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BH01592: He hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven…

He hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of proof.

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath turned his face towards His countenance, until he attained that which was revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the right hand of the luminous Spot in the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. At times He maketh mention of His station as the Most Great Prison, and at others as the Most Exalted Paradise. By the life of the Desired One! Paradise doth not cause Him to forget His remembrance, nor do tribulations in His path harm Him. He hath borne such afflictions as none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Tongue of My grandeur hath testified for thee, while seated upon the Throne, of thy turning towards Him, thy presence before Him, and thy hearkening unto the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. When thou returnest to thy place, make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My bounty. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! Hearken unto the divine call in the Persian tongue. Today the friends must, one and all, occupy themselves with such conduct and deeds as will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and the preservation of souls. The standard of praiseworthy character hath preceded all other standards, and the banner of goodly deeds hath ever been, and will continue to be, exalted above all others in station.

Say: O friends! By the life of God, contention hath been forbidden, and conflict, corruption, bloodshed and evil deeds have all been strictly prohibited in My Most Great Book. Indeed, certain utterances were previously revealed from the Pen of the Dayspring of Divine Unity regarding the rebellion of the Shi'ih party, such as when He said in one instance:

> "The necks have been extended in hypocrisy. Where are the swords of Thy retribution, O Subduer of the worlds?"

The purpose of such expressions was to demonstrate the extent of the wickedness of the deniers and opponents. The tyranny of the aggressors hath reached such a pitch that all have seen and heard of it. In any case, I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Great Prison that the intention of the Ancient Beauty hath never been, and is not, contention and conflict, nor that which causeth hearts to be troubled.

Refer ye to the Tablets wherein He saith: "Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship." The purpose of this Revelation is that the fire of hatred which blazeth in the hearts and souls of the followers of divers faiths should be quenched through the Kawthar of divine utterance and heavenly counsel, and be stilled and extinguished. In this year, which is one thousand three hundred and six, a Tablet was revealed in the handwriting of the Wronged One wherein this exalted word shone forth from the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen: "O people! Make mention of the servants with good, and speak not of them with evil, nor with that which would grieve their souls." Even the mention of evil hath been forbidden in this year, for the tongue was created to make mention of God. It would be a pity to defile it with backbiting or to utter words that cause grief and distress to the servants.

We have permitted association with all peoples, except such souls from whom ye perceive the odor of enmity in the Cause of God, the Lord of all mankind. From such souls ye must needs keep aloof, as a command from God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. O people of God! Let your drink be the Kawthar of love, your occupation that which manifesteth unity, and your deeds that which guideth mankind to the path of God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! Upon thee be My glory! Time and again hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and repeatedly hast thou attained His presence. Know thou the value of this station. Praise be to God that thou art occupied with His mention and praise, and dwellest in His vicinity. The remembrance of these days hath been and will ever be beloved. God willing, it shall never pass from sight.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having caused me to hear the shrill voice of Thy Pen and to behold the horizon of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things to make me in all conditions one who remembereth Thy name and uttereth Thy praise. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Forgive me and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Generous.

BH01659: This is a Book that speaks the truth…

In His Name, Who rules over all who are on earth and in heaven!

This is a Book that speaks the truth and reminds the people of the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds, and guides them to the path which hath been established in truth, and speaketh, saying:

> "O people of the earth! Turn ye unto Me with radiant faces, and follow not the imaginings of the ignorant ones who have turned away from the Countenance and denied Him in Whom

they had believed. They are assuredly among the wrongdoers in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne."

In the Persian tongue: Hearken unto the divine call which is raised at all times, giving unto all the glad-tidings of that which is the cause of eternal blessing and everlasting bounty and endless, abiding life. The people of that land have ever been and continue to be under the glance of His loving-kindness. Blessed is the Ba before the Qaf, for he hath attained unto the Most Great Remembrance, when every heedless and remote one was debarred therefrom. We beseech the Most High to aid him at all times and draw him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Abu-ʿAli! Render thanks unto the Goal of all the worlds, that He hath aided thee to turn unto Him and hath manifested through thee one who is occupied in service and dwelleth beneath the canopy of grandeur. Thou didst desire to attain His presence; however, due to the great distance and the opposition of the deniers and the objections of the oppressors, this matter is now postponed. Yet We beseech God to record, through the Most Exalted Pen, its reward for thee and for others, and to adorn it with the glory of His acceptance. Be grateful and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged by the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Glory of those in the heavens and the earth!"

O ʿAli! We have made mention of thy father, and We now make mention of My handmaiden, thy mother. We beseech God to forgive her and ordain for her that which beseemeth the kingdom of His bounty and the heaven of His grace. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to God! His honor Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin speaketh in remembrance of the sincere ones, the near ones, and the devoted ones, and hath attained unto the presence. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath loved him and hearkened unto his call in this momentous News. He hath ever made mention of those regions and the loved ones of that land, and continueth to do so, and hath besought from the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy and the heaven of divine generosity, for each one, that which hath had and hath no likeness or equal.

O Hajar! Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and thou hast attained unto the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, and the evidences of the Most Exalted Pen. Recognize thou the station of this Most Great Remembrance and this Most Exalted Word. By the life of God! The treasures of the earth cannot compare with but one word of the divine utterances. Today all the books of the world cry out with one voice:

"O people of the earth! The Mother Book hath appeared and calleth from the most exalted station, summoning all unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Hearken ye, hearken ye, then turn with such steadfastness as cannot be deterred by the hosts of the world, and be not of those who turn away."

O ʿAli! Give the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My bounty to thy brothers. We beseech God to aid them to remember and praise Him, to draw them nigh unto Him, to ordain for them the reward of those who have turned to My Most Exalted Horizon, and to give them to drink of the Kawthar of bounty from

the hand of His favor. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous. We have remembered them time and again, and likewise those whom God hath related unto thee, as a mercy from His presence. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Guardian of the sincere ones.

The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon My loved ones there, from whom those who have turned unto God inhale the fragrance of My wondrous and incomparable love.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones and Thy friends. Ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have hastened with their hearts to Thy horizon, soared in Thy atmosphere, and have sacrificed their spirits in Thy path. O Lord! Withhold them not from the outpourings of Thy days, then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and aid them in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Judge, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH02003: Glorified be He by Whose name the ocean…

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

Glorified be He by Whose name the ocean of utterance surged in the realm of possibility, and the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, and the Dove of Paradise warbled upon the branch of certitude. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Say: O people of the earth, rejoice within yourselves! The Temple of the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the Most Great Throne and hath spoken that before which the Books of the world have bowed down, and His grace hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every denying infidel.

Say: The gate of the Divine Presence hath been opened, and from the treasury of divine knowledge the pearls of wisdom and utterance have been revealed, through the command of God, the Powerful, the Chosen One.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard thy sweetest call in the remembrance of God, the Lord of all beings, and witnessed thy turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon. We have answered thee with a Tablet before which all tablets have bowed down. We have indeed sent down for thee, both before and at this time, that which hath opened the gate of knowledge to the face of every insightful seeker. Blessed art thou for having attained, in the earliest days, to the Kawthar of inner meanings, when the servants were prevented therefrom, save whom God, the Lord of creation, did will.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give thee to drink, at all times, from the choice wine of His utterance and the Kawthar of His remembrance and the Salsabil of His mercy, which hath preceded all religions. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance from My pen’s traces, say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation through which the Mount was shaken and the Lote-Tree spoke that which drew unto it the hearts of the righteous ones.

O my Lord! Thou seest me, in all conditions, turning toward Thee and directing myself to the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy mercy for them that circle round Thy Sacred House. Every person of fairness hath testified to Thy power and sovereignty, and every person of justice to Thy greatness and might, and every person of insight to Thy Manifestation and appearance and Thy loftiness and favor.

Draw nigh, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, Thy servants who have become remote from the court of Thy nearness and have turned away from Thee in Thy days. O Lord! Aid them to acknowledge after denial and to turn toward Thee after having turned away. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones who have acted according to that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book. Then adorn them among Thy servants with trustworthiness and religiosity and truthfulness and purity. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the Kingdom of names and the Supreme Ruler of earth and heaven.

O Lord! Make known to them Thy path and Thy tidings which Thou didst promise in Thy Books and Thy Scrolls. Then enable them to hold fast unto it and to cling to its hem. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Chosen One.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant Nabil who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants. Assist him through the means of Thy heavens and earth that he may draw the servants nigh unto the Most Great Ocean through Thy bounty and generosity. Thou art He Whom the desires and schemes of the nations cannot prevent, nor their might and power and sovereignty and oppression. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Commander, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH02303: He hear and answers

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O ʿAbdu'r-Rahim! Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make aware the heedless ones of that land and not deprive them of the ocean of His bounty, that all may hearken to the call of the Speaker of Sinai and arise to serve His Cause.

Say: O Ja'far! Hear the call of the Lord of Destiny as it is raised from the direction of His Most Great Scene. Open thy sight to the countenance of God that thou mayest behold the Self-Subsisting One, in Whose hand is the sealed nectar.

Say: In the name of God and by God, take from the hand of bounty the Kawthar of eternity, then drink thereof once in His name and again in remembrance of the All-Wise. Verily the Wronged One maketh mention of thee for the sake of God and calleth thee to the supreme horizon from the presence of the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. O Ja'far! We love to see thee detached from all save God, holding fast to His Most Great Name and clinging to His luminous hem. We beseech God to open before thy face the

gate of justice and adorn thee with the ornament of fairness, that thou mayest behold with thine own eyes that for whose vision eyes were created—His radiant and wondrous beauty.

Should the attraction of the call from the supreme height seize thee, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the kingdom of names, for having remembered me when I was silent in Thy remembrance and called me to turn toward Thee when I was hesitant in Thy Cause. I testify that vain imaginings kept me from the lights of the Book of Certitude and idle fancies stood between me and Thy Self-Subsisting Name. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to assist me in breaking the idols of Thy servants and creatures. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of the world cannot frustrate and the All-Compelling Whom the clamor of the nations cannot prevent.

O my Lord! Aid me to turn toward Thee and adorn me with the ornament of Thy gifts and forgiveness. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy Messengers and what Thou hast revealed unto them of Thy Books and Scriptures and Psalms. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of spirits and minds, to make me in this hour one who acknowledges the Mother Book which Thou hast sent down as the final return. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O ʿAbdu'r-Rahim! This Wronged One hath ever summoned and continueth to summon all the peoples of the world to God, glorified be His majesty, without any veil or concealment. Blessed are they that have turned toward Him and woe unto them that have turned away. Thy letter was received and attained the honor of being heard, and this reply hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of all men. Blessed is he who findeth from it the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the compassionate and generous Lord. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land. We beseech God to make each one stand with such steadfastness that the people of the earth shall be powerless to prevent them. Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent, and He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

If wisdom requireth it, may Mulla Ja'far, whom God shall strengthen, take note.

BH03015: The friends of God have ever been beneath His…

In the Name of the one true God!

The friends of God have ever been beneath His vigilant eye and illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in remembrance of each one. Today the sweet fragrances of grace and utterance have perfumed the world, yet most are deprived and forbidden therefrom.

We beseech God to rend asunder the veils—and these veils have been and are the ignorant ones who have adorned their heads with turbans and have striven and continue to strive with the utmost effort to hinder and prevent the servants. God's curse be upon them! Blessed art thou, for the hindrance of the hinderers and the veils of the veiled ones did not prevent thee from the fragrances of the Day of Faith and the manifest light.

We make mention in this station of thy wife and give her glad tidings of thy Lord's verses. We beseech God to aid her and ordain for her that which endureth and lasteth. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in My

remembrance, then bear witness to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We make mention of thy sister and the wife of him who was named Fadlu'llah. We have turned toward them from the direction of the Prison and remembered them with that which attracteth the minds and hearts. Today the leaves of the divine Lote-Tree must guide the handmaidens of the earth to the Most Exalted Horizon with utmost sanctity and detachment. Today the handmaidens of God are accounted as men. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! We beseech God to make all steadfast in such wise that the oppression of oppressors and the fire of aggressors may not deter them from the Straight Path.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! When thou attainest unto My Tablet and the trace of My Pen, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me every good thing Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O my Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy grace—withhold them not through Thy generosity nor disappoint them of Thy gifts. Send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and adorn me with the ornament of Thy glory and Thy riches. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things, both hidden and manifest. Verily Thou art the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

BH03157: He Who is the Ruler over all who are…

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

O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon and who holdest fast to the cord of the bounty of the Lord of all beings! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of ʿAkka—God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Mihdi! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One time and again, and We have heard thy call. We answer thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto the Most Great Ocean which hath surged before the faces of the world, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have found from thy letter the fragrance of attention, steadfastness and turning unto God, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee hold fast unto that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

In these days there hath come upon Me that which hath caused the hearts of them that are nigh unto God to melt. Say: O people of God! Cast away that which befitteth not His days, and take hold of that which ye are commanded. He, verily, is the Faithful Counsellor. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast unto trustworthiness and righteousness and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, is exalted.

There hath appeared in the Great City that which hath caused the tears of the knowing ones to flow. He who claimed My love hath broken My Covenant—thereby have My Pen and My Tablet wept. Every fair-minded and keen-sighted one beareth witness unto this. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him and those whom he hath led astray to return unto Him. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones who have quaffed the choice wine of My love from the cup of My bounty, and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. Say: O people of the earth! The Temple of Grace hath been established upon the throne of His name, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest ye be kept back by the clamor of your divines who have denied the proof of God and His mighty and glorious testimony.

Illumine the hearts of those who are with thee with this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's Tablet, the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Mighty. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe wisdom, lest the clamor of the heedless be raised. Unto him who acteth in accordance with that which he hath been commanded, God shall open the gates of goodly gifts. He is the Helper of the sincere ones and the Goal of them that are nigh. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH03069: The Wronged One desires to send thee a word…

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven!

The Wronged One desires to send thee a word from the Mother Book and a wave from the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all men. We have remembered thee and those who have believed with a remembrance by which the hearts of the righteous have been attracted.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Wronged One is between the fangs of wolves, calling the people to God, the Lord of the Final Return. He was seated when the hand of power raised Him up, and was silent when the Command of God, the Lord of lords, caused Him to speak. There befell Him in the path of God that which caused the stars to fall and the clouds to cry out. He has arisen to promote the Cause with such steadfastness that the tyranny of the world did not prevent Him nor did the hatred of the wicked frighten Him. He has spoken what He desired before the faces of the servants, causing the kingdom of the heart to quiver.

We beseech God to assist thee and make thee successful in what He loves and is pleased with, to make thee speak His Name and gaze toward His horizon, to make thee detached from all else save Him and clinging to the hem of the robe of His mercy which has preceded the earth and the heavens. The Wronged One has turned to thee on this night and revealed for thee that which has caused the nightingales of divine knowledge to warble upon the highest branches. The Kingdom belongs to God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

When thou hearest the shrill voice of My Pen and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the world, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in holding fast to Thy cord. O Lord! I have turned to Thee, detached from all save Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy face to assist Thy servants in serving Thee and serving Thy loved ones. Then I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and Thy hidden and treasured mysteries in Thy tablets, to make me among those

who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance and have done what Thou hast commanded them in the Book. O Lord! Thou seest the one who aims for Thy most distant station and the supplicant at the door of Thy bounty. O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH03341: A mention from Our presence to him who hath…

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

A mention from Our presence to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that he may inhale the fragrance of My utterance and remind the servants of My verses and draw them nigh unto My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Beloved. O ʿAli! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us and found the fragrance of thy humility before God, the Lord of sovereignty and dominion. We have sent down for thee that whereby the Concourse on High and they who circle round My glorious station have been enraptured. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away what the people possess on the Day of God, the Lord of existence, and taken what hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty as a token from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty, turn thy face toward the House and say: "Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify that I was as one dead, and Thou didst adorn me with the ornament of being; I was heedless, and Thou didst make known to me Thy extended path; I was silent, and Thou didst cause me to speak through Thy bounty which pervadeth both the seen and the unseen. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn toward the court of Thy might and to acknowledge Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of kings and kingdoms, Possessor of might and grandeur, by Thy grace to assist me in making mention of Thee and glorifying Thee amongst Thy creation and in arising to serve Thy loved ones.

"O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the ocean of Thy generosity nor from hearkening to Thy call on the Mount of Thy knowledge. Thou art He through Whose generosity all things have borne witness, and through Whose grace all created things exist. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Then ordain, O my God, for Thy loved ones who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance and have acted according to what Thou hast commanded them in the Books and Tablets, that which shall protect them from the wolves of the earth and its wicked ones. Moreover, decree for them the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all worlds, the Educator of all peoples, and the One Who, through Thy word"Be," and it is, hath power over whatsoever Thou willest."

BH03962: O my leaf! Hear my call from the direction…

In the name of the one incomparable God!

O my leaf! Hear my call from the direction of my prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God to confirm thee in steadfastness in His Cause. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Most men on earth are deprived of the city of inner meanings, but thou, praise be to God, hast attained thereunto. Know thou the value of this most great bounty and mighty gift, and say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and sent down upon me the rain of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy light whereby earth and heaven were illumined, and by Thy fire whose call was raised from the Tree of Faithfulness, to enable me in all conditions to remember Thee and praise Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Furthermore I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy arising to promote Thy Cause and by Thy call amongst Thy servants, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine what Thou hast ordained for the leaves that circle round Thy throne. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer."

O my handmaiden! Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land. We wish at this time to mention my leaf, the daughter of him who was named Ashraf, upon him be My glory. We beseech God to confirm her in that which befitteth the sanctification of His Cause. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the Generous.

O my leaf! There hath come before the Wronged One thy letter which thou didst send to him who chose for himself a station beneath His shadow. We have read it and answered thee. If God willieth, He will send it to thee as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH05483: This is a Book which the All-Merciful has sent…

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

This is a Book which the All-Merciful has sent down to him whose name was mentioned before the Wronged One in this remote spot.

This is a Day whereon the Balance has spoken: "O peoples of the earth! The Dayspring of Justice has appeared with a manifest Command, and the Path has cried out: 'To Me, to Me, O heedless ones!"' There is nothing but proclaims the truth in remembrance of this Mighty News, whereby the limbs of idols have quaked and every obstinate oppressor has wailed.

This is a Day whereon the seas have surged and the fragrance of God, the Lord of all worlds, has wafted. The verses have been sent down and the clear tokens have appeared, yet the people remain veiled by a thick veil. Blessed is the powerful one whom the doubts of the divines have not weakened, and the steadfast one whom the might of the oppressors has not caused to slip.

When the wine of revelation has seized thee and the breezes of inspiration have attracted thee, say:

> "O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of days! I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou hast made a sword for the ungodly and a light for those near unto Thee, and by Thy hidden mysteries in Thy Books and Tablets and Scriptures, to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in service to Thy Cause, and speaking Thy praise amidst Thy creation. Then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

BH05629: O Yusuf, upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Yusuf, upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast attained the presence of the Wronged One and hast won the call of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Praise be to God, thou hast attained, both before and after, unto the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness, for the barking ones lie and have lain in ambush. Say: O people, cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee, and I cling to Thy cord, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the Point through which Thou hast distinguished the Books of the world, and by the Sun of Thy knowledge whereby Thou hast illumined the horizons of the hearts of the nations, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches, and the supplicant awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. Then send down upon me and my family, from the heaven of Thy bounty, the rain of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Merciful.

