: "The Lord of all men hath come!" and all things proclaimed: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, Creator of heaven!"

And peace be upon His family and companions, through whom appeared the proof and was made manifest the way, and through whom shone forth the light of unity amongst kings and servants, and through whom all things were given the glad-tidings of victory and triumph, and the limbs of every misbeliever who turned away and denied were made to quake.

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter, like a spiritual fragrance, bestowed spirit and joy upon the carpet of the soul and transformed the gloom of these days into gladness. Praise be to God that the effects of thy spirit-stirring pen proclaim "verily, I am ever in communion." God knoweth that its appearance, its arrival, its perusal, and its influence are each a perfect bounty and an outpouring mercy, for every letter thereof is a volume in praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory. And afterward, having sought

audience, it was presented before the face of the Lord, Who said: “O Muhammad, upon thee be the peace of God!”

There hath befallen this Wronged One that which hath no end to its sorrow and which hath prevented the pen from writing and the tongue from speaking. Night and day have the rains of counsel poured down unremittingly from the heaven of love, yet no trace was seen from what was spoken nor fruit from what was sown. How many seeds of mature wisdom were imprisoned in barren soil! In that great city there were two souls, one “M” and one “S”, each counting themselves among the people of knowledge, faith, certitude, steadfastness and detachment. But in the end the opposite became evident and manifest, and they became the cause of the waste of the Cause in that city. Some imagined that a door of bounty had been opened and a place of justice and fairness established, the result of which would be the manifestation of human qualities and praiseworthy spiritual characteristics.

But that which appeared caused the form of justice to tremble and the tears of fairness to flow. More than this cannot be said. In any case, the true cause and reason was a single soul. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make known to them that which harmeth and benefiteth them. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land. Praise be to God that from that company wafteth the sweet fragrance of love and spreadeth pleasing perfumes. We beseech God to increase each day their unity, harmony, humility and submissiveness, that all may become as one soul in educating the servants and refining the people of the land. Verily, He is the Answerer of prayers and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

What can this servant say? In these days a sorrow has come to pass the like of which has never been seen. One for whom the utmost love, favor and grace was shown, and for whom the means of trade were arranged, has been so consumed by the fire of jealousy that day and night he has devoted all effort against his own brother. They see no one without whispering evil words about his brother into their ear. In short, to the learned and ignorant, those within and without, friends and strangers, he has said that which has caused the servants to withdraw and avoid. Thus order in affairs has been scattered and total loss has become manifest. In one of the Tablets these blessed words were revealed from the tongue of the Master:

> “He made peace with the enemy and assailed the friend, and did not manifest the name of the Concealer.”

End quote.

This servant beseeches God to raise up in that city one who will make amends for what has been lost and wasted. Glory is in His hand and power in His mighty grasp. Verily He is the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa ʿAli, upon him be God’s peace, that a portion of his money should be taken out and put in the name of the house door—after submission they said:

> "We have accepted his love and kindness, but if it reverts to himself it would be better, since until now no profit has appeared from the trades. Therefore it is best that it revert to him until God brings His grace, generosity and bounty."

And likewise regarding what you wrote about the funds, as commanded, whatever way they deem advisable to act is acceptable. However they said that now all attention must be on external affairs, meaning endeavoring to pay external debts. I beseech God that His grace may encompass and His bounty become manifest. He is the Hearer and the Powerful.

To each of the friends in that land I offer greetings. Praise be to God, until now they have been the cause of exaltation and elevation, and this matter has certainly been and will be the cause of the descent of grace, blessing and mercy. Verily He is with His sincere servants, His righteous servants, His detached servants, those who are certain, those who are steadfast. And peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you and upon those servants whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from drawing near unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Exalted Seat.

BH01148: Praise be befitting unto the Lord of existence Who…

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

Praise be befitting unto the Lord of existence Who brought creation into being for the sake of the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His evidences. The blessed word which shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance, the Desired One of all worlds, in the Dispensation of the Furqan bears witness to this, for He saith, glorified and exalted be He: "But for thee, I would not have created the heavens." Absolute existence came into being through Him and was adorned with the ornament of names and attributes. The ocean of knowledge and the luminary of proof dawned and surged through Him. Were it not for Him, the pearls of inner meanings and utterance would not have appeared in the contingent world, nor would God's pathway have been made manifest to His servants, nor would the decree of divine unity have spread throughout all lands.

Exalted be His most mighty and glorious station and His most hidden and concealed mystery! And blessings and peace be upon Him and upon the Sources of revelation and the Dawning-Places of inspiration, through whom the throne of commands and laws was established, and through whom the gates of God's mercy were opened unto all else besides Him. Glorified be the greatness of their Creator, their Fashioner, their Provider, their Purifier, their Strengthener, and their Supporter in aiding His Cause in the kingdom of creation.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord. These are Thy servants and Thy creation who have borne hardships in Thy path and who have been, through nights and days, among wolves who have denied Thy favor, turned away from Thy face, and disputed Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest how this servant remembers them in all conditions and beseeches from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity that which will make them tablets of Thy remembrance among Thy creatures and scrolls of Thy names throughout Thy earth. Ordain for them, O my God, the recompense for their deeds as befitteth Thy might and grandeur, Thy bounty and grace, Thy

bestowal and mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter the letter of that honored and cherished one was received. In truth it was as a musk-pod, for from it there diffused and spread abroad the fragrance of love and affection, of remembrance and praise. And after it had been read, and praise and thanksgiving offered unto the Sustainer of the world and the Creator thereof, I turned toward the sacred Presence and laid it before the face of the Lord. He said:

Praise be to God, the tongue is occupied with the remembrance of God, the eye beholdeth the horizon of bounty, and the limbs stand ready for serviceâ€“all this is from the ocean of His grace and the heaven of His bestowal. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open through him and through His loved ones the portals of joy and gladness, of love and unity, before the faces of His servants and His creatures, and to send down upon them that which shall draw them unto Him. O Lord! Thou art He Whose verses of power and might have compassed the horizons, and in every created thing the discerning eye beholdeth the effulgences of the Day-Star of Thy majesty and sovereignty. I beseech Thee to aid them in that whereby the traces of Thy Most Beauteous Names may be spread abroad, and from them the fragrances of Thy exalted attributes be diffused, that their stations may be exalted amidst East and West, South and North. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And I send salutations upon Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones who have acted in accordance with that which Thou didst reveal in Thy perspicuous Book. O Lord! Thou seest them clinging fast unto Thee and holding firmly to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for them that which Thou hast ordained for those near unto Thee among Thy creatures and for the sincere among Thy people. Verily, Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Pouring. End.

This servant beseeches and implores from God, exalted be His glory, that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause and the elevation of the station of His loved ones. Ye are remembered in all conditions and have attained the grace of His utterance. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will assist the people of unity to accomplish that which will cause the harmony of hearts and the unity of souls. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to give you to drink, at every moment, from the Kawthar of His knowledge and the Salsabil of His love. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

I convey greetings to the loved ones of that land, and with utmost humility and supplication, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which will increase the light of hearts and bestow from the chalice of bounty, at all times, that which is the cause of steadfastness and wondrous life. He is the All-Bountiful, Whose generosity is not prevented by the ingratitude of His servants. His gifts descend like rain, and His grace is like a surging ocean and is evident. Blessed are the people of unity whom nothing among all things, no name among all names, and no matter among all matters has prevented from turning to their Lord, the Kind, the Forgiving.

The loved ones mentioned in the letter of that honored servant were brought before Our presence, and each was blessed with the mention of the Beloved. The glances of mercy have ever been and continue to be directed towards them. May they gladden those mentioned souls through the grace of the Ever-

Present Lord, so that all may gather in complete joy and delight upon the carpet of unity, and become occupied with the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

That which was sent was received and accepted. Praise be to God Who assisted you to act according to His good-pleasure and enabled you to love Him, remember Him, and praise Him. Peace, glory, grace, and splendor be upon you and upon God's loved ones, His friends, and His intimates.

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BH01155: O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory!...

He is the Ruler in Truth and the Commander of Justice!

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! The letter from My Name Jamal, upon him be My Glory, was received and likewise heard. In truth, this world is not worthy nor capable of being the arena for the steed of the endeavors of God's chosen ones. O Jamal! Consider thou the afflictions that have befallen this Wronged One, that what hath come upon thee may seem trivial in comparison. Look from what hath befallen thee to what hath befallen God. The carpet of this world is truly not worthy of joy and delight. Today, remembrance of God and attachment to Him was and is all that matters. Turn thy gaze from the deeds of men and fix it upon the deeds of God and what hath appeared from Him. These two days, the world of possibility was not and is not worthy of such mention and utterance.

In the prison of Ta, as all have heard and know, We were in fetters and chains for four months, and Our companions were mostly thieves and highwaymen. And as for food—bread that resembled that of the Sudanese people. By the life of God, in the early days, even that was not to be had! This Wronged One was brought bareheaded and barefoot in chains from Niyavaran to the prison of Tihran. That which is beyond human endurance was inflicted. Yet despite these afflictions which ye have seen, heard and know of, the tongue remained engaged in praise, the heart illumined with the greatest joy, and in prison this blessed verse was uttered:

> "He is sufficient unto me and sufficient unto all things. God sufficeth as protector."

All assured and tranquil souls uttered the same, and when their voices were raised, the prisoners would become bewildered and perplexed.

This Wronged One was repeatedly imprisoned, and all have heard of the afflictions that befell Us in the land of Mim. They paraded Us through the streets, and one day they delivered this Wronged One into the hands of the tyrannical divines. God alone knoweth what they did and said and what befell Us. For months they applied ointments and treated the wounds inflicted. Beyond all this, consider the oppression and tyranny of My brother and his followers. Wherever We went, before many days had passed, he would come and dwell in perfect comfort and honor with his known women companions—as all have heard and know—protected beneath the pavilions of protection. Yet they call him the wronged one and attribute injustice to God, exalted be His glory!

In brief, throughout all days We stood before the faces of the people and raised up the Cause of God to such a degree that both East and West of the earth heard and understood according to their capacity. Yet when the Sun of Glory dawned from the heaven of divine Will, they arose against its abasement and spoke such calumnies as had no like or equal, and not one soul among those heedless ones spoke with justice. Glory be to God! By order of the Sultan and the officials of the sublime state and Russia, We proceeded to Zawra. If this Wronged One was an oppressor, why did My brother proceed to that land and enter Our house? Furthermore, during the journey toward the Great City, he arrived in Mosul before Us and awaited Our arrival. Say: O people! Judge with fairness that which hath come to pass, that ye may distinguish the oppressor. I swear by the Sun of Proof which in this moment riseth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

Mashriqu'l-Akhavi did not deem himself worthy of this station, but through the instigation of Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani and another soul, he chose this abasement for himself and for the Cause. The earth of God is vast and there are many other cities and regions—why this turning to the shadow of the Wronged One, and for what reason? Reflect, O people, and be of the fair-minded! A Tablet was sent in his name to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence of the Herald. By the life of God, that Holy One became so enkindled that mention of it transcends the realm of existence. Likewise were other Tablets sent, both to the Herald and to various regions. The utterance of this Wronged One stands forth among the words of the peoples like the sun, clear and manifest. Say: Return, that ye may know, and be not of the oppressors. In days when all were hidden in fear, this Wronged One appeared with utmost power and spoke with most eloquent utterance. Neither the arrows of destiny nor the swords of tribulation prevented Him. When the light of the Cause was raised up, there occurred what all have heard and seen. Through all conditions We have been thankful and content.

O Jamal, upon thee be My glory! Erase the book of sorrows and with fresh clarity reflect on what hath been mentioned. He will open before thy face the gates of joy and gladness, of glory and delight. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Repeatedly hast thou mentioned the name of God, and He and all who circle round Him bear witness to God's grace, bounty and kindness towards thee. Take the cup of joy from the hand of the bounty of My Most Glorious Name, then drink therefrom in spite of every caviling liar and every heedless doubter. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of Lords.

BH01995: In My Name, which speaketh before all faces!

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We have desired to send unto thee from this Spot the ocean of utterance—this Spot which God hath made the point of adoration for the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise—that the greatest joy may take hold of thee through the remembrance of God, the Lord of Destiny. He hath turned unto thee with a face whereby the earth and heaven were illumined, and the Bird of Proof, warbling upon the branches, proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We desired to send unto thee from the breaths of revelation that thou

mayest remind the people of My verses and give them glad tidings of that which hath appeared from My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Verily He changeth sorrow into gladness and grief into delight. We beseech God to make known unto His servants what He hath desired for them from His all-encompassing grace.

There hath befallen thee what befell those who drew nigh unto God from those who denied God's proof and testimony and disputed His verses which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O people, fear God! Abandon what ye possess and take what ye have been given from One Who is All-Seeing, All-Bountiful. Cast aside the idle fancies and vain imaginings ye possess—they shall profit you not, as doth testify the Book of God, the Speaking, the Commanding, the Mighty, the Wise.

That honored one hath ever been and still is mentioned before this Wronged One. Blessed are they who gaze with divine sight and hearing. By the life of God! Their eyes and ears shall profit them not, nor what they possess of the whisperings of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. That honored one and the company of the fair-minded bear witness that this Wronged One hath at all times enjoined upon the peoples of the earth in general such counsels and wisdom as would extinguish the fire of hatred and sedition, conflict and corruption; and particularly hath given to the people of Baha counsels which, were they to be cast upon the rock, it would cry out and proclaim; and were they to be cast upon the earth, it would be stirred in attraction and circle round; and were they to be cast toward the heaven, it would be moved and would exclaim:

> "O people of creation! Be fair in the cause of God, then consider what hath appeared in truth. Deny not His favors, neither reject His signs, nor turn aside from His loved ones. Present yourselves and hearken unto that which will draw you nigh unto God and acquaint you with the path of justice and teach you His Cause whereof ye were promised in His Books and Scriptures. Be not of them that remain patient."

We beseech God to assist all, that ye may hear from thee what We have imparted unto thee in this Most Great, Most Mighty, Most Ancient, Most Powerful Cause which dominateth every small and great thing. That honored one must, at all times, with wisdom and utterance, make the people aware, that all may arise to serve, detached from all else that beseemeth not the days of God, and hold fast unto that which is befitting. Today the land and sea, nay all things, are raising their call and summoning the servants unto that which is meet. We beseech God to bestow attentive ears that all may hear and hold fast unto that which they are commanded.

Thy letter was received and the fragrance of thy praise and remembrance hath been diffused throughout the cities and regions of the fair-minded. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee with the hosts of knowledge and wisdom that thou mayest draw the people nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Should anyone resolve upon it, the Book shall be sent. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon whomsoever heareth thy word in this manifest Cause.

BH06512: O Na'im! We bear witness that thou hast attained…

…O Na'im! We bear witness that thou hast attained to Our mention, and through thy name there have appeared from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Through My remembrance all things have spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds." There hath befallen thee and My loved ones that which hath caused the cities of God's justice to lament, the Lord of the Mighty Throne….

BH01711: O Javad! Upon thee be the glory of Him…

He is the Helper through His manifest Cause.

O Javad! Upon thee be the glory of Him Who is the Lord of all creation in the beginning and in the end. Blessed art thou, and bliss be thine, inasmuch as thou hast taken God for thy Guardian and Lord, and hast chosen for thyself, beneath the shadow of the pavilions of glory, an exalted station.

The letter of Jinab-i-Husayn—upon him be My glory—which thou didst send unto the Most Holy Presence was admitted unto the grace of His regard and hearing. We perceived therefrom the fragrance of his steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, the Sovereign of the nations, and He Who hath appeared in the Most Great Name. We beseech God to strengthen and assist him in that which befitteth his days and is worthy of His sovereignty, and to open before his face the doors of loving-kindness and tender favors. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And in his letter was mention made of him who is named Ali before Askar, whom We had aforetime commemorated in such wise that all things uttered that whereunto the Tongue of Grandeur gave voice: God—there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Lord supreme over all who are in the heavens and on the earth. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for him that which He hath ordained for the sincere among His servants and the near ones among His creatures, and to aid him in that which shall endure so long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall endure. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Chooser. The light shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty rest upon him, and upon those with him, and upon every servant who hath believed in God at the end.

Make mention of Bahram, upon him be My glory. His name hath repeatedly been set forth by the Pen of the Most High. Praise be to God! He hath drunk from the Euphrates of God's mercy, hearkened to His summons, and recognized His signs. In this Day the signs of God are manifest in all directions, and the ocean of His providence is surging before the faces of mankind. Blessed is that soul who hath recognized Him and attained His good-pleasure, and woe betide him that hath erred and doubted. God willing, he will attain the station of servitude to the Cause, even though he hath already attained and testified thereto. That about which he enquireth this time hath been mentioned in two Tablets revealed by the Pen of the Most High. Divine confirmation hath been vouchsafed and will continue to be vouchsafed unto those who are detached from the world, who desire Him, and who are sincere. From time immemorial the glances of divine mercy have turned towards and will turn towards those who remember Him. Blessed are they, for theirs is the excellence of the Day of Return.

O Bahram! Thou hast enquired about His Holiness Zoroaster. He came from God and summoned mankind to divine guidance. The fire of love was ablaze in His hand. Although he came with the fire of divine love and revealed the Book of laws and commandments, the heedless failed to apprehend His station and did not recognize His Revelation. The Shi'ih, by reason of their heedlessness and ignorance, have rejected Him.

Gracious God! The people of Iran, despite their capacity for understanding the realities of things, are deprived. For centuries and ages they have turned in prayer to God, asking and yearning to attain His presence, but as soon as the Luminary of Hope shone forth and dawned above the morning horizon of His Will, all rushed forward to attack Him with the swords of hatred and demanded the shedding of His most pure blood. At this moment, they are standing upon their pulpits, uttering their curses and imprecations. Thus have they seduced their own selves, and in this Day they are reckoned among the oppressors in His unerring Book. By holding fast to that which is imaginary, they have deprived themselves of the truth. They are confused by idle fancies and bereft of the light of certainty. However, since His mercy is all pervading and since these days are the springtide of His heavenly favor, it is incumbent upon all, with hearts free of malice and rancor, to beseech God to guide all people. Perchance He will cause the ocean of bounty to surge, and will attire all in the blessed vesture of forgiveness.

O Bahram! Know this with absolute certainty. Firstly, He came with the Fire from the presence of the Friend and enkindled the extinguished element, and secondly, He gave His testimony concerning the Fire. The knowledge is with thy Lord. He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Our glory rest upon him who attained My presence and hearkened to My call, upon thee, and upon the one named Ali Askar in the Book of God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible.

BH02124: O Ruhani, upon thee be My glory and My…

He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful

O Ruhani, upon thee be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness! The Most Great Ocean hath, at this moment, willed to send thee a pearl from among the pearls of the shell of His bounty, mounted upon the form of a word, and the Palm Tree of Grace hath desired to send thee, as a gift, from among the fresh dates of inner meanings and utterance, and the Keeper of Paradise, who is named Ridvan, hath willed to send thee, in the form of letters, from among the fruits of the supreme Paradise. Each of these mentioned bounties and these recorded words is a speaking herald of divine grace and mercy and loving-kindness concerning that leaf. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty! Thy poetry in praise of the Peerless Beloved, and likewise thy prose, have been heard and honored with supreme grace. Blessed art thou and thy tongue, and blessed art thou and thy utterance! God hath heard thy call and what thou didst compose and recite out of love for God, the Single, the One, the Alone, the Self-Subsisting, Who begetteth not nor is begotten.

Today the rain of divine mercy is streaming and descending from the clouds of heavenly grace. The effulgences of the light of the Orb of His generosity have encompassed all existence, and the waves of the sea of benevolence have encompassed the world. Praise be to God, the peerless and incomparable pearl

of divine love hath found its dwelling place in the treasury of the heart. The treasuries and riches and bounty and wealth of the world cannot compare with this testimony that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou, O my leaf and dawning-place of My love! Thou art she who hath taken the cup of bounty in the name of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and drunk therefrom through My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Say: O company of lovers! Today the horizons are illumined with the light of Beauty. Beseech ye God that He may aid you in that which beseemeth His bounty and generosity and His Revelation. Glory be to God! At every moment We behold Sinai in a different state: Batha is astir, the Holy City is soaring, and the land of the divine purpose is in motion. And the reality of existence speaketh with this word:

> "The world hath been illumined through the dawning of the Dayspring of Revelation. He, verily, is the Speaker on Sinai and the Caller in His Frequented Fane."

This is the station which God hath made the point of adoration for such of His servants as are nigh unto Him, and for such of His creation as are sincere.

Give thou the glad-tidings to the handmaidens of that land from the Wronged One, and illumine them with the light of the Sun of divine utterance. We beseech God that He may adorn all with that which is the cause of the sanctification and glorification of His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things. O My leaf, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! The bounty of God is even as the sun, manifest and evident. Rejoice thou in this most exalted Word! We bestowed thy reasoned treatise upon Ali-Qabli-Akbar. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Thy mention hath ever been and will continue to be remembered. Rejoice thou once again in the cups of My bounty, and thank thy Lord for the chalice of My grace, and praise through the ocean of My generosity. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My servants and My handmaidens who have cast aside their own desires, holding fast to My prevailing Will and My conquering Purpose and My wondrous Command.

BH03665: O Salman! Upon thee be the glory…

…O Salman! Upon thee be the glory of the All-Merciful! Wert thou to discover what hath been ordained for thee, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing in this atmosphere wherein none have soared save those who have detached themselves from all else besides Me. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Thou hast been mentioned time after time and repeatedly with that which shall endure through the perpetuity of the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have revealed for thee and for those whom thou hast mentioned that which the comprehension of those possessed of understanding and the reckoning of those who reckon have failed to grasp the station thereof. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have acknowledged, with their inner and outer tongues, the oneness of God and His singleness and His grandeur and His sovereignty, and upon every steadfast and upright one. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise….

BH00412: All praise befitteth the peerless Lord Who began…

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

All praise befitteth the peerless Lord Who began with the letter Ba and made manifest the final Alif, and adorned the form of Ha with these two luminaries. Thus were completed the pillars of the all-embracing Word, and the mystery of God, Lord of all creation, was revealed. Blessings and peace be upon the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness and the Dayspring of the signs of Divine Unity, through Whom God united all hearts and minds and revealed what was hidden from sight and understanding. And upon His family and companions, whom God made as waves of the ocean of His utterance and manifestations of the effulgences of the Orb of His knowledge—those honored servants whom neither armies and hosts could frighten, nor the might of those who denied the Promised Day. They conquered cities and lands in the name of their Chosen Lord. The power of the world and might of nations failed to stop them. Through them the fragrance of religion was diffused and the Cause of God was spread among the believers and unbelievers.

Glory be to Thee, O my God, Purpose of my heart, Beloved of my soul, Master of my tears, and Sovereign of my sighs! Thou dost witness and see what hath befallen Thy chosen ones at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. Tears have flowed and hearts and souls have been troubled by the injustice of those who cast behind them the manifestations of Thy justice and bounty, and the signs of Thy forgiveness and grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst manifest Thy religion among Thy servants and Thy decree in Thy lands, to assist all peoples to servitude before the manifestations of Thy Lordship and the revelations of the lights of Thy grandeur. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further: O beloved of my heart, the two blessed letters—each of which was truly a volume in mention of the Purpose of all worlds and a book in praise and glorification of the Lord of all religions—illumined the court of the heart and dispelled the darkness of care and grief. Its power was manifest from God's power and its strength evident from the arm of might. After perusal and reading, proceeding to the station, it was presented before the face of the Master, Who said:

"O Amin, upon thee be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. The light of the horizons hath been veiled by the darkness of discord. God, exalted be His glory, desired unity but they created division. He sought concord but upheaval appeared. They rejected His counsels and refused His favors. Treachery, like the swords of oppressors, hath shed the blood of trustworthiness. This supreme blessing, which was truly the cause of wealth and assurance for all beings, they failed to recognize its station and let slip from their grasp. In the great city there were two souls, in hope that the door of trustworthiness, religion, praiseworthy character and goodly deeds would be opened. However, the door of discord, treachery, dissension and abasement was opened instead. Finally matters reached such a pass that trustworthiness chose to migrate from that place, and it is not known where that helpless one has gone or into whose hands it has fallen. In any case, one of those two made peace with the enemy and attacked the friend, and did not manifest the name of the Concealer. These words flowed repeatedly from the Pen to express His grief and reveal His sorrow. The end result was the loss of human stations and the ranks of trustworthiness and religion. Well was it said:

The flood of Noah, in my lamentation, is as my tears, And the kindling of the fires of the Friend [Abraham] is as my anguish.

The Pen is thunderstruck at this moment and the ink bewildered. Your letters arrived and each was read before Our face. We heard and We saw. We beseech God to protect you and those with you, and to set right through you both that which has been corrupted. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Judge on the Day of Reckoning.

O Amin! I do not complain of my grief to you, nor to anyone else, nor even to God. Rather, I thank Him, praise Him, and show patience as did those possessed of constancy and resolve. We make mention of the honored Afnan and those with him—may God's peace be upon them—and We congratulate them, and We beseech from the Truth for each one that which will cause the knowledge of His sacred Being to be exalted. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His Afnans and to ordain for them that which will cause their influence to spread throughout the realm. Verily, He has power over all things."

This evanescent servant has been seized with bewilderment at the events that have transpired, swimming in an ocean of perplexity and contemplation, for what has occurred in the Great City has harmed the trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity of the believers. The rest is clear to that beloved one—what has passed and what is now passing. Aqa Muhammad ʿAli's (of the Land of Sad) occupation was separate, his affairs distinct, having no connection whatsoever with the Shaykh—upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. Nevertheless, he tore away the veil of contentment and arose with complete greed to harm and show enmity toward the Shaykh. Would that he had sufficed with himself alone! Day and night, before those within and without, he was aflame with the fire of greed and strove diligently to destroy the Shaykh's work. And according to what is known, the Shaykh's trade was also confused for two reasons: for whatever one would build up, another would tear down, and in some transactions losses occurred.

Glory be to God! The aforementioned soul ignited a fire which all reformers declared themselves powerless to extinguish. The honored master, his eminence the Afnan of the Land of Ya, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, wrote a detailed letter to this servant. Among other things, he complained about the trade in the Great City and mentioned that his honored eminence the Afnan of the Land of Ha and he himself deemed it advisable to close the door of trade in that city, as did the other honored Afnans—upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. They wrote that if it is necessary for an establishment to remain open in that city, that is another matter and depends upon the will—whatever is commanded shall be done.

In truth, they should consider whether any benefit from trade can be conceived—there would be no harm in that. However, it does not appear that with the presence of that person the fire of greed will be quelled or any fruit will be yielded. In one instance, this exalted word was heard from the Lord. He said: It would be difficult for that ship, with the weight of a world of its own merchandise of suspicions, vain imaginings, greed and avarice, to reach its destination except by the will of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Furthermore, that beloved of the heart will arrive there and become aware of the state of affairs and what has transpired. Whatever they deem advisable will surely be carried out. To the honored master, his eminence the Afnan—upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious—I know not what to submit or what to express. Praise be to the One True God who hath exalted them to such heights that no abasement can reach them, and adorned them with such glory that neither the might of the world nor

the power of nations can diminish it. Glorified be He Who hath raised them through His grace and strengthened them through His justice and illumined their eyes with the light of revelation and witnessing, and their hearts with the radiance of the luminous orb of His knowledge and recognition. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. No mention is worthy to be mentioned with His mention, nor are the bestowals of the world comparable to His bestowals. This servant beseecheth his Lord to make them repositories of His knowledge and treasuries of His wisdom. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Knowing. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 29 Rajab 1306

He is God, exalted is He!

At this moment when the letter was concluded, other passages came to mind, the expression of which would both manifest the degrees of love and affection and also answer the queries of that beloved of the heart. In all conditions I seek assistance from the Self-Sufficient One and beseech Him that whatsoever floweth from the pen may be adorned with love, justice and fairness. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Therefore, I begin anew with this most blessed and supreme word:

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

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and blessing and peace be upon the Lord of the Messengers and Master of the mystics and Dawning-Place of the names of God, the King of the Day of Judgment and the Source of His knowledge for all who are in the heavens and the earth. Through Him was sent down the heavenly table, mercy preceded, and the bounty and proof were perfected. And upon His family and companions through whom God manifested His Cause and revealed His verses and made evident His clear proofs, and through whom the Herald proclaimed that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further: another letter from that beloved of the heart—its place was the heart and its station the breast, for it was illumined with the light of the luminous orb of unity and adorned with the mention and praise of the Glorious Lord. Although the unity and oneness we servants express is like the description of an ant, as the saying goes, yet as long as the mention of the Beloved exists, the heart hath not chosen and will not choose any other mention. This too is from the results of His favors and the fruits of His bounties. The contents therein, together with the letter in its entirety, were presented before the Master. He said:

> "O Amin, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the worlds. Due to your movement and attention and mention of today and tomorrow, the answer to the petitions was delayed. If Mount Alburz in the land of Ta had moved, it would have reached its destination sooner than you. Patience hath surpassed Job, and stillness is more firm, more steady, and more secure than any stationary thing. A hundred thousand mercies upon staying still! This journey was like a moving stationary object that was mentioned before. In any case, praise be to God, the hand of grace bestowed favor, showed kindness, moved the Afnan through a hundred thousand means, and preserved him through the hosts of the seen and unseen. Verily He is the

> Protector of His Afnan and of the sincere ones among His servants and the righteous ones among His bondsmen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to cool your eyes through beholding the Most Great House and to give you to drink of the choice wine of acceptance from the hand of the bounty of His Most Ancient Name. Verily He is the All-Bountiful in the beginning and in the end. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

End.

As to the matters mentioned concerning the Huquq and other things, authority has been delegated to that beloved one. The matter of Haji Muhammad Kazim, upon him be God's peace, has also been referred to you according to the command, and it was arranged that the mentioned amount should reach that beloved one. Likewise, whatever is in that place is according to your mention, and if it can be obtained it would be most fitting and appropriate. They said: "We have incurred some debt in the Land of Ta. God willing, after attaining the presence it will be mentioned and instructions will be given for its payment." The amount for the Land of Ha has not yet arrived, but it has been assigned and will arrive. They said: "O Amin, upon thee be My peace and My glory! These matters have passed and will pass.

This year some holy souls attained Our presence and We accepted an amount of Huquq they brought, which We then bestowed upon them. After attaining, hearing and witnessing, they turned toward the House of God, and upon returning from the House some came to this land and, having obtained permission, returned to their homes in the lands of Iran. However, what occurred in the Great City was affecting—truly sanctity was violated and the dignity of souls was transformed to abasement. It was not expected that a friend would conspire with the enemy against the loved ones and would sully pure, holy and pleasing characters with the filth of self and passion. He did what no heedless one had done. In any case, beseech God to confirm him in returning, that he may cut himself off from the opposers and strengthen the cord of love with the loved ones. We beseech God to confirm him and those who have believed in what He loves and accepts." The reason for the delay in responding to that beloved one's letters was those reports that arrive today and tomorrow. Some came but the one who should have come did not come, namely his honor Afnan and that beloved one. In any case, I beseech confirmation and assistance from God, exalted be His glory.

Another submission is that some of the honored gentlemen have delivered some funds—for example they gave the amount for the House in Iraq, and likewise what they gave according to the assignment to the family of his honor the Nazir, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. The purpose is that the account should be settled and completed with justice. Whatever else Amin does or arranges will be acceptable.

BH01683: Praise be to the gracious, merciful Lord, Who alone…

In the name of God, exalted be His glory, grandeur and power!

Praise be to the gracious, merciful Lord, Who alone is worthy and deserving, Whose gates of forgiveness are ever-surging, and Whose ocean of pardon and bounty lies before all faces. And blessings and peace be upon those through whom God's verses and ordinances were spread abroad and His sovereignty and

commands were made manifest, and upon their families and companions through whom God illumined the world with the light of His oneness and the radiance of His knowledge.

The letter from that honored brother arrived at a time when sorrows over recent events had seized all pillars. As it conveyed news of your well-being, it brought some joy. This servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen and assist you in that which will exalt the names and manifest noble qualities. The purpose of that honored brother's remaining in that land is that human qualities and his station may be spread in that city, and that the fragrance of trustworthiness, religion, chastity, truthfulness, sincerity and faithfulness may be diffused. There is still hope that, God willing, you will arise to make up for what was lost.

Regarding what was mentioned about obtaining permission concerning the person from whom the Nazir (upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah]) purchased the papers—that you would identify him and establish that he obtained the papers from him rather than finding them in transit—if this statement truly has basis, certainly make it known and present it to the honored master, His Holiness the Afnan (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God), so that all may know and understand that you are truthful in your statements and can prove it with clear evidence. If this matter is proven, it would be very good. O brother, I tell you truthfully this matter cannot be overlooked. They are ever observant of justice and fairness. You yourself know that the purpose is to establish harmony and unity between hearts. If this matter is truly proven, one can speak of you and likewise assist in affairs.

The store of the honored Shaykh (upon him be the glory of God) had and has no connection whatsoever to this place. I swear by the Master (may our spirits be sacrificed for Him) that these words are true. Some have supposed it has some connection here—God forbid! His Holiness the Afnan sought permission to open a store purely for business and earning, and permission was granted. And you know that they have made every matter contingent on consultation, and whatever judgment emerges from consultation, they have endorsed and will endorse.

Those like yourself should be the cause of manifesting praiseworthy qualities. They should hold fast to justice, kindness and fairness so that all may attest to that which bespeaks the loftiness of human station. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you in that which contains good and benefit for yourself and other servants. If you prove this matter according to what you have written, it will bring joy and happiness. But if, God forbid, it is not established and made clear, it will cause endless shame, for mention of you has been good from the earliest days until now and has spread everywhere. Every fair-minded sage and every knowledgeable mystic bears witness to this. In any case, I seek assistance from God, exalted be His glory. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

My God, my God! You know and see that this servant desires by his mention only the sanctification of Your servants and their purification from what You have forbidden them in Your Book. O Lord! Adorn them with the ornament of trustworthiness, justice, truthfulness and sincerity. Verily You have power over whatsoever You will. There is no God but You, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH02217: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Bestower, the Ordainer, the Munificent, the All-Wise.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. All greatness and might, all glory and power belong unto Him. Nothing whatsoever keepeth Him from being occupied with any other thing and no matter preventeth Him from dealing with another. He doeth whatsoever He pleaseth, by virtue of His sovereign might. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that the One Who speaketh forth is the Speaker on Sinai, Who hath dawned above the horizon of revelation, and through Whom the mysteries have been unveiled, the stream have gushed forth, and all that was from everlasting concealed in the books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self Subsisting, hath been revealed. He it is through Whom attainment unto the Presence of God hath been realized in this day, a day whose mention hath adorned all the sacred books and scriptures. Blessed be the one who hath met Him, well assured of meeting and being reunited with God. Such a soul is indeed among them that have truly apprehended that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, and We bear that he is numbered with the people of certitude in the preserved tablet.

Praise be to God, Who is peerless in His beauty and incomparable in His majesty, Who perisheth not, Who hath ever been, and will ever be, sanctified above all peer or likeness, and Who shall remain hidden and concealed till He appeareth in His meridian glory and summoneth all mankind unto Himself, the All-Possessing, the Most High.

Exalted be God, the Sovereign Lord, Who hath created love and made it to be the greatest sign and an affliction for all humanity. Every mighty heart is humbled before its sovereignty, and every radiant countenance hath paled before its penetrating power and awesome majesty. Love, verily, is the animator of the world and the attractor of the hearts of men. It is the best of adornments and the dispeller of every affliction. It entereth the hearts, though not as physical things enter into each other, and it conquereth the kingdoms of existence, though not as kings triumph over earthly realms. Yea, love is silent, yet speaketh forth; it is compassionate, yet revengeth men's wrongs. In truth it is a light that hath shone forth above the horizon of His name, the Most Beauteous, and enrapturing thereby every people and tribe.

It is that which God hath chosen for His own Self in the Day of Resurrection, and through which He hath shed the splendors of His light upon all creation. Whereupon the leaves have rustled, and the horizons have been illumined, and the lovers have sighed, and the nightingale hath trilled out its melody in the Day of the Covenant, saying:

> "He Who is the King of Eternity and the Best Beloved of the Worlds is come!"

Established upon the Throne of names, He verily speaketh forth in the prison of Akka on this day wherein the horizon of felicity hath been illumined by this, that the Lord of revelation hath bestowed upon one named Javad, who for a number of years hath circled with love and devotion round His mighty throne, a

handmaiden who hath journeyed to attain this spot from whence is issued the decree of the beginning and the end.

O Lord of the worlds and Educator of all who are in the heavens and on the earth! I beseech Thee by Thy Names, the Joyous and the Sorrowful, the Manifest and the Hidden, to bless these two souls, to ordain between them love and affection, and to protect them from the mischief of such as have disbelieved in Thy days and caviled at Thy signs. I beseech Thee, moreover, O my God, to write down for them both, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and of the world to come. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. None other God is there but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All Wise.

BH04867: O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory! A while…

He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of manifestation!

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory! A while ago mention of thee flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and likewise before that time. Today the Kawthar of knowledge floweth from the Pen of the All-Merciful, and the Euphrates of mercy descendeth as rain from the heaven of the chosen One's grace.

Say: O people! Today the gate of knowledge is opened, and the ocean of bounty is surging, and the sun of generosity is shining. Cast aside what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the outpourings of the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. The hidden hath appeared yet ye know not, and the treasured hath emerged yet ye remain heedless thereof. Fear God and reject not the truth through what ye possess. Cast aside the tales of old, turning unto God, the Lord of all humanity. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Ahmad! Make mention of all the friends on behalf of this Wronged One, and likewise the handmaidens of God. By My life! All have been and are remembered. Convey My glorification to him who is named Yusuf. We have mentioned him before and sent him that whereby he findeth the fragrance of his Lord's grace, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We beseech God to assist His party there and make them the standards of His guidance amidst the servants and the banners of His remembrance throughout the lands. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My friends and handmaidens who have drunk the choice wine of My recognition from the hands of My command, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH05497: This is a Book sent down by the Lord…

He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven.

This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven unto him who hath turned to God, the Lord of Lords. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor the veils of those who have denied God, the Lord of all mankind, prevent thee.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name that hath dominion over all names, and by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen whereby all things were set in motion, to ordain for me

through the Pen of Destiny that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and protect me from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament, denied Thy proof and rejected Thy evidence.

O Lord! The thirst of separation hath destroyed me. Where is the springwater of Thy reunion, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all who are in Thy earth and heaven? By Thy might and Thy majesty and Thy power and Thy dominion, this servant feareth the onslaught of the self and its desires. I wish to entrust my being into the hands of Thy grace and bounty, that Thou mayest preserve it from its evil, its transgression and its heedlessness.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant who hath detached himself from all else but Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones, and to ordain for me that which will gladden mine eyes and bring rest to my heart. Verily Thou art the Lord of the servants and the Ruler in the beginning and the end.

BH05261: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

He is the Guardian over all names!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and guided all to the straight path. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him and those who have turned away, those who have hesitated and those who have hastened, those who have responded and those who have chosen silence for themselves, and those who have taken vain imaginings as their god instead of God. We testify that such are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

O son of Kazim, upon him and upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! We made mention of thy father aforetime in words that caused the very essence of remembrance to quiver, and through an utterance by which the Kingdom soared unto the Help in Peril, the Almighty. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to attain unto such steadfastness as neither the clamor of the people can shake nor the oppression of the Pharaohs in the land can prevent.

When thou takest the cup of Mine utterance in My Name, say:

> “My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and illuminate the hearts of the nations, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thee, to speak forth Thy praise, to turn toward Thy horizon, and to arise to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest the oppressed one seeking the ocean of Thy justice, and the weary one the kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Unconstrained.”

BH05417: The ocean of divine knowledge has surged through His…

The ocean of divine knowledge has surged through His Name, the All-Merciful.

God testifies that there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and power, the glory and choice. He gives life and death, and He is the Mighty, the Supreme, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. God bears

witness that there is none other God but Him and He Who has come with the truth is indeed the Sovereign of Revelation, the Speaker on Sinai. Through Him the trumpet was sounded, the dead arose from their graves, and the Herald called out from a near place: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing.”

Your letter has come before the Wronged One. We have answered you with a Tablet which God has made the Dawning-Place of Tablets. When you perceive its fragrance and read its verses, say:

> “Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thine are the bounty and the favors. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou didst separate between the nations and didst manifest what was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured in the repository of Thy wisdom, to make me aided in all conditions to remember Thee and praise Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book to ordain for me that which will benefit me in my life and after my death. Verily Thou art my Lord, my Master and my Creator. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy command by which Thou hast subdued the horizons.”

BH05658: Today the Book of God with eloquent and persuasive…

In the Name of the Director of the world and the Beloved of nations!

Today the Book of God with eloquent and persuasive tongue calls all and invites them to the supreme horizon. Blessed is the ear that hath attained and blessed is the eye that hath not been deprived of beholding. O peoples of the earth! The Most Great Scene hath been adorned with the Lord of Destiny, and calleth out at all times:

> “Glory and greatness and power and exaltation belong unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Beneficent!”

O Muhammad! Thy letter was received and attained unto hearing, and We make mention of thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath held fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of Lords. When thou hast received My Tablet, say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while Thou wert imprisoned amidst Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Pen and its ink, and by that which hath appeared before the hands of Thy will, to ordain for me that which will protect me from the croaking of every croaker who hath disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I hold fast unto Thee and unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause and the Sources of Thy Revelation and the Recipients of Thy knowledge to make mention of my father who hath ascended unto Thee in the Crimson Book from Thy Most Exalted Pen. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.”

BH06670: Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One…

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

Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One on this Day whereon the sealed wine hath been unsealed through the Name of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who hast turned to My horizon! Hear My call from the precincts of the Prison. Verily He is God, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling over what hath been and what shall be. He who loved Me mentioned thee, and We mention thee again with a Tablet that beareth witness before all mankind. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty. When thou attainest unto My Book say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Bestower, and by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, to ordain for me that which shall profit me and abide with me in every world of Thy worlds. And I beseech Thee, O my God, by my presence before Thy face in Thy prison, and by Thy call which hath been raised at all times amongst Thy servants, to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Then protect me through the hosts of the unseen and the seen from those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs, and denied Thy proof and Thy testimony. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Unconstrained.

BH06672: The mountains have passed away through the verses…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

The mountains have passed away through the verses of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Those who lay in the graves have arisen at the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai. The Balance hath been appointed by command of the All-Merciful, and the Path hath been set up before all faces, yet most of the people perceive it not. They have turned away from the ocean of knowledge, clinging to their vain imaginings—nay, they do not understand. Say: By God the Truth! The Book hath been sent down through grace, and the Trumpet hath been sounded—and it is My Most Exalted Pen, whereby We have both given and taken away. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Adorn thy head with the crown of My Most Great Name, and thy temple with the ornament of steadfastness in this Announcement, whereby the foot of every veiled scholar hath slipped and every deprived mystic hath gone astray. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon him who is named Ahmad. Remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My tender mercy. We beseech God to aid him to remember and praise Him amongst His servants. Verily He is the Hearer, and verily He is the Answerer.

BH07244: 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 him who hath turned towards Him and believed in Him and His signs on a day wherein all people have turned away save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed.

O Nasru'llah! Hearken with thy spiritual ear unto the call of the faithful counselor. Today the divine decree in the holy scriptures and tablets is to sanctify oneself from all that preventeth man from that which beseemeth him. Likewise He hath enjoined upon all to assist the Cause, and hath explicitly specified, without any interpretation, that assistance consisteth in teaching the Cause. The helper and sustainer hath been and is goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Therefore must the people of God hold fast unto that which hath been mentioned and engage, according to their capacity, in reforming the world and refining the souls of nations.

We have mentioned thee before, and thy father who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and We have revealed for him that from which the fragrance of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, is diffused. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of them that know and the Beloved of them that are nigh.

BH07846: Praise be to God! Thou hast attained unto…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Praise be to God! Thou hast attained unto that for which the world of existence hath been brought into being. Thou hast hearkened unto that which the company of the near ones, throughout the nights and days, would beseech the Goal of all mankind to hear. Some time ago We made mention of the friends, including mention of Shafi?, upon him be My glory, and We sent it forth. We beseech God to honor His loved ones with His Tablet and to acquaint them with what lieth concealed in its words of the oceans of His knowledge, and to aid them to remain steadfast in the Most Great Steadfastness, whereby neither shall the names hold them back from their Lord nor the tales of old from their Sovereign. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou art he who hath gained mention by Me time and again and hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty. We counsel thee to preserve what We have bestowed upon thee. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH07781: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord, O Treasure…

He is the One Manifest and Speaking in the Most Great Prison

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord, O Treasure of the poor and Sustainer of the weak, Lord of earth and heaven, Who art seated upon the throne of 'Do what Thou willest.' I testify to that which the Tongue of Thy Will hath testified in the Kingdom of Thy utterance, and I acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Tablet which Thou hast adorned with the lights of Thy utterance and wherein Thou hast written for Thy loved ones that which behooveth them in Thy days, and by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Speaking, the Hidden, and by Thy

Light, the Shining, the Radiant, the Treasured, to assist me to hold fast unto Thy Most Great Handle in such wise that neither the hosts of Thy earth and heaven nor the might of the oppressors among Thy creatures shall keep me back from Thee.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have heard Thy call and turned toward Thee, and have found the fragrance of Thy garment and hastened with my heart unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in attaining that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH08184: Mention after mention makes mention of what came before…

Mention after mention makes mention of what came before, and declares that promises must be fulfilled….

Hadrat-i-Badi', who bore the letter to the Sultan and stood before him, raised the letter and proclaimed:

> "O King, I have brought thee from the Most Great Announcement a Mighty Book."

Surely they have heard the details of how, with what power and might, he declared his mission before His Majesty the Sultan, while wearing but a single shirt. The might and majesty of royalty could not deter him, and afterwards he gave up his life with complete submission and contentment, drinking the cup of martyrdom from the hand of grace. And likewise other holy souls who hastened to the place of sacrifice with utmost joy and acquiescence. In truth, this servant is incapable of mentioning the names of those souls….

BH08897: Thy petition was received and the response of what…

He is the Speaker, the All-Informed!

Thy petition was received and the response of what the All-Bestowing uttereth in the final goal hath been revealed. Thou didst attain to the mention of God, glorified be His majesty. We beseech Him to deposit His mention as a trust within pure and sanctified hearts and to preserve it through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Supreme Pen is occupied day and night with the mention of His loved ones. Blessed is the face that hath turned, and the ear that hath heard, and the tongue that hath spoken, and the heart that hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and be of the thankful ones. All the loved ones in that land are remembered and adorned with His grace. We beseech God to preserve them through His sovereignty and give them to drink from the cup of His bounty and to bestow upon them what He hath ordained for His trusted ones. Verily He is the Beneficent, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

BH00540: Today the effulgences of the Sun of Truth have…

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

Today the effulgences of the Sun of Truth have shone forth upon all, and cities and lands are in rapture and ecstasy from the attraction of the Call of the All-Chosen One. This Call is the water of life for the righteous, whom God hath described in the Book: “Truly the righteous shall drink of a cup tempered with camphor.” Blessed is the being who hath attained unto this existence and come into being. Woe unto every heedless doubter.

Worthy of mention and praise are those souls who today were not prevented by the taunts of the people, the cawing of the ravens, and the threats of the oppressors from the Light of the Manifest Horizon. They heard the Call of Truth and joined themselves unto it. These are the banners of guidance and the standards of grace. Blessed is the servant who hath chosen for himself a station beneath their shade, and remote is he who hath turned away from them and clung to that which shall never profit him.

And then, O beloved of my heart, thy spiritual missive arrived like the vernal breeze of the All-Merciful, bringing glad tidings, bearing good news, and bestowing bounty. Its glad tidings were the sweet fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds and the health and well-being of that beloved of soul and spirit. Its good news was thy steadfastness in the Cause of the Beloved. Its bounty was the fruits of inner meanings and utterance that appeared and were manifest from the Tree of Words. In truth, what is the sustenance of existence and the cause of its life? By thy life! It is the love of thy Beloved and our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. In the sight of those possessed of insight and hearing, naught else is mentioned save Truth and His love and service, and in reality naught else is worthy of mention.

Glory be to God! The heedless ones desire to veil the effulgences of the lights of the divine Sun of Manifestation. Far, far from it! Say: O ye ignorant ones! What profit did the former people gain from their calumnies and lies, what bounty did they obtain, and what did they achieve on the Day of Judgment? How long will ye remain debarred by vain imaginings and veiled by rejected and thick veils? I beseech God to aid all to rend these veils asunder. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mentions and degrees came successively, leaving no opportunity to speak of the letters, their number, their receipt and their reading—and rightly so, for the mentions were mentions of praise of the Beloved of the worlds, and the degrees were degrees of His grace and bounty. Nevertheless, they can now be renewed, therefore I state that the letters of that spiritual beloved arrived, and each, after being read and perused, attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of creation, and each time a divine utterance shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the words of the Beloved of the worlds. And at this moment, after the presentation of another letter, these exalted words emerged from the Treasury of divine knowledge and wisdom—blessed and exalted be His utterance:

Verily hearing and sight are within My grasp of power, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O bird soaring in the atmosphere of My love, present before My face, who hast attained to hearkening unto My call and beholding My horizon! Hear thou My call once again from the precincts of Akka. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: O company of the heedless, cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you from the presence of One knowing and wise. By My life, that which your divines possess shall profit you not, nor shall that which hath been ordained from the

presence of One mighty and powerful. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: abandon tyranny and wickedness, and take hold of trustworthiness and godliness and truthfulness and purity, by command of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The Wronged One hath not spoken from desire, but rather by what hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. Through moral excellence are revealed the stations of man in the contingent world, as testified by honored servants whom the whisperings of the people have not kept back from arising to serve God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O Attar! Sorrows have encompassed the Wronged One, whereat the tears of Mine eyes have rained upon My cheeks, both outwardly and inwardly, and My heart and My pen have lamented, yet most of the people are heedless. The luminary of trustworthiness hath set in the capital, and therein hath appeared that which hath prevented the Pen from revealing it, the tongue from mentioning it, and the perceptive faculty from comprehending it, as witnessed by him who possesseth a clear Book. We have counseled all in most of Our Tablets to goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, yet the people have cast the counsel of God behind their backs and followed what their passions commanded them. Lo! They are among the lost. The heedless one hath taken God's enemy as his helper, and they have advanced with swords of hatred and committed that which hath caused every just and discerning one to weep.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones, remind them of My verses and what hath been sent down from the heaven of My utterance, and We counsel them with that whereby the station of the Word and their stations among the servants shall be exalted. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto them that have turned away.

The servant in attendance hath brought thy letters time and again. We have heard each one and answered thee with that whereby the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of this exalted station, hath been diffused. Look, then remember those days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and heardst what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of Knowledge, and thou didst behold the ocean and its waves, and the light and its effulgence, and thou didst attain unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Attar! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken in the Persian tongue: All the letters sent have been heard, and in each instance thy mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the brethren, family, and associates. All are mentioned before the Wronged One. Ask thou God that He may cause all to attain unto that which beseemeth the station of man. Great sorrow hath befallen this Wronged One, for in the great city there occurred that which caused the eye of justice to weep, and equity to suffer beneath the darkness of tyranny, and the form of truthfulness to be afflicted in the talons of falsehood. In brief, justice and equity and kindliness remain concealed in some corner until God shall manifest them in truth. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master, my Desire! Thou seest and knowest that I have counseled Thy servants with that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and adorn them with the ornament of Thy attributes and character. Among them are those who have heard and answered, and those who have turned away and have not answered. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Deliver Thy loved ones from the fire of greed and covetousness, and adorn them with the

ornament of contentment and detachment. Verily, Thou art the Lord of creation. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Praise be to God! That which hath been revealed, a single word thereof sufficeth. By Thy life, O My beloved, the liver of trustworthiness hath melted and the tears of chastity and faithfulness have flowed. In these days I have beheld the Purpose of all the worlds in such grief that were the veil to be lifted and the friends to hear with their true hearing, all would perish. Therefore concealment is preferable, and the Cause is in the hands of God, the Lord of all mankind.

Another matter: the honored Ismu'llah (66), may all the Most Glorious Glory rest upon him, hath repeatedly brought your letters to My presence and made mention of you. One day, the apple of Mine eye and soul, Husayn Effendi, attained the presence in place of the apple of Mine eye, that is, the son, and was adorned with acceptance. The items carried by Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli (Dahaji), upon him be the Glory of God—including pen, paper and other things—arrived, but the desirable and acceptable paper, at the time of writing, each sheet in the language of its condition asketh mention of you, and assuredly the answer hath been and will be bestowed from the ocean of divine bestowal. It hath been proven by the Most Great Proof and the most perfect and complete evidence to those possessed of hearing and sight that verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The brethren and the honored ladies of that household, upon them be the Glory of God, are mentioned. I convey greetings to each one and beseech from God, exalted be His glory, that which shall not change nor fade. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another glad-tiding is that in these days a special Tablet of Visitation for His Holiness Ismu'llah al-Asdaq, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, hath been revealed from the heaven of knowledge of our Purpose and your Purpose. God willing, they shall attain unto it. If this evanescent servant hath delayed or should delay in responding to letters, he is surely excused, for that Beloved One knoweth that night and day he is occupied with writing and serving all the peoples of the world. Therefore they will surely forgive, and according to that Beloved One's own statement that I have been allotted one letter a year—praise be to God—at this moment, which is the third night of the month of Sha'ban the Great, this letter is completed. Until next Sha'ban you have no fixed claim by your own admission. And on this blessed night, two hours and ten minutes having passed from Friday night, visitation was performed on your behalf and was graced with acceptance. Well is it with me and with you! I convey greetings to the gentlemen and friends of that land, and with the tongue of the inner heart I say:

My God, my God! Unite the hearts of Thy loved ones and friends, then make their word as one. O Lord! Illumine them with the light of unity and ordain for them the station of concord. The servant beareth witness that Thou hast ordained the exaltation of Thy Word in the unity of Thy servants and their concord in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Likewise the leaves and handmaidens of God in that land—I have mentioned and continue to mention each one. For some, blessed and holy Tablets have been revealed. God willing they shall arrive and they shall become illumined and shall attain unto the light of the utterance of the Purpose of all the worlds. This is a glad-tiding that no other glad-tiding can equal, to which beareth witness the Lord of all creation. Glory and praise and remembrance, then mercy and loving-kindness and exaltation be upon you and

upon those with you and upon those whom the veils of names and nothing whatsoever have prevented from God, the King of this mighty Day.

Third night of the month of Sha'ban 1306

BH03430: O God, Kind and Merciful! Didst Thou bestow hearing…

…O God, Kind and Merciful! Didst Thou bestow hearing and sight upon the world, or didst Thou withhold them? I beseech Thee by Thy might, Thy grandeur, Thy bounty and Thy generosity to manifest that which Thou hast bestowed, that Thy blessing may become evident to all the worlds and the effulgent rays of the Orb of bounty may illumine all existence. I swear by Thy sanctified Being that if Thou dost not manifest it throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and dominion, no doubt shall arise concerning Thy bestowal and giving. Thine is the wealth and at Thy door are the poor. If Thou givest, we are grateful, and if Thou withholdest, we remain thankful and patient. O Lord! Through Thy will we came into being, and unto Thee on Thy Day have we returned. Withhold not Thy servants who implore and hope from the waves of the ocean of Thy gifts, and adorn all with the ornament of Thy bounty and bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy….

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Ghulam-Husayn! The manifest light is dawning and shining from the horizon of the will of the Lord of the Worlds, and the soul-stirring call of the All-Merciful is raised from the direction of the prison. Say: O ye who possess ears, hear! And O ye who have eyes, hasten! Glory be to God! The inanimate speaketh while the servants are silent and veiled. This Most Great Talisman hath powers; none save His own Self is aware of its mysteries. All are heedless and veiled save those whose eyes God hath illumined with the lights of His countenance. Perishable wealth hath prevented the servants from that which is everlasting. They have clung to transient means in such wise that they have deprived themselves of God's eternal blessings.

Say: O servants! The days flee away and things perish. Strive that ye may attain unto the lamp of the favor of God, exalted be His glory. The place of return, outwardly, is observed to be narrow and dark. A lamp is needed and solitude requireth a companion. Glory be to God! Again, glory be to God! Man perceiveth himself in need of numerous means for a single night in this world and spendeth all his energies in acquiring them, even though he is certain of their alteration and destruction; yet for a world wherein he must dwell permanently, by virtue of the Kingdom of earth and heaven, he hath made no preparation. Say: O people! Lay hold of deeds ere the appointed time cometh. Seize the opportunity ere it passeth, and the respite ere death arriveth. Verily, the time shall come suddenly. By the life of God! Then neither fortresses shall protect you nor armies guard you.

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth you for the sake of God and counseleth you as a token of His grace. Take what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered and cast away what ye have heard from those who have denied the blessing. We testify that they are among the oppressors in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy brother who hath heard, turned, and responded to his Ancient Lord. We beseech God to assist him with the hosts of the

unseen and to confirm him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful….

BH03114: The Unseen beareth witness unto Its own Self…

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

The Unseen beareth witness unto Its own Self that verily I am God, there is none other God but Me. I have manifested that which I desired before the faces of the servants—among them are those who saw and believed, those who turned toward it yet hesitated, and those who testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified in this mighty and impregnable station, which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names by God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. He whom I loved hath appeared before the Wronged One and asked from the Most Great Ocean. We have made mention of thee and have sent down for thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thou art he to whom the Supreme Pen hath testified in numerous Tablets and for whom it hath revealed that which neither the veils of the world can conceal nor the clamor of the nations can alter. It shall remain shining, through the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the Dominion, from the horizon of the heaven of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. This is a word that all the books of the world cannot equal—a bounty from Him unto thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. When thou hearest the shrill voice of My Pen and findest the fragrance of My raiment, say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast aided Thine Afnan to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance and to hold fast unto that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and hast written for them from the Pen of bounty that which none knoweth save Thyself. I beseech Thee by Thy signs whereby Thy proof hath been perfected amongst Thy creation and Thy testimony amongst Thy servants, and by Thy clear tokens before which all signs bowed down at the revelation of the lights of the Orb of Thy manifestation, that Thou wilt exalt me through Thy Name, draw me nigh through Thy generosity, and assist me to arise for Thy Cause in every world of Thy worlds. I testify that Thy grace withholdeth not those who seek Thee, Thy bounty disappointeth not those who hope in Thee, and Thy loving-kindness forsaketh not those who yearn for Thee.

O my Lord! Thou beholdest me gazing toward Thy horizon and awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy call between earth and heaven, and by Thy sovereignty which hath subdued all things, that Thou wilt preserve me from the doubts of Thine enemies and the allusions of those who have turned away from Thy Cause among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Judge, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH04193: God, exalted be His glory, has fulfilled His promise…

In the name of Almighty God

God, exalted be His glory, has fulfilled His promise and made manifest His Day, according to His blessed and exalted words:

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

However, the unjust people in this blessed Day have deprived themselves of the presence of the Self-Subsisting Lord and have clung to vain imaginings. Every created thing calls out in a most sweet voice, summoning the servants to the Creator of existence, yet their deeds have prevented most from turning to Him and have deprived them of the Days of God. Say: O servants, fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who has come to you with a clear Command and mighty sovereignty. Today the Divine Lote Tree in the highest Paradise gives the glad tidings of the manifestation of the Lord of Names to all beings. Every eye illumined with the light of recognition has attained to witnessing Him, and every ear cleansed of ancient tales has been honored to hear. O people of God! Strive that perchance you may deliver a soul from the darkness of vain imaginings and guide it to the Dayspring of certitude.

Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and whatsoever Thou didst promise Thy servants in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the lights of Thy Throne to aid me to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Ordain for him that whereby his mention and his name shall endure amongst Thy servants and Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords, in the final return.

BH04145: Verily the Fire speaks forth from the Divine Lote-Tree…

In His Name, that ruleth over all names!

Verily the Fire speaks forth from the Divine Lote-Tree: "God, there is no God but Him, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting." And the Light calls out from the horizon of Manifestation: "The Kingdom belongs to God, Master of what was and what shall be." And the Mount circles round and proclaims: "O peoples of the earth! The Hidden One has appeared and the Treasured One has come!" And the Herald has called out: "O people of earth! The gate of heaven has been opened and He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, has come!"

There has come before the Wronged One he who was named Muhammad-Rida. We have remembered you with spirit and fragrance, and remember you in this blessed Tablet. When you see and read it, say:

> "Praise be to You, O my God, for having caused my name to flow from Your Most Exalted Pen in various Tablets, and for having enabled me to turn to You and attain Your presence, when most of Your servants and creatures were debarred therefrom. Glory be to You, O my God! Yours is the greatness and the praise, the might and the eternity. I testify that Your grace has encompassed me and Your mercy has preceded me, such that You have illumined my heart with the light of Your knowledge, my sight with beholding the horizon of Your Manifestation and visiting the traces of Your Pen, and my hearing with hearkening to Your call. O Lord! I beseech You by Your supreme benevolence and by Your Most Great, Most Pure, Most Exalted

Name to protect me through Your power and sovereignty and to ordain for me every good thing recorded in Your Book. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Your bounty that which befits Your generosity and grace, and assist me to remain steadfast in Your love. Verily You are the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Sovereign, the Bestower, the Ever-Flowing."