BH05796: He shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven…

He shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

Thy petition arrived while the Lord of all names was walking in the mansion wherein is situated the Most Great Prison. We heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy love. In thy supplication thou didst make mention of the Wronged One—may the glory of His majesty be exalted. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thy heart for having turned to the Wronged One. I swear by the Sun of Truth that one deed performed today is equal to—nay, surpasseth—the deeds of ages and centuries. Blessed is the eye that hath been illumined today with the collyrium of divine knowledge, and blessed is the heart that hath, through God's grace, effaced the tales of old and adorned itself with the words "Verily, I am the servant of God."

We beseech God to assist the loved ones in that land and its surroundings to serve His Cause. The world hath been encompassed by His verses, and His evidences are manifest in the realm of existence. Well is it with him who hath turned and attained! Woe betide the heedless! We beseech God to assist thee and to vouchsafe unto thee at all times the living waters of steadfastness. He is the Sovereign, the Generous, the Lord of existence. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH05839: The ocean of utterance has surged and the fragrance…

He is the One speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance

The ocean of utterance has surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted, yet the people do not understand. The shrill voice of My Pen has been raised up, along with the flowing of the water of My mercy and the rustling of My Divine Lote-Tree, yet most people do not perceive. They have denied God's favor and disputed His verses and broken His covenant—yet verily they do not understand. Their vain desires move them however they wish and their idle fancies prevent them from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We have heard mention of your remembrance and turning and orientation toward Us. We make mention of you as a favor from Us, that you may give thanks to your Lord, the Possessor of existence. We beseech God the Exalted to make you one who desires through His will, who stands firm in His service, and who speaks His praise among His servants. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving.

When the attraction of the Call takes you to My most exalted horizon, say:

O Possessor of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven! I testify that You have manifested Your Cause and Your proof and Your evidence, and sent down Your favor. I beseech You by Your greatest signs and what was treasured in the breasts of the saints and hearts of the chosen ones, and by the Word through which the sincere ones hastened to the gate of Your bounty and those brought nigh to the court of Your glory, that You strengthen me in all conditions in what will draw me near to You and make me detached from all else but You and holding fast to the cord of Your generosity. O my Lord! I am Your servant and the son of Your servant. I have held fast to You and to what has appeared from You and what You have sent down in Your Book. I beseech You not to disappoint me from what is with You and what You have ordained for Your trusted ones and chosen ones. There is no God but You, the Protector, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH07375: O True One, the gaze of Truth is at…

He is the Hearer and the Answerer!

O True One, the gaze of Truth is at this moment directed toward thee and maketh mention of thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty. Say: O people, today the Tablet of God exists as the criterion between truth and falsehood. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it, and woe unto them that turn away. This is the straight path and this is that which telleth of the mighty announcement. Whoso acknowledgeth it hath acknowledged the Books of God and His Messengers, and whoso denieth it is

among the most lost in the sight of God, the True King, the Manifest. Give glad tidings unto the people of My appearance and My loving-kindness.

Say: O Concourse of the Torah! The Revealer of verses hath come and the breezes of revelation have seized the hearts of them that are near unto God. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless ones. By God the Truth! The Mount speaketh and the Tree calleth out and the Light shineth forth from this luminous horizon. Say: O Concourse of the Qur'an! The All-Merciful hath come. Fear ye God and be not of them that deny. Say: O Concourse of the Bayan! The books of the world profit you not this day except through this Book which speaketh before the faces of the nations. Cast aside vain imaginings; the light of certitude hath dawned from the horizon of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have heard and responded. Verily they are among them that are drawn nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

BH08620: O Yahuda! Verily the Mount discourseth, yet the people…

He is the All-Knowing Rememberer.

O Yahuda! Verily the Mount discourseth, yet the people hear not. Verily the Tree calleth aloud, yet mankind comprehend not. Hearken unto the call of the Lord of creation and hold fast unto guidance, as bidden by Him Who is the Commander, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving.

Say: O people of the earth! The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come, calling all unto God, the Sovereign Lord of existence. Thou hast been mentioned by Him Who hath cast away all else and held fast to My Extended Cord. We make mention of thee in this Tablet which proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Cast aside this day what is with the people and say: I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue hearts and minds, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09392: 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 all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Command through which the decayed bones were quickened and Thy bountiful favor encompassed the world, to preserve Thy loved ones from those who have been stirred by the winds of self and passion in Thy days and whom their desires have prevented from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world and the Beloved of the nations, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee and desired to hold fast unto that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, the good of this world and of the next. Then decree for him what Thou hast decreed for Thy chosen ones and trustees. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09214: Today the verses of grandeur are descending…

He is the One Who speaks the truth from the Most Exalted Horizon.

Today the verses of grandeur are descending from the heaven of divine will like torrential rain, and their fragrance has perfumed the realm of inner meanings and utterance. O children of the Friend! Today the glorious call is raised high and the Mount responds with “Here am I! Here am I!” Blessed is the eye that has attained the presence of the Speaker and been honored by the traces of His Pen. He who loved Me and soared in My atmosphere hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. Whoso acknowledges today the Tablet of God and its effect hath verily acknowledged what was revealed aforetime, and he who denieth it—his deeds have come to naught. Unto this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness in the Most Great Prison. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH09945: I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath…

He is the Hearer in the Kingdom of Utterance!

I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, exalted be His glory—no one shall attain to advancement in this most exalted Cause except through detachment from all else save God. The heart must needs be purified with the water of the fear of God, that it may be adorned with the inscription of the blessed words “Verily I am God’s.” Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station. O lovers throughout all regions! Do not deprive yourselves of the light of the Most Great Luminary. In truth I say, this is the Day of trade and the profit of those who are near unto God is beyond measure. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the deniers.

BH10464: O ʿAshur! The Mountain hath quivered within itself when…

In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all names!

O ʿAshur! The Mountain hath quivered within itself when it heard the Call of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The rapture of that Call hath seized the Lote-Tree of Sinai, which crieth out with the most exalted call: “The Lord hath come with manifest sovereignty!” Blessed be the ear that hath attained unto hearing, and woe betide every heedless one who is rejected. That which was hidden in knowledge and treasured with God, the King of Kings, hath been revealed. Blessed is he who hath turned, and heard, and responded, and woe betide every denier who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Kingdom. Thus hath the Tongue spoken, when the Wronged One was in His praiseworthy station.

BH08291: A hundred thousand praises and thanks to the Most…

A hundred thousand praises and thanks to the Most Desired One that, though outward presence and meeting were prevented due to intervening circumstances, He has appointed the pen as deputy. In truth, this is a great bounty and a mighty favor, for it can expound the secrets of the heart and reveal the hidden mysteries of the mind and soul. Though its station is below that of nearness and union, yet as the mystics have said in this regard, “Correspondence is half of union.” In one sense, it can even be seen as standing in place of union and meeting, for the letters of friends are the cause of supreme joy and the

source of greatest delight. The remembrance of loved ones is auspicious to the Beloved. I beseech from the ocean of divine generosity that He may remove whatever has become an obstacle and unlock the gate of reunion with the key of grace. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful….

BH00350: Praise befitteth the Mighty Hand that raised high…

Section 1: "Praise befitteth the Mighty Hand that raised high…"

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

Praise befitteth the Mighty Hand that raised high the standard of trustworthiness and cast down the decree of treachery, and through the light of justice adorned and illumined this darkened world. Chastity and trustworthiness are as two luminaries in the heaven of benevolence and favor, the light of each exceeding that of the sun. The Lord of the unseen and the seen beareth witness to these words, and the Ordainer of what hath been and what shall be testifieth to this utterance. Glorified be He Who hath raised the stations of man in knowledge and hath sent down wisdom in the Mother Book. Glory and praise be upon the Lord of all creation and the Master of all religions, through Whom was manifested that which lay hidden in the treasure-house of God's protection and was concealed from the eyes of all else.

And further: My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention, your utterances, your arising, your service, and your steadfastness. Your letters have descended like successive rains; before one heavenly table could be consumed, another blessing arrived. Glorified be He Who strengtheneth His Afnan and assisteth His trusted ones. In truth, each of your esteemed letters radiates a light and diffuses a sweet fragrance, for they are adorned with the mention of the Lord of the worlds and the praise of the Master of Eternity. After reading them with joy and delight, we proceeded to the station of the Lord of Sinai, presented them before His presence, and they were honored to be heard by Him. His mighty utterance and exalted proof proclaim:

In My Name, the Speaking Silent One

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The latest news is that one of the firm and sincere believers has departed from this earthly homeland, intent upon the most exalted homeland, hastening from the realm of creation to the Most Glorious Companion. Exalted be his station with his Creator, and magnified his rank with His chosen ones in His paradise. By My life! The Concourse on High and the denizens of the most exalted Paradise welcomed him. And other news is that the swords of oppression have fallen upon the temple of justice. In the great city, the fire of hatred is ablaze and hath consumed the veil of honor. The station of religion hath become vengeful, and the station of light hath become darkness.

They have cast the counsel of God behind their backs, clinging to the evil whisperings of the heedless. Greed and envy have prevented their ears and eyes from hearing and seeing. Without veil or covering they have manifested that which caused the very essence of existence to lament and the Dawning-place of bounty to cry out. Glory be to God! They have forsaken the Known for the unknown, and in the

presence of the manifestations of the Self-Subsisting Name, they have deprived themselves of the choice-sealed wine. The fire of greed, passion, tyranny and corruption hath become an obstacle and veiled the light of guidance and godliness.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The heaven of reformation hath been rolled up, and the scroll of corruption hath been spread out. Some have turned from Paradise to hell, and from light to the flames. Beseech thou God to guide the misguided and deprive not the treacherous of the grace of trustworthiness. Say: O my God, my God! I testify that the gate of Thy bounty hath ever been open to the faces of Thy servants. Aid them, O my God, to return unto Thee and to repent before the ocean of Thy forgiveness and bounty. O Lord! Thou seest Thy Afnan turning unto Thee, clinging with the fingers of hope to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint the heedless of the outpourings of Thy days, nor to drive away those who are lost in fancy from attaining Thy presence. O Lord! Transform their fire into light, their turning away into drawing nigh, their tyranny into justice, their ignorance into knowledge, and their death into life. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy right hand is the Kawthar of life. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

Most strange of all is that souls who have been the recipients of the utmost mercy, favor and kindness have acted in such wise as to cause grief to encompass all and the dust of their deeds to reach the hem of His sanctified robe. They have made lying their emblem, calumny their garment, treachery their nature, and their deeds the deeds of Pharaohs. This servant beseecheth his Lord to aid them to make amends for that which hath escaped them in His days. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayers.

As to what was written regarding transactions, this too hath caused perplexity. Now the honored Afnan, His Holiness Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, after a long journey hath attained the Most Great Presence and is attending to these matters and will send word. However, let them not be saddened by these affairs, for hardship and ease have ever been within the grasp of His power—He altereth them as He pleaseth. As was witnessed, He dissolved the tribulations of the Most Great Prison and raised high the banner of ease and comfort. Never was it thought that imprisonment would be transformed, until a blessed verse descended from the heaven of the Divine Will, which was a key to open the gate, leading to the opening of the gate of egress and ingress for those who sought His presence and the emigrants. In any case, it is hoped that He will manifest and adorn all affairs through His absolute Will in the most excellent manner. Verily our Lord is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

The honored Afnans of that land, as well as the loved ones, have been and are remembered in the Holy Presence. This servant beseecheth for each one that which is adorned with and worthy of acceptance, and entreateth the Sovereign of existence not to deprive any of them from the clouds of generosity and the heaven of bounty. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

Concerning what was written about the great city and the presence of someone in that land, and likewise what was expressed about trade yielding no fruit—if it be required for the Cause, the matter is in God’s hands and whatever is decreed shall be carried out. These matters have been brought to attention in His presence. His words, exalted be His utterance: Let them act as they deem wise. The means currently

present in that city and the presence of any individual will not yield fruit. However, if a wise person be found who knoweth the proper ways of association and intercourse, it would be good, and his movements should be for the sake of God. He should be among the assured souls who fear not falsehoods and calumnies, engaging in his work with firm determination and a strong heart. His Honour Aqa Mirza Muhsin hath also arrived from the great city. Praise be to God, he is adorned with the ornament of health and hath attained the station of nearness.

O My Afnan! You are accounted as being of the Sacred Tree. From the beginning of the Cause until now you have attained that which none other hath attained. Your purpose must be the exaltation of the Word of God, and your efforts must be directed toward this end. In numerous Tablets that which none save God, exalted be His glory, can reckon hath been revealed concerning the Afnan. You have been and continue to be assisted, God willing. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, hold fast unto the cord of My Cause, and be steadfast in My service. Verily He is with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have adorned thee with the ornament of Our love, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee in all times turned toward Him and aided in manifesting His Cause through wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thou hast ever been beneath the glance of Our loving-kindness. We testify that thou didst turn to the Most Sublime Horizon and didst traverse the stages until thou didst arrive at the Most Great Prison and attain the presence before the Face and didst see and hear that which was uttered by the Tongue of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, and didst attain to that which was denied the servants of the earth except whom God, the Lord of existence, did will. We beseech Him to send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty mercy from His presence and blessing from His side and loving-kindness from His direction. Verily He is He Who is established upon the Throne in His praiseworthy station. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hear thy words in this manifest Cause. Praise be to God, the Afnan have attained unto a bounty which hath had and hath no likeness. It behooveth them to thank their Lord at all times. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Section 2: “The bounty, mercy and loving-kindness in relation…”

The bounty, mercy and loving-kindness in relation to the Afnan, upon them be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, is of such magnitude that its mention is beyond the capacity of pen and ink. I beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and assist them and reinforce them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Mention was made of the beloved of the heart, his honor ʿAndalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. His mention hath been in the Most Sublime Horizon. From the beginning of the Cause he hath been speaking in remembrance and praise and hath been steadfast in service. Praise be to God, his tongue was created for the mention of the Lord of all beings. That which hath appeared from him beareth witness unto him in all conditions and in all the worlds of our Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. And after these matters were presented in the Most Exalted Station, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which was mentioned and recorded in the holy Books. Thank thy Lord for this manifest bounty. Praise thy Lord for this mighty generosity. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having made me a helper of Thy Cause and submissive before the manifestations of Thy commandments and ordinances. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Convey My greetings to ʿAndalib, upon him be My glory. The loving-kindness hath encompassed him and mercy hath preceded him. Verily We caused him to speak Our praise and guided him to Our path and acquainted him with Our Message at which the limbs of Our servants trembled save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, did will. Blessed is the time which was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, and blessed is the life which was spent in My remembrance and praise and service. Today is the last day of the month of Ramadan, and a number of people have attained to deeds for the sake of God. For fasting there are stations and ranks, and effects and fruits beyond counting. Blessed are they who have attained. This deed is obligatory in prison, a wisdom from Our presence, and I am the Commander, the All-Wise.

The mention of the beloved of hearts, his honor Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God and His grace, brought boundless joy and infinite gladness. He is the one whose remembrance, praise, service, steadfastness, utterance and grace the All-Bountiful has testified to. Praise be to God that he was enabled to achieve that which caused the exaltation of the Word of God. Time and again was his mention heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. Verily, He does not suffer to be lost the reward of them that act, the reward of them that do good, and the reward of them that are assured. We hope that through the fragrance of his utterances the world of being may be quickened and find its way to the truth. Verily our Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And after presentation before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these words were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted and sanctified be His Word:

"O Fadl! Upon thee be My Glory! We have sent down for thee aforetime that which was the spirit of life for the people of creation, and We have desired to send thee at this time from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that the breathings of revelation in this manifest Day may attract thee and through thee God's servants may be drawn to the mention of this Mighty News. If thou desirest to turn toward any direction, turn with such steadfastness that all created things may thereby turn toward God, the Revealer of verses." Thus has spoken the Kingdom of Utterance in this station which God has made the circling-point of the Manifestations of Names and Attributes. End.

Praise be to God! The splendors of the Sun of favor have appeared in such wise that none has cause to hesitate. Blessed are they who have arisen today to champion the Cause with spirit and joy. Upon them be the glory of God, our Lord, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, and the glory of the most exalted Paradise and the highest Heaven.

As to what was written concerning the departed, the late Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy: praise be to God that he attained and was successful, and drank once more from the wine of bounty. Good fortune was his companion and the solace of his soul. Repeatedly did he attain unto the presence, and for some he requested Tablets and petitioned that the very original Tablets of

revelation be bestowed. As a token of grace, they were revealed at that very moment, though there was a delay in their dispatch. God willing, they shall be sent.

As to the matter of the will, he repeatedly mentioned that "I have no heir. There is a sum of money in a certain place, and likewise two shawls have been sent to ʿAkka—all must revert to the True One." He made this bequest repeatedly, and likewise on the way, when he was in the company of some of the friends, he made this bequest time and again. The servant beseecheth his Lord to forgive him through His grace, to grant him at all times the food of His bounty, and to rain down upon him mercy from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Bestowing. Praise be to God that His Holiness hath attained and continueth to attain.

I beseech God to aid the loved ones of that land to forsake that which hath been forbidden by the Most Exalted Pen in His Most Holy Book. His blessed and exalted Word is: "It hath been forbidden you to smoke opium. We, verily, have prohibited this practice through a most binding prohibition in the Book. Should anyone partake thereof, he is not of Me. Fear God, O ye men of understanding!" And in another passage: "The use of opium hath been forbidden unto you, as well as gambling. Eschew them both, O people, and be not of the transgressors. Beware of using any substance that induceth sluggishness and torpor in the human temple and inflicteth harm upon the body. We, verily, desire for you naught save what shall profit you, and to this bear witness all created things, would that ye could perceive it." It is most regrettable that man should allow his desires to lead him away from the divine Will and the binding decree of His Book, and act contrary to His good-pleasure. Take heed, O brethren, and cleave unto God's compassionate counsels and hold fast unto them. This is better for you, did ye but know it.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and hearken unto your words concerning the abandonment of this unseemly, shameful, abhorrent and rejected practice. The command belongeth unto God, the Lord of existence.

The servant 1st of Shawwal 1306

BH00281: These are days of sorrow, and waves of hatred…

Section 1: "These are days of sorrow, and waves…"

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

These are days of sorrow, and waves of hatred and malice surge in the hearts of the enemies. The flames of pride and vainglory and the smoke of greed and avarice have darkened the world of joy. Glory be to God! Despite the manifestation of favors and the emergence of grace and bounties, that which no soul could have imagined has come to pass. This servant beseeches his Lord to spread another carpet and to purify the hearts of His servants with the waters of Kawthar and illumine them with the lights of His Most Great Countenance. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O beloved of my heart! Your letter addressed to this evanescent servant, as well as the successive letters addressed to His Holiness the Most Generous Name, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, all

attained the honor of being presented before and heard by the One Who converseth from the Tree. These are His blessed and exalted words:

In My Name, the One Who calleth between earth and heaven

This is a letter from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Sorrows have encompassed the Lord of all creation and His loved ones through what hath been perpetrated against Him by the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. By the life of God! The Supreme Pen hath lamented in the Most Exalted Horizon, and Zion hath cried out, and the Mount of God hath crumbled through what the hands of those who denied God's proof and evidence have wrought after their confession, and who disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. The oppressor hath been consumed with the fire of greed, passion, tyranny and wickedness, and hath committed that which hath caused trustworthiness to lament and honored servants to weep. He hath conspired with God's enemy to misappropriate people's wealth. The Pen is powerless to recount their deeds and what hath befallen God's Cause through them, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call of the Wronged One. Glory be to God! One who was outwardly the recipient of the greatest favor and for whom the means of commerce were provided from every direction, when he became possessed of worldly ornaments, first drew forth the sword of cruelty against his helper, supporter and confirmer, and then against His loved ones and friends. That unjust one coveted the property of the Afnan and other friends, raising the cry of Woe is me! They have taken my wealth!' and committed that which hath caused the Cause to suffer loss. The Supreme Pen at this point is engaged with these words so that neither the fiery Samandar nor Nabil-i-Ali might become saddened or dejected by the sorrows that have befallen them and the events that have transpired.