BH05072: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify…

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

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify to Thy sovereignty and Thy power, to Thy oneness and Thy authority, and that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been the One Who dominates all things and Who exercises power over all who dwell in the kingdom of names. Thy mercy and loving-kindness have preceded all else, and Thy grace and bounty have encompassed all things. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Call whereby all things were attracted, and by the light of Thy countenance whereby earth and heaven were illumined, to aid Thy servants to stand firm in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee.

O Lord! Thou beholdest him who hath turned unto Thee, and hath held fast unto Thy cord, and hath set his face toward the lights of Thy countenance. Ordain for him, O Lord of the worlds, that which will gladden his eyes and the eyes of Thy loved ones. Then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy generosity the rains of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful Whom the hosts cannot hinder, and the Sovereign Whom veils cannot conceal. Thou art the One Who speaketh both in the beginning and in the end. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Port Said

He is the Helper

The letter of his honor Mirza ʿAli-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, together with fifty-seven tumans, was received by the servant in the prison through the beloved of hearts, his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the blessed month of Ramadan 1306.

BH00823: Praise be to the One Who is the Goal…

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

Praise be to the One Who is the Goal of all, Who created the world through His Word and nurtured it through various means. The law of causation is firmly established, and the manifestation of all things occurs through definite and determined means. Exalted be His Command and His Greatness!

For every matter there is an appointed time and a destined cause. Through contemplation of this station and observation of this utterance, one attains to the light of the Divine Sun of Justice. Divine decrees are contingent upon means, and these means and causes have been and continue to be the education of His servants. We beseech the True One to assist these servants to achieve that which leads to progress and elevation. Verily, He is the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And prayers and peace be upon Him Whom the Tongue of Eternity and the Lord of Nations praised in the world: “But for Thee, I would not have created the celestial spheres.” Glory be to our Lord! With one step He transcended the earth and reached the heavens, nay, beyond the heavens, nay, beyond justice and comprehension. Exalted be His power and magnificent His sovereignty!

And upon His family and companions, whom God made the letters of His Psalms, the words of His Books, the manifestations of His Will, the dawning-places of His Purpose, and the sources of His justice and command—prayers sanctified from beginning and end. The command belongs to God, the Lord of the Last and the First.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual beloved arrived, bearing good tidings and spreading blessed banners, for it was adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His Glory. Without His mention, all mentions are meaningless, and without His remembrance, one can dispense with the remembrance of the world. In truth, the freshness, grace, and glory of the cities of unity and detachment have been and will ever be through His mention and praise. We hope these servants will not be deprived of this life-giving station.

After reading, contemplating, and reflecting, we approached the station and presented it. The Beloved, may our souls be sacrificed for Him, says:

O Abdullah! Upon thee be My peace and My loving-kindness! God willing, mayest thou be blessed with divine favors and illumined and adorned with the light of God’s love. May such a sweet fragrance be diffused from the deeds of thyself and the friends of that land that perhaps the manifestations of religion and trustworthiness in that land may transform the grief coming from other directions.

Today, deeds are necessary, especially deeds from which the fragrance of service and trustworthiness emanates. The affairs of the Threshold have descended like swords upon the temple of trustworthiness, truthfulness, and purity. Say:

My God, my God! Adorn the heads of Thy loved ones with the crown of trustworthiness and detachment, their temples with the ornament of justice and righteousness, and their hearts with the raiment of unity and harmony. I beseech Thee, O my God and the God of the Kingdom of Names, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will exalt them among Thy creation and cause them to be adorned with Thy virtues, whereby the horizons of Thy servants’ and creatures’ existence may be illumined. Verily, Thou art the Generous One, possessed of great bounty and supreme mercy. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We make mention of the loved ones and ask for each honor, blessing, and exaltation. However, that which has been and continues to be the cause of elevation, ascendancy, and the manifestation of the stations of existence is unity. To this testify the Supreme Concourse, the Most Exalted Pen, the Most Exalted Paradise, the Supreme Heaven, the Most Sublime Word, and the Divine Lote-Tree.

Praise be to God! The outpourings of the Pen of Providence have seized and quickened the world, especially His loved ones. No seeker hath been deprived, and no aspirant forbidden. From His Ocean of

mercy, I beseech and implore that He deprive none of the inhabitants of earth from this heavenly News and eternal Cause. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.

Concerning what was mentioned about his honor Darvish Niyaz, may God strengthen him, it brought joy, and this evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist him in mention, praise, and service to His Cause, and to unveil that which leads to elevation and advancement.

When mention of his honor was made in the presence of the Master, He said:

O Niyaz! Upon thee be the peace of the All-Bountiful! It is intended that the Tree send unto thee its wondrous, sublime, and gathered fruits, and the Pen desireth to manifest its hidden pearls and send them as a gift, that thou mayest remember the time of attaining His presence. We beseech God in all conditions to enable thee to witness and hearken with thine own sight and hearing, detached from the sight of the world and the ears of the nations, and to assist thee in such wise that thou mayest take the most exalted cup before the faces of humanity and drink therefrom in His Name, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. End.

This servant also conveys greetings to him and beseeches from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever is befitting. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Another matter: From his honor Aqa Khan, may God the Exalted strengthen him, petitions were received, and there was also a letter addressed to you which was given to his honor the Most Great Name, upon him be God's peace and favors, and placed in this servant's envelope in His presence. Search for it; perhaps it may be found there. However, the aforementioned Khan's situation has not yet become clear.

In every gathering he has denied this Cause, yet he has mentioned words similar to the mentions he made in this land, from which the fragrance of irreligion wafts. This time a Tablet was specifically sent to him. It is hoped that he may attain to that which he himself had previously written, appear with a single face, and be illumined. In any case, we are not without hope. God's grace is abundant; perhaps it may encompass him. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

Concerning the mention made of his honor Haji Ali Akbar, upon him be God's peace, after it was presented before the Master's face, He said:

He is the Remembering, the Helper. The Wronged One desireth to make mention of him who was named Ali, before Akbar, that the mention may attract him to God, the Lord of lords. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to adorn him with the ornament of goodly character and assist him in that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him and the Desire of those in the heavens and the earth.

Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having enabled thee to turn unto Him and made thee of the party of unity amidst the parties. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having sent down unto me from the heaven of Thy bounty the blessing of Thy recognition. I beseech Thee to enable me to achieve what Thou hast

chosen for me in Thy Book. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I hold fast to the cord of Thy grace and seek refuge at Thy threshold. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant supplicates success on their behalf and implores his Lord to acquaint him with that which will profit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Wise. All the loved ones in that land are remembered and, praise be to God, have attained His grace. We beseech God, our Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth, to aid them to achieve that whereby their stations may be exalted in His presence and to ordain for them the reward of those who are nigh and sincere. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Peace and mercy and bounty be upon you and upon the assured servants of God.

BH00990: Praise be to God Who has caused all things…

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

Praise be to God Who has caused all things to speak forth His remembrance and praise, and has chosen from among them His servants whom He has made mirrors of His names and attributes, and has manifested from them one who summoned all to His path and guided them to the standard of His justice, the heaven of His grace, and the luminary of His bounty. Prayers and peace be upon the Lord of the Prophets, the Sovereign of the Chosen Ones, and the Beloved of the saints, through whom His verses were spread abroad and the fragrance of His Revelation was diffused and His commandments and laws were brought forth—He who was named by the Most Beautiful Names among the Concourse on High and the people of the kingdom of creation—and upon His family and companions, through whom the pavilion of glory was raised among the nations and the breeze of divine knowledge wafted over the world, and through whom God revealed what was hidden in knowledge and veiled from sight. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Thereafter, the letter of that heart's beloved came as a Kawthar of love and faithfulness, quenching the thirst of separation and bestowing the rest of reunion. After its reading and perusal it was presented before the face of the Master and achieved the honor of His attention. He—may our spirits be sacrificed for Him—said:

> "O Rida! The Wronged One sends His greetings to you and beseeches God to strengthen you in His remembrance and praise, and in acting according to what He has revealed in His Book, and to give you to drink, at all times, of the choice wine of divine knowledge, and to enable you to perform good deeds and to manifest praiseworthy characteristics. Verily, He is the Lord of creation. He counsels you with that which brings joy to the eyes of the sincere ones and gladdens the hearts of those who are near. Through deeds are the stations of men made manifest. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the affairs and events of this world prevent you from the bounty of the next world and its effulgences. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He

willeth. Neither the might of His servants nor the power of those who have denied the Day of Judgment can prevent Him from what He desireth."

In truth, this servant was greatly gladdened by the letter of that spiritual beloved, for it was adorned with the mention of the people of divine unity. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, on behalf of each one, for that which is the cause and means of enduring remembrances and eternal attributes. Once, when I was in the presence of the Master, He said to write to Rida to [recite] this blessed verse. His blessed and exalted Word:

"And whosoever feareth God, He will make for him a way out, and will provide for him from whence he expecteth not. And whosoever putteth his trust in God, He will suffice him. Verily, God will accomplish His purpose. Indeed, God hath set a measure for all things." O Rida! Hold fast unto fear of God. Verily, it will guard thee from all that God loveth not. The fear of God is a blessed and beloved garment that preserveth man from the darts of Satan and guardeth him from every rejected deed and forbidden mention. Praise be to God that you are mentioned and are holding fast to the cord of love. Blessed be you!

It was not permissible to mention in letters or recite in the presence of the believers, upon them be God's peace, for the understanding of the servants falls short of comprehending certain divine verses. This may give rise to controversy, as the Shi'ih sect's imaginings have led to suspicion and doubt—they may infer from a word that which never crossed the mind of the speaker. O Rida, hold fast to the hem of silence, for therein lies safety. In the tradition it is stated: "O Abu Dharr, for everything there is evidence—the evidence of intellect is contemplation, and the evidence of contemplation is silence." And likewise it is said: "The most excellent worship is silence." The virtues of silence are many. In truth it is a mighty fortress for the protection of the servants. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist us in what He loves and is pleased with.

Let this matter not escape the notice of that spiritual friend. The perfect mystics, mature scholars, and those possessed of protection and preservation have complained of speech and praised and extolled silence. The servant beseeches his Lord to adorn His servants with the ornament of silence and protect them from the spark of speech.

Regarding what was written about breathing the air and strolling in gardens and open spaces—this brought joy and gladness. However, I beseech the True One to confirm you and this servant that we may discern the signs of divine craftsmanship in all things and increase in thanksgiving and praise. This is our blessing and His table of bounty. May it remain and endure. Every mighty matter is easy and simple before His favor. He brought His servants into being from the ocean of generosity, and its traces are inscribed and recorded by the manifest pen on the tablets of the servants' existence. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to preserve us from the evil of the ungodly who have surrounded the abodes of the believers. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of the mystics and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

Another glad tiding is that the fruit of that spiritual friend's labor has appeared, and the signs of freshness and delicacy from the spring rain of divine mercy are evident in the sent wood. I beseech the Truth, exalted be His glory, to bless and favor that friend with its manifest fruits, and to adorn the true trees,

which are the manifestation of human realms, with wondrous, delicate, and novel fruits, that all may benefit and utter the word “Grace and mercy belong to God.” Truly this is cause for thanksgiving, for His bounty has become manifest and the work has borne fruit. The servant bears witness that He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding the fruits of that garden which were mentioned, this is correct, for God has named those lands the Holy Land. Although the actions of Yazid lowered its station in the eyes of some, yet in the sight of those endowed with true knowledge it was, is, and ever shall be the Holy Land. This is a robe of honor bestowed by God, exalted be His glory, and none can strip it away from it. Nay, by His very Self, the Truth, no one has been or ever shall be able to do so. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty. If it be possible, and can be arranged with the utmost joy and fragrance, let them send several grafts from each of those two varieties of plum that were described, as well as from the peaches that were sent and the other trees that were mentioned, though their fruits are not yet known.

Now is the time for this. This too is truly a service that benefits all. That honored one knows well that whatever has been and is being done is for the sake of God, that it may become a place to delight the eyes of His loved ones and a spot where the manifestations of true love may find recreation. Since this work is for the sake of God, its effects will certainly become manifest. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Peace, mercy and loving-kindness be upon you and upon God’s righteous servants.

The servant 11 Ramadan 1306

BH00715: All praise, sanctified beyond the mention of those who…

He is God, Exalted be His Majesty, His Grandeur and Power!

All praise, sanctified beyond the mention of those who praise or are praised, befitteth that Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness, His Holiness Muhammad, Whose Law is an impregnable fortress and Whose ordinances are the guardians of the Faith. Through Him was the standard of Divine Unity raised aloft and the decree of detachment made firm. Upon Him be the blessings of God and His peace, and upon His family and companions through whom God established the pillars of His Cause and manifested His might and sovereignty. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

And now, the letter of that beloved of the heart and apple of the eye, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, which was sent in the name of the spiritual beloved, Aqa Siyyid Taqi, upon him be God’s everlasting peace, was forwarded to this servant and after being read was presented before His presence. O Abdullah! Praise be to God that thou art illumined by the light of recognition of God, exalted be His Glory, and art adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. Repeatedly hast thou been mentioned and been the recipient of His favors. Say:

My God, my God! Aid the believers to celebrate Thy praise and glorification and to serve Thy Cause, that through them Thy signs may be spread among Thy creation and Thy praise among Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the nations and King of eternity, by the Most Great Name, to protect Thy loved ones from

the evil of Thine enemies and the believers from the oppression of the ungodly among Thy creatures. Then enable them to act in accordance with what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book whereby Thou hast distinguished between the obedient and the rebellious. O Lord! Strengthen the foundations of Thy servants for Thy service, then illumine them with the light of Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid all to wisdom and utterance, for wisdom is the cause of the protection of the servants and the preservation of lands. Today what is needed is unity and concord. We beseech God to aid and enable the various parties of the people of unity that all may become united. When the decree of unity is made manifest and the light of concord shineth forth, the primordial power shall appear and encompass all. To this testifieth every learned one, every fair-minded one, and every just and informed one.

We wish to make mention of thy son who is named Abdul-Mihdi in thy letter. Blessed is he in that he hath attained to the service of the Cause. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him that which perisheth not and to protect him and draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

In these days mention hath repeatedly been made of that spiritual beloved and apple of the eye, Abdul-Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God, and the reply to each one hath been sent. This servant beseecheth his Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven, to aid His loved ones unto that which attracteth the hearts and souls. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

Concerning their mention of visiting Karbila and Najaf, and likewise meeting with the holy ones, upon them be God's peace, and mention of the heedless Dowlatabadi—that heedless one's deeds have been and remain evidence of his station, as do his words and actions. This latest deed of his is fully known and evident in the prison. That unjust one committed, for the sake of two days of life, that which darkened the world of justice and fairness. The deluded party has, from the beginning until now, been occupied with and uttered such deeds and words that their mention causes sorrow to the people of the cities of joy and delight. The earthworms dwell in clay and were not and are not capable of soaring in this refined atmosphere.

In these days two matters have become manifest, that those possessed of insight might distinguish between the people of the Most Sublime Vision and others, and become aware. First is the deed of His Holiness Ashraf, may my spirit be sacrificed for him—his deed testifies to his detachment and bears witness to his love and yearning. Freely did he sacrifice his life in the path of the Beloved of the worlds. The other matter is the deed of the heedless Dowlatabadi, who through a thousand deceits, tricks and hypocrisies preserved his life. Were this servant to mention those whom wealth, glory, fortune and life did not prevent from sacrificing their spirits and lives in God's path, he would need to compose a book.

But where are the eyes and where are the ears? Dowlatabadi was not with the Truth and had and has no knowledge of the Cause, yet he dismisses this vile deed, grievous wrong and great oppression before his followers with two words. That party walks exactly like the Shi'ih party and is caught in the same vain imaginings. Leave them in their idle sport. They cling to the name while deprived of the meaning. But that

heedless one's deed has melted hearts and set aflame the city of steadfastness. It has indeed melted the heart and produced a mighty effect. The servant asks his Lord to aid him to be fair and to return. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

They mentioned those two honored souls, upon them be God's peace and care. Two blessed Tablets were sent especially for them. It is hoped they will drink from the ocean of His words and adorn the world with the garment of awareness. However, a trustworthy, steadfast and reliable person must carry and deliver them, that they might find from them the fragrance of care and kindness.

And they mentioned Husayn-i-Sukhti. Would that someone had told him: You were not in the Land of Ta, nor were you like Siyyid Muhammad after arriving in Iraq. He would come and go before Us. By the life of the Desired One, he was unaware of the root of the matter. Apart from these considerations, how did he know what transpired before the Primal Point and from whom it came? Say: If you find for yourself hearing, sight and heart, return to the sacred writings. They will guide you to a manifest light and mighty news. But he was not and is not capable of being guided. Hatred has overcome and erased the white point. However, our duty is prayer. Through God's grace and favor, all corruption, contention and conflict have been strictly forbidden. Therefore we must seek everyone's deliverance from the ocean of divine generosity and ask justice and fairness for each one. He is the Generous and He is the Bountiful.

Mention hath also been made of Shaykh Rajab and his son Mahmud, upon both of whom be God's peace. After being presented before Us, We said: "O Rajab, upon thee be God's peace. Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee and beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and thy son in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for you both, from the wonders of His bounty, the best of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones, and the Ultimate Goal of those who are nigh and sincere.

We make mention of Our loved ones and counsel them to perform goodly deeds and display praiseworthy conduct, and to do that which distanceth man from ignorance and draweth him nigh unto knowledge, sanctifieth him from corruption and adorneth him with reformation. By God's life! We love to see each one of you sanctified from rancor and hatred, and adorned with love and fidelity. We beseech God to send down upon you, from the heaven of grace and bounty, a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His own Self. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

The friends have always been and continue to be remembered. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to cause His loved ones to attain unto that which is the source of the light of knowledge and wisdom, and likewise to grant them success in achieving fellowship and unity. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As commanded, association with Husayn-i-Sukhtih is not permitted, for he is consumed with the fire of hatred and is deprived of justice and fairness, unless he should return. Leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Peace, mercy and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

The servant 8 Ramadan 1306

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BH10820: Praise, glory, mention and splendor befit the most holy…

In the name of God, transcendent is His glory, His greatness and power!

Praise, glory, mention and splendor befit the most holy and exalted Court of the Desired One, Who caused two fountains of life-giving water to flow forth from the source of two letters. From the Kaf of Being, generosity was made manifest, which became the cause of existence. And from the Nun appeared the realm of preservation and encompassment. Such power lies concealed within these two that should all created things appear with countless tongues and praise them until the endless end, they would never fathom their essence and would find themselves utterly impotent and wanting.

Glory be to God! Though the mysteries of creation have been inscribed by the Pen of Power upon every leaf, every stone, and upon every countenance among the temples of existence, yet all remain heedless and veiled. Especially in this age and dispensation when the blessed words “The Kingdom is Mine” have been written in most prominent script upon all things. The sorrow of this evanescent servant is that eyes are rare that might see, and ears scarce that might hear.

The world-illumining Sun is the greatest witness to His bestowal and His nurturing grace, and the ocean is the most perfect manifestation of His bounty and education. The existence and continuance of all things outwardly depend on these two by the command of the Desired One—exalted be His dominion and glorified be His giving. There is no God but Him.

And blessings and peace be upon the Manifestation of God’s knowledge, the Dawning-place of His inspiration, and the Dayspring of His revelation, through Whose appearance the idols fell and the conditions of vain imaginings were erased, and the Herald called out from the most exalted station:

> “He hath come through Whom the Corner and the Station were adorned.”

And upon His family and companions, whom God made the roses in the gardens of His knowledge, flowing springs for His servants, and rising suns for His earth and heaven—they through whom the foundation of wisdom and utterance was strengthened, and the mysteries of the Book were revealed amongst all religions.

The letter of that honored brother, which brought glad tidings of health and well-being, and bespoke his turning, steadfastness, and nearness unto the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, hath been received. At its arrival I rendered thanks and offered praise unto God, glorified be His majesty, for it was adorned with the remembrance of His loved ones. Then, after being seized with attraction, joy, and gladness, I turned toward the sacred Presence and presented before His face all that was contained in the letter. It was admitted unto the grace of His beholding and hearing. He said:

“O Abdullah! Upon thee be the peace of God. Thy remembrance hath ever been and continueth to be before the Wronged One. Praise be to God that thou art confirmed in remembrance, praise, recognition and turning unto God, exalted be His glory. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land. We beseech God to aid them all and protect them from the vain imaginings of the Shi’ih sect. By the life of the True One! Most of what that people possess consisteth of calumnies. They have departed from the law of Muhammad and are bereft of the light of Ahmad. They have taken their idle fancies as lords beside God. By what knowledge and by what excellence did that sect consider themselves the most learned and most excellent of all? The Wronged One, however, testifieth that they are ignorant ones possessing neither justice, nor wisdom, nor fairness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve every party among the parties of the earth who shall come after from the vain imaginings, beliefs and calumnies of these people. Verily He is the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

“O Abdullah! The people of unity have grown weak, and this weakness hath resulted from discord. The weakness of every party, both in the past and future, hath all been due to discord. Say: O friends! Ye are drops of one ocean and leaves of one tree. Turn from what ye possess unto what God possesseth. By the blessed Word of God which set hearts ablaze and sent them to the place of sacrifice—for each of you who hath drunk from the cup of steadfastness there is a station which, were it to be revealed, all the world and its treasures would appear as worthless clay. Transform depression and withering through the fire of divine love and walk in the footsteps of the Wronged One. Man without deeds and worship is like a tree without fruit, and deed without effect. Whoso hath found the sweetness of worship would not exchange a single deed or remembrance for all that existeth. Fasting and prayer are two wings for existence. Blessed is he who soareth with them in the atmosphere of the love of God, the Lord of the worlds.

> “At all times have We forbidden the loved ones from contention and corruption, but hearing ears are lacking. In the great city that was kindled which burned the liver of justice and melted the body of fairness. Greed and avarice have prevailed over contentment and detachment. Now those two helpless ones dwell concealed in dark corners. Beseech God to guide His servants and adorn them with the ornament of fairness. Verily He is powerful over all things. Peace be upon thee from Us and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.”

This blessed age has received a full portion of praise and thanksgiving, and has attained to that which is acceptable in the sight of God. Today is the day for the manifestation of virtues and noble qualities. If words have no witness, they shall not attain to the station of acceptance, and the witness of words has ever been and shall ever be deeds. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist all and grant success as befitteth. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to each of the friends and seeketh for all that which is everlasting and eternal.

As to the mention of the esteemed friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Habibullah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and likewise the mention of his petition, after its presentation, they stated at the Supreme Spot:

> “Praise be to God Who assisted him to turn towards Him and enabled him to achieve that which was revealed in His perspicuous Book. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him every good that He hath revealed in His Book and to decree for him a bountiful reward. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the Almighty.”

And as to his intention to journey to this direction, permission is granted. God willing, may he proceed to this Spot with joy and radiance and attain to that which is intended. This servant also conveyeth greetings to him and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to assist His loved ones in that which will lead to the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of all peoples.

Regarding the Huquq, according to the command, twenty-five tumans should be given to Jinab-i-Amin Effendi, upon him be God’s peace, as this was promised to him previously but until now its payment was not possible. Now that honored one should pay it on behalf of the Master. And to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Zaynu’l-ʿAbidin from the land of Kaf, due to his illness, the sum of ten tumans should be delivered, and the remainder should be given to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Murtada and two of the friends from Dawlat-Abad whom he himself has mentioned. If this deed be done for the sake of God, it is nearer to piety than if done in the name of religion. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to give him to drink from the cup of divine knowledge at all times—verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower—and to open before his face the gates of blessing and wealth. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

And concerning what was written about the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, upon them be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, in the land of Kermanshah, He said:

> “Excellent is what they have intended. God willing, may they be assisted to accept the religion of Islam. Verily, it is the truth from God, and we beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist them in that whereby their names shall endure among names and their remembrance among remembrances. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the All-Choosing.”

End.

And as to the beloved of my heart, Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAbdu’l-Mahdi, upon him be the peace of God, and regarding the mention of his intention to pay the Huquq, these matters were submitted, whereupon He said: “We have forgiven him the Huquq.” We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to accept what he intended of goodly deeds and to transform this intention into the rain of mercy, and to water the fields of hopes in His path, that there may grow therefrom that which shall testify to the permanence of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. As to attaining His presence, praise be to God they have attained, but in these days attendance is not permitted, as it would be contrary to wisdom.

We beseech God to grant the deniers of the meeting with Him a sense of justice, for were they to attain unto justice, they would know with manifest certainty that this Wronged One has never desired nor desires aught save the reformation of the world and the refinement of nations. This year how many souls, by command and permission, have turned toward the Ka’bih of mankind. The command is in His hand and success lies in His grasp. He aids whom He willeth as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-

Bountiful, the Most Generous. We beseech God to aid all to perform goodly deeds and to observe what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty….

How great the indolence and injustice for man to forsake this ascension [of prayer] and attach himself to Qarun!…

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BH00959: Your letters have each attained unto the presence…

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

Your letters have each attained unto the presence of the Wronged One, and from every letter thereof wafts the fragrance of devotion, sincerity and steadfastness. Regarding what you mentioned about the printing of the Book, this matter is contingent upon consultation. In these days, wisdom dictates against printing, for should the sacred revealed Books proliferate in that city, it would surely provoke an outcry from the ignorant of the earth. Though beneficial for those possessed of true vision and spiritual hearing, such souls are few in number in any city, while most would rise up crying “O the religion!” without thought or consideration of consequences.

Previously, Habibullah, upon him be My glory, intended to print a few limited copies and permission was granted, but only on condition that it not exceed bounds or open the gates of tumult. For nearly twenty years the Book of Certitude was printed without verification, yet until last year there was hesitation in sending it abroad, for the opposers and deniers await any pretext to create mischief and kindle the fire of sedition.

In all matters one must be guided by wisdom. You have twice attained the Most Holy Court and stayed for some time, observing the conduct and behavior from all aspects. Were one to reflect upon the manners and conduct of the Truth, he would utter the blessed words “Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” From the days when the Light of Truth shone forth from the horizon of Iraq until now, the reins of affairs have been in the grasp of God’s power, and commands and ordinances have issued forth according to the requirements of wisdom. For this reason the cities of Iran remain tranquil and the mischief-makers restrained. Had there been the slightest delay in what was manifested, the fire of corruption would have appeared from every land. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect you and His loved ones from the evil of His enemies, and to assist you and them in the wisdom that God has made a fortress for His loved ones and a shield for His party. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what was mentioned about Shaykh Nabil and likewise concerning the acceptance [of unity] and his eagerness, therefore purely out of grace a special Tablet has been sent down for him from the heaven of bounty. Give it to him that he may drink therefrom what will make him arise to serve the Cause, speak in remembrance and praise, and stand firm in what God, the Lord of the worlds, has willed. They mentioned the brothers and loved ones of that land—convey to all of them on behalf of the Wronged One a greeting and salutation whose light shall illumine the realm of hearts and minds. We beseech Him,

exalted be He, to make their names among the Names, their remembrances among the Remembrances, and to make them standards of His mention amongst His servants. Verily, He has power over all things.

Regarding what was mentioned about the Leaf, this matter should proceed with spirit and fragrance, meaning with the consent of the mother of the Leaf if they have intended and truly desire to proceed. Thus has shone forth the sun of permission from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Some souls from the surrounding regions have been honored with the light of permission. If some of those souls accompany, it is especially acceptable for service. And from the people of Najafabad also a few are permitted—those souls are good for service. God willing, may all attain to that which leads to the reaching and attainment of the ultimate goal and the supreme height.

As to the expenditure of one hundred tumans, if possible let some give it, and after the arrival of the Trustee in this land, We shall instruct him to return it to its owners. Until then they are on their way, and in these days they shall attain to that which hath been the hope of them that are nigh and sincere. Should anything beyond the specified amount be needed, there is no harm. If funds had been available in those lands beyond what was mentioned, more would have been bestowed. In any case, God's guiding hands will manifest and execute whatsoever is needed. He, verily, is the All-Wise Ordainer.

As to what they have mentioned regarding certain souls and that which proceeded from their lips, this is undoubtedly true. Consider the days of the Seal of the Prophets: after His turning to Yathrib and the gathering of the Ansar and people from surrounding areas, each day brought fresh injury and new occurrences. In particular, one of the Ansar who was outwardly adorned with the mantle of faith and decorated with the crown of confession became tainted with theft. After it was brought to His attention, it is known what befell that Holy Being, and in view of the multitude of enemies and their gloating, He tarried in wisdom until He was addressed with the words "and be not an advocate for those who betray their trust."

Again the greed and avarice of Muhammad-ʿAli in the Great City blazed forth and the hidden contents of his breast were revealed, despite having received the utmost outward kindness and having attained apparent prestige and considerable wealth. Suddenly he appeared with complete arrogance, consorting and associating with enemies of every kind. Greed set his very foundations ablaze, and passion made its home in his heart. We beseech God to protect us from the evil of his teacher. He committed that which no heedless one had done, his betrayal regarding people's property becoming evident and manifest. We beseech God to aid him to repent and return, and to make him aware of his deeds and how he fell short in regard to God's justice and bounty.

My God, my God! Thou seest me amidst the enemies of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath subdued the world, and by the light of Thy knowledge whereby Thou hast illumined the hearts of the nations, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom, to assist Thy loved ones to act with justice. Thou art He to Whose power all things possible have testified, and to Whose grandeur all created things have borne witness. There is no God but Thee, the Munificent, the Generous.

Make mention of the friends of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist them to perform deeds whereby the station of deeds will be exalted, and to utter words whereby the hearts of men will be attracted, and to show such trustworthiness as will cause the limbs of the treacherous among the people of error to tremble, and to manifest such chastity as will raise the banner of God's protection throughout all lands, and to shine with such light as will guide people to the court of nearness and holiness and glory and beauty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Munificent.

BH03636: Lawh-i-Jawhar-i-Hamd II

Section 1: "As to what you wrote regarding the Name…"

As to what you wrote regarding the Name of God's instruction that you should send a petition to the Most Holy Court every month and number your future petitions—the servant bears witness that he spoke the truth and that from it wafted the fragrance of his love for His Presence. Take heed! What station could be greater than that the mention of that beloved one should repeatedly come before the Most Holy Court and attain unto the honor of being heard? But this word of that beloved one which you have mentioned is also pleasant and sweet, that even if I should send petitions throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven and receive no reply, I would not transgress the command of His Honor the imprisoned Name of God, for he is certain that whatever they have spoken is from the divine, unseen inspirations.

After this word was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, the Kingdom of Utterance spoke this most exalted word. He says, exalted be His glory and universal His bounty: "O servant present! Verily the Truth has testified that he spoke the truth. Ask God to make him a leader of My servants through My Name and their guide through My wise remembrance. Give him the glad tidings of My word, My grace and My mercy, then attract him through My sweetest utterance that he may soar on the wings of longing in this atmosphere. And I am the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Taqi! The doors of grace have never been closed to your face, for verily it is open to those who enter, and His house is witnessed by those who circle round, and His Cause is known to those who hold fast, and His robe is wide and long for those who cling to it. You were mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One on a day when your letter was not present at the Throne and your call did not attain the honor of being heard. Our mercy and grace have preceded you, and We shall assist you through a command from Us, and verily I am the Helper, the All-Wise."

O son of him who hath circled round My Cause! This recent sedition hath not been, nor is it, of great moment. The fear of some hath been without cause. However, sedition is that which appeareth contrary to the good-pleasure of God. Soon shall the raven croak. The harm that hath ever been inflicted upon the Divine Lote-Tree hath come from heedless souls who have attributed themselves to the Truth and have committed that which hath caused the Cause to be wasted among the servants. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to protect His loved ones from the evil of these people. We pray for Our loved ones in Ta and its surroundings. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

This lowly one submitteth that God, exalted be His glory, hath answered all servants and handmaidens before their supplication, and His favor hath encompassed all before its manifestation. That same primal Word which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered encompasseth all: “This is a Book from the All-Merciful unto all who are in the lands,” and likewise His word, exalted be His glory: “O My loved ones in the lands.” This verse hath encompassed all. The steed of hope is galloping while despair with its hosts is put to flight. Thus hath the standard of hope been raised high and the banner of despair been lowered. Today there is no place or station for despair and despondency, for the rain of mercy hath ever been pouring and the seas of hope are surging.

For years people possessed but a portion of the Qur’an, yet all held fast to it. Now some suppose there may exist several times as many books as the Qur’an. By the life of your Beloved and our Beloved! A bounty hath been manifested that hath had and hath no likeness or peer. A hundred thousand earths and horizons and heavens would be needed to recount but an atom of the effulgences of the Sun of His favor. Otherwise, whatsoever existeth is unworthy of this station. We beseech God to cause to appear from the hearts, in service to that Beloved One, that which is sanctified from despair and despondency and the like. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning that which thou didst write regarding the veiled lady, the wife of His exalted Honor Aqa Siyyid Abu’talib—upon him be the glory of God, His mercy, and His loving-kindness: repeated mention of that exalted personage hath proceeded from the blessed Tongue, and likewise the petitions of his consort have more than once attained unto the Most Holy Presence, and answers were sent. From the Land of Ta and from Hadba, through His Holiness Ismu’llah, Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin—upon him be the most glorious of all glories—and through other friends as well, their supplications were received and replies dispatched. And this is that which hath, at this time, been revealed for her from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds:

O My handmaiden! We have previously made mention of thee in such wise as to cause eyes and visions to be gladdened, and We revealed for him who ascended that whereby the treasures of knowledge and inner meanings and the repositories of utterance were made manifest in all creation. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing. By God’s life! We were with him when he ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, and the people of Paradise inhaled from him the fragrance of My raiment. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness from the most exalted station. We verily honored him and adorned him, and revealed for him that which the near ones shall remember throughout ages and centuries. O handmaiden of God! Rejoice in thy Lord’s favor, for there hath been sent down from the Kingdom of grace that which was the spirit of life unto temples and bodies.

Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He is with you and He is the Watchful, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast unto goodly deeds and unto that which thou hast been commanded in the Book from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath held fast unto My commandments, and the servant who hath clung to the hem of My laws. We counsel every servant who hath turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, and every handmaiden who hath heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, to hold fast unto that whereby the Cause of God hath been raised up amongst mankind. The glory shining

forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon those who have heard and responded and held fast unto that which they were commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets.

As to what thou didst write concerning the distress of that honored lady, God willing, His grace shall encompass her condition. The people of the earth, though some have usurped the rights of God and some have hoarded wealth, and the heedlessness of the rich hath reached such a state that they shun the poor, yet still they make accusations and every year busy themselves kindling the fire of oppression. These souls act with the utmost kindness and mercy, while those souls act with the utmost oppression, pride and dominion. However, that which hath no connection to God hath been and shall ever be transient and ephemeral. How many days have they partaken and do partake of this world? Where are their fathers and their great ones and their ministers of old who arose to oppose and disputed the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds?

And where are their treasures and their riches, and where their influence and their power? Let them look into the graves; perchance they may repent and return unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. But their unworthy deeds have blocked the paths of awareness and awakening. They are afflicted by their own deeds until they return to their abode. The Command is in His grasp; He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

And regarding the property, let them consult. If that assemblage be adorned with the friends of God, exalted be His glory, it is assuredly more luminous, excellent and radiant, and let them act according to whatsoever emerges from that assemblage. Thus hath He Who is our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth decreed.

As regards what you wrote concerning that leaf's attention to serving that loved one and the honored Name, upon him be the Glory of God—this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence—may my spirit be sacrificed for all in the kingdoms of command and creation. He expressed great favor, saying, glorified be His majesty:

> "Blessed is she and those who arise to serve My loved ones. They are indeed leaves of My most exalted Paradise. God will surely reward them with the most excellent reward. Thus has the matter been decreed from God, the Lord of Lords."

Blessed are those souls who in the days of testing arose to serve to the extent possible. In truth, that service was for the Cause of God and for the love of God. The Truth, exalted be His glory, Himself gives glad tidings to His leaves and handmaidens of special rewards. Those handmaidens who have been mindful of the circumstances of the Name of God and those with him have ever been and are beneath the gaze of His favor.

O son of him who ascended to My Most Glorious Horizon! Some women in that land are observed to be two-faced. God has concealed and continues to conceal this. Pray that He may adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness and cause them to attain the exalted station. Say: God, then leave them to their vain imaginings.

The believing wife, upon them both be My glory and mercy, is mentioned before the Wronged One. She attained the presence when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. We have mentioned her and do mention her as a grace from Us, and I am the All-Remembering, the All-Wise.

Blessed are the leaves and handmaidens who today are occupied with serving the Cause and are moved to assist God's loved ones. We have adorned their heads with crowns of utterance from the All-Merciful, and We shall soon send down for them that from which the sincere shall find the fragrance of My loving-kindness. And I am the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate.

As for mentioning the honored beloved, the son of ʿAyn-Ta, upon them both be the Glory of God and His favor—praise be to God, from the first days he attained recognition of the Beloved of the worlds and has ever been and is mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. This lowly one presented at a special time in the Most Holy Presence whatever you mentioned regarding them and Haji Muhammad Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of our Lord's gracious favor. His blessed and exalted Word:

O ʿAyn-Qabl-Ta! The servant in attendance submitted your letter sent in his name to the Most Holy Presence and it attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God, from the first days you have been adorned with the mention of the Truth, exalted be His glory. He loves whoever loves Him, remembers whoever remembers Him, and turns to whoever turns to Him, as a grace from Him. And He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We make mention of the Merciful One who migrated out of love for God until he arrived at the luminous Spot and heard the Call from the Dawning-Place of grandeur: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous." Behold, then remember when thou wert standing before the Countenance and didst hear the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have made mention of thee in such wise that nothing on earth can equal it, as doth testify to this He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. And We make mention of thy brother who was with thee and attained unto that which was promised by the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers. And We make mention of your mother who attained unto the recognition of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

She is the one at whose mention My Most Exalted Pen is moved, as doth bear witness to this the Lord of Names in His exalted station. And We make mention of My handmaidens from whom the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped, as have those of every heedless ignorant one. And We make mention of the daughter of My Name, the Wronged One, who was named the Most Truthful in My Great Tablet. He cast the world behind him, turning unto the Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of nations, until he attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the call of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

O Leaf! We wish to behold thee steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the clamor of all who dwell on earth shall shake thee nor the signs of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment shall veil thee. Verily thy brother hath attained to the service of the Cause. We have aided him and raised him up through a command from Us. Recognize thou his station. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. He arose to serve My Cause, spoke in My praise, traveled through the lands for My Name,

soared in My atmosphere, and guided the people to My path, bearing hardships for My mighty, powerful Cause. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones! Give thanks unto your Lord, the Most Merciful, for this manifest bounty.

O My loved one and he who is mentioned before My Lord! From the wondrous and exalted verses, the favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, is evident and clear regarding them. May they, God willing, be assisted to act righteously and remain unperturbed by the vicissitudes of the days. And concerning what they wrote to His Holiness Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be all the Most Glorious of Glory, that "through various means we attained deliverance from imprisonment"—after this gained the blessing of reaching the hearing of the True One, exalted be His glory, He said: "The intermediary they took walketh outside the path." Then He said: "The brothers and souls from that household who are steadfast have all been and are under the protection and safeguarding of the True One, exalted be His glory."

When His Honor Haji, upon him be the Glory of God, intended to return, at the time of farewell he attained the presence, and after being dismissed, the word "protection" regarding him and his brothers was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names. This is a bounty that sufficeth him and His all-pervading Self over all in the heavens and earths. These matters of imprisonment and arrest had and have no importance, for praise be to God, the friends of God have been and are of pure breasts, illumined hearts and radiant faces, and such souls, by the life of the Beloved, are victorious. Blessed is the mother, for she hath arisen to serve the Cause and the friends of the True One. Every good deed manifested by them is mentioned before the Throne and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Assuredly the True One, exalted be His glory, will exalt that household, for it hath been the dwelling place of His friends and chosen ones. I beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to protect that household from certain winds and wholly sanctify it from whatsoever is unseemly, that all souls dwelling in that house may be associated with the True One alone and be mentioned by His Name.

Section 2: "These games of men—now arresting, now…"

These games of men—now arresting, now imprisoning—will all soon return to nothingness. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of proof that hath risen from the Most Great Prison that all they now possess and in which they take pride and glory is and was unworthy of mention. All is seen as perishable and non-existent. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to adorn the people of that household, as He mentioned from the beginning unto the endless end, with this most exalted, most holy and most glorious ornament. Verily, He is powerful over all things. This servant conveyeth greetings and praise to each one—to the exalted matron, the mother, upon her be the Glory of God, and their honors the brothers, and the leaf, daughter of His Holiness Ismu'llah Al-Asdaq, upon him be all the Most Glorious of Glory, and likewise the handmaidens in that household who hold fast to the cord of the True One, exalted be His glory, and seeketh confirmation for each one. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Concerning your mention of him named Tahmasb from the region of Dar al-Marz, that after two days of arrival in the land of Ta he ascended to the most exalted holy precincts—this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court. His blessed and exalted Word:

> “There hath befallen My loved ones there that which hath caused the Holy Spirit and the dwellers of the precincts of intimacy to lament. Blessed is every one who hath turned unto God and been touched by tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names, and woe unto every oppressor who hath oppressed and thereby earned for himself a grievous punishment. By the life of God! He hath lost in this world and in the next shall see himself among the most lost.”

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness! Behold and then call to mind when the idolaters in the land of M rose up against My loved ones and My chosen ones. They seized them, reviled them, beat them and plundered them. Say: O concourse of idolaters! Ye have committed that which hath caused the Supreme Horizon to darken and the denizens of the highest Paradise to lament. God hath lifted the Pen from children, yet through your tyranny there befell them that which caused the Temple of Justice to cry out from its exalted station. Ye have earned for yourselves that which shall never be touched by the fragrance of forgiveness throughout the duration of the names of your Lord, the Most Merciful. He Who speaketh from this station doth testify to this. Woe unto him who hath wronged the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, and unto those who followed them without clear proof or a Book from God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of each one of them even as We mentioned them before, and I am verily the All-Hearing Witness. We were with them when the oppressors advanced upon them, and We heard their cry, and We recount from Our Most Exalted Pen what befell them on this straight path. Say: O My loved ones in that land! Remember what the oppressors inflicted upon God’s Messengers and His chosen ones of old, and what befell Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him the Interlocutor. There hath befallen you what befell them. The Tongue of Grandeur doth testify to this, seated upon His mighty throne. Blessed are ye, and blessed is he who loveth you, and he who hath aided and will aid you, and he who remembereth your tribulations in this Announcement whereby the mountains were crushed and the pillars of every distant realm were shaken.

O son of him who turned to My most exalted horizon! The world hath become pregnant through this oppression, and soon shall its signs appear. The heedlessness of the servants hath reached such a state that were God to seize them all and spare but a few, those few would again rise up in sedition, except whom God willeth. How many wicked and oppressive souls who later rose up against God Himself with utmost tyranny and injustice, and the hand of divine wrath seized them all and returned them to the lowest of the low. Yet despite this, the rest of the people never became aware nor drank from the fountain of knowledge. The veils of glory have prevented their eyes from beholding the lights of beauty, and the cotton of heedlessness hath deprived their ears from hearing the Most Exalted Word.

A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who in R and Sh and the land of M were afflicted with great tribulations in the path of the Lord of Oneness. The denizens of the Kingdom of Names, the Concourse on High, and the highest Paradise send their prayers upon them, and behind them the Tongue of God, the King, the Just, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Kingdom that whenever any of them ascended, the exalted hosts, the cherubim, and the near-stationed angels all descended to receive his purified spirit and ascended with him. Verily the Truth with His tongue maketh

mention of him who hath ascended and will make mention of him who will ascend, and mentioneth in this station His servant Nasir who ascended unto God in the prison of R and Sh.

O Nasir! Hearken unto what the Wronged One mentioneth unto thee from the precincts of the prison, and congratulateth thee on the favors and bounties of God and what He hath ordained for thee in a clear Book. I testify that thou didst hear the Call and answer God, the Lord of Names, and didst make His love thy highest aim. I have made My ultimate goal thy love and good-pleasure, and to act in accordance with what He hath revealed in His mighty Book. By My life! If people knew thy station and beheld God's bounty towards thee, they would sacrifice their souls and all they possess in thy path. To this testifieth every atom and, beyond them, He Who speaketh that there is none other God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Nasir! The denizens of the Kingdom stand astonished at thy steadfastness, thy firmness and thy constancy in this mighty Cause. There befell thee and thy noble person that which caused the Maidens of Heaven to swoon upon hearing it, and those who circle round the exalted Throne. Say: O oppressor! Thou hast committed what neither Pharaoh, nor Nimrod, nor he through whose tyranny the hearts of the dwellers of Paradise were melted and the hearts of them who are nigh unto God were consumed, had committed. Remember what befell Husayn and his companions at the hands of those who denied God's right and His sovereignty, who disputed His signs and disbelieved in Him when He came from the Dawning-Place of utterance with a perspicuous command. By God! The Divine Lote-Tree and its leaves, fruits and branches weep with the weeping of those who are bereft.

Ye have heard My voice which was raised in sorrow. Should ye hear My sweeter voice once again in mention and praise of you, We would give you glad-tidings of the greatest joy which hath come to you from God, the Goal of them who know. O My Most Exalted Pen! We have caused thee to hear what hath befallen My loved ones in the land of Mim, then Ra and Shin. Dost thou wish to hear the lamentation of the loved ones from another city?

He saith: O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! My heart hath melted, my breast is aflame, my limbs tremble, and my being is convulsed by what I have heard from Thy most sweet tongue concerning what hath befallen Thy chosen ones. O Lord! The universe is nigh to swooning and returning to nothingness. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, the manifestations of Thy justice, the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity, and the effulgences of the sun of Thy bounty, to have mercy upon Thy servants. Thou art He before Whose utterance the waves of the ocean of utterance bow down, and before Whose manifestations of will the wills of the world prostrate themselves. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

O Pen! Be not disturbed by what thou hast heard. By My life! What I have mentioned to thee of the ocean of tribulation is but a drop, and of the oppression of the wicked but a letter. I have not recounted to thee what the Nightingale sang upon the prison branch in the land of Ra and Shin, nor what the Dove sang in the land of Alif and Ba. We behold thee, O My Pen, silent, speechless and bewildered, not knowing what the ungodly have wrought with the Book of God and its people. Were We to recount it to thee, thou wouldst, by the Lord of the worlds, be struck unconscious. We have veiled from thee what hath befallen those whom God hath made the letters of His Book and the signs of His Cause. Hold fast

unto the cord of patience until God shall issue His decree and manifest what He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing.

O ʿAndalib! We have received thy letter, and what thou didst compose and send hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance before the face of thy Wronged and Exiled Lord hath chanted it. Blessed art thou, and blissful art thou and they who have attained unto imprisonment in the path of God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Lord of this exalted Station. Blessed art thou, O Land of Alif and Ba, in that God hath adorned thee with the lights of the countenances of His loved ones, through whose names the horizon of steadfastness was illumined and by whose mention all things have spoken. The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Great. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a command from Him in this station which hath been built in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have heard the lamentation of the people of earth and heaven, wherefore We stayed the Pen and chose silence, and I am the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

O beloved of my heart! This letter was written six years ago and reached this point, and then due to the imprisonment of the friends in those days and the sorrows that befell them, the tongue remained silent and the pen stayed still until those days and nights ended, reaching this time when the moment for remembrance and utterance has come, for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. In truth, thy letters arrived one after another and set in motion the cord of love and faithfulness. Therefore at this time, when one hour and nine minutes have passed from Thursday night, the 24th of the month of Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam 1306, I am present before the face of the Goal of the worlds, and thy detailed letter which arrived in these days was, after permission was granted, presented and attained the honor of being heard. His word, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His utterance:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O son of him who turned to My Kingdom and attained My grace and acceptance and soared in the atmosphere of My love! Hear My call on this night wherein sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions because of what the hands of the wolves have wrought in the land of Sad. By My life! The dwellers of My Kingdom and the people of My Dominion have lamented at their tyranny, and then those who circle round God's throne, the Lord of the Frequented Fane and the Praised Station. Say: O people of the earth! Be fair in the Wronged One's Cause and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who speaketh in every matter: "Verily, I am God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting."

O thou who gazest upon the Face! By My life! My grief from the deeds of My loved ones exceeds what hath come upon Me from Mine enemies. My heart and My Pen bear witness unto thee—the Pen through which the Trump was blown and all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of existence. The Day hath come, yet the people perceive not. The Call hath been raised between earth and heaven, yet they hear not. They have cast aside what God made as a healing for their ills and have taken what harmeth them. Verily they understand not.

Blessed is the servant who hath forsaken all that is in the world, taking what was given from God, the King, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Loving. O Ibn Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of this Scene. There hath appeared in the Great City that which hath caused trustworthiness, religion,

truthfulness and faithfulness to cry out. By God's life! Justice lamenteth and equity weepeth, and the Wronged One saith:

> "Be fair, O people, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come from the heaven of bounty with a clear proof."

My Most Exalted Pen moveth only toward that which elevateth the station of man in the contingent world, but the people have turned away from what behooveth them and have turned to every ignorant remote one. Say:

My God, my God! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen Thy Cause at the hands of them who have attributed themselves to Thee. They have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of justice and equity to lament in Thy days, hath disquieted the hearts of Thy loved ones and chosen ones, and hath caused grief to take hold of the inhabitants of Thy kingdom, Thy realm and Thy dominion. With their tongues they confess what hath been sent down from Thee, yet their deeds give them the lie. Then, as to those who have circled round the throne of Thy grandeur and held fast to the cord of Thy grace—O Lord, aid them to turn unto Thee and to acknowledge before Thine eyes what they have committed. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all worlds, to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and purify them from the promptings of self and passion. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all created things, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hear thou the voice of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. In the great city there occurred that which inflicted humiliation upon the glory of God and encompassed the Concourse of the near ones with profound sorrow.

The Afnan, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness, desired to open an establishment for commerce in that city. Permission was granted, and this Wronged One's purpose was that perchance the fragrances of trustworthiness, faith, truthfulness and sincerity might be diffused, and that the deeds and conduct of His loved ones might guide the manifestations of His names. However, self and passion prevailed, and the temple of tyranny drew the sword of cruelty against the temple of godliness. Treachery prevailed over trustworthiness, and falsehood over truth, bringing about that which causeth perpetual grief to endure. For the sword of oppression, through inequity, fell upon the head of justice, although no harm had come to that person from any quarter. The utmost consideration and love were shown to him, yet the fire of greed and covetousness so inflamed him that night and day he warred against his brother with arrows of rancor and spears of hatred, that perchance the commerce of that land might be confined to him alone.

In short, he made peace with the enemy and assailed the friend, heedless that his affairs were manifest and evident in the presence of God. In his own estimation he interpreted the concealing grace and kindness of God, unmindful that this is the Day which hath been mentioned aforetime in these blessed words:

> "Lo! if it be but the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth. Verily God is Subtle, Informed! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to regard His servants with the glance of His loving-kindness

and bounty, and to enable those who have turned away to turn unto Him, those who have denied to acknowledge, those who have associated partners with God to recognize His unity, and the oppressors to act with justice. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful, and He is the All-Generous, the Merciful."

Section 3: "Blessed is the sprinkling that has been shed…"

Blessed is the sprinkling that has been shed upon the friends and loved ones from the ocean of divine favor. In truth, were the eye of fairness to be opened and the ears of justice attentive, one would hear all things proclaiming the glad-tidings of the Days of God. Today the very atoms of all created things give voice to His praise and glory, yet most of the people on earth remain heedless. The wonder is that until now they have failed to recognize the purpose of the Sovereign of being and the Lord of the seen and unseen, imagining that this most great Revelation would bring harm to the world and its peoples—even though the signs of God's infinite mercy and the manifestations of the Sun of divine grace and favor have encompassed all. Through pure and goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct, His purpose stands clear and evident.

This evanescent one beseeches the Eternal Truth to enable all to attain unto that which leads to their exaltation and glory, and to inspire in them whatsoever is His wish, that all may arise with complete assurance to accomplish that which is befitting, and that the entire earth, despite its diverse regions, lands and places, may be seen as one country, one land, one homeland and one realm. This is the greatest bounty and the purpose of the Ancient King. We hope His will shall encompass all and bring to light that which is now concealed. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning what you wrote regarding matters that would bring comfort and cause prosperity, wealth and employment for the friends—these points were presented in detail before His Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Here is what He says, exalted be His glory and mighty be His utterance:

O Ibn Abhar! In all matters one must consider their consequences. Every matter which today is conducive to the exaltation of the Word of God, the attraction of hearts, the magnetization of souls, the elevation of station, the uplifting of rank, and the benefit of existence—to this must one hold fast. The first command that hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning these stations is the ordinance of consultation. You and those few who are numbered and accounted before God as Hands of the Cause, as well as those assured souls who act and speak purely for the sake of God, must arrange an assembly wherein they shall consult together. Whatsoever the opinions of these souls shall settle upon, to that must they hold fast, placing their reliance in God. Assuredly in this way they shall be inspired with that which is the cause and source of success and prosperity. Verily God will accomplish His purpose. God hath ordained a measure for all things.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One, and remind them of that which hath been revealed. We beseech God to make all aware of the station of this Most Great Cause, the excellence of these days, their recompense and reward, and the manifestations of their signs and fruits throughout centuries and ages. For were they to become aware, they would arise with heart and soul to serve in every aspect and station. That which hath been revealed in every aspect and station is beyond

the power of all to reckon. However, if the people of Baha, who in the Books and Tablets have been designated as the party of God, should resolve to reform the world and its peoples, they shall assuredly be aided and confirmed. Verily God is the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful. No matter can frustrate Him, no force can weaken Him, no rejection of the rejecters nor oppression of the oppressors can prevent Him, and nothing escapes His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to aid one of His loved ones to compile all that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in various stations concerning the absence of conflict, contention and corruption, as well as counsels, consummate wisdom, and the unity and concord of the servants. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great.

Likewise the mention of those souls who in this Most Great Revelation, with perfect attraction and enthusiasm, with longing and yearning, have sought the station of sacrifice and have offered up their lives in the path of the love of the Beloved of the worlds—these matters are acceptable and praiseworthy before God.

If through the favors of the Desired One of the worlds unity and concord be realized, the doors of glory, mercy, comfort and wealth shall be opened before the faces of all. This evanescent servant, and that beloved one, and the other loved ones must beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable all to attain unto this most exalted station and this supreme rank.

As to what you wrote regarding the two souls and their arising in love, fellowship and service—after being submitted before the Most Holy Court, these exalted words were revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur, exalted be His utterance:

> "We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and those who have desired to do good in this most mighty, most luminous and most glorious path, in accordance with what He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them what He hath ordained for those who circumambulated around the Will in the beginning and the end."

Their intention, even before their deed, hath been honored with the mention of the Wronged One. Blessed be they both! In all circumstances, one must hold fast to that which was previously mentioned. Verily He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

As for the mention of Aqa Muhammad Husayn and his wife, upon them be the glory of God, praise be to God that they have attained to the mention of the Goal of all the worlds. The effulgent rays of the Orb of grace have ever shone resplendently upon His loved ones without cessation or delay. The pen can never adequately describe this station, nor can the tongue make mention of it. The servant beseeches his Lord to aid all to draw nigh unto His loved ones and to serve His chosen ones. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

You made mention of the Kitab-i-Iqan and its publication and distribution. This is a momentous matter, a great bounty, and a perfect good. I beseech and implore God that He may aid all to do what is befitting in

this day. After these matters were presented before the Divine Throne, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these exalted words, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

O Ibn-i-Abhar! We beseech God to adorn thy head with the crown of detachment, thy heart with the ornament of patience and forbearance, thy temple with the pearls of wisdom and utterance, and to cause to flow from thy tongue that which will attract the servants to the Creator of all existence. Say: O people of God! The power of piety and contentment is mightier and more penetrating than the hosts of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath laid hold on these and attained unto them. Piety is the lord of deeds and virtues, and hath power to transform the servants. It is a blessed captain with a vast domain and a wondrous command. Its hosts too are blessed and propitious—they are goodly deeds and radiant attributes.

You made mention of the Books—who can reckon them? If people were granted but a drop from the ocean of fairness and attained unto a single Tablet, all would turn, detached from all on earth, to the horizon of the heaven of the Manifestation. Thus hath spoken the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O My beloved! The fire of tyranny, injustice, ignorance and unwisdom melteth man's being. By the life of God, our Lord and your Lord! Night and day, verses have descended from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings like rain—nay, even more copiously. In truth, all are powerless and incapable of gathering and preserving them. They have been so widely dispersed that none but God, exalted be His glory, can hope to gather them all together, save whom God aideth through a power from Him and a strength from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

As for what you mentioned regarding Mashhadi Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, and his arising to serve the Cause, his assistance, and his conduct in accordance with God's good-pleasure, exalted be His glory—after these were presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the realities of all things to be attracted. Exalted be His utterance and sublime His proof:

In My Name, the Generous

This is a Book sent down from the All-Knowing to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise, that he may drink from the words of the All-Merciful the wine of understanding and may thank Him with his outer and inner tongue. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Muhammad-ʿAli! The path of guidance is as clear and evident as the sun, and the Divine Lote-Tree standeth adorned with delicate, ripe fruits before the faces of the world. Blessed is the servant who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having remembered thee from the prison and revealed for thee that which hath cooled the eyes of understanding in all creation. Blessed be the All-Merciful, the Manifestation of whatsoever He willeth through His all-pervading grace. When thou hast attained unto the fruits of knowledge from the All-Merciful, say:

O my God, my God! I testify that Thou art my Creator, my Fashioner, my Sustainer and my Helper. Thou didst raise me up among the dead and adorn me with the ornament of life. Thou didst give me to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and didst strengthen me to stand firm amidst all creation. Thou

didst adorn me with the pearls of resignation, reliance, and devoted attachment. I know not, O my God, by which of Thy bounties I should remember Thee, thank Thee, and praise Thee. Through Thy great mercy Thou didst awaken me when I was asleep, cause me to speak when I was silent, draw me near when I was far, and bestow Thy favors upon me when I was hesitant.

O my God, I am surrounded by the bounties of remembrance, nearness, care and kindness. I beseech Thee, O Transformer of all things and He Who is established upon the throne of manifestation, by Thy power before which the might of the world hath bowed down, and by Thy strength which hath encompassed all nations, to make me hold fast unto Thee and be detached from all else save Thee. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to make me among those who move only by the winds of Thy Will and Purpose. O Lord! Thou seest the stranger seeking the most exalted homeland, and the lover drawing nigh unto the station of nearness and meeting. Ordain for him that which will make him renowned among Thy servants and distinguished by that which befitteth Thy Manifestation, Thy sovereignty and Thy days.

O Lord! Forgive me and those with me, then accept from me what I have done in Thy love and Thy path. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful. O Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, hoping from the ocean of Thy bounty that which will cause her to hold fast unto Thee and Thy verses. O Lord! Aid her to remember and praise Thee among the handmaidens that she may draw them unto the court of nearness, holiness and eternity. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all servants and the Speaker on the Day of Reckoning.

This was revealed for Mashhadi Agha as a favor from our Lord, the King of the Kingdom of Names. Glorified be His station, His majesty and His utterance.

He is the All-Knowing

O Mashhadi Agha! Today the world is illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Ancient King, and the Sun of utterance is shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of the Mother Book. The ocean of knowledge is surging and the heaven of wisdom is upraised. Is there any possessor of sight who will behold, any possessor of knowledge who will understand, any possessor of ears who will hear that which the Lord of Destiny uttereth from His Most Great Prospect? Is there any just one who will show justice regarding this Most Great Cause and this Mighty News whereby the heart of every wise one was troubled, the foot of every learned one slipped, and the face of every denier was darkened? Nay, by My true Self, save him who cast away vain desire, seeking the path of guidance. He is of the people of Baha in the crimson scroll. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this exalted station. Thank thy Lord for having mentioned thee in such wise that thy mention shall endure throughout the eternity of His mighty and wondrous kingdom.

We make mention at this time of him who is named Rahim, that he may drink the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and be of those who are firmly established.