In these sorrows thou hast a great partner. O Samandar! Grieve not for what hath befallen Me and thee at the hands of every remote oppressor and every obstinate transgressor. Be thou ablaze with the fire of My love and soaring in the atmosphere of My tender mercy and speaking that whereby hearts and minds may be attracted. Illumine each of the loved ones with the light of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds and set them aflame with the fire of the Sacred Tree. Each one is present before Our face and mentioned by the tongue of favor. In accordance with the requirements of wisdom, names have not been mentioned, but none have been absent from before Our face, nor are they now. To this beareth witness My ocean of utterance and My heaven of bounty, and beyond them both the Tongue of Grandeur in its praiseworthy station.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of Thine enemies. He whom Thou didst exalt by the hands of Thy bounty hath denied Thee and rejected Thy truth, allying himself with the source of hatred in Thy days. O Lord! Thou seest how the wrongdoer hath taken Thine enemy as his helper and supporter, and hath committed that which hath caused grief to seize the inhabitants of the pavilion of Thy protection and the tabernacle of Thy grandeur. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to protect Thy loved ones from their evil and their plotting. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Kind, the All-Forgiving.

O beloved of my heart! Indeed a strange matter has appeared. Muhammad-Ali Isfahani arrived in this land some years ago with Aqa Abdu'r-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God. He dwelt in the prison for a time, then requested permission to stay in the great city. After permission was granted, he proceeded there and took up residence until the time when our spiritual beloved, Haji Shaykh Akhavi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, decided to engage in commerce there. The aforementioned Muhammad-ʿAli's capital was meager, therefore assistance was suggested for him. Some of the honored Afnans, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, each entrusted him with one hundred liras, and likewise sent him goods from China and India regularly.

This year when news of the commercial upheaval in that land reached the owners of the capital, they intended to proceed to the city for investigation and collection. That oppressor, upon hearing this, immediately united with the source of hatred. One day he cried out that his strongbox had been broken into and three hundred and fifty liras stolen. Each day he would attribute this to someone else and finally accused a Siyyid, bringing charges to the government, and that poor destitute one was imprisoned. After some time when his lie became apparent, the government released the Siyyid. Finally he brought this accusation against the poor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, for he imagined that since Jinab-i-Nazir had arrived there, perhaps the commerce of that place would be referred to him. With this delusion he attributed it to him, held gatherings, wrote to various places, and would tell any denier he met that the Babis had come and stolen and taken his money.

In brief, he united with the enemy of God and said to many merchants that which caused harm to the Cause of God. Indeed, from the beginning until now, no such blow has been dealt to the Cause. His Honor Mu'inu'l-Mulk, may God the Exalted strengthen him, told the friends that the Siyyid says Muhammad-ʿAli is lying, the owners of the capital have demanded their money, and he has resorted to these games and tricks, and I too share the Siyyid's opinion—his lies are as evident as the sun from his records. Then he sent a letter to this evanescent one and to His Holiness Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, stating that for the protection of God's Cause this servant had not mentioned the theft, and if permission were granted, he would prove that Jinab-i-Nazir had committed the theft.

Permission was issued from the Source of Command to certainly prove it and take his money. Some time passed and no news came from him regarding this matter. His Holiness Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, also demanded proof from him in that land, saying that since you yourself wrote this, now fulfill it. He resorted to unworthy false excuses. Then he wrote to His Holiness Ismu'llah that "they have taken my money, you say come prove it" while he himself had repeatedly declared this matter.

From these words the rest of his words and deeds are clear and evident. Indeed he has manifested an oppression that has no equal or likeness. And later it became known that before making this declaration here he had written everywhere. In brief, he has vowed not to speak one word of truth in the world. The river of lies and hypocrisy has joined the sea of infidelity and rebellion. To God we belong and to Him we shall return.

The recent news is that the honored Afnans of the Blessed Tree arrived in the middle of the blessed month of Ramadan with the utmost joy and fragrance, and attained His presence and meeting. Now, through divine bounty and merciful grace, they have taken residence and are dwelling beneath the

pavilions of grandeur. Blessed are they, and joyous tidings to them! God is witness and testifier that most often the mention of that Beloved of hearts flows from the tongue of the soul. Your remembrance brings joy and Your memory quickens the spirit. Repeatedly in these days this exalted word has flowed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings. He spoke, and His word is truth: "There hath befallen Samandari what hath befallen My own Self."

In these days he shares in sorrows, but these have not endured nor shall they endure. Soon they shall pass away and glory, joy and delight shall remain for Me and for him and for the friends of God, His chosen ones and His trusted ones. The praise be to God! His honor Shaykh, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, attains His presence and meeting most days. His son is seen with utmost humility and joy, and stands before the Seat of the Lord. In truth, the ear vibrates at the pure mention of that Beloved and the eye rejoices with greatest gladness at the sight of those related to Him. The servant begs his Lord to honor your honor through His might and to exalt you and those with you through His power and sovereignty. Verily He is the best of helpers and the best of supporters, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

Section 2: "As regards what was written concerning the spiritual…"

As regards what was written concerning the spiritual friend His Honor Shaykh Muhammad Arab, upon him be the Glory of God and His bounty—he is truly engaged in service and has attained the grace of his Lord. His mention has repeatedly flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur, and all the letters he has sent to this servant have been honored to be received in the Most Holy Court. Specifically regarding the loved ones and friends he has mentioned—all have been blessed with the fragrances of revelation and the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Divine favors have been and continue to be bestowed upon him, and sacred Tablets have been sent at his request. That beloved of hearts has witnessed the waves of the ocean of grace and knows that the sea of bounty has no shore and the light of the orb of generosity no limit. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist those who are near to recognize what was hidden in His verses and treasured in His words. Verily He has power over all things.

The Most Great Glad-Tidings and Supreme Announcement is the blessed word which the Tongue of Grandeur openly and without veil spoke on a certain day to His Honor Nabil ibn Nabil, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and that is permission for that beloved of hearts to attain His presence. The servant indeed praises Him for this and offers endless thanks that endure with His eternal grace and remain unchanged through the permanence of His names. However, He made it contingent upon wisdom, saying one must be mindful of its requirements.

And regarding what His Honor Shaykh has mentioned about the designation—that beloved one knows that sometimes it is present and sometimes absent, at times the sun of wealth is visible and at times poverty. However, concerning His Honor Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God, He commanded that it be transferred through His Honor Aqa Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, to be delivered. The delay and postponement of such matters is due solely to the absence of the mentioned thing and nothing else. And His Honor Shaykh should also treat His Honor Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His bounty, with love. At present His Honor Amin has a paternal relationship with most and has been engaged in service from the beginning of the Cause until now, occupied with speaking well of all the

divine friends. In truth, he has repeatedly spoken well of this very His Honor Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God, and sent such mentions to the Most Holy Court. If sometimes, out of wisdom or counsel, he should speak a word, they should not become upset. In mentioning these stations, this supreme word appeared from the Tongue of the Lord of all beings—blessed and exalted be His word:

> "O Samandari! Upon thee be My Glory and My Bounty! The waves of the divine ocean of grace and the effulgences of the orb of heavenly bounty have been and continue to be directed towards the loved ones. Praise be to God that to this day, every minor deed that has appeared from the loved ones, or towards which the glance of grace was directed before its appearance—verily He does not allow to be lost the reward of the doers of good. All must look to that which hath appeared from Him, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Indeed the mention of His Honor Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God, is true and acceptable before the Lord, for those souls who are sanctified from outward conditions and transient ornaments—their words and deeds prove effective. In most stations regarding the conditions of teachers, He has stated that which is clear and evident to that beloved one. The glance of grace has been and continues to be directed towards them. Detachment is the cause of exaltation and piety the means of advancement. In brief, all that they have mentioned regarding the stations of contentment and piety has been accepted in the Most Holy Court. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist his honor with means that may become the cause of people's acceptance and their turning to the countenance of their Lord, the Possessor of all existence.

He made mention of Haji Darvish Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God. After submission before His presence, these sublime words were revealed from the Mother Book, blessed and exalted be His words:

O Darvish Aqa! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Creator of Heaven! The people of the Path have for ages and centuries been occupied with the mention and praise of the Lord, and have counted themselves among the people of Truth, making mention of the stages of unity, detachment and severance. Yet when the Lord of the World appeared with the Most Great Name, all denied Him save whom God willed. We beseech the True One to strengthen thee in such manner as would cause the people of the Path to turn unto Him. Take, in His Name, the Self-Subsisting, the wine of immortality from the hands of bounty, then drink in His manifest remembrance.

Say: O people of the world! Today the proofs of those nigh unto God and His Messengers stand before the countenance of the Most Great Name, engaged in mention, praise and circumambulation. Cast aside your idle fancies and take what hath been ordained by the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Reflect upon the various sects and likewise upon the remaining proofs, that the truth may become manifest unto thee, and His sovereignty, and His power, and His might, and His signs, and His clear evidences, and that thou mayest be of them that attain.

It is hoped that through the sweet savors of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds, they may arise with complete dedication to serve, and find and drink the hidden wine in the divine verses. The

Command is in His grasp. He strengtheneth whom He willeth through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

He made mention of Haji Mirza Fadlu'llah and his wife. After their mention was submitted before the Most Holy Court, there was revealed for each that which is the point of adoration of all the books of the earth. I beseech the Beloved to aid them to hearken unto His utterance as it behooveth them to hearken. Amen, Amen, O Goal of the mystics! Amen, Amen, O Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth!

Mention was made of the honored brother Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise of his letter which he sent to that Presence. It was submitted in the most mighty, most holy and most exalted Court, attained the honor of being heard, and one blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will especially for him and was dispatched. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for him the meeting with his Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the luminary of favor and bounty. Verily He doeth what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

I make mention of the loved ones of that land, each one of them, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to bestow upon them at every moment the wine of utterance, that they may drink thereof and become eloquent in praise and thanksgiving. In truth, the assured souls that exist have won the prize from the world and all who dwell therein, and in His days have attained unto the bounties of the All-Bountiful. Who can fulfil the obligation of gratitude? There is no recourse but inability, and no refuge but to confess one's shortcoming. The Command is in His hands and authority is in His grasp. He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Mention has been made of the honored teacher, upon him be the Glory of God. Although arrangements had been made, in view of his being alone, there was agreement to pause. This agreement found acceptance in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, such that the reward of attainment was specifically revealed and sent down from the Ancient Tongue, and at the end the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke these words:

> "Blessed is he and blessed is the one who made arrangements for him. We have, in Our wisdom, veiled the mention of his name, and We are the Chooser."

The Glory, the Remembrance and the Praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and those who are in your household and who love you and who hear your word for the sake of God, the Lord of Lords. And praise be to Him, for He is the Master of creation and the Lord of all beings.

The servant 26 Shawwal 1306

Three pieces were sent, one specifically for the aforementioned person, may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him, and of the other two, one specifically for your honor and the last specifically for the beloved of the heart, the honored Muhammad Javad, upon him be [the Glory of God].

BH01470: This is a glorious Book sent down from God…

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

This is a glorious Book sent down from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, to guide the people to this momentous Announcement, whereby hearts have melted, backs have been broken, limbs have trembled, and every remote oppressor has lamented. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto God's grace and mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The Day of Hearkening hath come, blessed be they that hear! And the Day of Witnessing and Meeting hath come, blessed be they that attain!

Say: O people of God! Hear ye the call from the direction of God, your Lord and the Lord of your ancient forebears. He desireth to draw you nigh unto the Most Great Ocean and acquaint you with His straight Path.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! When thou hearest My call from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance, say: My God, my God! My very being beareth witness to Thy unity and that Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. Nothing is like unto Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy command. The veils of the heedless ones, the glory of the oppressors, and the clamor of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs cannot hinder Thee.

O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones amidst Thine enemies and what hath befallen them in Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy sovereignty which hath surrounded all existence, to protect them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, and to guard them with the manifestations of might and power.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved! Glory be unto Thee, O my Worshipped One! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy wisdom, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided the servants to the shore of Thy Most Great Ocean and illumined their hearts with the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of eternity, to ordain for me that which shall adorn me with the raiment of godliness among all people and crown me with the diadem of detachment throughout creation, that I may be worthy to arise among Thy servants and be fitted to mention and praise Thee in Thy land.

By Thy glory, O Beloved of hearts and Sovereign of existence! My tears shall not be stilled save by entering Thy most great prospect and arriving at Thy most holy, mighty, and luminous station. My heart shall not find peace save by hearkening to Thy call before Thy face and beholding Thy horizon before Thy throne.

Thou seest, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, that the supplicant hath hastened to the gate of Thy bounty, and the seeker hath aimed at the heaven of Thy generosity and mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of what lieth with Thee and what Thou hast ordained for those near unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creation.

I know not, O my God, by what remembrance to remember Thee or by what praise to praise Thee. Whenever my mention increaseth, my grief increaseth. By Thy glory, O my Beloved! From my utterances flow my tears, and from the traces of my pen come my sorrow, anguish and pain. I find no joy for myself

save in circumambulating Thy Sacred House, nor any happiness save in being present before Thy face and arising to serve Thy loved ones.

If Thy destined decree preventeth me from Thy sealed wine, ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of those who hastened unto Thee by Thy leave, who circled round Thy Cause, who stood before the gate of Thy grandeur, who heard the call from the tongue of Thy wisdom, and who drank the choice wine of revelation before Thy throne.

Alas, alas, O my God! Alas, alas, O my Beloved! Alas, alas, O my Worshipped One! For what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the rebellious among Thy servants. Would that I had been prevented from hearing and seeing, that I might not have heard of Thy grief and tribulation, nor witnessed Thy imprisonment and ordeal!

Thou didst create Thy servants to know Thee in Thy days and to arise to serve Thee amidst Thy creation, yet they denied Thee and Thy signs, drew their swords of hatred against Thee, and there befell Thee from them that which the Most Exalted Pen is powerless to recount. O my God! Thou didst desire for them the greatest glory, yet they desired for Thee the greatest abasement. Thou didst call them to the cushions of nearness and the luminous pillows, yet they desired for Thee the dark pit and the lowest station.

O Lord! Aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause and just concerning that which hath appeared from Thee. Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. The oppression of Thy creation cannot withhold Thy generosity, nor can the desires of Thy servants prevent Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Lord! Forgive me and those with me, those who have held fast to Thy firm handles and clung to the hem of Thy luminous robe. Then draw the hearts of Thy creation to the horizon of the heaven of Thy manifestation. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH01890: O people of Ha and Mim! Blessed are ye…

He is the One speaking from the Supreme Horizon!

O people of Ha and Mim! Blessed are ye for having attained unto the Day of God and His manifestation, and for having heard His call and turned toward the Mount when He Who converseth appeared, and toward the Tree and Him Who speaketh therein. Ye have turned toward Him on the day of rejection and acknowledged Him after the denial of the wicked ones, and directed yourselves unto Him on this mighty day. We make mention of you at this hour while the Faithful Spirit in the Supreme Paradise sayeth:

> “Happy are the people of Baha whom God remembereth in His mighty station!”

Know ye your stations, then thank God, the Lord of the House and the Educator of all in the heavens and earths.

A letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein was your mention. We have remembered you with words the like of which the ear of the world hath not heard, nor have the eyes of nations seen their like. Praise ye the Lord, the Possessor of great bounty and wise command.

O Nabil-i-Akbar! Hear the call once again that it may render thee detached from sorrows. Verily God is with thee—He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be not grieved by worldly events. In all matters place thy trust in God, exalted be His glory. He will protect thee as He protected thee before. The world hath ever been the place of vicissitudes, yet its passing away is the cause of joy and the source of gladness. Its changes and variations testify to its impermanence. Therefore it is not mentioned nor considered by those souls who have tasted of the heavenly food and eternal bounties.

O Muhammad-Rida! Thou hast attained unto My mention which no other mention equalleth, nor the treasures of the righteous or wicked. Thank thy Lord for this manifest bounty. The Glory be upon thy father and upon thee and upon everyone steadfast and firm.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Previously in that land occurred that which caused the eye of justice to weep and equity to lament, and there befell the Wronged One from the heedless one that which the Pen is powerless and unable to mention. Likewise in Kurdistan the heedless one at last cast the fire of passion upon the leaves of the Tree. Glory be to God! Despite divine counsel and heavenly admonition some acted in such manner as caused the Concourse on high and the company of the sincere to cry out "I seek refuge in Thee, O God of the worlds!" And even greater than that hath appeared in these days in the great city. By the life of God, it burned hearts and consumed livers!

The oppressor who claimed love, when the desire for treachery emerged from his greed and covetousness, abandoned God, glorified be His majesty, allied with His enemy and assailed His friend. Thus do We recount for thee what befell Us from him who rent the veil of trustworthiness, chastity and fidelity. When he saw a believer he said "I believe in God," and when he saw an idolater he denied God, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My mention on this night. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of God's tender mercy, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Muhammad-ʿAli H.S.! Upon thee be the eternal Glory of God! Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me, made me know Thee, guided me to Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things and by Thy will which hath prevailed over all contingent beings, to make me of those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of knowledge through Thy grace and favor. O Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the heaven of Thy mercy and awaiting the rain-showers from the clouds of Thy grace. Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH02826: Verily the Most Great Ocean desired to send unto…

He is established upon the throne of utterance

Verily the Most Great Ocean desired to send unto thee the ocean of divine knowledge, that thou mayest behold the pearls hidden therein and be of them through whom God hath raised the standard of righteousness among all peoples and the banner of steadfastness in the most exalted station. Blessed art thou, for the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and revealed for thee that which brings solace to all eyes. How many a servant hath heard the call and turned away therefrom, and how many a servant hath inhaled the fragrances of revelation and turned with his heart unto God, the Cause of all rivers to flow. Glorify the name of thy Lord by night and by day, and say:

O people of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not them who have denied the House and disbelieved in the Corner and the Station. Beware lest the ranks of the world and the armies of nations prevent you from this Cause whereby the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all mankind. Hold fast unto My strong cord, speak forth My praise, and stand firm in service to My Cause at eventide and at dawn. When the breezes of revelation stir thee, say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of existence! Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of the seen and unseen! Glorified art Thou, O my Goal and the Goal of all hearts and minds! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me Thy Most Great Path and Thy Mighty News, whereby earthquakes seized all tribes save those rescued by the hand of Thy will and purpose. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, detached from all else but Thee, and clinging to the cord of Thy loving care. I beseech Thee by all that befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty, the ocean of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy generosity, not to disappoint me.

O Lord! Strengthen my limbs in Thy service and illuminate the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge. Then ordain for them that which shall preserve them from the croaking of every croaker, the might of every oppressor, the doubts of every learned one, and the insinuations of every wicked one. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and sovereignty, and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command that prevaileth over Thy heaven and Thy earth. I beseech Thee by the arising of the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs, Who is not overtaken by sitting nor prevented by the power of hosts, to ordain for me that whereby my remembrance shall endure in Thy mighty Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH04817: He overshadoweth all names!

He overshadoweth all names!