Today steadfastness, after the recognition of God, is the most excellent of all deeds. O Rahim! Hold thou fast unto it and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, for

having mentioned me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was in the hands of the heedless. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Section 4: "What utterance, and what mention, could ever suffice…"

What utterance, and what mention, could ever suffice to discharge the due of this most great favor that hath encompassed the friends? Nay, by God! Every tongue hath been and remaineth impotent, every soul powerless, and every expression inadequate. Wherefore, in such a case, one must supplicate with utter humility and entreaty, saying: O my God, my God! Aid Thou Thy loved ones through Thy grace; then accept from them that which they desire to perform in Thy days. O Lord! None can arise to serve Thee, to remember Thee, and to praise Thee, unless Thou dost sustain him with the hosts of Thy mercy and loving-kindness, and with the battalions of Thy might and bounty. Send down, then, O my God, upon Thy loved ones from the heaven of grace a mercy from Thy presence and a blessing from beside Thee. O Lord! Glorify them through Thy glory, draw them nigh through Thy bounty, and write for them that which shall make known unto them Thy generosity and Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and art meet to answer prayer.

Mention hath also been made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Ibrahim—upon him be the glory of God—and of his wife and his wife's sister—upon them both be the glory of God. In their names there hath dawned the Day-Star of Utterance, with a shining wherewith the horizons of the people of the cities of wisdom and knowledge have been illumined. He, blessed and exalted be He, saith: He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Ibrahim! Thou hast been mentioned by one who hath quaffed the sealed wine from My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and who hath been seized by the intoxication of the Kawthar of My utterance, to such extent that the reins of choice were taken from him, causing him to soar in the atmosphere of My loving-kindness, to hold fast unto the cord of My love, and to be immersed in the ocean of My mercy. We make mention of thee through My grace, for I am the All-Bountiful. Hearken unto the Call from the Supreme Horizon; verily it draweth thee unto Him and bringeth thee nigh unto a station which God hath made the circumambulation point of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Highest Heaven. Verily, He is the One Who doeth what He willeth, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

When thou hearest the Call, say with utmost lowliness and supplication:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glorification be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire, and splendor be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose manifestation the mountains were moved and the earth was shaken!"

Blessed art thou for having inhaled the fragrance of the breeze of God as it wafted with grace, and for having turned toward the Horizon of Revelation on a Day wherein most men were prevented from turning unto Him.

We make mention of thy wife who hath shattered the back of vain imaginings through the name of her Lord, the Master of the Beginning and the End, and We give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all ages. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having turned unto God when most people were in doubt and error.

And We make mention of thy sister whom God hath assisted to celebrate His praise and commemoration, and caused her to speak that which hath stirred the hearts of the valiant. O My leaf! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He will assist thee in that which will draw thee nigh unto Him, despite every learned one who hath forbidden and every woman who hath forbidden. Verily thy Lord taketh whom He willeth through His command; He is severe in punishment.

Say: "My God, my God! Unto Thee be glory and splendor, and unto Thee be bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy grace and the stars of the heaven of Thy bounty and generosity to forgive me and my sister, through Thy loving-kindness which hath preceded all created things and through Thy favors which have encompassed all beings. Enable us to remember Thee and to praise Thee in all conditions."

Splendor be from Us upon thee, O Ibrahim, and upon those with thee, and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, and who have uttered the praise of their Lord at eventide and at dawn, at night and at day's end.

The splendors of the Sun of Grace and the effulgences of the Luminary of Mercy have encompassed the world. What else can this evanescent servant say? Every letter of the letters and every word of the words, with utmost eloquence and power of expression, invites the servants to the most exalted Paradise and bestows the water of life upon the people of contingent being. Will the earth bring forth that which hath been deposited therein? In truth, this matter appeareth difficult, except through the assistance of the Hands of His power. His hands are outstretched, and in His grasp are the keys of the heavens and earth and every wise command.

This was revealed for Ustad Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God.

He is the All-Wise Expositor.

O people of God! The divine Tree of Love is adorned and manifest with the fruits of wisdom, utterance, knowledge and understanding. By the life of God! It standeth before all faces, yet the unjust people are heedless, nay, rather, disbelievers. Today the Hand of God bestoweth the Kawthar of eternity. O ye that thirst, hasten! O ye that are heedless, become aware!

O Ibrahim! The great bounty is manifest and the Beauty of the All-Knowing is evident. Say: O people of the world! The Most Great Name hath rent asunder the veils and with the hand of power hath removed that which barred the way, and like unto the sun is visible and manifest. Deprive not yourselves and forbid not yourselves from the Countenance of the All-Merciful because of the sayings of this one or that. Soon shall perish that which hath occupied you and prevented you from attaining unto and drawing nigh unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

We make mention of thy sister who hath drunk the choice wine of certitude and hath attained unto the recognition of God in His glorious and wondrous Day. O My leaf! He who hath loved Me hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee. Say: My God, my God! Assist Thy leaves to accomplish that which Thou hast ordained for them, that they may be stirred by the winds of Thy Will and the breezes of Thy Purpose. O Lord! Thou seest a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath attained unto Thy

days and desireth from the ocean of Thy bounty the pearls of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the Hands of Thy Cause and the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of Thy justice to make me steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

This was revealed for Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, son of Muhammad-Hashim Mishki-baf, upon them be the glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Hearer and the Speaker.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to turn unto Him, for having shown thee His path, for having guided thee through His grace, and for having illumined thy heart with the light of His knowledge, and brought thee out of darkness into light. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Kind, the Forgiving. O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! We counsel thee with that whereby thy station shall be exalted among the servants, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of men have slipped save whom God hath willed, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon My steadfast handmaidens who have adorned themselves with the ornament of chastity and fidelity and have acted according to what was commanded in the Book of God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

The tongue of justice declareth: Is there anyone in the world who can reckon the waves of the ocean of the bounty of our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven? Nay, by His own Self, the True One! We are all powerless.

And concerning what ye mentioned about Ustad ʿAli-Muhammad, son of Ustad Mihdi-Banna, upon them be the glory of God, after being presented before the Throne of the Lord, exalted be His glory, these manifest verses were revealed from the Kingdom of grace. His word, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

In My Name that is sanctified above all names

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Lord of all desires, Who hath made the hearts of His loved ones repositories of the pearls of His love, such that the pharaohs of the world and the tyrants of the nations are powerless and incapable to possess or transform them. The heavenly sustenance hath ever been and shall be the food of enkindled souls. They drink from the Kawthar of utterance and are nourished by the bounty of recognition. O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad! Thy name hath attained the honor of My hearing and thy heart the light of My knowledge. We beseech God, exalted be He, to give thee to drink from the cup of His grace, the Salsabil of His bounty. Verily, He is the Generous Giver. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention in this station of thy son who was named Abdu’r-Rahim and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord’s mercy which hath preceded existence in both the unseen and visible worlds. O Abdu’r-Rahim! Be steadfast in the love of thy Lord, speaking His praise with wisdom and utterance, clinging unto Him, placing thy trust in Him, and committing all thy affairs unto Him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention at this time of thy brother Qasim who hath ascended unto God. God hath forgiven him through His mercy and grace. We beseech Him to cause him to enter Paradise. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Responding One. Blessed is he! We testify that he hath attained the mention of My Most Exalted Pen in My Great Prison.

This is what hath been revealed for the son of Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon them both be the glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness. He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

O youth! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Some time ago thy letter attained the Most Holy Court and an answer was revealed, but its dispatch was delayed. If God should will and desire, it shall be sent this time. Thou hast ever been and art remembered. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee, make thee successful, and honor thee with beholding His signs. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Wise. Make mention of the kinsmen on behalf of the Wronged One and remind them of the verses of God. Verily, He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing. God hath forgiven the one for whom thou didst seek forgiveness, Muhammad-Rida. Verily, He befriendeth whosoever befriendeth Him and answereth those who call upon Him.

The Tablet for that honored one was revealed during the presence of the beloved of hearts, His Holiness ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. This servant beseeches his Lord to honor thee with it and grant thee the bounty of meeting him. Verily our Lord is the Generous, the Bountiful. The mention of that spiritual beloved hath ever been in the heart. The Forgiving Lord knoweth and He is the Witness.

Thou didst make mention of the handmaiden of God, Sarih Khatun, who is related to Jinab-i-Qurratu'l-ʿAyn Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God. After being presented before the Most Exalted Horizon, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these blessed words, exalted be His glory:

O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The calamities of this world, however severe and great they may be, shall pass away and come to an end. However, the calamities that cause endless tribulations are those of turning away from the Truth, which transform the realm of joy into sorrow and melt the soul. Praise be to God that that leaf hath clung to patience and held fast to the hem of forbearance. Beautiful patience is among the great divine favors. Pray for the handmaidens of God. We beseech from the Truth that He make all of them dawning-places of sanctification and daysprings of purification, and cause them to be the means of deliverance and success for the people of the earth. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

We hope that through the grace of the Desired One of the worlds, the handmaidens of that land and other regions who are associated with the Truth and have attained unto the blessed word "O My handmaiden" may become sources of goodness among women. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, and He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

The mention was made of Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim and Aqa Mirza Abdul-Wahhab, upon them be the glory of God. After being informed, He turned toward the Most Exalted Station and was honored to hear these words—exalted be His utterance and glorified His praise:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

O Ibrahim! Verily the Friend calleth unto his Glorious Lord from the fire, and the Beloved, amidst His enemies, speaketh saying:

> "O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou seest the Wronged One in the hands of the enemies of Thy Cause, and beholdest what hath befallen Him in Thy path. There hath descended upon Him that which hath descended on no one before. The wolf hath seized His flock, the oppressor hath sunk His ark, and the serpent hath opened its mouth and swallowed one of His loved ones. I beseech Thee, by Thy Name through which Thou hast illumined the world, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant who is named Ibrahim turning to the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. Illumine him with the lights of Thy knowledge, then grant him the food of Thy heaven, then ordain for him and his wife that which will draw them near unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

And this is what was revealed for Aqa Muhammad Husayn, son of the wronged one who hath been raised up:

He is the One Who ruleth over all names

O Muhammad-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He calleth thee from the horizon of the heaven of grace with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to make every one who hath turned unto Him a herald of His Name, one who uttereth His praise amongst His servants, one who is illumined by His attributes amongst His creation, and one who acteth in accordance with that which will attract the servants unto Him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Say: O people of the earth! Behold and then judge with fairness that which hath appeared in truth from One mighty and powerful. By God! The door of the treasury hath been opened by the hand of power, and the pearls of knowledge and wisdom have appeared from One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which will elevate your stations in the earth. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Informed. We have borne hardships and tribulations that ye might draw nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken while in His Most Great Prison. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, by His generosity which hath encompassed existence and by His bounty which hath encompassed the world, to forgive everyone who hath turned unto Him with evident submission. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee. Convey My greetings unto their faces and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Section 5: "The mention was made of Baba Khan, upon…"

The mention was made of Baba Khan, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful, who is named Fath-ʿAli Khan. On this day, which is one of the days of the revered month of Sha'ban, two hours before sunset, having turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Summit, it was presented before His

presence and was honored to be heard, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will, that the verses might attract him to a station wherein nothing whatsoever shall prevent him from drawing nigh unto Him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, exalted be His proof and glorified His sovereignty:

In His Name, Who calleth from the Divine Lote-Tree and Who was manifested upon the Mount

Verily We desired to send unto thee from the Most Great Ocean pearls of wisdom and utterance, and from the palm tree of knowledge fresh and tender proofs, and from the Sidrat al-Muntaha a fruit from among its fruits, that these may draw thee unto the station of sanctity and nearness and immortality, and assist thee in serving the Cause in such wise that nothing among all things, no name among all names, and no mention among all mentions shall prevent thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

The call of the Lote-Tree hath been raised amidst all religions, and the murmur of the Kawthar of utterance hath been heard throughout all creation, and the warbling of the nightingales of knowledge upon the highest branches. Blessed is the soul that hath turned towards it, and the eye that hath beheld the signs of the Most Exalted Pen of God, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

We have heard thy call, and thy name hath been present before the Wronged One. We have revealed for thee that which no mention can equal.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in this Cause and follow not the manifestations of fancy and idle imagination. Then turn thy face unto the people of the Furqan and say: Come ye, come ye! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of creation. The tales of old profit you not this Day. Purify your ears that ye may hear the call of God from the most exalted station. Say: O people of the Spirit! Fear ye God and refute not the truth by what ye possess. He Who was mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and promised in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets hath come. Shatter the idols by the name of your Lord, the Lord of mankind. This is the Day whereon secrets have been unveiled, fruits have appeared, and the earth hath told its tidings before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Say: O people of the Torah! Open your eyes. The Revealer of verses hath come, through Whom the ocean hath surged, the fragrance hath wafted, and the Tongue hath spoken in the kingdom of utterance. The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords. By God! Neither the whisperings of your divines nor the Judaism of your leaders shall profit you. Cast away what ye possess and take what is with God, the Lord of the Final Return. Say: Fear ye God. He hath come with a light that hath outshone the sun and its splendor, and with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and on earth shall not stand. If ye deny this Revelation and what hath appeared from Him, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess?

Be fair, and be not of them who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to what they possess of vain imaginings. This is He Who hath stood before the faces of the world and revealed what He desired. He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The might of the Pharaohs of the earth

deterred Him not, nor did the hosts and factions frighten Him. He concealed not Himself for less than a moment. He revealed that which made the limbs of them that disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, to quake.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee in serving the Cause and to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. When the breezes of revelation stir thee and the Kawthar of utterance taketh thee from the hand of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made known to me Thy Most Great Path, and for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I was asleep; Thy most sweet call awakened me. I was heedless; the dawning splendors of the morn of Thy Revelation aroused me. I was far; the hands of Thy grace and bounty drew me nigh. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the sincere hastened to the place of sacrifice and the believers to the Most Sublime Horizon, to make me steadfast, firm and upright in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

All praise and bounty belong unto Him, and unto Him all generosity, mercy and bestowal. Through a hundred thousand proofs and evidences is His grace established, and none to this day has been able to reckon His endless showers of mercy, all confessing their powerlessness and limitation. When even these rains, which through the favor of the All-Powerful descend from the clouds, cannot be counted, how then can one enumerate the rains of mercy that descend at all times from the clouds of divine knowledge and wisdom? The way to enumeration is barred, and the path to limitation is closed. This evanescent servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to assist His Excellency the Khan in that which shall cause his mention to endure among all mentions. The Command is in His hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

You mentioned Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God. The hope of this evanescent one is that those loved ones who in this time have attained unto the Kawthar of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds and have drunk the wine of recognition from the hand of bounty, may hold fast with supreme steadfastness in such wise that all who dwell on earth shall find themselves powerless to prevent them, and that they may arise like unto kindled fire and the sun shining from the horizon of God's will, turning their attention to the reformation and purification of the world and its peoples. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth; he is indeed of the people of this noble station.

After mention was made of the name of His Honor Asad and his desire for the forgiveness of the tailor who ascended in the prison, following the presentation of these matters before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, these most great verses were revealed from the heaven of supreme bounty. His word—exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

He is the One Who speaketh the Truth

O Asadu'llah! Today the ocean of divine unity hath appeared before the face of the Lord and His servants, and each wave thereof with eloquent tongue uttereth the blessed words "God hath come with manifest sovereignty." The people of the land pride themselves over the people of the sea through the light of attainment, and in utmost joy and delight are occupied with the remembrance and praise of meeting

their heart's desire, the Desired One of all worlds. From the homes of the hearts of those brought nigh and the sincere ones arise melodies and songs of the lovers in the paradise of the Beloved. The orator of the city of love hath been seized with mighty rapture and ecstasy until God, exalted be His glory, shall ordain what He willeth and manifest what He desireth. Say:

My God, my God! I testify that this Day is Thy Day and this Cause is Thy Cause. Thou seest me, O Ravisher of the hearts of those brought nigh, O Ecstasy of the hearts of the yearning ones! I beseech Thee by Thy manifest light and Thy mighty, firm Command to make me of those who have been seized by the rapture of the call from the supreme horizon. O Lord! I am he who hath sought Thy station and presence before Thy face and standing at Thy door. I beseech Thee by the spirits that have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and by the souls that have shed their blood in Thy days, to assist me and those who have believed in Thee and Thy signs in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Thou seest how the wolf hath seized Thy sheep and how the grunting of swine hath been raised in Thy lands. I beseech Thee to conquer Thy cities through the hosts of utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful.

We make mention of your father and mother, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to forgive them both, and then him for whom thou didst seek forgiveness, through His mercy that hath preceded all created things and His grace that hath encompassed all contingent beings. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. O my Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty. Ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The purpose hath been achieved and the prayer answered. God hath forgiven you and those who emigrated with you. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. He doth not suffer the reward of the righteous to be lost. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of them that know Him.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Aqa Muhammad-Hashim, son of Haji Mulla Muhammad-Amin, after learning of his circumstances, We approached the presence of the Lord of Creation and presented his case, which was honored to be heard. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

O Muhammad-before-Hashim! Reflect upon the cause of rejection, opposition, rancor, hatred, tyranny, wickedness, and loss of the former people. For if one becomes aware of its reason and cause, he will not slip from the straight path nor remain heedless of the momentous News. In brief, certain tales and titles deprived those souls from the Supreme Horizon and afflicted them with grievous misfortune. I speak the truth when I say that this is a great Day and His grace is infinite. Whosoever desires to enter the depths of the sea of oneness must purify his heart from the stories of old and exalted titles. The word "successorship" adorned the realm of fancy and built the cities of vain imaginings. O people of God!

Know ye the value of this Day. Reflect upon the ignorance of the Shi'ih. When the Qa'im appeared in truth and unveiled the mysteries for the triumph of truth—He Who had been the object of devotion of hearts and minds throughout ages and centuries—the divines of that sect gave Him no chance to speak or show the way. With the sword of malice, the spear of hatred, and the arrow of cruelty, they removed

from their midst that Manifestation of Divine Power and that Dawning-Place of His decree and destiny, through an oppression at which the Pen is ashamed to recount and the Tablet is powerless to bear.

Now consider the Sunnis, when someone in Sudan claimed to be the Mahdi, most people in various lands accepted him and arose to serve him with a vigor that caused the limbs of armies to tremble. By the life of God! Had they received the full outpouring of the revealed Tablets contained in the seven writings [athar-i-sab'ih], they would all have embraced the Cause and would have circumambulated the dawning-places of divine verses and the repositories of heavenly knowledge. Now observe in what station the Cause stood and in what station the Shi'ih. They prided themselves before the world with the name of successorship, while that very pride and vainglory became a barrier between truth and falsehood and deprived them of drawing nigh unto God.

We hope that henceforth they will not remain deprived of the truth because of such mentions, nor be bereft of the shore of the divine ocean of knowledge. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, and He is the Munificent in both beginning and end. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee in His remembrance, to aid thee in remaining steadfast in His love, to cause thee to hear His verses and to show thee the signs of His Pen. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

His honor the Perfumer—upon him be the Glory of the Self-Subsisting—hath in these days repeatedly been mentioned in the presence of Him Who is the Lord of all mention. In truth, from the beginning of days until now, he hath been occupied with that for which every existing thing was honored with the garment of being for this most exalted station. Blessed be he!

The statements regarding the guidance of faithful and devoted souls, and likewise the mention of their purposes and aspirations before the Most Holy Court and seeking permission for these matters were presented before the Throne, and this response has appeared from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Creation. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Make mention of the people of God in that land on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Blessed are ye for having attained to the grace of these days and for being illumined by the light of recognition. The preservation of this lofty station and noble rank is essential, for the highway robbers have been and are lying in wait. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve you from the evil of His enemies and from those who have denied the Day of Judgment. By the life of God! Those who have drunk from the cup of utterance have ever been and shall ever be mentioned.

And regarding their seeking permission for attendance: in these days events have occurred that have caused the greatest sorrow and supreme anxiety. Were this Wronged One to mention what hath befallen Him, the tribes of the earth would be seized with trembling. Therefore, if the souls mentioned would share the expenses of the journey and deliver half thereof to Ali Haydar, in view of the absence of Amin, this Wronged One will reveal and send forth from the Most Exalted Pen mention of their turning and devotion and presence before the Face. The command is in His hands—He doeth what He willeth and

ordaineth what He desireth. And afterward that which His will hath determined shall be commanded to the aforementioned one.

Section 6: "As to their desire that the friends, both…"

As to their desire that the friends, both living and deceased, be mentioned in the divine presence that they might attain His grace and be adorned with the ornament of forgiveness—this supplication hath been mentioned before the Mentioned One, and these exalted words have been revealed in response from the heaven of mercy. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Verily We have heard thy call and thy mention and thy praise and thy request and what thou didst desire for the sake of God, thy Lord. We have answered thee that thou mayest give thanks to Him Who aided thee in turning to Him and in making mention of Him. He is the Helper, the All-Knowing. Well is it with what thou hast done in mentioning those who desired from the sea of thy Lord's bounty the pearls of pardon and forgiveness. He hath forgiven them as a grace from His presence. By My life! When mention of them was made before the Face, the Sun of God's loving-kindness shone forth. Verily the ocean of bounty surged and the fragrance of faithfulness wafted and the lights of His mercy which have preceded existence in both the unseen and visible worlds encompassed them.

O Asadullah! Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise that the rains of grace and bounty have been showered upon thee and upon those who have ascended to the Supreme Companion, as a favor from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Upon thee be the glory of God and His mercy and loving-kindness, and the glory of the Supreme Concourse, and the glory of those who have sacrificed their spirits and bodies and all they possessed in the path of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And We make mention from this Most Great Scene of him who was named Ja'far, who believed in God and held fast to His firm cord. O Ja'far! Verily the heaven desired thee and the sun turned toward thee and the light shone before thy face by virtue of the Ancient Face having turned toward thee from this manifest horizon. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having made thee in this time to associate with the Prophets and Messengers in a Paradise whose boundaries are not fixed, whose fruits never fall, and whose leaves are never still, moved by the breezes of will and purpose from the presence of One powerful and mighty.

O Ghulam-Husayn! Thy name hath been mentioned in the Most Great Vision, and the Lord of the world hath remembered thee with such remembrance as hath enraptured the hearts of those who desired to attain the presence of their Lord, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech God to send down upon thee, at all times, the rain of mercy and forgiveness. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

As to the honored Karbila'i Mihdi, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, that which was revealed concerning him two days ago is the cause of eternal grace and everlasting bounty. His Holiness Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, mentioned him and he attained unto the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Joy be unto him!

Likewise concerning the departed and elevated Hajiyyih, upon her be the glory of God, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed about that virtuous lady. God willing, that beloved one will attain unto it. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the Compassionate.

And mention was made of the kinsmen. Praise be to God, both before and after, that which was revealed concerning them is such as crieth out in the Books. Blessed are they that hear and joy be to them that are turned unto Him. And this matter attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names in the Most Exalted Horizon. His blessed and exalted Word:

> "The suns of loving-kindness and favor have shone forth upon the kinsmen with such brilliance that all the pens of the world and tongues of nations are powerless to describe and praise it. We testify that they have drunk the choice wine of understanding from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have attained unto that which none among the people have attained, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. Upon them be My glory and the glory of all who dwell in My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the glory of this Most Exalted Station, and the glory of the cities of justice and fairness at every morn and eventide."

Unto Him be thanksgiving and glory and might and praise. Each of the mentioned names hath received their portion and share from the Luminary of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds. Joy be unto every servant and maidservant who hath attained! And likewise those souls who have ascended and passed on have all attained unto the waves of the ocean of forgiveness of the All-Merciful Lord. This servant hath ever said and continueth to say that the time of death in these days is blessed, for one attaineth unto the pearls of the mention and praise of the Lord of all beings. Were they to become aware of the influences of these remembrances, all would seek and supplicate for this station.

And regarding thy mention of the friends of the earth, upon them be the glory of God, after being presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these manifest verses were revealed specially for all. God willing, they will attain unto them. His blessed Word:

In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

O My friends in affliction! Hear ye the Voice of Him Who hath been cast into prison. He calleth the loved ones unto the Lord of Lords—they who have quaffed the wine of divine knowledge from the chalice of My bounty, despite every denier who hath rejected God in the end. O My friends! Hear ye My call which draweth you nigh unto the most exalted Paradise—that station wherein all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all men!" Ye have attained unto My remembrance, both before and after, at whose revelation all verses have bowed down in humility. Blessed is the servant whom neither books have hindered from the Mother Book, nor scriptures and psalms from the Mother Tablet. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, whereupon the limbs of every obstinate infidel shall tremble. Can any remembrance compare with His remembrance, or any verses with His verses, or any revelation with His revelation? By God! When He appeared, Sinai cried out in most eloquent utterance: "O people of creation! The Summoner hath come with power, and He Who revealeth

with might and sovereignty." Cast aside the books of those who have turned away from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: O people of Iran! Fear ye the All-Merciful. Verily, the Proof hath appeared in the form of a human temple and proclaimeth before the faces of all religions. Hearken and hasten to God's mercy and pardon, and follow not the exponents of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The earth hath revealed its treasures, the heaven its suns, the sea its waves, and the light its radiance. Fear ye God and be not of them who have denied the Proof and Evidence. Say: By God! That which ye possess shall profit you not, nor shall your riches suffice you, nor shall your fancies save you. Cast aside what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the Throne and of all ranks. There hath descended from the heaven of bounty the table of divine knowledge, and from the cloud of grace that blessing which God hath sanctified from decline […] God's treasury of the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath seen, and woe unto every idolater who hath denied God when He came from the heaven of bounty with the standards of verses. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom the veils of the people of error have not withheld from the Dayspring of Revelation.

O people of God and His servants! Most people cling to vain imaginings, especially the people of Iran who have been nurtured on suspicions and fancies. The Book of God is manifest before all faces, and the Sun of Truth shineth from the midmost heaven, and the light of the Cause is radiant and resplendent, yet all remain heedless and veiled save those who have held fast to this mighty cord. O people of God! Hear ye the voice of the Wronged One, and purify your hearing and sight from the tales of old and that which is with the people, that ye may perchance attain unto the divine traces and hearken unto His Word. How many are those who read, yet are unacceptable before God!

For if one were truly to hearken, he would find himself established upon the throne of steadfastness. The deniers of the Word and the clamorous ones have been and are lying in wait, and this is news which the Most Exalted Pen hath announced from Prison. Blessed is the servant who hath cast vain imaginings behind him, turning unto God, the One, the All-Informed. The world shall be seized by change and extinction. Take ye that which shall endure through the endurance of the Kingdom and the Realm. He, verily, is the All-Counselling, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of the handmaidens of that land and counsel them to be steadfast, chaste, and engaged in remembrance and praise. O handmaidens of God in that place! Blessed are ye, for ye have attained unto that which the divines of Iran failed to attain. They deemed themselves most profitable, yet were found to be most lost; they counted themselves most exalted, yet were observed to be most abased. Today even the Jews take pride over such souls, for those faithless people martyred the Desired One of the world. The deniers of the Bayan are seen to be more lost than those people, as doth testify unto this the Mother of Tablets in this exalted station. The mother and sister—upon them be My glory and loving-kindness—have been and are mentioned in the Most Exalted Paradise. The glory shining from the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O people of Ra, and upon those whom the hosts of names prevented not from turning to the Most Great Ocean, each drop whereof proclaims: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat.

We hope that the people of God in that land will spend all their time in matters that cause the exaltation of the Cause. Under all conditions hold fast unto wisdom and utterance, and engage in the salvation of souls for the sake of God. Soon shall the world and all that is therein pass away. Blessed is the soul that attaineth unto that which changeth not and which shall never perish. Verily our Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful, and He is the Kind, the Merciful. This servant's request is that ye convey greetings to the loved ones of the land of Ta. Each one hath been and is mentioned in the Holy Presence. I beseech God to unite the loved ones and illumine them with the light of harmony, for this is the greatest means for the order of the world. For all I beg such success as will increase their piety, steadfastness, purity and detachment. He is verily the Hearer, the Answerer.

Regarding the reprinting of the Book, the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken these exalted words: We previously made it contingent upon consultation, but in these days the printing of the Book is not permitted in that city, for mischief-makers are present who would immediately report it and exaggerate in their declarations, and this would cause an uproar among the ignorant. Until now they know not what this Wronged One's purpose is, nor what His intention may be. They speak based on conjecture and soar with the wings of idle fancy. Leave them in their vain imaginings. Some time ago, permission was given to Habibu'llah, but the intention was for a limited number. A detailed explanation of this matter was mentioned to ʿAli-Akbar. God willing, they shall also attain unto its reading and become aware of the intention. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to honor the people of the world through His might, to make them know His path and His Cause, and to aid them to recognize what He hath willed. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Today let not that Beloved One and the other loved ones be saddened by what hath appeared and continueth to appear from the heedless ones. By the life of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, the Cause of God shall soon be made manifest through His command, and the horizons shall be illumined by the light of His justice. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Although hearts are grieved by the deeds perpetrated in the great city, yet at one time this exalted word shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance, the Goal of all the worlds—His word, exalted be His glory: "O servant present! Now, as these are the days of Revelation, forgiveness and mercy and grace prevail and are manifest before all faces. When the Sun of Justice dawneth, its appearance will cause the deeds of all to be tempered with moderation, for it is the cause of the manifestation of unity and concord. Therefore one must not be saddened by the conditions and occurrences of these days.

In the days when the people of God were imprisoned in the land of Ta, how many souls arose to render service and from every direction showed forth love and affection! The men from one side and the women from another were engaged in nursing and service with complete love. God Himself is witness, and these services of those days have not been and will not be forgotten, and in the Crimson Book the name of each one hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. The reward of no one hath been or will be lost. We beseech God to adorn those souls with such an ornament that the world of deeds may be illumined and brightened thereby."

These letters that were sent also testify to the service of all and to the mercy and favor of God, exalted be His glory, and to the acceptance of deeds. Blessed are they who serve and who bear in the days of God, the Lord of earth and heaven. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon every one who hath turned unto God, and every assured one, and every steadfast one, and every detached one, and every upright one who hath arisen to serve the Cause of God and hath detached himself from all else.

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BH02066: O Husayn, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness!…

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

O Husayn, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness! Praise be to God, thou hast been mentioned before thy presence and after thy presence, and thou hast stood before the Face of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee in that which beseemeth His days. Every soul hath testified and doth testify to the transience of the world and its transformation. Therefore the friends of God who have attained unto the Kawthar of utterance must at all times strive diligently to acquire eternal stations and everlasting bounties. Verily He is with whomsoever remembereth Him and desireth Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

The Most Exalted Pen at this moment hath desired to make mention of one of the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree and one of His handmaidens. We testify that she departed from her home, turning toward the Supreme Horizon, and traversed deserts, mountains, land and sea until she arrived at the fortified City mentioned in the Books and Tablets, and attained the presence of the Countenance, and was blessed with what God had revealed in His Books. We testify that she believed in God and His signs, and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and drank the cup of reunion from the hands of the bounty of her Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted, and heard what the near ones heard on the Mount of Knowledge, and saw what eyes and visions were prevented from seeing, save whom God, the Lord of lords, willeth.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness, and the glory of those in My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the first fragrance wafting from My garment, be upon thee, O My leaf and My handmaiden! We testify that thou didst circle round the Throne and didst attain the presence of thy Lord when most of mankind were debarred therefrom, and didst drink the pure wine from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at every moment a mercy from His presence, and a loving-kindness from His own Self, and a grace from His direction. Blessed art thou, for the ocean of forgiveness hath surged in the contingent world, and the Day-Star of grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of pardon and beneficence. Thou didst believe in the All-Merciful when most handmaidens denied Him. The glory from Our presence be upon thee, and upon thy beginning and thy end, and thy outward and thy inward self, and upon whoso remembereth thy days and thy migration and thy nearness and thy presence, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every knowing and discerning one.