This is a Book sent down in truth from this Most Great Prison unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, that it may draw him unto the station of certitude and strengthen him to serve the Cause in the days of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. This is a Day wherein the ocean of utterance hath surged before the faces of all religions, and the Sun of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet whereby the realities of all things have been attracted and the Herald hath called

out from a near place. Blessed is the servant who hath taken the chalice of salvation on this morn and drunk therefrom in the name of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have indeed found from thy letter the fragrance of thy love. We have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and have sent down for thee that which cheereth the eyes of the fair-minded. When thou hearest the call from Mine exalted horizon, say:

> "Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O Thou God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy love and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Manifestation and the breathings of Thy Revelation, to strengthen me in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty the rains of Thy mercy, and write down for me every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

BH09341: A remembrance from Our presence unto everyone possessed…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Our presence unto everyone possessed of ears, and a book from Our presence unto everyone endowed with strength who hath remained steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have summoned all to the most exalted horizon and unto that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down from My presence when agitation seized the dwellers of the earth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Among the people are they who were attracted by My call and acted according to what was ordained in My mighty Book, and among them are they who turned away and denied all that hath been revealed from the presence of an ancient Revealer. For each is a portion in the Book. He, verily, is the Just, the Munificent, the Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath followed the command of God, the Lord of this perspicuous Day.

BH07757: That which was hidden hath appeared…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth

That which was hidden hath appeared and that which was treasured hath spoken, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath called out: The Day of God, the Sovereign, the Peerless, the All-Informed, hath come. O peoples of the earth, fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who calleth you unto the Straight Path. By God! The ornaments of the earth and its embellishments shall profit you not, nor whatsoever is with kings and rulers. God shall soon seize them through His decree. The hosts of the world cannot frustrate Him. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O My handmaiden! When thou receivest My letter and findest from it the fragrance of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, place it upon thine eyes and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and enabled me to recognize Thee when most of mankind have turned away from Thee.

I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to assist me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

BH11615: Sanctified praise, transcending human stations and the degrees…

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

Sanctified praise, transcending human stations and the degrees of utterance, befitteth the Lord of all creation Who, through the breathings of His utterance, hath endowed the world of being with a new and everlasting life…

And this is what was revealed for the loved ones of God in Faran, the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

I am the Hearer, I am the Answerer

O party of God in Faran! We have desired to seal this utterance in this station with your mention. Verily He is the One Who doeth what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. The Divine Lote Tree hath turned toward you with its branches, twigs, fruits and leaves. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it, heard its rustling, and attained its presence. He is assuredly among those who are brought near in the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid you to promote His Cause with wisdom and utterance, and to ordain for you that which will draw you nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Omnipotent over all things, the Supreme Ruler over what was and what shall be.

The seekers have attained unto their Quest, and those who remember unto the Remembered One. They have sought the ultimate goal and the highest aim, until they attained the presence of the Face and heard the call of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are they in that they have chosen for themselves a station within the precincts of their Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Loving. How excellent their arrival and their return, through a command from God, the One Who holdeth the reins of existence. They have attained unto the hearing of verses by night and by day, and have attained the presence of Him Who conversed upon Sinai in His flourishing house. We beseech God to aid them to act in accordance with what hath been sent down in His preserved tablet. We make mention of My handmaidens in that place who have believed in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. The glory of God rest upon them from the presence of God, the Kind, the Forgiving.

In truth, those who have turned toward God, who have arrived, who have sought and who have hoped, each hath attained unto the Lord of Days, for these days have no peer or likeness. Such bounty hath been made manifest that none save God can reckon it. May He grant the standard of justice and adorn those who have turned away from the Bayan and the Furqan with the ornament of equity, that they may not be deprived of fairness. In every day and night there hath been revealed that which was the Lord of verses and the Master of clear proofs, yet the sightless ones of the world have abandoned justice and have wrought that which the idolaters and deniers of old did not perpetrate. The Cause in this Revelation is like the sun among all things, yet they have passed it by and are occupied with their own idle fancies. By the life of our Goal and the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven, they are in manifest error….

The Servant, 2nd of Dhi'l-Qa'dih the Sacred, 1306

BH00479: Let truth bear witness and every fair-minded soul testify…

In the name of God, exalted be He in might and power

Let truth bear witness and every fair-minded soul testify that this evanescent servant, having attained the blessing of His presence, has been occupied day and night with the remembrance of His chosen ones and loved ones. Letters were repeatedly written to each one, from which wafted the fragrance of humility, submissiveness, love and affection. To the extent possible, effort and striving were made to rectify the affairs of each one. Despite my powerlessness and lowliness, no negligence occurred in offering counsels and exhortations. Whatever was heard in these stations was disclosed, with the purpose that hearts and souls might attain what is befitting and turn away from what is unworthy, and that unity might become manifest among the servants. Indeed, the ultimate purpose and universal aim was that the hidden rancor and hatred in the breasts of the various parties might be transformed into affection and unity. You yourself bear witness to what has been mentioned.

However, regarding your affairs at the beginning, one day one of the Afnan was present before the Master, Who said that some arrangement should be made for Aqa Muhammad-Ali so that he would not remain idle in the great city and would maintain respect and honor among the people of that land. Finally they acquiesced and mentioned what was later carried out. Then it was reported that each one had designated or would designate a sum, and that merchandise would be sent to him from wherever he requested. If you reflect carefully on this matter, you will testify to the favors that were bestowed upon you, and the friends referred their business dealings to you, both in this land and abroad. Repeatedly some complained that Aqa Muhammad-Ali was not sending merchandise according to requests—that he was sending items contrary to what was ordered. By God, besides Whom there is no other God, this servant was repeatedly present when they said to the departed and blessed Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be God's favor and mercy:

> "Do not complain, for praise be to God, you have suffered no loss from what has been sent."

It is hoped that intentions will become pure and deeds will be manifested for the sake of God. In such case, profit is present and loss is absent.

The days continued until these days when one day your letter arrived mentioning a theft, saying "They broke my safe and took three hundred and fifty liras," and after some time you attributed this to Nazir, stating that if permission were granted you would prove it. That letter in your handwriting is still at hand. Another day the honored beloved, Haji Siyyid Ali-Akbar, may God strengthen him, the Lord of Power, sent a letter from you and also mentioned it verbally. In that letter too it was stated that if permission were granted you would prove it. After these matters were presented, both the servant and they said to write to you to definitely prove it and make the claim and receive it. We both wrote and sent it. No response came. And His Holiness Afnan—upon him be the peace of God and His bounty—had written: "We delivered the letter in the presence of His Honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan—may God strengthen him—unto His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Ali, and we likewise did earnestly entreat that you should act in accordance

with your written word, demonstrate constancy, and receive a proper response, yet we heard no satisfactory reply."

Then one day His Holiness Haji Siyyid Ali Akbar, may God strengthen him, arrived with a letter in your handwriting stating that "They have taken my property"—how little it is that now you say "Come and prove it." You yourself be fair—what relation does this statement have with the previous one? You yourself repeatedly sought permission to prove it. What was and is the duty of this servant in this regard? In any case, the contradiction between these two statements caused bewilderment. What matter in the world has ever been settled by mere claim without proof, that this matter should be so? Every claim requires proof, and without proof whatever is said is not acceptable to any rational person. Hence there was no choice but silence.

After the second letter they said "Glory be to God! This matter has nothing to do with us. The honored Nazir and Aqa Muhammad Ali both claimed love. If something occurs between them they should, like other people, resort to whatever will establish the right." Then news and letters arrived from the Holy Land, that is, news of the meetings and discussions, and it was observed that finally they had resorted to things that caused harm, loss and dishonor. Nevertheless, we remained silent and bewildered. The news about the honored Nazir came after the news about the honored Siyyid and his imprisonment. If Nazir took it, why did they imprison the Siyyid before Nazir? And if the Siyyid took it, what do they want from Nazir?

In any case, the statements are contradictory and the actions are contradictory. Now be fair—what is the duty? This servant and others did not understand your purpose in these matters and their mention, as that aspect had nothing to do with here.

In the previous year His Holiness the Afnan, the honored Haji Mirza Aqa, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, transferred to His Holiness the Master, may my spirit be sacrificed for Him, half of what they had given to you, and this small amount was returned here. The rest of what was with you and what was with the honored Haji Shaykh Muhammad Ali, upon him be God's favor, had and has nothing to do with here. By the truth of Truth, I say truthfully that not one dinar of it was returned to this place and absolutely nothing was said about these matters. Glory be to God! All your letters contradicted each other. Here you wrote that out of respect for the Cause you had not mentioned it to anyone, but then the honored Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be God's favor, mentioned that you had written to them also and entrusted it to them, and likewise news came from other places, and in that land was said that which is not proper to mention. I complain of my distress and grief to God. They said "Write to Muhammad Ali that the utmost love was shown towards him, and in return for that you did what was not befitting of the faithful."

You have written that the actions of the Nazir and Haji Shaykh Muhammad-Ali caused no harm while my actions caused harm—glory be to God! Why do you deviate from established principles and deny what has existed among people from the beginning of the world until now? O my brother, hear the call of this evanescent one—which claim has ever been accepted without proof, or ever will be? Where, before whom, in which religious law or civil code did you make the proof of this assertion contingent upon the daily expenses of the Nazir? What this servant knows and has been informed of is that he had a property

in Ishqabad which Ustad ʿAli-Akbar sold, and when the Nazir was staying in this land, news arrived that it was sold for four hundred tumans.

Additionally, during this journey he had some funds entrusted to him by others, and also an amount of turquoise given to him by one of the friends which, as some who are still present in the Holy Land know, he sold and took the proceeds. Each of these instances is specified here and can be sent if necessary. Apart from these, ask any wise and fair person whether such matters can prove theft by anyone. Glory be to God! By what proof or evidence can these servants make such accusations against anyone? I swear by the one God that the intention was not and is not to defend him. However, because during his previous time in this land, the friends who came to him from Iran were shown the utmost kindness—some stayed with him for two years.

In any case, mention of his service to the servants of God spread widely, and after the upheaval in those regions during the sedition of Shaykh Ubeydullah, he came to this land and resided here for seven years. I testify by God that nothing contrary was seen from him in this land. Is it possible for someone to arrive and not be treated with kindness? You yourself know that in all cases it is fitting to act with kindness, not unkindness. And if someone has a dispute with one of the affiliates and makes a claim, surely judgment should be issued without discrimination—and God suffices as witness. After returning from that direction, the aforementioned one did not even come to this land.

Great injustice has been done to him, as before proving all these false accusations it is not necessary and is not permitted in any religious law. And as for the affairs of Haji Shaykh Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be God's care, after the conflicts and disputes of that land they summoned him and ordered him to return to his homeland. No betrayal or fault can be attributed to him. The amount of seven hundred liras, as he himself had written previously, he had lost in certain matters. Now he has given a valid promissory note to return it to the owners of the funds, and his brother, his eminence Samandar, upon him be God's care and favors, has also agreed to pay and deliver it to the rightful owners. Beyond this, outwardly no contrary matter was heard or seen from him.

In any case, your letters have caused much astonishment. You wrote that some have written from certain places that harm has been brought upon the Cause. Now, what should I write in reply to them? Our stories and our counsels have not been accepted until now. In this case, write whatever you wish. And if I knew you had adopted fairness and would act with justice, I would write to tell you what to write so that it might remedy what has occurred. But it is evident that until now you have not had a hearing ear, therefore whatever I mention is but wind. O my brother! Trustworthiness, religious devotion, truthfulness and sincerity—each of these, from whomever they have appeared, have not remained hidden. I hope that after reading this letter you will adopt fairness and henceforth speak as befits, and grasp the hem of justice. I beseech God to assist you in that which is good for you and make you successful in that which contains His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And peace be upon him who follows guidance.

BH00895: All praise befitteth the Sovereign of the realm…

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

All praise befitteth the Sovereign of the realm of the Kingdom, Who fulfilled His promise and illumined the world and its peoples with the light of His Most Great Name through the appearance of Him Who was promised. The tongues of all created things bear witness to His grace, His bounty, His might, His grandeur, and His glory. Glory, peace and radiance be upon His loved ones, whom God hath adorned with the ornament of chastity and trustworthiness, and made them the manifestations of His most beautiful names in His dominion. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

And now, the letter of that spiritual beloved hath arrived. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the recognition and confession of the oneness and singleness of God. After it was read and perused, it was raised to the Most Exalted Summit and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, and was honored to be heard. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Muhammad-Rahim! Upon thee be My glory! Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant was presented before the Divine Presence. It indicated and demonstrated the grace of God, exalted be His glory, towards thee. Praise be to God that thou hast been enabled to discharge thy debts. "And whosoever placeth his reliance on God, He is sufficient unto him." That which hath been the key to prosperity and the opener of the gate of success was revealed aforetime from the Supreme Pen. His grace hath reached and continues to reach. Verily, He is with those who love Him and desire Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a dawning-place of goodly deeds and virtuous character amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Convey My greetings to those who are with thee and to those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Give glad-tidings from Me to My loved ones and My leaves there of God's bounty, His mercy, His might and His bestowal. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. Glory be from Us upon thee and upon those who have heard the call and responded to their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The bounty and generosity belong unto God. He hath sent down from the heaven of His munificence upon His loved ones that which hath caused the sweet fragrances of His grace, His mercy and His generosity to waft among His creation. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Thou didst mention thy spiritual beloved, Haji Muhammad-Karim and Haji Shukru'llah, upon them be the glory of God and His favors. After presentation in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these manifest verses dawned forth and shone from the Dayspring of God's loving-kindness. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who have today attained unto that which shall endure forever in God's Book. This is a bounty that shall never be overtaken by decline. The atoms of creation have testified and continue to testify to its station. He is our Sufficiency, our Refuge, our Shelter, and the Sufficiency of all things. His Word, blessed and exalted be He:

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Karim! We have made mention of thee in these days and have sent unto thee that which hath caused the Kingdom of Utterance in the realm of existence to quiver, and before whose manifestation the books of all peoples have bowed down. The Mother Book in the Final Return beareth witness to this. We make mention of him who hath attained My presence and stood before My face, and who was named Shukru'llah in the Book of Names. From the Most Exalted Pen at this hour: O Shukru'llah!

Thou hast been honored with the mention of the Wronged One. No conceivable power can equal it, nor can any comprehend it. Give thanks unto thy Lord through this clear utterance.

All praise be to God! His favors have been continuous. None can reckon them save His All-Knowing Self. The servant beseecheth his Lord to send down upon them both a breath from the breaths of His presence and mercy from the heaven of His bounty. Verily, He is the One Who hath power through His sovereignty and dominion through His command, the Wise, the Strong.

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli and Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented before His presence, the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of God's will, saying—and His word is the truth:

O Muhammad-ʿAli! The loving-kindness of God hath ever been directed towards His loved ones, and He hath mentioned each one with words that are enduring and eternal, whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. We beseech God to confirm thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest attain unto that which is the primary cause for the manifestation of creation and the greatest means for the reformation of the world. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My mention and clung to the hem of My mercy. He is indeed among those who are brought near in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O Muhammad-Mihdi! The Remembered One calleth and maketh mention of thee, and seeketh for all that which is the cause of eternal salvation. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto mention by the Most Exalted Pen. All things shall perish save that which hath been sent down from the presence of the Ancient of Days.

His is the loving-kindness and bounty, His the majesty and might and glory. He hath mentioned each of the loved ones with that which is peerless. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of them that know.

Regarding the Huquq, the honored Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious and resplendent Glory, hath mentioned the details which were presented before the Most Holy Court and were accepted. According to the command of the Beloved of hearts, it hath been assigned to the honored Amin, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, that he may act according to the manifest will shining from the horizon of decree. Verily our Lord is the Commander, the Ruler, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding permission for attaining His presence, after presentation permission was granted, however it is contingent upon the requirements of wisdom, for the decree of wisdom hath been revealed and established in most of the Tablets, and all are commanded to observe it. And specifically for the Leaf, the wife, upon her be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent, that her eyes might be consoled thereby and she might be among the thankful.

And regarding what was written about the payment of debts and God's ordinance concerning the payment of Huquq, according to the command: after the payment of debts, whatever remaineth, the Huquq becometh applicable thereto.

Praise be to God that they were enabled to pay their debts. This matter hath ever been and will continue to be well-pleasing in the sight of the Lord of all worlds. Such is indeed a righteous deed. The payment of debt is the greatest pillar of trustworthiness and godliness, and is an urgent obligation. Praise be to God that that beloved one was assisted, enabled and adorned therewith. The grace and favors of God have ever been and will continue to be with them that act. He is the Helper of them that act, the Bestower upon them that turn unto Him and them that are steadfast. The servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to assist thee in that which will cause thy name to endure among names and thy remembrance to last among remembrances. Verily, He is the Helper of His loved ones from beginning to end. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon them that are with you.

BH03413: He speaketh in truth

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O My handmaiden and My leaf! The Trusted One hath appeared before the Wronged One and made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book. These days are the days of God, and the divine Books speak of their mention and station. He saith unto Moses: “Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God.” Likewise do the previous Books call out with the most exalted call and summon the people of the earth to the Dayspring of Revelation and the Speaker on Sinai. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones. The kings and princesses of the earth have not attained unto “O My servant” and “O My handmaiden”, while thou hast attained unto “O My handmaiden” and “O My leaf”. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

We make mention of Malik Husayn, upon him be the glory of God. Praise be to God, he hath drunk from the Kawthar of recognition and received his portion of the choice sealed wine. His visitation hath been accepted and his desire hath attained unto the glory of God’s good-pleasure. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions and at all times and to make him steadfast in His Cause. O Malik Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He mentioneth thee at this time as a mercy from God, the Lord of the worlds. Thy deed and what thou didst send by the hand of My Afnan and My Trusted One hath been accepted. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne. Blessed art thou and thy wife. We have made mention of her in a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of her Lord’s tender mercy, the All-Bountiful. Give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her. Thy Lord is verily the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of Siyyid Qabl-Rida. We beseech God to gather him in the most exalted Paradise with the sincere ones and those brought nigh. His mention hath been accepted by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory of God be upon you, O My servants and handmaidens, and upon those whom nothing hath prevented from holding fast unto this mighty announcement. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04933: O my leaf, upon thee be My glory! Thou…

In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful!

O my leaf, upon thee be My glory! Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. The glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee. The people of the world have been created for the recognition of the Most Great Name on this blessed Day, yet most are heedless of that which is with God and occupied with that which is with the creatures. But thou hast attained to that which the people of the earth are deprived of, save those whom God hath willed, the Most High, the Most Great.

Convey My greetings to the handmaids in that land and remind them all of that which hath appeared and been revealed from the supreme horizon. Say: Today is the day of supreme joy. Blessed are those handmaids who are engaged in the remembrance of God and are detached from aught else but Him, and blessed are those leaves who are moved by the will of the Divine Lote-Tree and are sanctified and pure from the motion of self and desire.

Time and again the Trustee, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath mentioned thee and the handmaids of that land, and each one hath attained to that for which the world was created to recognize.

Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. He who loved Us and mentioned Us hath ascended; We have remembered him with that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge in creation and the fragrance of the mercy of the All-Merciful to waft. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The glory shining forth from Us be upon thee and upon those handmaids who have drunk of My choice sealed wine.

BH05201: O handmaid of God! Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin—upon him be the glory…

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

O handmaid of God! Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin—upon him be the glory of God, the sovereign, the just, the manifest—sent the letter of that leaf unto the Most Holy Presence. It was admitted unto the grace of His regard and hearing, and from it there was diffused the fragrance of love for the Desire of all mankind. It is hoped that thou wilt manifest thyself in such wise that the handmaids of God may thereafter be drawn, through thy words and deeds, to the pavilions of God's grandeur and the tabernacle of His infinite glory. Great is this station, and great in this Revelation is the station of the handmaids of God. Through the counsels, exhortations, goodly deeds and praiseworthy character of the leaves of the Blessed Tree, may the handmaids of the earth hereafter become aware and find the path of truth.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, and by the leaves which are stirred by the winds of Thy will and purpose, and by the burning hearts of Thy lovers, and by the detachment of Thy sincere ones and they that love Thee in Thy days, to aid this handmaid of Thine in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then manifest through her, by Thy bounty and generosity, that which shall endure as long as Thy Cause endureth amongst Thy creatures and the manifestations of the Sun of Thy Will in Thy lands. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Verily Thou art the One Who spoke on Sinai, Who is established upon the throne of Revelation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

BH05459: We have heard thy call and have sent down…

He is the One Who standeth supreme over His Cause, the All-Compelling, the Most Strong

We have heard thy call and have sent down for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the servant whom the affairs of those who have denied the Day of Judgment have not hindered. He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath come from the horizon of power and hath manifested what He desired by His command, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Through Him the Resurrection and its might have appeared, and the Hour and its signs have been made manifest, yet most of the people are in evident doubt. They have taken hold of vain imaginings and cast behind their backs My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and My Choice Sealed Wine.

Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are in grievous delusion. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for He hath aided thee to acknowledge Him when every remote scholar denied Him, and hath sent down for thee that whereby the eyes of those who possess knowledge are solaced. Say: O people! Fear ye God this Day, then turn with radiant faces toward the Dawning-Place of God's signs, the Lord of this exalted station. Beware lest ye deny him whose manifestation hath been attested by the Book of God, His chosen ones, and those who circle round the Throne at all times. When thou soarest on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of My love and My call draweth thee nigh unto the kingdom of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy utterance from the hands of Thy bounty, and for having made known unto me that which Thou didst manifest by Thy command and ordain by Thy decree. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy Name, the All-Loving, through which Thou didst unite the hearts, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, that I may arise with spirit and joy amongst the religions to make mention of Thy grace unto them and to remind them of Thy signs. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy signs and by the mysteries of Thy kingdom and dominion to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to detach themselves from all else besides Thee, and to ordain for them that which befitteth Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH05273: The Mother of the Book hath come. The Day…

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

The Mother of the Book hath come. The Day of Return hath come. To the chagrin of the hosts it hath come. Say: that which was once revealed hath appeared.

For the veiled, a pain; For the frozen, a death. The King of the age hath come— With proof and with testimony, With power and with sovereignty.

Blessed are those who have attained, and woe betide the heedless.

Glorified art Thou, O God, my God! Praise be unto Thee in that Thou hast appeared and hast made manifest that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the storehouse of Thy inviolable

protection. Thou hast sent down upon Thy servants, from the heaven of Thy bounty, Thy proof and Thy testimony, and hast made known unto them Thy path. I beseech Thee, by the lights of the sun of Thy bestowal in Thy days, and by the billows of the ocean of Thy grace among Thy servants, to make this servant steadfast in Thy Cause and eloquent in Thy praise.

O Lord! I am Thy servant, and I do confess that which is with Thee, and acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered. I beseech Thee, by the fruits of the Tree of Thy utterance, to illumine the hearts of Thy loved ones with the lights of Thy knowledge, and to aid them to turn unto Thee, to arise before the door of Thy bounty, and to hearken unto the shrill voice of Thy Pen. Verily, Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest: Thou withholdest and Thou bestowest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

BH05962: O thou who hast turned towards the Most Exalted…

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

O thou who hast turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree planted in the soil of utterance. God—there is none other God but Him—the One Who sent forth the Messengers, revealed the Books, made manifest that which was hidden, and guided thee to His path, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One Who hath made mention of thee with the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. This is the Day whereon the door of generosity hath been opened unto the world, inasmuch as the Most Great Name hath been established upon the throne of bounty and hath summoned all unto God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of revelation and inspiration, and art seized with the intoxication of the Kawthar of utterance, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and mine eyes with the vision of Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy binding Command whereby Thou didst guide the peoples, and by Thy Most Great Signs which Thou didst send down from the heaven of will and bounty, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and upright in Thy love. O my Lord! Thou seest me awaiting the wonders of Thy favor and clinging to the cord of hope in Thy days. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH07577: Blessed is He Who hath sent down the Book…

He is the One Who remembereth in My Most Glorious Name.

Blessed is He Who hath sent down the Book in truth. Verily there is none other God but Him. All things testify to His sovereignty, the Overshadowing over the worlds. Verily he who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful and turned unto God, the Lord of all religions, is among those who have attained unto the ocean of My presence, the heaven of My knowledge, and the sun of My beauty. Upon him be My mercy, My loving-kindness, and My grace, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Say: O people of earth and heaven! Hearken unto the call of God upon the Sinai of the Command from the Divine Lote-Tree that verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the Cause as a grace from Our presence, and I am the All-Informed.

When thou hast attained unto My verses and drunk the choice wine of revelation from My words, arise and say: By God! That which was hidden hath appeared and the world hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of our Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Guard thyself lest thou transgress the bounds of wisdom. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Knowing, command thee.

BH09006: A Book sent down in truth to one…

He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing

A Book sent down in truth to one of His handmaidens who believed in the One, the All-Informed. O handmaiden of God! The Lord of Names remembers thee from this remote station. Rejoice thou in this bounty whereby have been gladdened the eyes of My handmaidens who have turned with their hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon and have spoken My beautiful praise.

We make mention in this station of My handmaidens in that place who heard My call and turned toward My countenance and were humble when My firm and wise Cause was made manifest. O Most Exalted Pen! Proclaim unto their faces the greatness of thy Lord, and give them the glad tidings of My grace and My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all worlds. Thus hath the Pen spoken by command of the Lord of Eternity. He is, verily, the Commander, the Mighty.

BH08912: We have sent down the Book and made manifest…

He is the One Who standeth through His Name, the Self-Subsisting!

We have sent down the Book and made manifest the clear tokens, yet the people are in manifest error. They hasten unto darkness as though it were light unto them. Know ye that they are among the perishing ones. They cast the Truth behind their backs, hastening unto falsehood. Thus have their souls beguiled them in this wondrous Day. The breezes of revelation have seized all who are in the world, yet the idolaters remain behind a mighty veil. Say: O people! By God, the River of Life hath flowed through all contingent being. Come ye and draw nigh, and be not among the heedless. Turn with radiant faces unto the Supreme Horizon. By God, from it hath shone forth the Sun of God's Beauty, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses, and made thee to know, and shown thee My Book, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH09035: He hath dominion over all who are on earth…

He hath dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven.

The Will of God, exalted be His glory, is penetrating and His Command is operative. Should all the peoples of earth and heaven gather together to prevent that which has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, they would surely find themselves impotent and powerless. O my handmaiden! Heedlessness has seized all

handmaidens except those who have transcended idle fancies and have held fast to the cord of knowledge. One deed performed by believing handmaidens takes precedence over the deeds of all the handmaidens of the earth. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's favor, for verily He is with His assured servants, both men and women. Grieve not for those who have turned away from God—they shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. The Glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09455: Sorrows have encompassed Us to such a degree…

He is the Truth, there is no God but Him.

Sorrows have encompassed Us to such a degree that all the pens of the world are powerless to recount them. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, and behind Him every fair-minded and discerning one. O people of Baha! The Wronged One counseleth you concerning that whereby the Cause of God will be exalted amongst His servants. Verily, He is the All-Knowing Counsellor. Say: O peoples of the earth, cast away your vain imaginings. The Lord of all mankind hath turned towards you with a beauteous countenance. Beware lest the conditions of creation hold you back from the Truth. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto the heedless ones.

BH10187: We make mention of that which draweth the people…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Most Glorious.

We make mention of that which draweth the people nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and teacheth all what shall profit them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: O servants of the Most Merciful! Answer ye the one who calleth you unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Beware lest the world prevent you from attaining the presence of God. For this were ye created, did ye but know it. We make mention of you for the sake of God. Whoso is mentioned through the remembrance of God, verily he is of the people of Baha, inscribed in a mighty Tablet. We have heard thy mention and thy turning unto God. We have sent down for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and cause thee to remember thy Lord, the All-Informed.

BH02852: Praise be to God, the Lord of earth…

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

Praise be to God, the Lord of earth and heaven, the Peerless Purpose, the Incomparable Object of worship, Who at all times has kept His servants mindful and made them aware of that which would exalt and preserve them. His mercy, like the sun, is evident and manifest, and the encompassing nature of His grace is clear and apparent. It behooveth all beings to freely praise Him. Glorified be His favors and gifts. None but He is the All-Bountiful, none save Him the Ever-Flowing Source.

The letter from that beloved of the heart arrived. As it conveyed news of the health and well-being of the honored Afnan and that beloved one, it opened wide the realm of joy and caused new signs of love, remembrance and affection to appear. We praise God in all conditions for having assisted His loved ones in that which causeth the fire of love to blaze. Praise be unto Him, then thanks be unto Him.

After its reading and review, it was presented and achieved the honor of being heard. “O Amin! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and to exalt thee through His Name amongst His servants, and to ordain for thee all the good that was in His Book. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.” Thus did it end.

I implore God that they may be assisted in all conditions and attain that which is with Him. Verily, He is the best of hearers and the best of answerers. His Holiness the Name of God arrived and the entrusted item reached its destination; confirmation of its receipt is being sent. Mention was made of two emigrants—upon them be the Glory of God. Their mention was recorded and they attained to grace. Permission was also granted for Muhammad—upon him be God’s peace. I beseech God to assist them and enable them to achieve their purpose.

To each of the friends in that land I convey greetings and implore their protection from God, exalted be His glory. I likewise beseech that which would cause the elevation of station and loftiness of rank of the friends. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Bountiful. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon thee and upon God’s friends in the cities and regions. Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

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BH00919: Praise befitteth the most holy court of the Desired…

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

Praise befitteth the most holy court of the Desired One, Who hath transformed the Most Great Prison for His loved ones—though it beareth this name—and hath thrown open the gate of attainment unto His presence. As a manifestation of His power, He hath also unlocked the outer gate in such wise that it remaineth continuously open day and night, that whosoever willeth may enter and whosoever wisheth may depart—this, in spite of those who, upon our first arrival, had barred the gate of the barracks which was the abode of prisoners. Therefore did the Tongue of Utterance proclaim in one instance these words:

> “Grieve not, for God shall soon open before your faces the gate of the city. Then shall enter and leave through it whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Desired One.”

Yet now, for some time, expressions of sadness have been emanating from this land. The knowledge thereof is with God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest the hearts of Thy Afnan turning toward the horizon of Thy Cause, gazing upon the lights of Thy countenance, awaiting the wonders of Thy grace, set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, and attracted by Thy verses. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and the Possessor of power over all nations, by the call of the Daysprings of Thy Cause and the Fountainheads of Thy wisdom amongst Thy servants, and by Thy Book whereby Thou didst separate truth from error and didst guide all unto Thy path, to adorn them with the crown of Thy Name amidst Thy creation and with the ornament of Thy Revelation throughout Thy lands. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty blessings and mercy from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Dominant, the Almighty.

My soul be a sacrifice for your arising, your remembrance and your utterance! The letter from your eminence, which shone with love and favor, arrived, illuminating the court of the heart and bestowing eternal fragrance and joy upon the carpet of the soul. Praise be to God, each of its letters and words was a messenger arriving from the city of recognition, and a herald from the realm of utterance bearing endless glad tidings, for from each letter wafted the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. We praise God for confirming His Afnan in His remembrance and praise, in circumambulating His House, and in arising to serve His Cause. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

After its reading, recognition and perusal, it was taken to the Holy Presence and achieved the honor of being heard. The Lord, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him, said:

> "O servant present! Behold the grace of God and His sovereignty. He hath confirmed the Afnan in turning towards Him, in acceptance, in steadfastness and certitude, and hath made them guides to His remembrance among His servants. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen His Cause through them among His creation and to aid them in exalting His Word throughout all regions. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. And We send Our greetings to Our loved ones there and ask for them divine confirmation and success in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

Praise be to God, there hath flowed from the Source of grace that of which a single drop causeth the sprouting of the world with the herbs of wisdom and utterance, and the flowers of remembrance and knowledge. Exalted is God's grace and magnificent His bounty, and resplendent the Sun of His mercy which hath preceded all created things. The loved ones and friends in that land are each blessed with His grace and are specially mentioned in that Presence, particularly the honored servant Haji Muhammad-Rida and the beloved of the heart Muhammad-Mustafa, upon them be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. This servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His loved ones through the angels of His victory, to ordain for them what He hath revealed in His Book, and to grant them the Kawthar of nearness and attainment in the Day which all have been promised—the Day whose advent He announced to the ungodly and whose coming He heralded to the believers. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

It is submitted that the petition of Bahram, upon him be the Glory of God, which he presented to your honor, was entirely presented. Grace and bounty were shown towards him, and then these blessed words were uttered:

> "O Bahram! The dawn of the Day of Justice hath broken. The rays of the all-encompassing Sun have illumined the world and bestowed freshness upon the withered age. How excellent is the eye that seeth and recognizeth! Ask thou the Self-Sufficient One to reveal unto thee the mystery of His Day and grant thee new life upon new life. He is the Mighty, He is the All-Knowing."

Praise be to God! The beloved of the heart, his honor Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors and bounties, has been with them and has mentioned each one. The noble scribes are present everywhere—this is from God's command, the Mighty, the Loving. Hidden particles are revealed and concealed mysteries are made manifest. This is the Day when secrets are tried. How clearly the secrets of hearts and the betrayal of eyes were revealed at the Threshold! This is a promise that cannot be denied. Praise be to God, we witnessed it, yet in all conditions we beseech Him to make the heedless aware and grant the sinners the grace to return. Verily, He is the Forgiver, the Generous.

The letter arrived late and there was no opportunity to present the response to the beloved of the heart, Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, the True, the Manifest King. God willing, I shall present it later. I convey greetings and praise, and beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for confirmation and success on his behalf. Praise be to God, he is successful and what was sent has arrived. It is known that his honor is steadfast in service in all conditions and mindful of the interests of the Cause. This is a confirmation from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of our forefathers.

The Branches of the Blessed Tree and the maidens of the pavilion of chastity each mention his honor and that honored Afnan, and beseech God for confirmation and success. The honored one, the beloved spiritual one concealed in this evanescent heart, his honor Afnan Haji Siyyid Ali, may my spirit be sacrificed for him and upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, has always been and continues to be remembered, mentioned and present. The servant beseeches his Lord to unite you time after time and again and again. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Praise, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth.

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The matter of the earth-moving equipment may be presented later.

BH01032: Praise and glory be to the one true God…

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

Praise and glory be to the one true God Who adorned non-existence with the ornament of being, made manifest the non-existent through causes He created for His own bestowal, and ordained means for the expression of bounty in the world. Every matter appears through causes. He created man and placed

within him the sign of love, and the strengthening of this love has been through meeting and union by means of causes, and in separation and remoteness through the means of pen and ink, which preserve the stations of nearness in distance. Wondrous arts have been manifested by the Creator through pure grace.

In any case, praise be to God, the glad tidings of health and well-being have arrived through the aforementioned means, and its effects are truly more firm and steadfast than those of a messenger, for a messenger may forget something, but this messenger has no forgetfulness. If man would reflect upon any single thing among the things of the world, he would observe in it the sign of divine education and merciful compassion. His grace has encompassed all and His mercy has embraced all. However, we servants hope that henceforth we may arise to compensate for what has passed, praising Him detached from the world and all that is therein, and becoming occupied with His remembrance and glorification.

In any case, the events of pen and ink have exceeded bounds—I fear the point may be lost. In brief, the letter of that spiritual brother arrived. It was one letter, yet within it were glad tidings concealed: first, the tidings of your health, and second, the acknowledgment of the Lord's generosity. Health takes precedence for the manifestation of bounty, and after bounty, thanksgiving becomes obligatory and praise becomes necessary. This is the station of servitude, and in the station of Truth, even if these thanks and praises were to appear from the beginning that has no beginning to the end that has no end, they would not be worthy of His threshold. However, the assurance of existence and the joy of hearts come from the acceptance of the All-Loving Lord. In this station He has permitted both thanksgiving and remembrance. After the joy, delight, gladness and exultation from the letter of that beloved of the heart, intention was made to approach the station and it was presented. Thus spoke the Master, may our souls be sacrificed for Him.

O Rida! This Wronged One has ever remembered His loved ones and counselled all to that which brings them nearer to God. Such nearness cannot be attained except through goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Deeds and their acceptance are, in the first instance and highest station, dependent upon the divine unity. Praise be to God that the favored community is adorned with the crown of recognition and the ornament of unity, and at all times utters and remembers the blessed words "There is none other God but God." Blessed are they! This blessed Word is both an ocean of mercy for the believers and a fire of retribution for the ungodly. We beseech God to remove discord from among this people and adorn all with the ornament of unity and concord, that perchance this weakness may be transformed into strength and the former power be made manifest.

However, as the party in Iran is tainted with the calumnies of self and desire, they accept not the counsel of the trustworthy counsellor. They cling to suppositions and hold fast to vain imaginings. We beseech the True One to transform their eye affliction into light that they may see and find. But unseemly deeds and words prevent and hinder this, and this has been and is required by divine justice. Give praise unto the Goal of the world Who adorned thee with that which is the foremost ornament for the peoples of the world. The Wronged One beseeches God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect thee and aid thee to act according to what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Generous, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God that at all times thou hast been mentioned. The bounty of remembrance and praise is considered by those who have attained as among the greatest bounties, and in one station it is the heavenly food. Praise be to God that thou hast attained and art attaining unto it. Whatever was sent, in any form, is acceptable and praiseworthy, for it was acquired through love and sent through love, and that which proceeds from love is praiseworthy in the sight of the fair-minded and the knowing ones. Well done to thy effort, attention, diligence and striving. This time it arrived well and arrived intact and was quickly composed. What has been from this servant and thee is what has been accomplished; the rest depends on divine grace, and whatsoever comes from Him has been and is beloved. We thank Him in all conditions.

As to what thou didst write regarding the excellent fruits to be found in that region—alas that this servant knoweth not their locations, and moreover, no one knoweth me such that were I to inquire, they would give a proper answer. Indeed what thou didst write is correct, but in the presence of the Beloved of the Near Ones, His Honor Muhammad-ʿAli Effendi, may God the Exalted strengthen him, you are independent of being known, and above that, praise be to God, you possess virtuous character and excel in love and faithfulness. Ever is the mention of his qualities and stations present in the gatherings of true friends. The servant beseeches his Lord to grant him success and aid him in what He loves and is pleased with, and to bestow upon him and enable him to attain the highest positions and most exalted station.

Verily He is powerful over all things. The friends of this land, one and all, send their greetings and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for your presence and meeting. Especially does the apple of the eye, His Honor Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon him be [Baha], mention you in every instance and continues to do so. Indeed, all express love, kindness, mercy and compassion, according to their degrees and stations, towards your honor. Peace, mercy and bounty be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH00111: Kalimat-i-Firdawsiyyih (Words of Paradise)

Section 1: "He is the One Who speaketh through..."

He is the One Who speaketh through the power of Truth in the Kingdom of Utterance

O ye the embodiments of justice and equity and the manifestations of uprightness and of heavenly bounties! In tears and lamenting, this Wronged One calleth aloud and saith: O God, my God! Adorn the heads of Thy loved ones with the crown of detachment and attire their temples with the raiment of righteousness.

It behoveth the people of Baha to render the Lord victorious through the power of their utterance and to admonish the people by their goodly deeds and character, inasmuch as deeds exert greater influence than words.

O Haydar-Ali! Upon thee be the praise of God and His glory. Say: Honesty, virtue, wisdom and a saintly character redound to the exaltation of man, while dishonesty, imposture, ignorance and hypocrisy lead to his abasement. By My life! Man's distinction lieth not in ornaments or wealth, but rather in virtuous behaviour and true understanding. Most of the people in Persia are steeped in deception and idle fancy. How great the difference between the condition of these people and the station of such valiant souls as

have passed beyond the sea of names and pitched their tents upon the shores of the ocean of detachment. Indeed none but a few of the existing generation hath yet earned the merit of hearkening unto the warblings of the doves of the all-highest Paradise.