O Husayn, O thou who standest before the Face! Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. By the life of God, she hath attained unto that which the Pen is powerless to describe. In truth, this transient abode was not and is not worthy of tarrying, settling and repose. However, in one respect it stands above all the worlds on high and is preeminent over all, for despite its transience and transformation, the acquisition of eternal stations and sublime ranks hath been ordained therein by the Ordainer, the Powerful, the Ancient of Days. In any case, thou shouldst not be grieved, for she hath attained unto the Most Great Bounty. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who are with thee among the assured servants of God.

BH02176: O Javad! We have mentioned thee before in various…

He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing!

O Javad! We have mentioned thee before in various Tablets and We mention thee at this time with a clear mention, and We make mention of him whom thou didst mention and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and His all-embracing favor. Blessed is the servant who hath today cast away what the people possess and taken what hath been sent down from the presence of One manifest and knowing. O Haji Aqa! Thy deed hath gained the honor of acceptance and there hath been sent down for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a Day wherein the Today speaketh, while the people are in manifest drunkenness. Vain imaginings have withheld them from God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Fear God, O people! Follow Him Who hath come to you with that which profiteth you, and follow not the ways of the ignorant ones who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and committed that which hath caused every discerning soul to lament. This is a Day wherein the door of attainment hath been opened—approach with radiant faces and be not of them that hesitate. When thou hearest the call from this white leaf, say:

O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me when sorrows surrounded Thee from those who exchanged trustworthiness for treachery, truthfulness for falsehood, justice for tyranny, and fairness for oppression in Thy days, and who wrought that whereby the Great Terror appeared. O my Lord! Thou knowest and seest that the Wronged One desired for them naught save that which would draw them nigh unto Thee and move them through Thy will and purpose, yet they cast aside Thy command and what Thou didst desire for them through Thy bounty and generosity, clinging to their own desires without Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of the Kingdom of Names, by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Mighty, Most Generous, Most Exalted, Most Glorious, to assist them to return to the court of Thy mercy and the precincts of Thy might and forgiveness. O my Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation. The world and its ornaments have deluded them, and its riches and favors have occupied them. I beseech Thee to adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness. Within Thy grasp is the reins of glory and greatness and favors. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

At this time We make mention of him who was named Abdul-Husayn, who broke not God's Covenant and Testament, who hesitated not in His Cause, and who chose not silence when His call was raised. The hands of power aided him until he arose before the throne of His manifestation, heard His call, and

attained that which most of His creation were deprived of. We beseech Him, exalted be He, not to disappoint him of any good that He hath sent down in His Book. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Kind, the Generous.

We desired to make mention of him who was named Ali-Akbar [that he may thank God, the Lord of] the exalted Throne. He is among those who attained in the earliest days to the lights of recognition. He turned, heard, responded, and drank the wine of nearness from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the mention of the Wronged One time and again. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will assist thee to perform a deed that will endure as long as His names and attributes endure. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken when He was seated upon the throne with manifest sovereignty.

BH02366: Praise be to God Who is established upon…

In the Name of the Self-Subsisting Over All Names

Praise be to God Who is established upon the throne in the final abode, Who hath sent down the Book and made manifest the Exposition. Among the people are those who were thunderstruck and recovered not, and among them are those who hastened and answered their Lord, the Master of all necks. And the prayer and the peace and the glorification and the splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause among His servants and the Dawning-Places of His remembrance in His lands, and upon those who have drunk the wine of divine inspiration from the cup of His bounty and have attained unto that which most of His creation hath not attained—prayers whose traces and fragrances shall never end.

And now, thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We found it adorned with the ornament of remembrance and praise, and from each of its letters We perceived the fragrance of meekness and faithfulness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His service and the bearer of His sealed wine among His servants. And We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee with the hosts of utterance throughout all possibility. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Say: O people of Sad, fear ye God and follow not those who, when the Promise came, denied and disbelieved in God, the Revealer of verses. Say: Fear ye God and deny not His grace and mercy, and follow not every ignorant doubter. Purify your ears and eyes from this […] Most Pure and Most Luminous which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen before the faces of the servants. Beware lest ye deny the favor of God after its revelation and His proof after its manifestation, and follow that which preventeth you from the Pen of God, the Lord of earth and heaven.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and remind them of what God hath revealed in the Book. Thou didst ask about the Spirit concerning God's irresistible Command. No power hath ever prevented His Will, and the wills of the world have not hindered His Purpose. In every created thing the signs of power have existed and continue to exist. He is established upon the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He

willeth" and speaketh the word "He ordaineth what He pleaseth." Blessed is the soul that is assured of what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me speaking Thy praise, clinging to Thy cord, and turning toward the horizon of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee, nor to shut me out from Thy gate which Thou hast opened unto all in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Ordain for me and for those with me the good of the hereafter and of this world. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Exalted. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones who were not prevented by anything from drawing nigh unto Thee, to decree for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence, heard Thy call, and gained the honor of appearing before Thy face. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer.

BH02700: His words, blessed and exalted is He: "Though it…

He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon.

His words, blessed and exalted is He:

> "Though it be the weight of a mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens or in the earth, God will bring it forth. Verily God is subtle and informed."

Observe how the Hand of Power has revealed the hidden secrets in the hearts of the ignorant divines. They uttered "O God" while they hanged His Manifestation and martyred Him with bullets. Today that which is in the breasts has been and is being revealed. This is a Day wherein hands, eyes and ears bear witness, and before the Luminary of Divine Justice they recount with most eloquent utterance all that has transpired and testify thereto.

Two events have occurred in these days: first, the martyrdom of the Temple of certitude and knowledge in the path of God, and second, the fear, terror and anguish of Hadi of Dawlat-Abad. The deed of each one has testified and continues to testify before the faces of the world to the station and rank of its doer. Where are the eyes to see and where are the ears to hear? O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Vain imaginings have debarred the world from the Lord of all names. Those who are occupied with service and stand steadfast before His face have clung to one who has deprived himself of the Truth through Whose word the world was created.

How many souls whose wealth, glory and riches did not prevent them from the Lord of Names—they were set ablaze with the fire of divine love and bore in His path that which the eye of the world had never seen. Nevertheless, the people have forsaken such souls and have clung to the deed of Hadi the misleader, who for the sake of a two-day life forsook eternal life, and for the comfort of numbered days denied God, exalted be His glory, and His Manifestations. That heedless one committed that which caused the sighs of those near unto God and the tears of the sincere ones to descend and ascend.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him, recognized Him and responded to the Lord when the Call was raised from the most exalted horizon. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned my temple with the ornament of Thy love. I

beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the tempests of the ungodly among Thy creatures and the winds of the deniers among Thy servants will not move me. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03319: Verily the Sun desired to send unto thee…

He is One that dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

Verily the Sun desired to send unto thee a light from its lights in the form of the words of God and the fragrances of His verses which dominate all who are in the heavens and earths.

Say: O concourse of earth! The Hour hath come and its signs, and that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen hath appeared in the Books of God, Lord of the worlds. Verily the Book calleth out in truth and summoneth all to the horizon of Revelation from God, Lord of the mighty Throne. The shrill voice of the Pen hath been raised up and the Lord of Eternity before the faces of the nations hath arisen and said: Fear God, O people! Follow not those who denied the proof of God and His evidence and disbelieved in His glorious and wondrous Day. Fear God and purify your hearts from the tales of old and from that which is with those who cast guidance behind their backs, clinging to tyranny and wickedness. Indeed they are among the most lost in a clear Book.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon of the Cause! Hear the call and say: O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Aid me in all conditions to hearken unto Thy call and to turn unto the lights of Thy countenance and to behold the manifestations of the Sun of Thy Revelation. O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having manifested unto me Thy mighty Cause and Thy great announcement and for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of knowledge from the hands of Thy grace and bounty on a day wherein most of Thy servants and creatures were deprived therefrom.

O my Lord! Enable Thy servants to turn unto the Tree and its fruits, and the Sun and its lights, and the Sea and its waves. By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world and Educator of the nations! This servant desireth to arise to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants. Strengthen him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and holding fast to Thy Most Firm Handle. Ordain for me from the Pen of Thy decree that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds and make me to be of those whom the vicissitudes and conditions of the world have not prevented. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03573: O Samandar! If thou wert to become aware…

He is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days and the Kind, Compassionate Comforter.

O Samandar! If thou wert to become aware of My grief, thou wouldst surely weep for My sake at what hath been inflicted upon Me by those who claim to love Me. The oppressor hath committed that which

hath caused My heart and My Pen to lament, and tears have fallen from the eyes of justice in My days. Commerce and occupation have diverted him from the remembrance and praise of God, and prevented him from justice and fairness in His days. By the life of God! He hath denied My favor, My grace and My loving-kindness, and hath clung to that which hath erased the white spot of love from his heart. We opened before his face the gates of blessing and bounty, yet he denied them and rejected God's grace and favor, and said that which none before him had ever said. The Most Exalted Pen of God beareth witness to this in this mighty, exalted station.

O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have made mention of those whom thou didst desire Us to remember, and have sent down for them that which hath caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge before the face of the All-Merciful and the fragrance of pardon and generosity to waft from the right hand of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Giving, the Merciful. We have sent down clear verses for him who was named Muhammad-Ali who hath ascended unto God, and We make mention at this time of My handmaiden who hath sought the Supreme Horizon. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon her a blessing from the heaven of His grace and a mercy from the clouds of His generosity, and to cause her to enter the most exalted Paradise.

Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And We make mention of him who was named Husayn-Ali and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's loving-kindness and grace which encompassed him when the Pen moved to make mention of him. We testify that he attained unto the light of reunion and drank the choice wine of nearness from the hand of bounty and favors. Upon them be My glory and My loving-kindness, and the glory of those in My Kingdom, and the glory of those who have turned unto the Countenance and circled round the Throne, and the glory of those near ones and the sincere ones, and the glory of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

BH04657: The people of the earth in ages and centuries…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The people of the earth in ages and centuries past have awaited and continue to await the effulgences of the Light of the divine Manifestation. Especially the Shi'ih sect, uttering the words "Would that we had been with Thee!" and upon hearing mention of the Qa'im, speaking the phrase "May God hasten His advent!" But when the Sun of Truth dawned by the will of God, exalted be His glory, that heedless sect abandoned justice and clung to oppression, forsook equity and attempted with the swords of tyranny and injustice to slay the Desired One of the world, and committed that which all have heard and know. For the sake of two days of transient life they forsook everlasting life, and for ephemeral bounties they closed their eyes to eternal blessings. We beseech God to aid His loved ones in that land to achieve that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God.

We heard thy call and from the direction of the prison sent thee this gracious reply. Rejoice and be thou of the thankful. Today the deeds and words of all are remembered and witnessed before God. He is the Hearer, the Seer, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, in that thy heart hath been adorned with the light of the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds. Make mention of the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to protect them and aid them

to achieve what He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is the Lord of the Hereafter and of this world, and the Lord of the mighty Throne.

BH05499: The Manifest Book on this manifest Day calleth out…

He is the Kingdom.

The Manifest Book on this manifest Day calleth out amidst the religions and inviteth all to the momentous News. He is the Peerless Speaker and the Incomparable Knower. O friends! Hearken unto His call and turn with your hearts to the direction of God. Today the seat of the Wronged One is the Most Great Prison. The heedless servants have turned away from the Truth and have chosen what they possess over what is with God.

Blessed is the servant whom things have not withheld from their Owner nor remembrances from their Rememberer. He hath cast away what the people possess on this Day and taken what was ordained in My preserved Book.

Thy name was present before the Wronged One and these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of Will: When thou dost inhale their fragrance say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and given me to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty and shown me the signs of Thy Pen and acquainted me with the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy generosity.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the station which Thou hast made the seat of Thy throne and by the lands which were reddened with the blood of Thy loved ones and by the neck which was adorned with the rope in Thy path, to assist me to such steadfastness as shall not be shaken by the doubts of the heedless ones nor the signs of the barking ones. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

BH05433: In My Name, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing…

In My Name, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The peoples and nations of the world cling to vain imaginings and hold fast to idle fancies, for they have been raised under the shadow of those who follow delusions. Throughout days and nights they yearned and hoped for the appearance of the Lord of all beings, to such extent that they would implore His presence from the Lord of Oneness with lamentation and weeping. Yet when the veils of glory were rent asunder by the finger of power and the breezes of the dawn of manifestation wafted, all turned away heedless save whom thy Lord willed.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me and given me to drink and taught me and shown me what was recorded in Thy Books and Scriptures and Tablets and Scrolls. I thank Thee, O my God, and praise Thee, O my Desire, for having sent down to me from the heaven of Thy bounty the table of knowledge and remembered me with that which will preserve my remembrance throughout the duration of Thy Kingdom.

I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to ordain for Thy handmaidens what Thou hast ordained for those handmaidens who circle round Thy throne at eventide and at dawn, and in the morning and at eventide.

O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have turned to Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

I beseech Thee to forgive my trespasses and my sins. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH05684: O contending peoples and kindreds of the earth! Set…

In the name of the one true Friend

O contending peoples and kindreds of the earth! Set your faces towards unity, and let the radiance of its light shine upon you. Gather ye together, and for the sake of God resolve to root out whatever is the source of contention amongst you. Then will the effulgence of the world's great Luminary envelop the whole earth, and its inhabitants become the citizens of one city, and the occupants of one and the same throne. This wronged One hath, ever since the early days of His life, cherished none other desire but this, and will continue to entertain no wish except this wish.

There can be no doubt whatever that the peoples of the world, of whatever race or religion, derive their inspiration from one heavenly Source, and are the subjects of one God. The difference between the ordinances under which they abide should be attributed to the varying requirements and exigencies of the age in which they were revealed. All of them, except a few which are the outcome of human perversity, were ordained of God, and are a reflection of His Will and Purpose. Arise and, armed with the power of faith, shatter to pieces the gods of your vain imaginings, the sowers of dissension amongst you. Cleave unto that which draweth you together and uniteth you. This, verily, is the most exalted Word which the Mother Book hath sent down and revealed unto you. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur from His habitation of glory.

That soul and other loved ones must hold fast to the improvement of the world and the removal of differences between peoples, and must exert mighty efforts. Verily He is the Confirmer, the All-Wise, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH05987: O Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned…

He is the Hearer in the Kingdom of wisdom and utterance.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto My countenance, soared in My atmosphere, and held fast unto that which hath been revealed from My presence, that thy shrill voice may draw him to a station wherein My sweetest call hath been raised—a call whereby the hearts of the Concourse on high were attracted, every hesitant one hastened, every tongue-tied one spoke forth, and every sightless one beheld. Blessed is he who hath discovered the fragrance of utterance and believed in God, the Lord of all

religions. We have manifested that which lay hidden within God's knowledge, the Lord of lords, and that which had been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets. Is there one possessed of might who would cast away what the people have and take what is with God, the Desire of all mankind? And is there one endowed with power whom that which is with men would not prevent from drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of inspiration? When thou attainest, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy prison and guided me to the Most Great Ocean through Thy bounty and bestowal. I beseech Thee by the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom and the mysteries of Thy Cause which are therein, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

BH06267: In My Name, by which the Herald hath called…

In My Name, by which the Herald hath called out amongst the servants.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath clung to the hem of the robe of God's mercy, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Light hath shone forth, and by it the earth and heaven were illumined, yet most of the people perceive not. The Path hath appeared and the Guide proclaimeth: "I am the Truth, the Knower of the unseen." Say: O people of the earth! The Creator of heaven hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who dwell in the unseen and the visible realms. Turn with your hearts unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Beware lest the hosts of princes prevent you from God, the Possessor of existence. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and its influence, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having manifested unto me Thy Cause, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and for having guided me to Thy path. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the signs of Thy grandeur and the Word whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy creation, to make me one who circleth around Thy Cause and is content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy will. O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant one seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH06014: The foundations are firm and strong, yet this Wronged…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

The foundations are firm and strong, yet this Wronged One, without helper or assistant, guided nations and peoples to the Ancient Lord through the Pen. At every moment, pearls of wisdom and utterance appeared and shone forth from the treasury of the Supreme Pen. Those possessed of hearing and sight attained unto them, while deprived souls remain debarred until now. The cause of this deprivation has been and continues to be the leaders of the people—those who, without divine authority, have taken unto themselves educators and guides. They have forsaken truthfulness and clung to calumnies. They

speak according to their desires and hold fast to that which is reprehensible. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having protected me from these people and their imaginings and fancies, and for having confirmed me in turning towards Thee on a Day wherein every remote scholar and every heedless opponent turned away from Thee.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, by the Most Exalted Horizon wherein Thy sweetest call was raised, to ordain for me that which will preserve me from the vanities of the world and the doubts of the nations. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the lights of the Daystar of certitude, then forgive me through Thy mercy, O Thou Most Merciful of the merciful ones!

BH06720: This is a Book sent down by the Ancient…

He is the One manifest before the faces of the world!

This is a Book sent down by the Ancient King, Who hath appeared through His Most Great Name, unto him who hath turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may draw him to the Supreme Horizon, and cause him to say:

> "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify to Thy manifestation and Thy dawning and Thy establishment upon the throne of utterance before the faces of all religions, and to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and Thy greatness and Thy power and Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Thou seest the drop seeking the ocean of Thy grace and the sea of Thy bounty, and the atom seeking the effulgences of the sun of Thy generosity and munificence. I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll and by Thy power in the kingdom of names to send down upon this servant of Thine from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will gladden all existence and raise up the people of the graves. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the City which Thou hast named Akka in the kingdom of names, and whose horizon Thou hast illumined with the Light through which all lights shone forth and through which mysteries were revealed and through which the trees proclaimed: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen!' to ordain for me steadfastness in Thy Cause and adherence to Thy cord. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to grant this prayer."

BH06705: The Book of God is calling Out…

In the Name of the Desire of the world!

The Book of God is calling Out with the loudest voice among the servants and maidservants, leading them to the most exalted horizon. O bondsmaid of God, exert thyself that thou mayest become purged from the vacillations of the people and, with a pure heart and seeing eye, turn unto the loftiest summit. Although the inhabitants of the world besought reunion with the highest Lord with tearful eyes at nights and in the day season, when the brilliance of the Revelation illumined the world of existence, all became deniers except those who thy Lord willed.

Praise be to God, the tempestuous winds did not deprive that leaf from the Sidrih. If the reward of this action is revealed and made manifest, all the women of the world would become intent on attaining the

highest horizon and ultimate summit in such wise that name and fame, abasement and glory, impotence and might, poverty and wealth will not deter them.

Thou wert remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and We made mention of thee with these radiant Verses and illumined Words. Strive that thou mayest attain that which is eternal and everlasting.

BH06819: O thou who hast turned towards God! The Wronged…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

O thou who hast turned towards God! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and to counsel the servants for the sake of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O people of the Bayan! It behooveth no one to test the Dawning-Places of God's Revelation, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Yet the Wronged One summoneth you and biddeth you to present yourselves that ye may hear that which is sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Say: His Cause cannot be confused with aught else beside it. Present yourselves before the Face and be not of the patient ones. The rain of wisdom and utterance descendeth at all times upon the heads of them that are nigh unto God. Say: O company of the opposers! Beware lest ye deny the verses of God after their revelation. Lay hold on justice and cast behind you the whisperings of the wrongdoers who have cast the Most Great Ocean behind their backs, clinging to the idle fancies of the heedless. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made mention of me in the Most Great Prison. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O my Lord! Aid me to remain steadfast in the Most Great Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06451: We repaired this day to the garden wherein…

He is the Speaker in the Most Great Prison.

We repaired this day to the garden wherein the trees proclaim "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all Religions!" When the Dawning-Place of God's Revelation and the Dayspring of His inspiration arrived, He established Himself upon the throne of utterance and revealed unto thee that which hath perfumed the whole of creation with the fragrance of His loving-kindness. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! By Thy might! My transgressions have prevented me from turning toward the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace, and my sins from attaining presence before Thy face. Whenever I contemplate the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bounty, joy overtaketh me from every direction, yet whenever I reflect upon my errors and transgressions, I long to hide my face beneath the layers of the earth.

O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy bestowals. I testify that Thy forgiveness hath preceded sin, and Thy generosity hath encompassed all who dwell within the realm of possibility. I beseech Thee to ordain for me presence before Thy throne and to enable me to stand at the door of Thy mercy, which hath been opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Loving.

BH09542: A Book sent down in truth for people who…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

A Book sent down in truth for people who comprehend. Verily it hath been sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It guideth mankind unto His path and giveth them to drink of His sealed wine. The Promise hath come and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty, drawing near the servants unto God's outstretched path. We have heard thy call and turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of the Lord of Religions, then drink from it through My remembrance, the Beloved. Beware lest the happenings of the world hold thee back from the Most Great Name. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to this ordained Cause. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon those who have turned to My praiseworthy station.

BH09744: Today the tongue of bounty makes mention of His…

In the Name of the One Mighty God!

Today the tongue of bounty makes mention of His loved ones and summons all to the horizon of the heaven of manifestation. O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Strive that perchance thou mayest drink of the sealed wine and hold fast to the Name of the Self-Subsisting. For shouldst thou attain unto this station, thou wilt have attained unto all good, and all the peoples of the world—the deniers and the idolaters—will be powerless to prevent thee and will not hold thee back from the mention of the Peerless Friend. This is a great bounty—know thou its value and, having perceived it, preserve it. The handmaidens who have turned unto God are all remembered and have attained His grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH10284: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my…

He is God, exalted be His glory! Wisdom and Utterance

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Support! I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Pen of destiny, and by the traces of Thy Pen, and by Thy most exalted attributes, and by the Dawning-Places of Thy revelation in the kingdom of creation, to make me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest this evanescent one seeking the Kawthar of Thy perpetual grace from the hands of Thy bounty, and this weary one seeking the kingdom of Thine utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause whereby the limbs of the idolaters trembled and the cry of the transgressors was raised, to make me steadfast and vocal in Thy service and remembrance. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

BH10750: This day have We found ourselves swimming…

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

This day have We found ourselves swimming in the ocean of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of all the worlds. Thereupon We heard the Call from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha in the Supreme Paradise:

> "O concourse of earth and heaven! By God, the True One! Verily I have not created you to serve your own selves, but for the betterment of the world and the service of the Cause."

Thus have We sent unto thee that wherefrom the near ones may inhale the fragrance of loving care and tender mercies, from the presence of God, the Lord of all mankind.

BH11862: All praise be unto God, Who hath revealed…

…All praise be unto God, Who hath revealed the law of obligatory prayer as a reminder to His servants, and enjoined on them the Fast that those possessed of means may become apprised of the woes and sufferings of the destitute….

BH00755: Praise befitteth and beseemeth the Lord of all beings…

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

Praise befitteth and beseemeth the Lord of all beings, Who on the Day of Return, without veil or covering, summoned the peoples to the most exalted horizon and from the hand of bounty bestowed the water of everlasting life upon the inhabitants of the mortal realm. Every soul who turned unto Him attained the chalice of recognition, and every denier was deprived. He is the Just One Who, through the balance of reward and punishment, bestowed freshness and radiance upon the world of justice. Exalted be His grandeur and manifest His proof. There is no God but Him. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the world and the Cause of the existence of nations, through Whom God sent down the Criterion and through Whom He distinguished between truth and falsehood until the Day of Resurrection, and upon His family and companions, through whom the foundation of religion was strengthened and the strong cord of God was made manifest. Whoso holdeth fast unto them hath indeed held fast unto God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

May my spirit be sacrificed for your remembrance, your utterance, your arising and your steadfastness. Your blessed letter, which was a clear book in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds, was received and in the sanctuary of the heart released the fragrance of meanings and perfumed the pillars, for it was adorned with that which was the purpose of the creation of the world—His remembrance. Well done to your pen and your ink! After reading and becoming aware, We approached the Presence and attained the honor of being heard. He said:

"O Afnan! Upon you be the peace of God, His grace and His mercy. In these days there has occurred that which causes the greatest sorrow. That Afnan, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, bears witness that this Wronged One has, in most Tablets, commanded the servants to trustworthiness, religiosity, chastity and fidelity. However, the heedless did not accept the counsel of the Wronged One. They passed by what is right and clung to what is wrong. The tempests of self and passion move them. The unfair one in the great city tore the veil of honor and did that which caused the pillars of trustworthiness and religion to shake, despite being shown kindness and assistance and being aided by God's command. Glory

be to God! The fire of greed and avarice appeared with a strange flame in that city, burning away spiritual qualities, and in its place the fire of envy was kindled.

"O Afnan! I do not complain of My grief and sorrow, and I remain content with what has befallen Me from the oppression of the oppressors and the turning away of the ones who turned away. Glory be to God! Some souls strive and struggle for their own completion, but are unaware. We commanded all to that which elevates human stations in the contingent world, yet they did that which caused the people of the cities of remembrance and utterance to lament. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them to return and to make known to them what they have lost. From them has appeared oppression in place of justice, tyranny in place of equity, and the fire of unfaithfulness in place of fidelity. That Afnan and those with him and the friends of God, exalted be His glory, must gaze toward the horizon of forgiveness and bounty and beseech for creation that which is the cause of eternal salvation.

"Convey greetings to the Afnan on behalf of the Wronged One. Let them not be saddened by exile. Praise be to God, they have turned to Him and taken residence in the vicinity. We beseech God to open before his face the door of His grace. Verily, He has power over all things. Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be God's peace, has hastily departed from the source of corruption and chosen flight over staying. The cause of the hatred and enmity of some in the great city is not known—what it was and how it arose. In any case, the station of mention is, we seek refuge in God. Convey greetings to the friends of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Watchful, the Near." End.

In truth, the affairs that occurred in the Great City have become a cause of astonishment. People's wealth has been scattered to the wind, a great injustice has been inflicted upon justice, and the severest blow has been dealt to religion. I beseech God to protect His loved ones from the harm of those souls. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

That which this servant never imagined has come to pass. One who had been shown the utmost kindness, and whose outward affairs had been arranged according to his wishes, nevertheless, solely due to vain imaginings and suspicions, committed that which caused harm and grief to the Station. All that your honor wrote regarding these matters and dealings of the person in question is the truth, without doubt. After it was presented, He smiled and said:

> "Excellent is what the Afnan (upon him be My peace) hath done."

However, in the Great City he has practiced deception with the friends of God. Moderation with such souls is not permissible, for whatever moderation was shown to heedless souls in that land, they have written it differently and sent it to this land. It seems they were created from sheer heedlessness and absolute hatred. Complaints about those souls have come from all directions. According to reports, he has made purchases for some that were contrary to religion and trustworthiness.

Praise be to God that his share of deceit, trickery and cunning had no effect on your honor. Whatever you wrote to him was repeatedly presented, and each time it was presented, joy and gladness were manifested. Praise be to God that the Afnan was protected from the arrow of that heedless one's treachery. He never thought there would be found in the world a soul who would remain protected from

his deception and cunning. Praise be to God Who protected the Afnan from his evil and his cunning, and answered him in what was befitting. Verily He is the Protector, the Trustworthy.

In truth, this servant was greatly pleased by your honor's letter. The meaning of the blessed verse "And they planned, and God planned, and God is the best of planners" became manifest. That heedless one committed that which is not permissible to mention. Night and day he associated with the enemy of God. For four years patience was shown and the name "Concealer" prevailed, but the lamentation of truthfulness, the cry of trustworthiness, and the wail of chastity removed the veil and revealed the reality of that soul. His injustice reached such a point that the hand of power revealed his deeds and uncovered them. Verily He is the Avenger, the Just, the Wise.

To the presence of the honored Qurratu'l-ʿAyn of the near ones, the Afnan (upon him be the peace of the All-Merciful and His favors), I convey greetings. Praise be to God, he is blessed with the greatest favors and is mentioned before Him Who is Mentioned. To the beloved of the heart, the honored Nazir (upon him be God's peace and grace), I convey greetings, and I beseech God for him that which is the cause of joy and the source of happiness. Likewise to the other friends who are present with your honor, I convey greetings to each one, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for blessings, bounty and steadfastness for them. Verily He is the Giver, the Generous. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you and hear your word for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The servant 29 Ramadan 1306

He said to write to the Afnan that if possible, they should send several drinking glasses.

BH09803: These are the days of fasting, when the dawning-place…

These are the days of fasting, when the dawning-place of the manifestations of the grace of the Lord of all beings decreases the carnal and increases the spiritual. It transforms base desire into guidance and cruelty into faithfulness. For the training of the soul it is the most potent remedy and the greatest medicine. Within it are concealed wisdoms and hidden benefits. Glorified is He Who has commanded His servants thus, and glorified is the majesty of Him Who has ordained it. And peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom God's commands appeared and His laws were spread abroad, through Whom the bounty of recognition descended and the manifestations of His favors emerged, and upon His family and companions through whom God illumined the horizons of His lands and manifested His sovereignty amongst His servants….

BH00080: Praised be the Omnipotent Lord Who hath adorned…

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

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

Praised be the Omnipotent Lord Who hath adorned the ranks of might with the points of the Supreme Pen, Who hath combined letters and words in a new and wondrous manner, Who hath raised therefrom

the banner of “Verily He is God,” and Who hath manifested supreme power before the hosts of enemies with but a limited few. His helper in the first instance was the Supreme Pen and in the latter instance the manifestations of righteousness. Glorified be His utterance and exalted His dominion! Glory and praise be unto the hidden treasuries in the realm of creation, from which appeared the ranks of wisdom bearing the standards of utterance—such souls as were not overtaken by the intoxication of passion but rather by the joy of guidance. They stood before all faces and summoned all to the decreed Command of God, to the sealed wine. Blessed are they who have attained, and woe unto them who have denied and disbelieved—these are the companions of the fire in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

O thou beloved of my heart! The traces of the pen of love and affection have appeared in the form of the fruits of the Tree of Faithfulness. The leaves of the Tree warble with wondrous and enchanting melodies, and its fruits speak in praise of the traces of the Supreme Pen. After hearing, hearkening, becoming enraptured and filled with joy, it sought the station of the Lord of all beings. And after attaining the presence of Him Who conversed upon Sinai—may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be a sacrifice unto Him—He said: “What is in thy hand?” After its presentation He commanded me to read. I presented and read before His Countenance. When it was completed and ended, the Divine Lote-Tree spoke forth with its supreme verses, blessed and exalted be His Word:

In My Name, the Sorrowing One in the realm of creation

O thou who speaketh My mention and standeth in service to My Cause and gazeth toward My horizon! Hear My call which hath been raised from a station encompassed by the sorrows of the world, through that which the hands of those who claimed nearness and love for Me have wrought, committing that which hath caused the Pen of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, to lament. A door was opened in the great city to be the dawning-place of trustworthiness, chastity, faithfulness, religiosity, truthfulness and purity, but the oppressor made it a place of theft, treachery, tyranny and cruelty. By this did the near ones cry out and the sincere ones lament, then those who circled round the Most Great Throne and bore witness to that which God did testify that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

O Varqa! Baha lamenteth and uttereth that which hath befallen the Temple of Trustworthiness—a blow, and upon the face of Truth—a slap, from him who with fingers of tyranny rent asunder the veil of sanctity and committed that which caused the greatest terror to appear in the City of God’s justice, the Lord of existence. We desired good for him, yet he desired evil for Us. Thereby was opened the door of derision and mockery against God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The Wronged One calleth and summoneth all to harmony and unity, but those who broke the Covenant arose in such hypocrisy as caused all things to cry out from every horizon, yet most of the people hear not. The market of falsehood hath flourished through his deeds while truth languisheth in such grief as none knoweth save the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. By My life! He cast aside piety and embraced lewdness after We had forbidden him and Our loved ones from it in various tablets, to which faithful servants bear witness. We desired for him commerce, but the heedless one desired for Us loss.

Say: Take what is good and abandon evil, a command from God, the Lord of Hosts. The profit of the Wronged One is justice and equity, not the ornaments by which the door of greed and passion was

opened before the faces of men. Say: Beware, O people, follow God's justice amongst you and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies.

O Varqa! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of all beings. There occurred in the great city that which burned the liver of justice. One who was shown the utmost kindness had the fire of greed and avarice so enkindled in his heart that he forgot God, exalted be His glory, and His bounty and favor. Night and day he associated and was intimate with the enemy of God, committing that which caused hearts and minds to lament. Know, O Varqa, that the Beloved is in manifest adversity, in manifest sorrow, in manifest grief, yet in all conditions praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus ends the fragrances of the utterance of the Goal of all worlds.

From this the condition of this servant is known. Some time ago that Beloved One mentioned a person who had sent a letter from the great city to that direction. That heedless one went to the believer, the believer to the denier, the denier to the infidel. The fire of hypocrisy was enkindled in his heart and he united with another in acquiring ornaments and betrayal. Much of people's wealth was lost, and now hypocrisy is manifest since his treacheries were not and are not confirmed. And rebellion hath reached such a point that although God, exalted be His glory, hath commanded association with the followers of all religions, He hath forbidden His loved ones from associating with him and the hypocrites. I beseech God to calm the fire of greed with the waters of contentment.

I beseech God to still the fire of covetousness with the water of contentment, and to allay the flame of greed. Notwithstanding the utmost loving-kindness that was shown him in the holy Presenceâ€"inasmuch as the loved ones assigned him a place and aided him with their substanceâ€"yet from him there proceeded that whereof the pen shrinketh from mention. By night and by day I implore God, glorified be His majesty, to ordain that which is meet and fitting.

And as to what thou didst write concerning the mention of the loved ones in that land and in its surrounding regions, and of their enkindlement with the fire of the love of God: after it had been presented before the Countenance in the Most Exalted Horizon, the Tongue of Utterance in the Kingdom of Knowledge gave voice to these weighty verses. He, blessed and exalted be He, saith:

O My friends in the letter Ta and its environs! Hear ye the call of the Wronged One through Whom the realm of utterance and the realm of ears were created, whereof this Most Great and Perspicuous Book beareth witness. This is the call the hearkening to which hath been the ultimate desire of them that are nigh unto God and the sincere ones. He Who was enkindled with the fire of My love and who speaketh in praise of My beauteous praise hath made mention of you. We make mention of you through verses that attract the hearts of the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the pavilion of glory and the tabernacle of God's protection, the Lord of all worlds. Verily We give them glad tidings of My grace and remind them of My verses, for I am the All-Merciful, the Generous. We have inscribed their names by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet which none hath discovered save God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. Blessed are ye for having taken the Kawthar of My utterance from the hand of My bounty and having drunk thereof in the name of God, the King, the True, the Just, the Manifest.

O Varqa! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. Say: A single drop thereof cannot be compared to all the seas of the world. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and woe unto the heedless. The helpless servants have been prevented by the divines of Persia from recognizing the Purpose of the worlds on the Day of His Manifestation. They are the most great veil unto themselves and unto the peoples, having deprived both. Give glad tidings unto My friends, for each hath attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. At this moment the Kaaba of God hath turned toward them and the Manifestation of God gazeth upon those regions. We beseech God to make them treasuries of His love and repositories of His steadfastness and dawning-places of His bounty amongst His servants and His light in His lands.

Verily He is powerful over all things. Soon shall We open the gates of utterance to make mention of them and praise them, and We shall strengthen the hearts in their turning unto them. Verily their Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Hearer, the Beholder, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Glory be from Us upon them and upon those whom neither clamor prevented from turning to the Most Sublime Horizon nor were they frightened by the hosts of them who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Our Lord, our Master and our Protector! We thank Thee for the wonders of Thy grace and praise Thee for the manifestations of Thy favors, Thy gifts and Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Master of nations, to protect those who have turned toward Thee from the evil of the deniers, and those who acknowledge Thee from the oppression of them that deny Thee, and those who are nigh unto Thee from the tyranny of such as have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs on this Thy holy, mighty and luminous Day.

It is hoped that ere long there shall appear in that land and its environs that which shall guide all unto the straight path and the mighty announcement. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote about the receptivity and acceptance of Agha Siyyid Mihdi—upon him be the Glory of God, who has attained the sealed wine on this blessed and destined Day—after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, a most wondrous Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of all beings specifically for him and was sent. God willing, may he drink from the wine of utterance that lies hidden and concealed within the words of the Lord of Religions, and through wisdom and utterance make the heedless servants aware, that they might not remain deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord in these days. He is indeed the All-Generous, the Munificent.

They mentioned Haji Ali-Askar—upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have attained that which was the hope of the sincere ones. And specifically for the friends of Milan—upon them be the Glory of God—an exalted Tablet was sent. God willing, it will have arrived by now and eyes will have been illumined by its light. Repeatedly from the Tongue of Grandeur mention has been made of the emigrants and those who have attained from the land of Milan, especially those souls who are related to the honored beloved, His Holiness Haji A. and H.—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. All are mentioned and have attained the glory of God's favor. Blessed are they who have drunk the wine of His love and have turned to His horizon. The servant begs his Lord to protect them and assist them in what He loves and is pleased with.

In these days, letters have repeatedly arrived from their children who are in T. and F., and mention of them has been made before the Face. A hundred thousand thanks that He has confirmed and granted success and caused His loved ones to attain that for which no likeness or similitude has been mentioned in any books, scriptures or psalms. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the Forgiving, the Munificent.

And concerning the mention made of the handmaiden of God, the wife of Haji Ali-Askar—upon them both be the Glory of God—and likewise concerning her turning and presence, after presentation before the Seat of the Lord, this most exalted Word was revealed from the Source of the Command of the Lord of all men. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Varqa! Upon thee be My Glory! Convey to the handmaiden of God the greetings of the Wronged One, and give her glad tidings, for her intention is manifest and clear before the Luminary of divine will, and the Tongue of Grandeur speaks this most exalted Word: 'O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My Glory!' We beseech God—glorified be His majesty—to assist thee and to adorn with deeds thine intention which is now in the realm of words, and to accept what thou hast sought, and to ordain for thee the reward of those handmaidens who have intended the Most Great Goal and have attained to presence, hearing and witnessing. Give thanks to thy Lord for this bounty which has encompassed the world, then praise thy Master for this mercy which has preceded all peoples. Say:

'Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made me recognize Thee and ordained for me the reward of those who have drunk the wine of nearness to Thee and have attained the lights of the Luminary of Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous, there is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. I beseech Thee to ordain for me in every world of Thy worlds all the good Thou hast ordained for Thy devoted handmaidens. Thou art indeed the Almighty, the Powerful, the Great."'

Blessed is the soul that has attained or will attain to such a station, for through His grace and mercy the world has reached from seeking to the Desired One and has come from the station of asking to the station of attainment. If ye should count His favors ye could not reckon them. This servant too beseeches for that noble lady that which is the cause of prosperity and success. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Section 2: "In My Name, sanctified above all names…"

In My Name, sanctified above all names

O Allah-Virdi, blessed art thou and blessed is thy name, for it denoteth and attesteth to the oceans of grace, bounty, bestowal and favor of the Lord of all beings. Praise the Ancient Beauty Who confirmed thee in His grace and favor, His nearness and knowledge. Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create existence through a drop from the ocean of Thy generosity, and didst manifest therefrom, through the rain of Thy mercy, whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy power and grace. O Generous One! Thou art He Who was not hindered by the veils of the world from Thy purpose, nor were the clouds of the peoples an obstacle. With the finger of might Thou didst rend asunder the veils and guided Thy loved ones to the tabernacle of glory.

The door of generosity was opened before the faces of the peoples and the path of salvation appeared before the eyes of the world. O Generous One! Deprive not hearts and souls from the breezes of Thy revelation, and forbid not eyes and ears from beholding and hearing. Thou art that Omnipotent One Who, with two letters, bestowed the ornament of existence upon absolute nothingness, and invited utter evanescence to the realm of eternity. O Merciful One! Grant this evanescent servant a portion from the Kawthar of immortality, and bestow from the ocean of knowledge that which befitteth Thy bounty. Thou art the Bestower, the Kind, and within Thy grasp is the reins of all who are in the realm of possibility.

And mention was made of Haji Muhammad-ʿAli (of Maraghih). After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, these blessed words were revealed from the Mother Book. He saith, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors: O thou who hast arisen to serve Me and who speaketh in My praise! Give him the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy. Verily We have mentioned him before and after, and aided him to turn unto Me, and gave him to drink of the Kawthar of My knowledge from the hand of My bounty, and I am the Generous, the Bountiful. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make him a letter of the letters of His Book and a banner of His name amongst His creation. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We make mention in this station of Ibn-i-Dakhil who was intoxicated by the wine of My utterance and was drawn to My horizon and was moved to offer beautiful praise of Me among My servants who have drunk the Kawthar of knowledge from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

Praise be to God! The loved ones have ever been and continue to be remembered. Grace hath encompassed all and the means of divine confirmation have been vouchsafed, so that sanctified hearts might be illumined with the light of knowledge and enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree—an enkindlement which, it is hoped, may set the world ablaze. This servant conveyeth to each one greetings and salutations, and beseecheth from God that which is the cause of life for all. O Beloved of my heart! I swear by the Sun of Truth that were people to become aware of His grace and bounty even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would find themselves detached and freed from aught else but Him. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine and attained that which the near ones and the sincere ones have attained.

The mention of Karbila'i Muhammad Ja'far, upon him be the Glory of God, reached Our hearing, and after its presentation before Us, this Supreme Word was revealed and sent down from the horizon of the heaven of Sinai, blessed and exalted be His Words:

O Ja'far! By the life of God, the Wronged One hath borne that which the world was and is powerless to bear. The purpose is that in this Dawn of Revelation a breeze of the grace of God, exalted be His Glory, might waft, adorning the outward with the ornament of justice and fairness, and purifying the inward—that is, the hearts and souls—from rancor and hatred toward the peoples of the world. That which is conducive to the elevation of existence and the advancement of souls hath been revealed and sent down from the Pen of God in clear and explicit terms in the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets. However, attentive ears, penetrating eyes, expanded breasts, and illumined hearts are rarer than red sulphur.

O My party! The grief and sorrow of this Wronged One have not been, nor are they, from what hath befallen Him at the hands of His enemies. Rather, from those who claim to love Him there appeared that

which caused the rock to cry out, the clouds to lament, and all else besides God to exclaim ʿAlas!' It is better that this matter remain veiled lest the hearts of My loved ones and chosen ones be saddened. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and aid thee in that which will exalt thee amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

From the mention and exposition of the loving-kindness of the Goal of the world's peoples toward His loved ones, it is clear and evident. I beseech God to illumine His loved ones with the fire of utterance and the light of exposition in such wise that all horizons may be illumined, so that through the manifestation of spiritual deeds and virtuous character the people of the world may turn toward the Straight Path and the Great Announcement, and may see themselves purified from the murk and dust of doubts and the allusions of the people. His mercy hath encompassed all, and His grace, like unto the sun, shineth forth and is manifest from the horizon of every letter of the letters of His Book. Verily, our Lord is the Helper, the Giver, the Generous.

God willing, the aforementioned fragment shall be sent specifically to Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, that the eyes of whomsoever desireth it may be gladdened thereby. And one blessed fragment in the handwriting of the Most Great Branch—may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of His footsteps—shall be sent specifically to Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness.

Concerning what was written about the receipt and delivery of the blessed Tablets intended for the friends in Bonab and Miyanduab, this was truly a manifest glad tiding that increased the power of vision. Praise be to God that those regions are blessed. At one time this supreme blessed word was heard from the Master of all beings—exalted be His glory:

> "O thou who art present! Had We been in another country and had this grace that raineth down upon Iran in the form of Tablets been bestowed upon other lands, most assuredly would the majority of the people in foreign cities and regions have turned toward the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness."

Verily, this is so—they know how many verses were revealed and how many evidences appeared. Each of God's Tablets was the greatest key to the treasures of inner meanings, and none has denied its station and rank.

In these days, one of the chosen ones spoke this word of the Master of all beings, writing from the Land of Ta that the servants are humbled before the appearance of the pearls of wisdom and utterance revealed from the treasury of the Supreme Pen, and none has been observed to deny or disapprove. Nevertheless, the intoxication of self and passion has so seized them that even while acknowledging, they are seen to deny—for though their words are heard and witnessed, deeds are non-existent. Had they succeeded in deeds, the portions of the world would now be seen as one portion and would be reckoned as part of the Most Glorious Paradise. A hundred thousand regrets that until now they have not understood or become aware of true loss and gain. I testify that they are among the heedless.

Concerning what was written about Mulla Husayn (M.Y.), upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented before the Most Holy Court, He said: "O Husayn! Take My Book with a power that the might of

the world cannot prevent thee, and with a strength that the clamor of the nations cannot weaken thee, and with a steadfastness that neither the doubts of the suspicious ones, nor the clamor of the barking ones, nor the attack of kings, nor the retreat of sovereigns can cause thee to slip. We have turned toward thee at this time and have revealed for thee that which the treasuries of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Rejoice and say: ʻThine is the praise, O Lord of the worlds, and Thine is the glory, O Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones."'

As for the matter of Huquq, they have been blessed with true forgiveness. God hath forgiven him as a favor from His presence. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. However, it is hoped that they will occupy themselves with guiding people, that perchance through divine wisdom and revealed utterances they may awaken heedless souls and cause them to be nourished from the Kawthar of recognition. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all the worlds! Ponder thou upon His Manifestation and His signs. The showers of wisdom and utterance are falling in all times from the heaven of merciful bounty and the clouds of divine wisdom, and the Sun of power, majesty and might is shining forth above the horizon of the world before the faces of all peoples, manifest and evident, while the pearls of knowledge are, at all times, appearing and becoming visible from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. The light is radiant, the ocean is surging, yet all remain veiled and extinct save whom thy Lord willeth.

O Ahmad! Hearken thou with the ear of the spirit to the cry of Him Who is wronged, and pass beyond the world and all who dwell therein. Fix thy gaze at all times upon this most exalted Word which hath dawned from the horizon of the Mother Book. Thus sayeth He, blessed and exalted be He:

> "O friends of God in His earth, His chosen ones in His lands, and His party among His creatures! Purify your hearts from the stories of the past, through attachment to which the feet of the people of the past have slipped, those who prided themselves over the world and all peoples."

O Ahmad! We desire to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of utterance that it may sanctify thee from the doubts and imaginings whereby the Shi'ih were prevented from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Hear thou the call from the horizon of this heaven and take what thou art commanded. This will deliver thee through His grace and acquaint thee with His mighty Message.

O Ahmad! The people of the Sunnah did not issue the decree for the martyrdom of the Lord of the world, nor did they seek to hold fast to the imaginary Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and the Jews did not reject the Beauty of the Manifestation, nor did they issue the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood.

O Ahmad! Ponder thou well! The Pen from which the counsel of God floweth and the Word of God appeareth hath now turned towards thee and maketh mention of thee. Say: O people! If ye attain not unto the light of faith, at least free yourselves from the darkness of the Shi'ih party. By the life of God! They have done that which neither the idol-worshippers according to their words, nor the worshippers of vain imaginings have done. Would that thou couldst hear the clamor of the pulpits of Iran! Each one speaketh with eloquent tongue, and each uttereth words at every moment, saying:

> “My God, my God! Thou didst create me for Thy remembrance and praise, yet now Thou hearest from him who hath mounted upon me the reviling of Thee and Thy loved ones. Would that I had not been planted and had not been created!”

O Ahmad! What were the claims of that party and what became of their deeds? Ponder, that thou mayest be of them that are firmly established. O Ahmad! If but one drop from this ocean should appear, or if but one word from the Hidden Scroll which is recorded in the Crimson Tablet should come forth and it be said to cut off thine own neck with thine own hand—verily the Truth hath come for eternal life, not for death. He hath commanded all to preserve the Cause. The Truth Himself beareth witness and the Tablets testify.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in prison, and for having turned towards me when I was heedless of Thy manifestation and Thy dawning and Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause which Thou hast made the cause of the existence of the world and the appearance of all peoples, that Thou make me steadfast in what hath been revealed and cause me to hold fast unto Thy strong cord and Thy manifest tidings.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God. After submission before the Most Holy Court, this supreme gift was revealed from the horizon of the heaven of bestowal, blessed and exalted be His words:

> “The A and H and their associates have all attained to that which is the greatest means for the guidance of nations. Their names have been planted in the lands of divine knowledge. Its branches, twigs, leaves and fruits shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. We testify that they are among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book. Convey to all the greetings of the Wronged One and give them glad tidings of God’s infinite favors.”

And regarding the name of the friends, We have previously granted permission for two most exalted names or the names of the Branches. We beseech God to send down upon them mercy from the heaven of His bestowal and blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Section 3: “They wrote that Aqa ʿAli, upon him be…”

They wrote that Aqa ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, requested that if a carpet or something else worth forty or fifty tumans was needed, it be ordered and granted, and that if funds were required, they would be sent upon indication. After these matters were submitted before the Most Holy Court, blessed and exalted be His words:

> “We have forgiven him as a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make him steadfast in His Cause and speaking in His praise. Praise be to God, he has attained to service, and whatsoever hath appeared is remembered and preserved with God. We give him glad tidings of My favor and remind him of My verses that the greatest joy may take hold of him in the days of God, the Lord of destiny and Creator of humanity. God willing, may he ignite with the fire of divine love those who are cold and guide them through the appearance of the lights of the Greatest Luminary.”

This servant also conveys greetings to him and the other friends. Praise be to God, they are mentioned as souls steadfast before God. It is hoped that each of the friends will arise to guide the servants and speak forth, but they must hold fast to wisdom in all conditions. Those who have attained the Most Holy Court have witnessed the deeds of the Branches of the Blessed Tree and the companions and have become aware. Confession and acknowledgment have been forbidden after forty years or more while the dawning-places of vain imaginings have been occupied with intrigues and deceptions and concealed behind vessels. One of those souls has appeared in these days and his station is evident—that is Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi who resides in the land of Sad.

In brief, in these days after the martyrdom of His Holiness Ashraf—may the souls of those near to God be sacrificed for him—they mentioned him by the name of Babi. Fear seized him and agitation led him to ascend the pulpit and renounce the Cause from beginning to end. That tyrannical soul committed, for the sake of two days of life, that which caused the reality of existence to lament. Now consider those souls who follow his like. The seeker and the sought have both lost, and that heedless oppressor is again occupied with leading people astray. Now the martyrdom of the most exalted martyr and the life of that heedless one are two mighty witnesses to the reality of the station and deeds of both. This matter has been mentioned repeatedly as it is good for awakening, that perchance the heedless may remember or fear. How many souls have freely sacrificed their lives in this Most Great Revelation—the knowledge thereof is with God, our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

New tidings: a group of the Afnan and Leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree and Jinab-i-Amin, upon them be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, attained the presence at the place of circumambulation of the Concourse on High on the twentieth of Ramadan. Jinab-i-Amin repeatedly made mention of that beloved one. In truth he dearly loves the sincere ones and those near. Well is it with him!

His Honor Aqa Muhammad Husayn-i-Isku'i, upon him be the everlasting Glory of God, was mentioned at this time in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court and was blessed to be heard, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke while seated upon the Throne of Bounty, blessed and exalted be His words:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Muhammad-Husayn! He who loved Me made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that which causeth the Orb of Bounty to shine forth from the horizon of the Tablet of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Through it the Light hath shone and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of existence, hath been revealed. This is a Day wherein mysteries have appeared from the treasury of God's wisdom, Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily He hath appeared with grace and ruled with justice. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of the divines did not withhold, nor was he frightened by the mighty ones who denied what was sent down from the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not every ignorant rejected one. The veils have been rent asunder and the curtains drawn aside by the finger of Power, by the command of Him Who is the Lord of the seen and unseen. Blessed is the hearer who hath heard the Call and the seer who hath attained to behold the signs of God, the King, the Mighty, the Loving. When the fragrances of the verses take hold of thee, say:

> “Glory be unto Thee, O God, O Manifestation of clear evidences and Lord of names and attributes! I beseech Thee by Thy light which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy manifestation and illumined the regions of the cities of Thy grace and bounty, and by Thy command which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy sovereignty which hath overcome all who are in earth and heaven, to strengthen me in that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant one desiring the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the sinful one the sea of Thy forgiveness and bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him through Thy grace and bounty. Thou art He at Whose call all things have called out, and unto Whose name all who are in earth and heaven have bowed down in submission. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.”

As commanded, this blessed Tablet was also written in the hand of His Holiness the Most Great Branch (may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps) and sent. We hope that through its verses the tears of the longing ones may fall. This weeping is the weeping of love and joy and is better than a hundred thousand gladnesses. Other lovers have attained this station. Well is it with them!

Mention was made of His Honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad, son of the late and forgiven one, upon them both be the Glory of God. Praise and thanks be to God, mention of them was again made in the gathering of those near and sincere. This servant hath ever besought the True One, exalted be He, to aid him in service that would cause the exaltation of the Word and manifest detachment. In any case, after this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, one sacred Tablet specifically for him was revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Desired One of the worlds and was sent. I beseech Him, exalted is He, to attract him through His verses and draw him nigh through His grace and sanctify him from all that befitteth not His days. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And mention was made of His Honor Mirza Muhammad Kh-A and Mirza ʿAli, upon them both be the Glory of God. After presentation before His presence these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of Will. Mighty be His utterance and mighty His proof:

In My Name, the One Manifest before the faces of all religions

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! The divine verses have encompassed the worlds of the seen and unseen, and the effulgences of the Sun of His Revelation have cast their rays upon all. By My life! The ocean of utterance hath appeared with such waves as have never been witnessed from the beginning of the world until now. Yet the heedless servants have deprived themselves in this Revelation of the outpourings of the Speaker of Sinai. They cling to desire, turn away from righteousness, are far from truth, and hold fast to the vain imaginings of men. We beseech God to assist thee that thou mayest arise to serve His Cause with complete steadfastness and drink from the wine of His favors. Glory be to God! All parties are engaged in the mention of the Lord of all men and speak His praise, yet most are heedless of the Truth. In all conditions We ask for all that which will bring creation into being anew and adorn it with everlasting ornament. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous

O ʿAli! What was, has passed, and what will be, is yet to come. One must regard this moment as precious and hold fast to that which is befitting. Today every tree hath its mention and every clod its utterance. By the Sun of Truth! The hearing ear perceiveth from all things the cry "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all mankind." In the East He appeareth and His signs are manifest from the West, and in the West He sitteth upon the throne of utterance while His call is raised from the East. We beseech God to assist His loved ones and not deprive them of the splendors of the Light of utterance. He is the Bestower, the Giver, the Generous, the All-Bountiful.

In the name of each one floweth a Salsabil and streameth a Kawthar. From an empty vessel, how many pearls of wisdom and utterance have appeared and continue to appear! Blessed is he who hath eyes to see and ears to hear the call of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of this noble station.

After mentioning the namesake of the Intended One, the son of him who ascended unto God—upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God, from God, the Lord of all beings—these exalted words were revealed from the ocean of grace and bounty and the Dawning-place of attributes and names. His Word, exalted be His majesty and all-encompassing be His bounty:

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Repeatedly hath thy mention been made, and there hath been revealed in thy name from the Most Exalted Pen that which testifieth to the grace, mercy and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory. Every possessor of spiritual sense hath inhaled from the verses the fragrance of bounties, and every possessor of insight hath found his way to the most exalted horizon through beholding the signs. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and to ordain for thee, by His Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining His presence and meeting Him. Verily, He is the Kind, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We wish to make mention of thy wife who hath believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden and My leaf! He Who hath loved Me and circled round My Cause hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee through this Most Great Remembrance that it may draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath heard thy call and revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as His Name, the All-Compelling over all names, shall endure. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Rejoice in My loving-kindness and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn unto Thee on a Day whereon the hearts of the doubters among Thy servants were sorely agitated. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

The splendor be upon you and upon your sons and daughters from God, the Revealer of this clear Remembrance. To Him belongs all praise and glory, and to Him belongs all bounty and commendation. Each of the mentioned souls has attained to that which has no equal, and this servant also beseeches

from God, exalted be His glory, for each one that which causes the eternal river to flow and the everlasting fragrance to be manifest. Verily our Lord is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His blessed, mighty and wondrous Word.

Regarding the meeting, the path is distant and there are obstacles and impediments present. Therefore, permission was withheld due to the arrival of the governor. For now, there are certain discussions among the people. We beseech God to remove the impediment through His power. Verily He is the Strong, the Powerful.

At the end of the letter, mention was made of the Ayns—upon them be the glory of God, His mercy and His bounty. Each was mentioned in His presence and each has attained to the waves of the ocean of grace. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid them to serve His Cause that they may assist the Lord with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, his honor Ayn and Ba, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God and His most resplendent light. He has always been and continues to be remembered, and in these days detailed news of them has arrived. Praise be to God, they are firm in the Cause and steadfast in service. Upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you all and upon those who are with you and who hear your words concerning this mighty and wondrous Cause. And praise be to God, the Powerful, the Single, the Inaccessible.

The servant 12th of Shawwal 1306

The petition of his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Asghar (Usku'i)—upon him be 96 [Baha'ullah]—after being presented, permission to proceed was granted. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him in turning towards Him and in acceptance. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Likewise regarding the proceeding of his honor Mashhadi Hasan—upon him be 96 [Baha'ullah]—if it occurs with wisdom. In all cases they must be mindful of wisdom, for its opposite is not beloved. The glory be upon them both.

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Section 1: "If a soul, firm, steadfast, assured and upright…"

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

If a soul, firm, steadfast, assured and upright be found, and for the sake of God, His love and His good-pleasure arise with perfect constancy like a banner upon the highest heights, and with loudest cry question all things as to what hath befallen the Wronged One in the path of God and what He hath purposed—by the life of God, all will cry out with loudest voice this most exalted Word: He hath come for the salvation of the world and the preservation of the nations, and hath desired naught but the exaltation of their stations and the elevation of their ranks, and hath borne what none hath borne before nor shall bear hereafter.

O Amin! I swear by the Manifest Cause that is evident and visible in the Most Great Prison that the hearing ear which, through the divine bounty, hath been purified from the false tales of the former times

and the fabricated stories of the latter days will surely hear this call from all things. In all conditions there hath been revealed from the Pen of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, that which every just one hath testified to and every seeing one hath witnessed, regarding the refinement and purification of souls and the education of the world. Nevertheless, certain souls who claim adherence to the Truth have committed that which causeth the very essence of truth to weep. I swear by the Call that is raised today from the Sinai of divine knowledge that this Wronged One hath suffered at their hands that which hath no equal or likeness, to such extent that they have defiled the pure hem and clouded the luminous Cause. Every hearing one hath heard the lamentation of the divine Tablets and every seeing one hath perceived the sorrows inflicted. Some who claim to love have wrought that which hath left the Tablet and the Pen bewildered and dumbfounded. The sighs of the sincere ascend and the tears of the near ones descend.

In the Persian Hidden Words this most exalted Word was revealed from the Supreme Pen:

> "O My servant! Barter not the everlasting dominion for a single emanation, nor the sovereignty of the Celestial Paradise for a fleeting desire."

The counsels of the past and present bow down, nay prostrate themselves, before God's exhortation in this Most Great Manifestation. Some have become so inflamed with the fire of self and passion that they have astonished the Concourse on High.

Your honor hath repeatedly attained the presence of the Most Holy Court through divine grace and infinite heavenly bounty, and hath repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur that which was the cause of life and sanctification, and the means of exaltation and purification. Now reflect upon the deeds of certain heedless souls—what was the counsel and what became the deed! O Amin! The treachery and falsehood of that claimant of love was sharper than a sword in striking at the body of the Cause. The tribulations of this Wronged One have been from the deeds of those who claim to love Him. In the past, the tongue of the Wronged One uttered these words:

> "My affliction is not My imprisonment and what hath descended upon Me from My enemies, but rather the deeds of My loved ones who attribute themselves to Me yet commit that which causeth My heart and My pen to lament."

In brief, such utterances have repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen. The deed of the enemy of God and the oppressor brought about in the great city that which had no equal or likeness. That faithless traitor, out of greed for wealth, forsook his ultimate end. The fire of his greed was so aflame that at every moment a new falsehood would appear from him. By the life of God, he forsook what is good and clung to evil. Through his treachery, a grievous blow was dealt to justice. In all conditions, beseech ye God that perchance they may become aware and return.