Few of My servants are truly thankful.' People for the most part delight in superstitions. They regard a single drop of the sea of delusion as preferable to an ocean of certitude. By holding fast unto names they deprive themselves of the inner reality and by clinging to vain imaginings they are kept back from the Dayspring of heavenly signs. God grant you may be graciously aided under all conditions to shatter the idols of superstition and to tear away the veils of the imaginations of men. Authority lieth in the grasp of God, the Fountainhead of revelation and inspiration and the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

We heard that which the person in question hath mentioned regarding certain teachers of the Faith. Indeed he hath spoken truly. Some heedless souls roam the lands in the name of God, actively engaged in ruining His Cause, and call it promoting and teaching the Word of God; and this notwithstanding that the qualifications of the teachers of the Faith, like unto stars, shine resplendent throughout the heavens of the divine Tablets. Every fair-minded person testifieth and every man of insight is well aware that the One true God—exalted be His glory—hath unceasingly set forth and expounded that which will elevate the station and will exalt the rank of the children of men.

The people of Baha burn brightly amidst the gatherings even as a candle and hold fast unto that which God hath purposed. This station standeth supreme above all stations. Well is it with him who hath cast away the things that the people of the world possess, yearning for that which pertaineth unto God, the Sovereign Lord of eternity.

Say: O God, my God! Thou beholdest me circling round Thy Will with mine eyes turned towards the horizon of Thy bounty, eagerly awaiting the revelation of the effulgent splendours of the sun of Thy favours. I beg of Thee, O Beloved of every understanding heart and the Desire of such as have near access unto Thee, to grant that Thy loved ones may become wholly detached from their own inclinations, holding fast unto that which pleaseth Thee. Attire them, O Lord, with the robe of righteousness and illumine them with the splendours of the light of detachment. Summon then to their assistance the hosts of wisdom and utterance that they may exalt Thy Word amongst Thy creatures and proclaim Thy Cause amidst Thy servants. Verily, potent art Thou to do what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all affairs. No God is there but Thee, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving.

O thou who hast turned thy gaze towards My face! In these days there occurred that which hath plunged Me into dire sadness. Certain wrong-doers who profess allegiance to the Cause of God committed such deeds as have caused the limbs of sincerity, of honesty, of justice, of equity to quake. One known individual to whom the utmost kindness and favour had been extended perpetrated such acts as have brought tears to the eye of God. Formerly We uttered words of warning and premonition, then for a number of years We kept the matter secret that haply he might take heed and repent. But all to no purpose. In the end he bent his energies upon vilifying the Cause of God before the eyes of all men. He tore the veil of fairness asunder and felt sympathy neither for himself nor for the Cause of God. Now, however, the deeds of certain individuals have brought sorrows far more grievous than those which the

deeds of the former had caused. Beseech thou God, the True One, that He may graciously enable the heedless to retract and repent. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Most Generous.

In these days it is incumbent upon everyone to adhere tenaciously unto unity and concord and to labour diligently in promoting the Cause of God, that perchance the wayward souls may attain that which will lead unto abiding prosperity.

In brief, dissensions among various sects have opened the way to weakness. Each sect hath picked out a way for itself and is clinging to a certain cord. Despite manifest blindness and ignorance they pride themselves on their insight and knowledge. Among them are mystics who bear allegiance to the Faith of Islam, some of whom indulge in that which leadeth to idleness and seclusion. I swear by God! It lowereth man's station and maketh him swell with pride. Man must bring forth fruit. One who yieldeth no fruit is, in the words of the Spirit, like unto a fruitless tree, and a fruitless tree is fit but for the fire.

That which the aforesaid persons have mentioned concerning the stations of Divine Unity will conduce in no small measure to idleness and vain imaginings. These mortal men have evidently set aside the differences of station and have come to regard themselves as God, while God is immeasurably exalted above all things. Every created being however revealeth His signs which are but emanations from Him and not His Own Self. All these signs are reflected and can be seen in the book of existence, and the scrolls that depict the shape and pattern of the universe are indeed a most great book. Therein every man of insight can perceive that which would lead to the Straight Path and would enable him to attain the Great Announcement. Consider the rays of the sun whose light hath encompassed the world. The rays emanate from the sun and reveal its nature, but are not the sun itself. Whatsoever can be discerned on earth amply demonstrateth the power of God, His knowledge and the outpourings of His bounty, while He Himself is immeasurably exalted above all creatures.

Christ saith: Thou hast granted to children that whereof the learned and the wise are deprived.' The sage of Sabzivar hath said: Alas! Attentive ears are lacking, otherwise the whisperings of the Sinaic Bush could be heard from every tree.' In a Tablet to a man of wisdom who had made enquiry as to the meaning of Elementary Reality, We addressed this famous sage in these words: 'If this saying is truly thine, how is it that thou hast failed to hearken unto the Call which the Tree of Man hath raised from the loftiest heights of the world? If thou didst hear the Call yet fear and the desire to preserve thy life prompted thee to remain heedless to it, thou art such a person as hath never been nor is worthy of mention; if thou hast not heard it, then thou art bereft of the sense of hearing.' In brief, such men are they whose words are the pride of the world, and whose deeds are the shame of the nations.

Verily We have sounded the Trumpet which is none other than My Pen of Glory, and lo, mankind hath swooned away before it, save them whom God pleaseth to deliver as a token of His grace. He is the Lord of bounty, the Ancient of Days.

Say: O concourse of divines! Pronounce ye censure against this Pen unto which, as soon as it raised its shrill voice, the kingdom of utterance prepared itself to hearken, and before whose mighty and glorious theme every other theme hath paled into insignificance? Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies and

corrupt imaginings, but rather follow Him Who is come unto you invested with undeniable knowledge and unshakeable certitude.

Glorified be God! Man's treasure is his utterance, yet this Wronged One hath withheld His Tongue, for the disbelievers are lying in ambush; however, protection is afforded by God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily, in Him have We placed Our trust and unto Him have We committed all affairs. All-Sufficient is He for Us and for all created things. He is the One by Whose leave, and through the potency of Whose command, the Day-Star of sovereign might hath shone resplendent above the horizon of the world. Well is it with him who perceiveth and recognizeth the Truth and woe betide the froward and the faithless.

This Wronged One hath invariably treated the wise with affection. By the wise is meant men whose knowledge is not confined to mere words and whose lives have been fruitful and have produced enduring results. It is incumbent upon everyone to honour these blessed souls. Happy are they that observe God's precepts; happy are they that have recognized the Truth; happy are they that judge with fairness in all matters and hold fast to the Cord of My inviolable Justice.

The people of Persia have turned away from Him Who is the Protector and the Helper. They are clinging to and have enmeshed themselves in the vain imaginings of the foolish. So firmly do they adhere to superstitions that naught can sever them therefrom save the potent arm of God—exalted is His glory. Beseech thou the Almighty that He may remove with the fingers of divine power the veils which have shut out the divers peoples and kindreds, that they may attain the things that are conducive to security, progress and advancement and may hasten forth towards the incomparable Friend.

The word of God which the Abha Pen hath revealed and inscribed on the first leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is this: Verily I say: The fear of God hath ever been a sure defence and a safe stronghold for all the peoples of the world. It is the chief cause of the protection of mankind, and the supreme instrument for its preservation. Indeed, there existeth in man a faculty which deterreth him from, and guardeth him against, whatever is unworthy and unseemly, and which is known as his sense of shame. This, however, is confined to but a few; all have not possessed and do not possess it.

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the second leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is the following: The Pen of the Most High exhorteth, at this moment, the manifestations of authority and the sources of power, namely the kings, the sovereigns, the presidents, the rulers, the divines and the wise, and enjoineth them to uphold the cause of religion, and to cleave unto it. Religion is verily the chief instrument for the establishment of order in the world and of tranquillity amongst its peoples. The weakening of the pillars of religion hath strengthened the foolish and emboldened them and made them more arrogant. Verily I say: The greater the decline of religion, the more grievous the waywardness of the ungodly. This cannot but lead in the end to chaos and confusion. Hear Me, O men of insight, and be warned, ye who are endued with discernment!

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the third leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is this: O son of man! If thine eyes be turned towards mercy, forsake the things that profit thee and cleave unto that which will profit mankind. And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy

neighbour that which thou choosest for thyself. Humility exalteth man to the heaven of glory and power, whilst pride abaseth him to the depths of wretchedness and degradation.

O people of God! Great is the Day and mighty the Call! In one of Our Tablets We have revealed these exalted words: 'Were the world of the spirit to be wholly converted into the sense of hearing, it could then claim to be worthy to hearken unto the Voice that calleth from the Supreme Horizon; for otherwise, these ears that are defiled with lying tales have never been, nor are they now, fit to hear it.' Well is it with them that hearken; and woe betide the wayward.

Section 2: "The word of God which the Supreme Pen…"

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the fourth leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is the following: O people of God! Beseech ye the True One—glorified be His Name—that He may graciously shield the manifestations of dominion and power from the suggestions of self and desire and shed the radiance of justice and guidance upon them.

His Majesty Muhammad Shah, despite the excellence of his rank, committed two heinous deeds. One was the order to banish the Lord of the Realms of Grace and Bounty, the Primal Point; and the other, the murder of the Prince of the City of Statesmanship and Literary Accomplishment.

The faults of kings, like their favours, can be great. A king who is not deterred by the vainglory of power and authority from observing justice, nor is deprived of the splendours of the day-star of equity by luxury, riches, glory or the marshalling of hosts and legions shall occupy a high rank and a sublime station amongst the Concourse on high. It is incumbent upon everyone to extend aid and to manifest kindness to so noble a soul. Well is it with the king who keepeth a tight hold on the reins of his passion, restraineth his anger and preferreth justice and fairness to injustice and tyranny.

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the fifth leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is this: Above all else, the greatest gift and the most wondrous blessing hath ever been and will continue to be Wisdom. It is man's unfailing Protector. It aideth him and strengtheneth him. Wisdom is God's Emissary and the Revealer of His Name the Omniscient. Through it the loftiness of man's station is made manifest and evident. It is all-knowing and the foremost Teacher in the school of existence. It is the Guide and is invested with high distinction. Thanks to its educating influence earthly beings have become imbued with a gem-like spirit which outshineth the heavens. In the city of justice it is the unrivalled Speaker Who, in the year nine, illumined the world with the joyful tidings of this Revelation.

And it was this peerless Source of wisdom that at the beginning of the foundation of the world ascended the stair of inner meaning and when enthroned upon the pulpit of utterance, through the operation of the divine Will, proclaimed two words. The first heralded the promise of reward, while the second voiced the ominous warning of punishment. The promise gave rise to hope and the warning begat fear. Thus the basis of world order hath been firmly established upon these twin principles. Exalted is the Lord of Wisdom, the Possessor of Great Bounty.

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the sixth leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is the following: The light of men is Justice. Quench it not with the contrary winds of oppression and

tyranny. The purpose of justice is the appearance of unity among men. The ocean of divine wisdom surgeth within this exalted word, while the books of the world cannot contain its inner significance. Were mankind to be adorned with this raiment, they would behold the day-star of the utterance, ‘On that day God will satisfy everyone out of His abundance,’ shining resplendent above the horizon of the world. Appreciate ye the value of this utterance; it is a noble fruit that the Tree of the Pen of Glory hath yielded. Happy is the man that giveth ear unto it and observeth its precepts. Verily I say, whatever is sent down from the heaven of the Will of God is the means for the establishment of order in the world and the instrument for promoting unity and fellowship among its peoples. Thus hath the Tongue of this Wronged One spoken from His Most Great Prison.

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the seventh leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is this: O ye men of wisdom among nations! Shut your eyes to estrangement, then fix your gaze upon unity. Cleave tenaciously unto that which will lead to the well-being and tranquillity of all mankind. This span of earth is but one homeland and one habitation. It behoveth you to abandon vainglory which causeth alienation and to set your hearts on whatever will ensure harmony. In the estimation of the people of Baha man’s glory lieth in his knowledge, his upright conduct, his praiseworthy character, his wisdom, and not in his nationality or rank. O people of the earth! Appreciate the value of this heavenly word.

Indeed it may be likened unto a ship for the ocean of knowledge and a shining luminary for the realm of perception. The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the eighth leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is the following: Schools must first train the children in the principles of religion, so that the Promise and the Threat recorded in the Books of God may prevent them from the things forbidden and adorn them with the mantle of the commandments; but this in such a measure that it may not injure the children by resulting in ignorant fanaticism and bigotry.

It is incumbent upon the Trustees of the House of Justice to take counsel together regarding those things which have not outwardly been revealed in the Book, and to enforce that which is agreeable to them. God will verily inspire them with whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Provider, the Omniscient.

We have formerly ordained that people should converse in two languages, yet efforts must be made to reduce them to one, likewise the scripts of the world, that men’s lives may not be dissipated and wasted in learning divers languages. Thus the whole earth would come to be regarded as one city and one land.

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the ninth leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is this: In all matters moderation is desirable. If a thing is carried to excess, it will prove a source of evil. Consider the civilization of the West, how it hath agitated and alarmed the peoples of the world. An infernal engine hath been devised, and hath proved so cruel a weapon of destruction that its like none hath ever witnessed or heard. The purging of such deeply-rooted and overwhelming corruptions cannot be effected unless the peoples of the world unite in pursuit of one common aim and embrace one universal faith. Incline your ears unto the Call of this Wronged One and adhere firmly to the Lesser Peace.

Strange and astonishing things exist in the earth but they are hidden from the minds and the understanding of men. These things are capable of changing the whole atmosphere of the earth and their

contamination would prove lethal. Great God! We have observed an amazing thing. Lightning or a force similar to it is controlled by an operator and moveth at his command. Immeasurably exalted is the Lord of Power Who hath laid bare that which He purposed through the potency of His weighty and invincible command.

O people of Baha! Each one of the ordinances We have revealed is a mighty stronghold for the preservation of the world of being. Verily, this Wronged One desireth naught but your security and elevation.

We exhort the men of the House of Justice and command them to ensure the protection and safeguarding of men, women and children. It is incumbent upon them to have the utmost regard for the interests of the people at all times and under all conditions. Blessed is the ruler who succoureth the captive, and the rich one who careth for the poor, and the just one who secureth from the wrong doer the rights of the downtrodden, and happy the trustee who observeth that which the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days hath prescribed unto him.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My praise. My counsels and admonitions have compassed the world. Yet, instead of imparting joy and gladness they have caused grief, because some of those who claim to love Me have waxed haughty and have inflicted upon Me such tribulations as neither the followers of former religions nor the divines of Persia did ever inflict.

We have said: ʿMy imprisonment doeth Me no harm, nor do the things that have befallen Me at the hands of My enemies. That which harmeth Me is the conduct of my loved ones who, though they bear My name, yet commit that which maketh My heart and My pen to lament.' Such utterances as these have again and again been revealed, yet the heedless have failed to profit thereby, since they are captive to their own evil passions and corrupt desires. Beseech thou the One true God that He may enable everyone to repent and return unto Him. So long as one's nature yieldeth unto evil passions, crime and transgression will prevail. We cherish the hope that the hand of divine power and the outpouring of heavenly blessings may sustain all men, may attire them with the vesture of forgiveness and bounty and guard them against that which would harm His Cause among His servants. He is, in truth, the Potent, the All-Powerful, and He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the tenth leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is the following: O people of the earth! Living in seclusion or practising asceticism is not acceptable in the presence of God. It behoveth them that are endued with insight and understanding to observe that which will cause joy and radiance. Such practices as are sprung from the loins of idle fancy or are begotten of the womb of superstition ill beseem men of knowledge. In former times and more recently some people have been taking up their abodes in the caves of the mountains while others have repaired to graveyards at night. Say, give ear unto the counsels of this Wronged One. Abandon the things current amongst you and adopt that which the faithful Counsellor biddeth you. Deprive not yourselves of the bounties which have been created for your sake.

Charity is pleasing and praiseworthy in the sight of God and is regarded as a prince among goodly deeds. Consider ye and call to mind that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: ʿThey prefer them

before themselves, though poverty be their own lot. And with such as are preserved from their own covetousness shall it be well.' Viewed in this light, the blessed utterance above is, in truth, the day-star of utterances. Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself. Verily, such a man is reckoned, by virtue of the Will of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, with the people of Baha who dwell in the Crimson Ark.

The word of God which the Supreme Pen hath recorded on the eleventh leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise is this: We enjoin upon them that are the emblems of His names and attributes to firmly adhere henceforth unto that which hath been set forth in this Most Great Revelation, not to allow themselves to become the cause of strife, and, until the end that knoweth no end, to keep their eyes directed towards the dayspring of these resplendent words which have been recorded in this Tablet. Strife leads to bloodshed and provokes commotion amongst people. Hearken ye unto the Voice of this Wronged One and deviate not therefrom.

Were anyone to ponder in his heart that which hath, in this Revelation, streamed forth from the Pen of Glory, he would be assured that whatever this Wronged One hath affirmed He hath had no intention of establishing any position or distinction for Himself. The purpose hath rather been to attract the souls, through the sublimity of His words, unto the summit of transcendent glory and to endow them with the capacity of perceiving that which will purge and purify the peoples of the world from the strife and dissension which religious differences provoke. Unto this bear witness My heart, My Pen, My inner and My outer Being. God grant that all men may turn unto the treasuries latent within their own beings.

O people of Baha! The source of crafts, sciences and arts is the power of reflection. Make ye every effort that out of this ideal mine there may gleam forth such pearls of wisdom and utterance as will promote the well-being and harmony of all the kindreds of the earth.

Under all conditions, whether in adversity or at ease, whether honoured or afflicted, this Wronged One hath directed all men to show forth love, affection, compassion and harmony. And yet whenever there was any slight evidence of progress and advancement, those concealed behind the veils would sally forth and utter calumnies more wounding than the sword. They cling unto misleading and reprehensible words and suffer themselves to be deprived of the ocean of verses revealed by God.

Section 3: "If these obstructing veils had not intervened Persia…"

If these obstructing veils had not intervened Persia would, in some two years, have been subdued through the power of utterance, the position of both the government and the people would have been raised and the Supreme Goal, unveiled and unconcealed, would have appeared in the plenitude of glory. In short, sometimes in explicit language, at other times by allusion, We said whatever had to be said. Thus, once Persia had been rehabilitated, the sweet savours of the Word of God would have wafted over all countries, inasmuch as that which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen is conducive to the glory, the advancement and education of all the peoples and kindreds of the earth. Indeed it is the sovereign remedy for every disease, could they but comprehend and perceive it.

Recently the Afnans and Amin—upon them be My glory and loving-kindness—attained Our presence and beheld Our countenance; likewise Nabil, the son of Nabil and the son of Samandar—upon them rest the glory of God and His loving-kindness—are present and have drunk the cup of reunion. We entreat God that He may graciously ordain for them the good of this world and of the next and that the outpouring of His blessings and grace may descend upon them from the heaven of His generosity and the clouds of His tender compassion. Verily of those who show mercy He is the Most Merciful, and He is the Gracious, the Beneficent.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Thine other letter which thou hadst forwarded through him who beareth the title of Jud (Bounty) hath reached Our holy court. Praised be God! It was adorned with the light of divine unity and of detachment and was ablaze with the fire of love and affection. Pray thou unto God that He may grant keenness to the eyes and illumine them with a new light, perchance they may perceive that which hath no parallel nor peer.