O Amin! All that thou didst write was presented before the Divine Presence, and this is the answer that now floweth from the Most Exalted Pen: Convey My greetings to the children of the one who ascended unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and gladden them with the effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine Providence. Verily, We mentioned him who was raised up when there issued from the Tongue of Will that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge and the fragrance of pardon and bounty to waft. God's mercy encompassed him, and We made mention of each of his children. We beseech God, blessed and

exalted be He, to honor their eyes with beholding His signs and their ears with hearkening to that which hath been sent down for them from the Ancient Revealer. A special visitation prayer hath been revealed for that departed one, along with mention of his children. This shall be bestowed, and thou shalt convey it. Success and divine confirmation are within His mighty grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

The intention of Varqa, upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, was mentioned before Us and achieved the honor of acceptance. O Amin! Day and night he is occupied with service to the Cause and is blessed with the word of contentment. His affairs are confined to the mention of God's Cause, the Lord of all worlds. In these days there hath befallen him that which hath befallen the loved ones. In thy letter thou didst mention that which causeth grief to those near unto God. We beseech God to aid him henceforth as He aided him before. Verily, He is with him in all conditions, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

His honor Haji Malik Husayn, upon him be My glory, hath attained unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily God, thy Lord, preserved him, aided him, and seized his enemy with His might. He is the Seizer, the Strong, the Powerful. Remember him from Me and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. We have desired at this moment to make mention of his son who was named Abdul-Husayn, that the attraction of this remembrance may draw him to a station wherein the might of tyrants shall not prevent him from the remembrance of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O Abdul-Husayn! Hearken unto the call from the direction of My Most Exalted Prison, from the Supreme Lote-Tree: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the invisible and the visible. Take thou the Most Exalted Cup in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, then drink therefrom the choice wine of the Most Glorious, despite every learned one whom knowledge hath prevented from turning towards Him Who is Known. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Countenance when the people turned away, and for having heard the Call when heedless servants were debarred therefrom. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who fear not, neither shall they be grieved.

Convey My glorification to thy mother and give her the glad-tidings of My mention of her from this praiseworthy station. O My handmaiden! Thou hast attained unto the hearing of this Most Exalted and Glorious Word, while the divines of Iran have not attained unto the word "O My servant." Despite their seeking they are deprived, and despite their longing they are forbidden. True indeed are the words "Knowledge is the most great veil." Would that they had attained unto true knowledge! They have devised vain imaginings and called them knowledge. Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an concerning them: "They have changed God's favor into disbelief and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition." The glory from Us be upon God's loved ones in His earth and His beloved ones in His lands.

O Amin! If thou shouldst meet Muhammad (in M-N), say: Put aside all doubts, then turn to the fragrances of thy Lord's revelation, the All-Informed Speaker. Were He to pronounce existence as non-existence, fire as water, or heaven as earth, none may say why' or wherefore.' Purify thy soul and heart from suspicions

and imaginings, and turn thy face toward the City of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily He was with thee and heard thy words and what proceeded from thy mouth. He is indeed the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Muhammad! None hath been or is aware of the requirements of God's consummate wisdom. Hearken unto the counsel of the Wronged One—for God's sake He speaketh it—be not a cause of deviation. Turn to the sacred Writings and listen with sanctified ears. They will guide thee to the straight path of God. Make not any accusation against one upon whom a hundred thousand afflictions have descended in the path of God. If thou canst not believe in the words of the Herald, be not a cause of grief. By God! The Point Himself—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—in the most exalted station of the supreme Paradise uttereth the words "Verily I am the foremost of them that worship." Cast aside the vain imaginings of the immature ones of the world and say: "In the name of God and through God," and turn from the left hand of fancy to the right hand of certitude. Verily He will protect thee and guide thee, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

O Amin! We wish at this moment to make mention of My handmaiden who hath attained unto My days, heard My sweetest call, and turned toward My most exalted horizon when most of mankind turned away. O Fatimah! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of those in My kingdom and the glory of the Concourse on High. I testify that thou hast attained unto the days of thy Lord, believed in Him, clung to the hem of His robe, and held fast to His cord. We beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times mercy from His presence and grace from His side. He is the Protector of every servant who hath believed in Him and every handmaiden who hath recognized Him, turned unto His path, and acknowledged that which He hath revealed in His Book. I testify that thou hast witnessed what God witnessed before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden and My leaf! I testify that thou didst turn with such steadfastness that the clamor of the divines did not prevent thee from turning toward God, the Lord of the throne and of the dust, and the croaking of the wicked did not frighten thee from drawing nigh unto thy Chosen Lord, and the veils of glory did not hinder thee from turning toward the Self-Subsisting. Thou didst drink the wine of revelation from the hand of His bounty and didst attain unto the Kawthar of utterance in His days, and the attraction of the Call seized thee to such a station wherein all things bore witness to His unity and oneness. Joy be unto thee, O My handmaiden who art mentioned in My presence! We beseech God, exalted be He, once again, to adorn thee with the ornament of My Most Glorious Name in the highest Paradise. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

We make mention of another handmaiden who was named Khadijih. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in how the Ancient Beauty hath made mention of thee from His Most Great Prison. [I swear] by My remembrance the ocean of bounty surged and the rains of mercy were sent down from the heaven of the grace of the Lord of all beings. I testify that thine ear was blessed to hearken unto His call, thine eye to behold His signs, and thy heart to turn unto Him. We beseech God to give thee to drink, at all times, from a cup of the Kawthar of eternity and a chalice in His Most Glorious Name. Verily, He doeth what He

willeth and is the Overseer of all things. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thou hast ascended unto the Supreme Companion and attained that which was ordained for thee by God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee and unto every servant and handmaiden who hath remembered thy days and what was revealed for thee from the direction of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by those who have ascended in Thy love unto Thee, who have sought Thy nearness and meeting, and who have attained unto the ocean of Thy bounty and presence before Thy face, that Thou send down upon the seekers the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy mercy; then forgive them through Thy grace and generosity. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Amin! The Supreme Pen hath testified to thy service and the service of those related to thee, and hath ordained for each one that which beseemeth the oceans of His grace and generosity.

Convey mention and greetings from the Wronged One to the Leaf Hakimih. We testify that she hath attained unto turning toward My direction, hearkening unto My call, and beholding My signs. Upon her be My glory, My grace, and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Give her glad tidings that, by the life of God, she hath been and remaineth under the glances of God's grace, and her deeds have attained unto acceptance and divine good-pleasure. Well is it with her and joy be unto her.

We make mention at this time of My other leaf who was named Kuchik. We have found from her the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of the worlds, and We give her glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for her from the presence of an All-Knowing Ordainer. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the Most Exalted Word, which is "O My handmaiden". By the lights of the Sun of Truth, the princesses of the earth have not attained unto that which these mentioned handmaidens have attained. Blessed is she and blessed is the one who hath taken her as a companion and helper.

And We make mention of My handmaiden who was named Maryam. O Maryam! Thou hast attained unto the mention of God. He hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. He hath mentioned thee with that whereby thy name shall endure in His mighty and impregnable Kingdom. He hath forgiven thee, thy mother, and thy sister as a mercy from His presence. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

O Hasan! Upon thee be My glory. Thy toil and service have been mentioned before and are accepted by the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may aid thee in that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance. The deeds of no soul have been nor shall be lost. O servants! Know with clear certainty that goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, from whomsoever they have appeared or shall appear, their recompense is preserved and treasured with God. Soon shall the doers of deeds behold the reward of their actions with God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Trustee! Since the handmaidens of God are related to Him and are His own, they must needs be adorned, both outwardly and inwardly, with the ornaments of that special distinction. From this date,

which is the month of Shawwal al-Mukarram of the year 1306, each one should [receive] nine tumans annually, according to the number of the Greatest Name, from [God's] presence, so that it may become clear and evident to all that they are of God, holding fast unto Him and related to Him. In successive years, most of what they have owned they have sent to the Most Holy Court, and your honor is also aware and [can testify] to what has been mentioned. And that which the handmaiden of God saw in her dream is the truth in which there is no doubt. We beseech God to make it a blessing unto her. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Overseer of all things great and small.

O My friends in Ta! The honored Trustee, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, arrived and made mention of each of the friends, both men and women, and each hath been blessed with the effulgences of the Luminary of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. The world and all that is therein cannot equal one word that hath proceeded from the Dawning-Place of the utterance of the Lord of all religions. We counsel all to trustworthiness and godliness. In the great city the veil of trustworthiness was rent asunder; in place of the standard of justice, the banner of tyranny was raised. There befell this Wronged One that which hath been recorded in the book of the world. Be not grieved at the happenings of the world. The glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards the men and women who have turned unto Him. Who can reckon His bounty and His bestowals? Some of the Hands of the Cause of God are present in that land. We send greetings to all and counsel them to love, fellowship and the betterment of affairs. We beseech God to sanctify the holy souls from vain imaginings, idle fancies, and the fanaticism of the former party. Verily, He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Section 2: "O Trustee! When thou arrivest there, make mention…"

O Trustee! When thou arrivest there, make mention of the people of Baha on My behalf and convey My greetings to their faces by My command. We beseech God to protect them from the evil of every ignorant one and the oppression of every oppressor. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O My friends in Qaf and Mim! The Wronged One maketh mention of you at this hour. The deeds of My friends there have gained My acceptance and good-pleasure. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return. We testify that they have attained unto the sealed wine of My love and have drunk the Kawthar of My utterance from the hand of My bounty and the Salsabil of My remembrance from the cup of My grace. Upon them be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. We testify that the Trustee made mention of you time and again. We have made mention of you with a mention that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ye are they whom the veils of glory have not withheld from the Self-Subsisting, and whom the oppression of every oppressor and the might of every remote transgressor did not frighten. It behooveth everyone to say, turning towards the Kaaba of God:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having delivered me from the pit of heedlessness and vain desire, and guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement, and aided me to turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the radiance of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace, to remove from the faces of Thy servants and creatures the veils that have prevented them from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon. O my Lord!

Do not disappoint Thy servants from the ocean of Thy verses. By Thy glory! If Thou wert to unveil to them as Thou hast unveiled to me, they would cast away what they possess in hope of what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Knowing.

O My friends in the cities and lands! The Trusted One hath mentioned you before Our face, and ye have attained unto the bounties of your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. O My friends in all lands! Today the ocean of utterance hath another wave, and the Sun of grace another dawning. What hath come to pass that the people remain veiled from the gathering-place of the Concourse on High and barred from the Day-spring of the signs of the Lord of all beings? Hath there appeared in all creation aught like this Most Great Cause? Nay, by My Own Self, the Truth! All divine Books speak in praise and glorification thereof. O friends! Hearken unto His call, hold fast unto unity and concord, and aid the Cause of God, exalted be His glory, through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character.

O people of God! Today the Blessed Tree hath no need of aught else to establish His Cause, for it hath appeared with countless sweet fruits, manifest and evident. Blessed is the one whom the doubts of the world have not prevented from turning to God nor held back from drawing nigh unto Him.

O Amin! Thou didst mention him that believeth and his wife, upon them be the glory of God. Let them carry out in the path of God that which they have purposed—it hath been accepted. Yet We leave it to themselves. Moreover, the reward of attaining His presence hath been recorded for each from the Most Exalted Pen. Happy are they both. The wife attained His presence in Baghdad. Now again her intention hath been adorned with the ornament of deed and accepted. O Amin! Thou seest that in the prison-land no place remaineth for anyone. Furthermore, for some time certain words have been spread abroad—the mischief-makers have suggested that which causeth harm to the friends. After this the matter resteth in the hand of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Mention was made of Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, from Isfahan, as well as two other souls—Karbila'i Aqa Jan from Nur, and Muhammad Hasan from Isfahan, upon them both be the glory of God—and mention of their turning toward the Most Holy Court. The answer from the heaven of divine will is this: O Muhammad, before Hasan! The Trusted One hath mentioned thee before Our face, and what thou didst desire in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to strengthen thee and assist thee in what He loveth and pleaseth, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Know then that the idolaters have come between Us and Our loved ones. We ask God to record for thee the reward of attaining His presence. Verily He is the Lord of all being and the Lord of the mighty throne. By My life! My mention of thee equals not the remembrances of nations nor what the kings and rulers possess.

O Aqa Jan! Hear the call of the Wronged One. By the life of God, there hath befallen Him at the hands of the oppressor that which hath caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness to this. My grief is not from Mine enemies, but from those who claim to love Me yet do what causeth My tears to flow and My heart and those with Me in this mighty prison to lament. The heedless one hath done there what hath caused hearts to lament and the veil of chastity and virtue to be rent, and the pillars of religion to quake at his deed. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Wronged One and for this clear Book being sent down for thee. O

Muhammad Hasan! Behold and then remember what hath befallen the trusted ones of God from the hosts of the oppressors. They denied their proofs and disputed their verses until they pronounced judgment against them without any evidence from God, the Lord of this exalted station. Say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Orb of Thy proof to assist Thy servants in that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure and attain the glory of Thy acceptance. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thou didst make mention of Mir (Nabil-i-Qa'in). In truth he is a helper of the Cause and, to the extent of his capacity, mindful thereof. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him with the hosts of grace, favors, wisdom and utterance, and to ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. His feast hath been accepted. In these days We have bidden them to perform that which Mir desired. O Amin! Verily grace hath encompassed all and bounty hath preceded all. The mention of each of the loved ones hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in these days when grief hath surrounded all. We beseech God to send down upon His chosen ones from the heaven of His bounty a mercy from His presence. He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Amin! Make mention of the loved ones in the Land of Ta. The Hands of the Cause of God are, praise be to God, present and each standeth mentioned before the seat of the Wronged One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to ʿAyn and Ba, and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and favor. Some time ago their petition attained the presence and was heard. Before and after the petition, answers were sent down from the heaven of divine bounty. As requested, his feast was accepted and achieved the glory of fulfillment. We beseech God to send down upon him at all times that which will gladden eyes and hearts. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and Testament, who have arisen and said:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the earth and heavens."

O Amin! Convey greetings from the Wronged One to ʿAli-Qabli-Haydar—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Blessed be God, he standeth firm in service and is engaged in attending to the needs of the loved ones. We have ordained for him in Our Hidden Book that which none knoweth save God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Well is it with him and pleasant it is unto him.

Mention was made of the leaf, the daughter of Jim who ascended to the Supreme Horizon. This leaf turned to God from the beginning of the days and attained His acceptance. We bear witness that she turned with such steadfastness as was not shaken by the onslaught of the oppressors nor hindered by the veils of the transgressors. She drank the wine of immortality in My Most Great Name and attained that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books, Psalms and Tablets. We have sent down for her that which shall endure as long as My utterance endureth in the kingdom of My knowledge. I am the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have desired to make mention of those with her as a grace and mercy from Our presence. I am the All-Generous.

O Siyyid Rida! He who loved Me made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through verses from which all who are endowed with perception can detect the fragrance of loving-kindness and favor. Verily the Letter calleth, the Word calleth, and the Tablet declareth before the Countenance of the Manifestation: "The One Who conversed on Sinai hath come!" Blessed are they who are endued with true understanding. O Rida! When thou drinkest the Salsabil of knowledge from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, say:

O my God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having made me to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and to confess that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the Finger of Thy Power whereby the veils of all creation were rent asunder, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We desire to make mention of thy son who hath been named Asadu'llah, that he may rejoice in the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of lords. All created things have borne witness to My remembrance of My loved ones, and all contingent beings to My turning toward My chosen ones. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid them and to ordain for them the reward of attaining My presence and standing before My face. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of thy other son who hath been named Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, and We give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. The Trusted One hath mentioned you purely for the sake of God. We have remembered you with that which no remembrance can equal. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and guided me to the straight path. I beseech Thee to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the might of the ungodly shall not deter me.

O Rida! The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy wife and thy children who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Mention was made of Muhammad-Rida (of Muhammad-Abad), upon him be the glory of God. His mention hath been made in the divine Tablets, both in the past and present. Make mention of him on My behalf and adorn him with the ornament of My glorious and wondrous remembrance. O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Thou hast attained unto acceptance when most of mankind turned away, and thou hast drunk the choice wine of faith when the servants were debarred therefrom. Verily thy Lord remembereth him who remembereth Him, and loveth him who loveth Him. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glorify thy Lord with praise at all times with such glorification as will attract the inhabitants of the lands. He, verily, heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Trustee! Convey greetings and salutations from the Wronged One to the loved ones in every land, and remember each one with utmost love, kindness, joy and fragrance. His honor Mas'alih-Gu is, praise be to God, engaged in serving the Cause. We beseech God to open before his face the gates of grace and upon his tongue the gates of wisdom and utterance, that he may cause people to enter His religion, make them know His way, give them to drink of the Kawthar of His knowledge, and guide them to His Great Announcement. We were with him and heard what he spoke concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of

the worlds. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who heard his call, his mention and his utterance in this wise Remembrance. In these days a Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of Will especially for him, and each of the names mentioned in his letter hath been blessed by the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds.

O Trustee! Make mention of the loved ones of the land of Qaf on behalf of the Wronged One—a mention whereby the world and all that are therein will remember. Say: O loved ones of God and His party! The call of the Wronged One is raised at all times. We beseech the True One to aid each of His loved ones to that which is the cause of reformation and the means of success. It is hoped that each one may become manifest and evident as a standard in the remembrance of the Ancient King. O party of God! Be not saddened by the vicissitudes of the contingent world. If grief befalleth you in the path of God, you shall thereafter meet with the Most Great Joy and Supreme Gladness. This is a promise that shall not prove false, whereunto beareth witness He Who speaketh before all faces—God, there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He Who beareth My Name, Zayn, and likewise the Hand of the Cause of God in the Land of Ta, have made mention of the handmaidens of God and the Leaves in that land, and thou hast all been blessed with the effulgences of the Light of Divine Utterance. We beseech God to assist My loved ones and My Leaves to that which He loveth and is pleased with. The Leaf, who is an aunt, and the Leaves, and likewise the sons, have been and are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. In truth, from the beginning of the Cause until now, they have been speaking in praise and remembrance and have been steadfast in service. Upon them be My glory and the glory of all who dwell in My Kingdom. The people of Kaf have ever been remembered at the Most Holy Court. Make thou happy, through divine favors, all those souls who have quaffed from the wine of steadfastness. The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who hearken unto thy words in this firm and irrefutable Cause.

BH01035: Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord…

He is the One manifest with proof in the Kingdom of utterance!

Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of all names! Verily the Most Great Ocean desired to send unto thee a wave from its waves, that thou mayest behold it with thine own eyes and be of the thankful ones. And the Sun of Knowledge desired to shine upon thee with one of its effulgences, that it might draw thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison; verily it will draw thee nigh unto the Most Exalted Station, aid thee to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, cause thee to speak His praise, give thee to drink of the Kawthar of grace from the hand of His bounty, make thee hear the shrill voice of His Most Exalted Pen which hath been raised between earth and heaven, and show thee that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of His Tablet, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The Wronged One hath heard thy cry and hath revealed for thee that whereby thy name shall endure in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. He hath observed thy devotion and hath turned unto thee from this Spot which God hath made the circumambulation point of the sincere ones and of the angels drawn nigh. This is a day wherein mysteries have been revealed and that which was hidden in the

knowledge of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath appeared. On this day the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen, the flowing of the water of My loving-kindness, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree have been raised. Blessed is he who hath turned and hearkened, and woe unto the heedless ones.

Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the oppression of those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament, who have denied His proof and evidence, and who have changed His favor unto themselves. These, verily, are among the most lost ones in His perspicuous Book. Say: O peoples of the earth! Cast away what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Self-Subsisting hath come with a light whereby earth and heaven were illumined, and with a fire whereby the hearts of them that have drawn nigh were set ablaze. Beware lest the doubts of the divines withhold you from drawing nigh unto the Lord of all being, and beware lest the veils of them that croak hold you back from this momentous News. Say: There is no refuge for anyone today save through this Cause, whereof God gave tidings in the Books of the Messengers. Open your eyes. By God, the Truth! This is the Day of revelation and meeting. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained, and woe unto every remote ignorant one.

Arise thou to serve the Cause, detached from the earth and its gifts and ornaments, and take the chalice of knowledge from the hands of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful. Then drink therefrom in spite of them that have disbelieved in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. They awaited the days of the Manifestation, yet when the appointed time came and the verses were sent down, they turned away from the Dayspring of the Cause of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou, O Mihdi, for having outstripped the divines in turning unto God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him, and blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation before the divines of the earth who denied the Manifestation of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. God shall soon exalt this Most Great Station among His servants. Verily, He is the Protector of them that have turned unto Him.

We beseech God to make thee a standard of His Name in His lands and an ensign of His remembrance among all that are in the heavens and on the earth. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Nothing whatsoever can frustrate Him, and He is the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When thou art seized by the Kawthar of My utterance and art attracted by the scratching of My Pen, say: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby the hearts of Thy sincere ones among Thy servants and those near unto Thee among Thy creation were attracted, and by the Lamp of Thy Cause whereby the horizons of Thy dominion were illumined, to make me a servant of Thy Cause and one who stands ready to serve Thee.

O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast unto Thy sure handle. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by the light of Thy Cause which hath shone forth from Thy most exalted horizon, and by Thy Name through which the ocean of names surged and all who dwell in the kingdom of creation were subdued, to aid me to perform such deeds as will endure as long as Thy names and attributes endure, and will not be effaced throughout the eternity of Thy dominion and might. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

In the Persian tongue it is stated: We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm you in that which beseemeth His days. O thou who gazest upon His countenance! Know thou with clear certainty that the Cause of God and whatsoever hath appeared from Him is even as the sun, distinct and manifest from all else. However, the inflammation of pride and heedlessness hath prevented eyes from beholding it, even as ancient tales have prevented ears from hearing. Blessed is the servant whom veils have not hindered and whom the oppression of the tyrannous ones and evil-doers of the earth hath not frightened—who hath heard and turned unto God, the Lord of lords.

Throughout ages and centuries the divines of Persia awaited His appearance, speaking His name from pulpits, standing at His mention, and uttering "may God hasten." Yet when the dawn of His manifestation broke and the Voice of the Divine Speaker was raised, all assailed Him with arrows of hatred and swords of tyranny and transgression, inflicting that which causeth both tablet and pen to grieve and tremble. Implore ye God to adorn His servants with the ornament of justice and fairness, that they may not deprive themselves of eternal life and everlasting bounty.

In every age when the horizon of the world was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, the people, bereft of fairness, arose in opposition, becoming a barrier and depriving the servants from His light. We hope that thou wilt, with the finger of power, rend asunder the veils and tear away the shrouds, delivering the servants from the pit of vain imaginings through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may afterwards become aware and recognize the station of these days, and arise to make good what hath passed. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One while in His Most Great Prison. He desireth naught save that which will exalt the authoritative Word of God amongst His servants and draw them nigh unto Him. To this testifieth every discerning mystic and every learned sage. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne and the Master of this wondrous Day.

BH01197: O Ali-Qabli-Askar! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

In the Name of the One God

O Ali-Qabli-Askar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. Praise be to God that thou didst leave thy earthly home, aspiring to reach the most exalted homeland. The hosts of divine grace, mercy, favor, bounty and generosity did aid thee until thou didst attain the supreme horizon and attain the presence of the Lord of all beings, dwelling for a time beneath the pavilions of grandeur. Should every drop of the ocean and every grain of sand be counted in the divine ledger as an age, and shouldst thou spend all that time in praise and thanksgiving to God, exalted be His glory, thou wouldst still not fulfill the obligation of gratitude for this supreme bounty and most great favor. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Desire of the worlds! Thanks be to Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh! Glory be to Thee, O Light of those in the heavens and on earth!

His favor hath taken and continueth to take the hands of them that turn unto Him. His protection accompanieth and His blessed Name is a shield to all who are aware. This Wronged One offereth thanks on thy behalf, for thou hast attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness.

We make mention of thy son who was named Nad-ʿAli and thy wife and daughters, and We give them the glad-tidings of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to draw them nigh unto Him and ordain for them that which He hath ordained for His devout male and female servants. Verily, He hath power over all things.

We make mention of Abu-Basir, who was named Muhammad, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One and be of the thankful. O Muhammad! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison. Praise be to God that thou hast attained the honor of faith and recognition and hast borne hardships and tribulations in the path of the One True Friend. Remember this supreme bounty and preserve it in thy heart with the seal of love. Verily, He is with His near servants. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of thy sons with a remembrance before which all mention boweth down, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for them every good thing that He hath revealed in His Book, and to decree for them the blessings of the Hereafter and of this world, and the bounties of every world of His worlds. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Muhammad! Glorify them on My behalf and remind them of that which hath been revealed for them from the presence of the Ancient Ordainer.

O Burj-ʿAli! All the ears of the world were created to hear the Call of this Day which hath been raised from the Most Great Prison, yet most are deprived save a few souls. Thou hast attained unto it, hearkened unto the Call, and turned toward its horizon. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear, to recognize, to learn, and for having guided me to the News that hath caused hearts to tremble, faces to darken, and the feet of the mystics and learned to slip, save those whom Thou didst deliver through Thy grace and didst purify from the defilement of self and desire, and didst mention in Thy perspicuous Book.

We make mention of thy son who was named Abid in the Book of Names, then thy other son who was named Ali-Qabli-Rida, and We remind them of the signs of God and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and My mercy which have preceded existence in both the unseen and visible worlds. O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath hearkened to My call and turned to My horizon, who hath been named Siyyid-i-Mirza, that the fragrance of Mine utterance may draw him nigh unto My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. O Siyyid-i-Mirza! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath made mention of thee at the close of the Tablet in such wise that thy name and remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of God's names and attributes.

He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say: All praise be unto Thee for having delivered me from the well of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and for having given me to drink, through the hands of grace and bounty, from the cup of certitude. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He willeth, and in Whose grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Lord of the Manifestation.

O Ali-Askar! Praise be to God that all the names mentioned have attained unto the remembrance of the Wronged One and been adorned with His grace. In the earliest days We made a covenant, as a token of

God's grace, bounty and generosity, that whosoever should come before Our presence, whether living or dead, We would make mention of them. Thy Lord, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon them who have believed in God and His signs, and who have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will and uttered by the tongue of His grandeur from His exalted station.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the clutches of Thine enemies, and Thy chosen ones in the hands of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty, and the ocean of Thy generosity, and by the lights of Thy Most Great Name whereby Thou hast illumined the hearts of all nations, that Thou protect them through Thy power that hath transcended all things, and guard them by Thy sovereignty that encompasseth all created things. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy pardon and generosity that which shall gladden their eyes and bring joy to their hearts. O Lord! Thou beholdest the believers among the idolaters, and there hath befallen them that which hath caused the dwellers of Thy Paradise and celestial garden to lament. I beseech Thee to preserve them from the evil of the aggressors and the oppression of the oppressors. Thou art, verily, the Almighty Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty, and ordainest what Thou pleasest by Thy power. Thou art, in truth, the All-Glorious, the All-Beauteous.

BH01235: The Book of God speaketh the truth and summoneth…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

The Book of God speaketh the truth and summoneth humanity unto His mighty and praiseworthy path. Verily it hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance by One Who is the All-Knowing Speaker. He Whom God promised in His Books of old hath come with a manifest proof. O Muhammad-ʿAli! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison, then remember when thou didst stand before the gate, hearkening to the Voice of Him Who conversed upon the Mount when He was established upon the throne of revelation, to the dismay of the divines of Iran who denied the All-Merciful when He came with a clear cause. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto the presence of thy Lord and hast drunk from the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of thy Lord, the Munificent.

Give ear in the Persian tongue—verily He speaks as He willeth; none can question His doings and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Convey to the friends of God in cities and lands greetings and salutations from the Wronged One, and give each the glad tidings of the grace and mercy of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, every seeker hath been blessed with the effulgences of the Daystar of divine bounty. O people of God! We hope that all may be set ablaze with the fire of the love of God—a blaze whose traces shall be manifest from every atom of existence. Every one of the petitions presented hath been heard and answered, and for each an exalted and most holy Tablet hath been revealed and sent down from the heaven of bounty. We beseech God to aid all to drink from the living waters concealed and treasured within the divine utterances. Whosoever attaineth unto this shall not be hindered from the Most Great News by the troubles of the world, the upheavals of nations, the oppression of tyrants, the might of aggressors, the doubts of Persian divines, or the clamor of the ignorant, nor shall they be deprived of the straight path. Blessed are they who drink thereof.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in Kaf and Ra and say: Reflect upon that which hath appeared. The former people denied the verses and showed ingratitude for the special bounty. They kindled the fire of tyranny and burnt the pavilion of the glory and grandeur of God's Cause and rent the veil of sanctity. Glory be to God! Night and day they would beseech and implore to attain the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Yet when the dawn of grace broke and the world was illumined by the effulgences of the Daystar of Revelation, they all drew swords and spears against the Goal of the worlds. They were unbelievers yet counted themselves among the believers.

Say: O ignorant ones! O heedless ones! O oppressors! Your deeds and words on the day of reckoning deprived you of God's Most Great Name and the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy. The oneness of God, exalted be His glory, is not established save through the Manifestation of His Self, the Dawning-Place of His Cause, the Dayspring of His Revelation, and His Representative among creation. In the Dispensation of the Furqan, the Seal of the Prophets (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake) attained this station. Were any likeness or peer to be found for that Essence of existence and Cause of creation, how could the sanctification of the Creator's Being from peers and likeness be established?

Should anyone attribute this station to any other, they are and shall be accounted as unbelievers in God's sight. Know with absolute certitude that He was unique in His station, and through Him the oneness of the Divine Essence is proven free from likeness and peer. The letters of the Furqan were created by His Word. By God's life! They have no share in this most glorious, most exalted station, at whose mere mention the musk of utterance diffuseth its fragrance throughout all creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath expounded this mighty, this impregnable station. That heedless people count themselves as believers, yet in God's sight they are unbelievers. Any fair-minded person would testify that this people are deprived of the deeds, actions and words of the Master of "But for Thee."

Would that they had adorned themselves with the ornament of justice and fairness, attained His presence, and hearkened unto that which is from God. Hear ye the call of the Wronged One and beseech God that all may be illumined and may attain unto true unity. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We have made mention of the loved ones of Hasanabad and Bahramabad—a mention that hath sanctified them from the praise of the world and from likeness and similitude. Praised be God, all are remembered and have attained unto His grace. We testify that they have quaffed the choice wine of utterance before the faces of all religions from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Most Merciful. At this moment We make mention of the loved ones of Shahr-i-Babik. O thou who art of Dahj! The True One maketh mention of thee in Bahji, and likewise of the loved ones of Khu. By the life of God! Whosoever hath attained unto the blessed word "Yea", verily he hath found his place beneath the glance of God, exalted be His glory. His grace hath preceded all things, His mercy hath preceded all things, and His loving-kindness hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The loved ones of every city and every land have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. The Tongue of God, the Lord of all worlds, beareth witness unto this.