In this day the verses of the Mother Book are resplendent and unmistakable even as the sun. They can in no wise be mistaken for any of the past or more recent utterances. Truly this Wronged One desireth not to demonstrate His Own Cause with proofs produced by others. He is the One Who embraceth all things, while all else besides Him is circumscribed. Say, O people, peruse that which is current amongst you and We will peruse what pertaineth unto Us. I swear by God! Neither the praise of the peoples of the world, nor the things that the kindreds of the earth possess are worthy of mention before the remembrance of His Name. Unto this beareth witness He Who under all conditions proclaimeth, ʿVerily He is God, the sovereign Ruler of the Day of Reckoning and the Lord of the mighty Throne.'

Glorified be God! One wondereth by what proof or reason the disbelievers among the people of the Bayan have turned away from the Lord of being. In truth the station of this Revelation transcendeth the station of whatever hath been manifested in the past or will be made manifest in the future.

Were the Point of the Bayan present in this day and should He, God forbid, hesitate to acknowledge this Cause, then the very blessed words which have streamed forth from the wellspring of His Own Bayan would apply to Him. He saith, and His word is the truth, Lawful is it for Him Whom God will make manifest to reject him who is the greatest on earth.' Say, O ye that are bereft of understanding! Today that Most Exalted Being is proclaiming: Verily, verily, I am the first to adore Him.' How shallow is the fund of men's knowledge and how feeble their power of perception. Our Pen of Glory beareth witness to their abject poverty and to the wealth of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Lauded and glorified is He Who hath called the creation into being. He is the sovereign Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The Mother Book is revealed and the Lord of Bounty is established upon the most blessed seat of glory. The Dawn hath broken, yet the people understand not. The signs have been ushered in, while He Who hath revealed them is overwhelmed with manifest sorrow. Indeed I have endured that which hath caused the world of existence to lament.

Say: O Yahya (Azal), produce a single verse, if thou dost possess divinely-inspired knowledge. These words were formerly spoken by My Herald Who at this hour proclaimeth: ʿVerily, verily, I am the first to adore Him.' Be fair, O My brother. Art thou able to express thyself when brought face to face with the billowing

ocean of Mine utterance? Canst thou unloose thy tongue when confronted with the shrill voice of My Pen? Hast thou any power before the revelations of Mine omnipotence? Judge thou fairly, I adjure thee by God, and call to mind when thou didst stand in the presence of this Wronged One and We dictated to thee the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest the source of falsehood withhold thee from the manifest Truth.

O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon My countenance! Say: O ye heedless ones! By reason of a droplet ye have deprived yourselves of the ocean of heavenly verses and for the sake of an insignificant atom ye have shut yourselves out from the splendours of the Day-Star of Truth. Who else but Baha hath the power to speak forth before the face of mankind? Judge ye fairly and be not of the unjust. Through Him the oceans have surged, the mysteries have been divulged and the trees have lifted up their voices exclaiming: The kingdoms of earth and heaven are God's, the Revealer of signs, the Fountainhead of clear tokens. Peruse ye the Persian Bayan revealed by Him Who heralded this Revelation and look at it with the eye of fairness. Verily He will guide you aright to His Path. At this moment He proclaimeth that which His tongue had formerly uttered when He was seated upon the throne of His most exalted Name.

Thou hast made mention of the loved ones in those regions. Praised be God, each one of them attained the honour of being remembered by the True One—exalted is His glory—and the names of them, one and all, flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur in the kingdom of utterance. Great indeed is their blessedness and happiness, inasmuch as they have drunk the choice wine of revelation and inspiration from the hand of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful. We beseech God to strengthen them to manifest inflexible constancy and to summon to their aid the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He is in truth the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Convey my greetings to them and give them the joyful tidings that the Day-Star of remembrance hath dawned and shed its radiance from above the horizon of the bountiful favours of their Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Thou hast mentioned Husayn. We have attired his temple with the robe of forgiveness and adorned his head with the crown of pardon. It beseemeth him to pride himself among all men upon this resplendent, this radiant and manifest bounty. Say: Be not despondent. After the revelation of this blessed verse it is as though thou hast been born anew from thy mother's womb. Say: Thou art free from sin and error. Truly God hath purged thee with the living waters of His utterance in His Most Great Prison. We entreat Him—blessed and exalted is He—to graciously confirm thee in extolling Him and in magnifying His glory and to strengthen thee through the power of His invisible hosts. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

Thou hast made mention of the people of Tar. We have set Our face toward the servants of God therein and advise them first to consider that which the Point of the Bayan hath revealed concerning this Revelation whereby all names and titles have been shaken, the idols of vain imaginings have crumbled and the Tongue of Grandeur hath, from the realm of glory, proclaimed: By the righteousness of God! The Hidden Treasure, the Impenetrable Mystery, hath been uncovered to men's eyes, causing all things, whether of the past or of the future, to rejoice. He hath said, and His word is the truth: 'Of all the tributes I have paid to Him Who is to come after Me, the greatest is this, My written confession, that no words of Mine can adequately describe Him, nor can any reference to Him in My Book, the Bayan, do justice to His Cause.'

Moreover We counsel them to observe justice, equity, honesty, piety and that whereby both the Word of God and their own station will be exalted amongst men. Verily I am the One Who exhorteth with justice. Unto this beareth witness He from Whose Pen rivers of mercy have flowed and from Whose utterance fountains of living waters have streamed forth unto all created things. Immeasurably exalted is this boundless grace; immensely blessed is this resplendent favour.

O people of Tar! Give ear unto the Call of Him Who doeth whatsoever He willeth. In truth He remindeth you of that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath turned His face towards you from the Prison of Akka and hath revealed for your sakes what will immortalize your memory and your names in the Book which cannot be effaced and remaineth unaffected by the doubts of the froward. Cast away the things current amongst men and take fast hold on that whereunto ye are bidden by virtue of the Will of the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. This is the Day wherein the divine Lote-Tree calleth aloud, saying: O people! Behold ye My fruits and My leaves, incline then your ears unto My rustling. Beware lest the doubts of men debar you from the light of certitude. The Ocean of utterance exclaimeth and saith: ‘O ye dwellers on the earth! Behold My billowing waters and the pearls of wisdom and utterance which I have poured forth. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless.’

In this Day a great festival is taking place in the Realm above; for whatsoever was promised in the sacred Scriptures hath been fulfilled. This is the Day of great rejoicing. It behoveth everyone to hasten towards the court of His nearness with exceeding joy, gladness, exultation and delight and to deliver himself from the fire of remoteness.

O people of Tar! Through the strengthening power of My Name seize ye the chalice of knowledge, drink then your fill in defiance of the people of the world who have broken the Covenant of God and His Testament, rejected His proofs and clear tokens, and cavilled at His signs which have pervaded all that are in heaven and on earth.

The disbelievers among the people of the Bayan are like the followers of the Shi’ih sect and walk in their footsteps. Leave them to their idle fancies and vain imaginings. They are in truth accounted with the lost in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Shi’ih divines, one and all, are now engaged in reviling and denouncing the True One from their pulpits. Gracious God! Dawlat-Abadi too hath followed suit. He ascended the pulpit and gave voice to that which hath caused the Tablet to cry out in anguish and the Pen to wail. Meditate upon his conduct and the conduct of Ashraf—upon him be My glory and My tender mercy—and likewise consider those loved ones who hastened to the place of martyrdom in My Name, and offered up their lives in the path of Him Who is the Desire of the world.

The Cause is manifest, it shineth resplendent as the sun, but the people have become veils unto themselves. We entreat God that He may graciously assist them to return unto Him. He is, in truth, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O people of Tar! We send you greetings from this Spot and beseech God—blessed and exalted is He—to give you to drink the choice wine of constancy from the hand of His favour. Verily, He is the Lord of Bounty, the Gracious, the All-Praised. Leave ye unto themselves the immature ones of the world—they that are moved by selfish desire and cling to the exponents of idle fancy. Verily He is your Helper and

Succourer. He is, in truth, potent to do whatsoever He willeth. No God is there but Him, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Most Great.

May glory from Our presence rest upon those who have set their faces toward the Dayspring of His Revelation and have acknowledged and recognized that which the Tongue of utterance hath spoken in the kingdom of knowledge in this blessed, this glorious and incomparable Day.

BH01031: Glory be to Thee, O God of Names…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

Glory be to Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by Thy light that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, O Lord of all beings, to assist Thy loved ones in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted amongst Thy servants and Thy decree to prevail throughout Thy lands. O Lord! Thou seest them in the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament and have reached such a state of wickedness that they have pronounced judgment against them with such tyranny as hath caused the people of the cities of Thy justice and bounty to lament. I beseech Thee to protect them from the oppression of every oppressor and from the Pharaohs and tyrants of the earth, by whom the hearts of those near unto Thee among Thy creatures have been melted and the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy servants have been set ablaze.

O my Lord! Thou seest the weakness of Thy loved ones and the power of Thine enemies, and their dispersion in Thy days. I beseech Thee, by the Most Great Ocean which surgeth through Thy Name, and by the fragrance of the garment of Thy mercy which hath been diffused by Thy command, to enable them to assist Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance and through that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets.

O Lord! Thou seest them acknowledging the unity of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Essence, and Thou hearest their voices raised in remembrance and praise of Thee and in the recitation of that which hath been sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen, both morn and eve. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by the power of Thy Will and Purpose, and by Thy might wherewith Thou hast subdued the peoples of Thy realm, to make them of those whom neither the swords of the enemies nor the weapons of the wicked have deterred. They have heard Thy sweetest call and have said: “Here am I, O Lord of all beings!”

O Lord! Thou beholdest Thy loved ones in Alif and Sin and hearest their sighing and their cry. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of glory and power, and by Whose Name the manifestations of grandeur and authority have been moved, to aid them in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, to preserve them from the evil of Thine enemies and from the manifestations of tyranny in Thy land. Then ordain for them that which will draw them closer, in all conditions, to the court of Thy holiness and the carpet of Thy nearness, and cause them to speak of Thy remembrance and praise. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, unto Whose greatness all things have testified, and to Whose sovereignty every matter hath

borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

The letters of that spiritual beloved arrived, and each was a door for the manifestation of divine love and the emergence of humility and submissiveness before His Eternal Presence. However, due to the abundance of correspondence, there was a delay in response. That honored one is witness and knows that this servant has never, insofar as possible, delayed in responding and will not do so. In these days, correspondences from all directions arrive like pouring rain. This evanescent servant beseeches from the Truth support in mentioning and praising the loved ones and trustees. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Responder.

After observing the final letter and intending to attain the presence, it was presented before His countenance. He said:

> "Blessed art thou, O Abdul-Baha, in that thou hast turned, attained presence, heard, circumambulated the Sacred House of God, and acted according to what thou wert commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all days. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a helper of His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and one who speaks His praise amongst all religions, and to ordain for thee through His grace and generosity that which shall endure throughout the duration of His Kingdom and His Dominion. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

The matters which his honor Sadiq, glory be upon him and my loving-kindness, wrote to that honored one were mentioned before the Wronged One and were granted response. We beseech God to send down upon them mercy from His presence and blessing from His side. Verily, He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful. He ordains what He willeth by His command, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wise. We send greetings to Our loved ones there and beseech God for them all good that He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, and He is the Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Praise be to God! That which his honor, the beloved of the heart, Mirza S., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, intended has been blessed and confirmed by the will of the Lord. The atoms testify that God is the Hearer, the Responder. He is the One Who has chosen for us what benefits us, and He is the All-Bountiful. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To the presence of the honored ones and loved ones of that land, I extend greetings and praise, and I beseech from the Powerful, the Wise, on their behalf, that which is the cause of loftiness of station and exaltation of rank. Verily our Lord is the Generous One, possessed of great bounty. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And regarding the mention of the beloved of the soul, his honor Aqa Mirza Abdul-Hussein, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, they wrote that when thy letter attained the honor of being heard, permission was granted, but they made it contingent upon the consent of the household of the honored Mother, upon her be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. The servant asks his Lord to ordain for him blessing, might, exaltation, wealth, bounty, and every matter He has made a source of

glory for the believers among His servants and the sincere ones among His creation. Verily our Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and worthy of responding.

They mentioned the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Abdul-Ali, upon him be the peace of God. After presentation, they said:

> "This Wronged One beseeches from God, exalted be His glory, success for him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for him that which will gladden his heart and bring rest to his outward and inward being. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And as for the affairs, they are contingent upon consultation. Whatever emerges from consultation is confirmed.

This servant also extends greetings and praise to them, and beseeches for them that which is the cause of glory and comfort. Peace, remembrance, and glory 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 Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The servant 26 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1306

BH01456: Praise be to God Who sent down the Criterion…

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

Praise be to God Who sent down the Criterion from the heaven of grace and bounty, and through it distinguished between religions and made it an enduring proof for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who, in sending forth His Messengers and revealing His Books, intended naught except to manifest His grace and exalt His bounty upon His servants. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of mankind, through whom every hidden mystery was revealed, through whom the Sun of divine knowledge shone forth and the Light blazed forth among all peoples, and upon His family and companions, through whom God revealed the pearls of His wisdom and His commandments among His creation. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And then, the letter from that beloved of the heart arrived. A thousand thanks to the Lord of creation that news of the health of the honored Afnans and your honor reached us and caused boundless joy and delight. In truth, news of the loved ones is the cause of joy and the source of happiness and gladness. To give thanks for this bounty would require ages and centuries. I beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to keep this door open through His might, His grandeur and His sovereignty. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

After viewing, reading and becoming informed, He proceeded to the Most Holy Shrine. After making supplication, He said:

> "We beseech God to assist him with the hosts of His verses and His evidences, to grant him that which befits His generosity and bounty, to aid him in serving His loved ones, and to make him a helper unto them, a supporter of them, and a witness for them. He is, verily, the Powerful, the All-Bounteous."

Praise be to God, you have repeatedly visited the Shrine and have attained to that which is conducive to the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of nations. The honored Afnans have ever been and continue to be remembered. We beseech for them divine assistance and confirmation, and that which shall endure as long as God's sovereignty, His Kingdom and His Dominion endure.

Praise be to God, through the grace of the True One and His favors, you have attained unto the good of both this world and the next. Praise be unto Him, again praise be unto Him! Thanks be unto Him, again thanks be unto Him! Now the matters must be mentioned, for time is like an elixir, that is to say, rare. The letter of receipt for the honored Iskooi, upon him be the Glory of God, and the reply to the letter of Ibn-i-Jinab-i-Alif and Ha, upon them be the Glory of God, were sent to them. What was sent with the honored beloved, the esteemed Haji Siyyid Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, has arrived, and whatever they wrote will, God willing, all be sent to the honored Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God. Regarding the souls in Ishqabad, their trusts will be sent. The honored beloved, the esteemed Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote a letter to that beloved one which was sent. I beseech the True One to prepare means for them that they may engage in their work with joy and fragrance, with delight and assurance, and find rest.

The letter of receipt for the honored Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, was sent for them to forward. In truth, they know valor. The servant beseeches his Lord to make him a standard of piety among the people and a banner of His Name among all names. Praise be to God, they are mentioned at the threshold of grace and are recipients of His favor. Whatever was besought for them, they have truly attained unto it. This is such a station that however much it increases, it is still insufficient, for the bounty of the All-Bountiful is unlimited and the mercy of the All-Merciful is boundless.

To the honored Afnans, his honor Alif and Ha, and his honor Haji Siyyid A, upon them both be every remembrance and glory, I convey my utter servitude and nothingness. To the honored beloved, his honor Haji, and the beloved of the heart, his honor Muhammad Mustafa, upon them both be the Glory of God, I send greetings and praise. I mention each of the loved ones with the utmost humility and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which shall never pass away nor change. The servant asks and the Lord answers. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. Peace and mercy be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 26th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram 1306

BH03532: This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful…

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

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who has believed in God, the Lord of Days, that the fragrances of remembrance might attract him and draw him nigh unto the most exalted station. Hearken unto the Call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, from the direction of ʿAkka: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Say: By God! The Day hath come, yet the people are in doubt and schism. The Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, whereby earth and heaven were illumined, yet the people remain in

heedlessness and error. They have cast the Covenant of God behind their backs, having followed every ignorant infidel—those who have adorned their heads with turbans yet denied God's proof and evidence when it was sent down from the heaven of bounty with power and sovereignty.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear God, then follow Him Who counseleth you for His sake. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. Say: Blessed is he who hath purified himself with the Kawthar of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and who hath arisen, through the power of the Most Great Name, before the faces of the world, declaring:

> "O concourse of the sects! The All-Bountiful hath come in His retreat, even as was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Mother Book."

O people! Deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of this Day. Leave behind what the servants possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of creation. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of immortality from the hand of bounty, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having aided me to turn toward Thy horizon, to witness the traces of Thy Pen, and to hearken unto Thy most exalted Call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. My Lord! I am Thy servant, and the son of Thy servant, and the son of Thy handmaiden. I beseech Thee by Thy mysteries which lie hidden within Thy knowledge, that Thou make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous."

BH05191: O God of the world and Goal…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

O God of the world and Goal of the nations! Thou seest my state and hearest my sighing and lamentation and the groanings of my heart, by reason of what hath befallen Thy Cause after I had taken the covenant of my soul before those in the kingdom of Thy Cause and the heaven of Thy names. O Lord! Thou art He Who called me to the horizon of Thy glory and commanded me to arise among Thy creatures and to manifest that which Thou didst will through Thy sovereignty, and to reveal that which Thou hadst made hidden in the treasuries of Thy power and the repositories of Thy protection and preservation. When I arose in Thy name to fulfill Thy Cause and called all to Thine all-highest horizon through Thy power and sovereignty, and made manifest the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy loving-kindness, then did the ungodly among Thy creatures rise up against me and clamored and arose to harm me and to subvert Thy Cause.

O Lord! Thou knowest that in most of my days I was alone and solitary among Thy creatures, and I revealed all that Thou didst command me through Thy sovereignty and Thy will, such that neither the might of armies nor the greatness of hosts deterred me, until the horizons were filled with the signs of the glory of Thy oneness and the lands were encompassed by the manifestations of the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou didst adorn the kingdom of names and didst open the door of Thy grace to all who are in earth and heaven, that Thou change

agitation to tranquility, and weakness to strength, and despair to hope. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH05951: O my handmaiden and my leaf! Today “blessed, perfect…

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

O my handmaiden and my leaf! Today “blessed, perfect, righteous son” are words that appear from the Mother Book. Death shall not seize these children, nor shall the dominion of the Angel of Death find a way to him. Throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm above, he shall dwell in the chambers of peace and security with utmost joy and delight. Through the grace of the All-Bountiful, that honored lady has been blessed with a son who has had and has no likeness or equal. The world has been and is a house of trials and tribulations, yet for sanctified, assured souls it is an expansive carpet and an abode of joy and gladness. Be not grieved, for thou hast attained unto the Dawning-Place of joy.

Today is the day of greatest gladness; sorrow is not permitted. Take the cup of joy in the name of the Lord of Power, then drink from it in His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land. We beseech God to remove from among them the odors of discord and illumine their hearts with the light of unity. Verily He is the Lord of the servants and the One Who speaks at the beginning and the return. The splendor shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH06251: Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee…

He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer

Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity, and the sun of Thy bounty, and the heaven of Thy munificence, to ordain for Thy servants that which will draw them to the Most Exalted Horizon and give them to drink, from the hands of grace and bounty, the Kawthar of steadfastness.

O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant one seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge and the treasury of Thy wisdom, the weak one turning to the horizon of Thy power and might, and the disturbed one yearning for the cord of Thy tranquility and assurance. I beseech Thee, by the hearts which Thou hast made as oceans of Thy knowledge and recognition, to ordain for this servant of Thine that which will deliver him from all else save Thee and adorn him with the ornament of Thy most great favor. O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all things!

O Lord! Disappoint not the one who hath turned unto Thee in Thy days and who desireth from Thee naught save that which will draw him nigh unto Thee and strengthen him to serve Thy Cause and to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the whisperings of the ungodly can frustrate nor the swords of the oppressors prevent. Thy Cause hath appeared, despite their opposition, through Thy power and might and greatness and sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07262: This Wronged One hath ever counseled the servants concerning…

…This Wronged One hath ever counseled the servants concerning that which befitteth their stations and preserveth their ranks. Our purpose hath been naught but to quench the fire of hatred burning in the hearts of the peoples of the world, for reformation is impossible before the extinguishing of the kindled fire. During nights and days We have mentioned that which would bring about reformation, unity and concord among souls. However, most of the people of the world have not accepted the counsel of this Wronged One and have committed that which hath reached the ears of the world. We beseech God to grant all the grace to adorn themselves with goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and to hold fast unto that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Be not saddened by hardship and adversity. After every hardship ease is ordained, and likewise after severity cometh relief. These conditions encompass the world, and this is due to the differences among the Manifestations of Power and the Dawning-Places of might. Should they attain unto the Most Great Peace, the world would be illumined with the light of unity….

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BH00299: Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court…

Section 1: “Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court…”

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court of the Desired One, Who hath aided His Afnan in assisting the Blessed Tree and associated them with Himself. His is the bounty and the generosity, and His is the glory and the power amongst the peoples. And blessings and peace be upon Him Whom He established in His own station amongst His creation, through Whom He illumined His servants with the light of His oneness and the radiance of His knowledge, He Who made Him a lamp unto all who are in the heavens and the earth, and a glory unto all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation. And upon His family and companions, whom He made the shepherds of His flock, the protectors of His loved ones, the guardians of His chosen ones, and the guides of His creation to His straight path and His mighty Message.

May my soul be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, for your mention, and for your utterance. The blessed letter, each word of which was the dawning-place of joy and gladness and the dayspring of delight and expansion, transformed the realm of grief into supreme joy, to such extent that repeated smiles appeared during its reading. I beseech the True One and hope that He may aid that exalted person in all good and in every service, and bring His servants and creation unto Him. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

After the visitation, reading and partaking of its bounty, we proceeded to the Shrine where it was mentioned. He said: “The letters of the honored Afnan, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, became the cause of joy and gladness in the days of sorrow. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He,

to open through him the doors of the hearts of His servants, and to change their hardship into ease and their difficulty into comfort. Verily, He is the Lord of humanity and the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

O My Afnan! Thy mention and thy letter brought supreme joy to those in sorrow and manifest relief to those in hardship. A group was gathered before Us to hearken, that joy might take its place and reach its goal. We make mention of the son, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, and the loved ones there. O thou who gazest! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee from those who have denied God's favor, His grace, His bounty and His gift. They are engaged in a great scheme to harm the Wronged One. Glory be to God! They are so consumed by the fire of greed, transgression, covetousness and passion that it is beyond reckoning. They have taken people's wealth and deposited vast sums in the bank while crying ʿwoe unto us!' Truly, the like of such souls hath never been seen. They have committed that which no oppressor hath ever perpetrated. We beseech God to aid them to be just and fair and to return unto Him. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Peace and glory be upon thee and upon the son and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

This lowly servant at all times beseeches the King of existence to protect that honored one from the evil of the associating, lying, and commanding souls. Verily our Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. May He make manifest that which will cause the spread of verses and the appearance of clear signs. The Afnan, his honor Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—although news of his health and well-being has outwardly reached and continues to reach the Most Holy Court, nevertheless mention of his circumstances and affairs is beloved.

The beloved of the heart, Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory and favors, is remembered with special favors. This servant beseeches God to deliver him from the imaginings of the ungodly, their suspicions, their calumnies and their hatred. Verily He is the Strong, the Trustworthy.

His honor Aqa Nuru'llah, upon him be God's peace, is confirmed in what befits his presence with your honor. Likewise his honor Aqa ʿAli-Akbar and Aqa Muhammad, upon them be God's peace and favors—I send greetings and salutations to all, and I beseech the All-Powerful on behalf of each one that which leads to elevation. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

May Qurratu'l-ʿAyn Rif'at, God willing, be adorned with an exaltation befitting the fruits of this Name and be illumined with spiritual qualities. God is witness and testament that this servant ceaselessly supplicates in His presence on behalf of His loved ones for that which befits His favors. He is the Generous, the Kind, the Mighty, the Bestower.

That which you wrote regarding that oppressive person—his calumnies and lies have grieved the people of the cities of truth, and it is just as flowed from your honor's pen. In these days they have appeared with complete wretchedness, they are aflame with a fire that has had and has no equal. That great miscreant's wretchedness stems from his calumnies not being believed and not attaining the honor of acceptance. In truth, the likes of such souls have never been seen.

Regarding what you wrote about the affairs of the beloved of the heart, his honor the Observer, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to open the gates of comfort and blessing upon him and to act with complete steadfastness in accordance with what they have willed, for occupation is necessary and is reckoned before God among good deeds. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Regarding the Greatest Holy Leaf, the honored mother, upon her be Baha'u'llah's glory and favors—after presentation in the presence of the Master, He said:

> "O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My favors. That which they have mentioned is the truth in which there is no doubt. They have always been and continue to be remembered. If wisdom requires it, We shall summon them. Whenever you send a letter, write on behalf of the Wronged One that which causes greatest joy and supreme gladness. O Afnan! We have heard that with which thou didst commune with God. In every word was stored the fire of thy love and the light of thy trust and detachment. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee with the hosts of the heavens and earth and to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and this world. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne and earth. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Exalted."

End.

Divine favors from the earliest days until now concerning that noble person and his kin have been more evident than the sun at its zenith. I beseech Him to manifest that which is the cause of unity—truly separation is the cause of sorrows while unity is the source of supreme joy. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Powerful, the Mighty. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you, upon those with you, and upon those who are humble before the face of God, our Lord and the Lord of the exalted Throne.

When the petition reached its end, your blessed and noble handwriting shone forth like the true Sun from the supreme horizon of the heart, illuminating the court of hearts with the light of joy. Indeed, your luminous handwritings are the gladdeners of the spirit. We beseech God that these blessed pages, which diffuse the fragrance of reunion and meeting, may not be cut off, though the hands of the oppressors exist. The Command is in God's hands, the Possessor of the unseen and the seen.

In the beginning of the letter was mention of those who had migrated unto God, and among the most pleasing and excellent coincidences was that the letter of Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, was honored to be heard at the time of its arrival, as this servant was present when the blessed letter arrived and all that was contained therein was presented in full.

As for Jinab-i-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, who has been confirmed by God's grace and favors in his detachment from the name of Mulla Abdullah—blessed be he for that which God enabled him to achieve, for in this most mighty, most holy and most exalted Revelation, there hath proceeded from the ignorant ones of Persia who are known as divines that which proceeded not from Shimr and Yazid. In truth, the tongues of Shimr and Yazid cry out in hell with these words:

> "O God, O God! The time has come for Thee to forgive us, for our evil deeds are as mercy compared to the evil deeds of the ignorant ones of Persia."

I seek refuge in Thee, I seek refuge in Thee, O my God, from their evil. I seek refuge in Thee, O my God, from their tyranny. I seek refuge in Thee, O my God, from their wretchedness. I seek refuge in Thee, O my God, from the fire of their misbelief, their unbelief and their discord.

Glory be to God! Their rebellion has caused them to speak thus. Though right is not with them, yet these words are from them. O my God, my God! Though outwardly the Pen has written in jest, intending to bring a smile to Thy Afnan, yet the mention of the deeds of these wretched ones has melted hearts and consumed souls. O my God, my God! Bestow new ears upon the people of the world and grant them penetrating vision that they may see and hear that which will draw them near unto Thee and guide them to Thy path. Verily Thou art the Helper, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bestower.

Section 2: "The first mention in the ear…"

The first mention in the ear of the aforementioned one was 92 [Muhammad]. When presented, the court was illumined with the lights of the Sun of permission. Permission was granted and grace was evident. For each of those souls was manifested that which is the supreme cause for the continuation of existence. They directed that the Afnan should give the glad-tidings of what had been revealed to the emigrants, that they might thank God, the King of grace and favors, and the Sovereign of justice and fairness.

That which was revealed for Ibrahim Effendi, upon him be [the glory of God]:

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

O Ibrahim! Upon thee be My salutations! The honored Afnan, upon him be the loving-kindness and mercy of God, made mention of thee. Therefore doth this Wronged One turn unto thee at this moment. Verily, the Wronged One hath not uttered, nor doth He utter, save that which draweth the servants nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath commanded all to that which profiteth them in this world and the next, and giveth them to drink that which stirreth the hearts of His servants and guideth them to the Straight Path of God. It behooveth everyone to beseech God, his Lord, to protect the people of unity from the oppression of the ungodly who have encompassed the lands and each day seize a portion thereof. We testify that they are among the transgressors. Their deceit and oppression have encompassed all. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid His loved ones with the hosts of the unseen and to guard them by His sovereignty which embraceth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou hast made as a fire unto the ungodly and a light unto the believers, and by Thy power which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen, to aid me to perform such deeds as shall diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Then preserve me, O my God, from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the world and the Sovereign of the nations. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleaseth. Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Ahmad! The Wronged One sendeth thee greetings and counseleth thee to act in accordance with what God hath revealed in His Book whereby He hath distinguished between truth and falsehood, and through which the Herald hath cried out betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God but Him. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless. We counsel you to observe fasting and prayer and that whereby the standard of unity and the banner of detachment may be raised aloft. We beseech Him to assist thee in drawing nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Hafiz, O Ismail! Preserve the Book of thy Lord, then act according to it, that thy name may be inscribed among the preservers in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold fast unto righteousness in all conditions; verily it shall deliver thee from the great terror and preserve thee from the opposition of the opposers. We beseech God to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His loved ones. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

O Hafiz, O Rajab! I was sleeping when the Will of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, awakened Me. When I arose, I remembered the people through what He taught Me through His grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. I commanded the people to righteousness and piety, and forbade them from tyranny and wickedness. I desired naught but to extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity in the hearts of the various peoples. Because of this, there befell Me that which caused the hearts of the sincere ones to melt. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Possessor of manifest grace.

O Uthman! Upon thee be the peace of the All-Merciful. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He desireth naught through mention and utterance save to deliver mankind from the chains of self and passion, and to strengthen them in that which hath been commanded in the Book. Say:

My God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge and adorn them with the ornament of justice and equity. Then write down for me that which shall cause me to seek refuge in Thy presence, to worship at Thy threshold, and to hold fast unto Thy cord. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Chosen One. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I desire from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall render me detached from all else save Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Ahmad! We beseech God that He may strengthen thee to reform the world and empower thee to assist and aid His manifest Faith. The oppressors have encompassed the people of unity, and each day in some place the fire of corruption is kindled. Say:

O my God, my God! Help Thy servants among the people of unity against the evil of those who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and have wrought corruption in Thy lands. O Lord! Assist them to act with justice. Verily, Thou art the Possessor of bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ashiq! O Hasan! We beseech God to adorn you with goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Corruption, conflict and contention are the attributes of predatory beasts of the earth, while the attributes of man are benevolence, forbearance, love, faithfulness, trustworthiness, religiosity and purity.

We hope that thou mayest attain to that which is the cause of the refinement of the souls of the people of the world. This is not difficult for God.

Praise be to God! Special favors have encompassed all, and that which is the cause of salvation in this world and the next, both outwardly and inwardly, hath been made manifest to each one. This servant, with hands of supplication and hope, hath grasped the sacred hem and beseecheth Him to cause His servants to attain that which promoteth the exaltation of the Word of Unity. Verily, God is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful. In those regions and these parts, all have been commanded to that which causeth the light of the Sun of Unity to shine forth, and likewise they have been forbidden from that which leadeth to division and separation. Some time ago, His Honor Haji Mirza Musa—may God assist him—attained the presence, whereupon it was said:

> "O Musa! Be not idle like some of the Babis. Hold fast to fasting and prayer. A person without deeds is, according to Christ, like a tree without fruit, and a fruitless tree hath ever been and will ever be fit for the fire."

If the blessed community had acted or would act with clear certitude and firm steadfastness according to that which they were commanded, surely this weakness would be transformed into strength and this abasement into glory. Blessed are they that act! Some of the servants are unaware and heedless of the purpose; therefore they have called the Reformer of the world a corrupter. We beseech God to cause all to attain that which leadeth to certitude and assurance. Verily, God is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

As to the petitions that were submitted, He said:

> "O My Afnan! We have heard the cry of the oppressed ones of the earth. The Wronged One beareth witness to their oppression. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for them that which will bring comfort to their eyes, joy to their hearts, and tranquility to their souls."

Praise be to God! The Afnan are possessed of true trust and have committed their affairs [to God]. The means are in His mighty grasp. We beseech Him to manifest that which is desired and beloved. Should the will for existence in this land be realized, We ask thee to mention them on behalf of the Wronged One and to give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, bounty and mercy. Verily, He is with them under all conditions, to which testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book. The reply to the petition of His Honor Aqa Mirza Ali-Rida—upon him be the Glory of God—will be sent later. Praise and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

BH02804: O My loved ones! Hear the call…

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

O My loved ones! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the direction of the prison. He is the Summoner, He is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, He is the Lord of Names and the Sovereign Who does what He wills. Blessed is the ear that has attained to hearing and the eye that has been illumined by beholding

the signs. In the midst of sorrows, the Lord of Religions and the Desired One of all worlds has turned toward you and made mention of you with a mention from which the fragrance of eternity wafts, that your remembrance and your names may endure in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His honor Haydar-ʿAli has repeatedly made mention of the friends of that land and its surroundings, and each one has been honored with the tokens of the Ancient Pen.

Those who claimed relationship with the Truth have, in the Great City, committed that which no opponent has ever committed. They have abandoned trustworthiness and cleaved to treachery, and have become so consumed with the fire of greed and passion that the Pen is powerless to describe it. Now they have arisen to harm the Wronged One and to abase the Cause. They stole a sum of money belonging to the Afnan and attributed it to others. And when that which is hidden in the breasts and the treachery of eyes was revealed, they raised the standard of hypocrisy. Some of those funds they gave to their like so they would assist them in their falsehood, that they might agree with them. Thus did their souls entice them.

O My friends in that land! Blessed are ye and joy be unto you, for ye have attained to that which most of the servants have failed to attain. We beseech God to give you to drink, from the hands of grace and bounty, the Kawthar of steadfastness and faithfulness. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

O Muhammad-Rida! Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance and praise have been raised, and blessed are the tongues that have recited My verses and the souls that have gathered therein to hear them in My days. Joy be unto thee, O Baqir, and unto the spot that hath been honored by the footsteps of My loved ones and wherein was raised the cry of those who have turned toward Me in their longing to attain My presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O people of God! Take heed lest the might of the oppressors frighten you or the allusions of the heedless hold you back from this Momentous News. The glory from Us be upon you and upon all who are steadfast and firm. We counsel you at the end of this Tablet with the wisdom We have sent down in the Tablets from your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH04589: O Ghulam-i-Qabil-Ali! Repeatedly hath mention of thee descended…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Ghulam-i-Qabil-Ali! Repeatedly hath mention of thee descended from the heaven of bounty, and thy name hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. His honor Haydar-Qabil-Ali, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly made mention of the people of K and its surroundings, and each one hath attained to that which hath had and hath no likeness. At this time the friends behind Mashhad have been blessed with divine mention.

O Muhammad-Qabil-Hashim! Blessed art thou and thy brother, and he who hath held fast to the strong cord of God. And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad and give him the glad-tidings of My turning toward him from this distant station, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

O ʿAli! Hearken with thine inner ear to the call of the Wronged One. Whatsoever thou beholdest in the world shall pass away, while the mention of God hath endured and shall endure through the perpetuity of His kingdom and dominion. Cast away that which perisheth and take hold of that which endureth. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness. Be not saddened by the vicissitudes of the world. Soon shall the heedless utter the words "Alas for us!", and become aware of that which they have missed in the days of God. Then shall they cry for help but receive no succor. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid you to do that which befitteth His Revelation, His Day and His mighty, wondrous Cause. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04603: O Leaf of the Bayan! Hearken unto the call…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Leaf of the Bayan! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and I speak unto thee that which hath caused the breezes of bounty and favor to waft. He is with thee under all conditions. He hath heard what thy tongue hath uttered concerning this Light through which earth and heaven were illumined, and the Herald hath cried out from the direction of the Throne:

> "The All-Bountiful hath come to His resting-place, and that which was hidden from time immemorial hath been made manifest."

Blessed is thy tongue for having made mention of Me, and thy heart for having turned toward My horizon, and thy face for having directed itself to the Dayspring of the signs of thy Lord, the Lord of all men. We beseech God that through thy call He may attract the hearts of His handmaidens and leaves, and ordain for thee that which shall gladden hearts and bring solace to eyes. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of His bounty, and hast attained unto this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of lords, say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy signs which have set the world ablaze, and by Thy Cause whereby Thou hast subdued the nations, that Thou make me to be among those women whom the veils of glory have not withheld, nor the veils of them that are gone astray, and who have shone forth from the horizons of the heaven of detachment with the lights of Thy Most Great Name. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. Thou hast manifested me, and strengthened me, and caused me to know Thee, and guided me unto Thy recognition and Thy path. I beseech Thee to make my mention to have effect through Thy bounty and to bear fruit through Thy loving-kindness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH04842: This is the Book of utterance which the All-Merciful…

He is the One Who speaks the Truth

This is the Book of utterance which the All-Merciful has sent down from the Kingdom of mystic knowledge to those who have believed in Him in His days and have testified to that which His Most Exalted Pen has testified: The Kingdom, the Dominion, the Grandeur and the Might belong unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who was rejected by the various peoples and against Whom the divines of Iran pronounced their verdict—they who denied God's proof and testimony and committed that which caused all things to lament. They are indeed among the most lost in God's Book, the Goal of all mystic knowers. The Wronged One has heard thy cry and has answered thee from the prison with this Perspicuous Tablet, whereby the realities of existence were attracted and the limbs of them that denied the Day of Judgment did quake. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My mention and hear My call, say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! All praise be unto Thee for having remembered me from Thy most exalted horizon and for having sent down unto me that which drew unto it the Concourse on High. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below, by Thy Command through which the Pen was set in motion in the world, and by Thy Name whereby Thou didst subdue the nations, to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging fast unto Thee and unto Thy verses. Ordain for me a seat of truth in Thy presence. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed is the servant who has chosen for himself a station beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur and has attained unto the wine of certitude from the cup of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05866: This is a Book which the Ancient One hath…

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise

This is a Book which the Ancient One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, that He might cause him to soar in His atmosphere, to be drawn unto His verses, to speak forth His praise, and to arise to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: O people! Fear ye God, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared in truth from One Who is powerful and ancient. He speaketh not of His own desire, but rather from God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the fervor of the Age of Ignorance prevent you from the Dayspring of God's knowledge, the One, the All-Informed. The books of the people profit you not.

Cast aside what they possess, holding fast unto the cord of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Every fire hath been extinguished and every light concealed, but the Fire kindled in the Tree of the Cause increaseth in its blaze and flame. Neither afflictions weakened it nor calamities made it afraid. He hath arisen to promote the Cause with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. The river of utterance hath flowed from His right hand, and the ocean of knowledge surgeth before His countenance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Thus hath the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in the garden, as a rebuke to the people of the Bayan who have denied the appearance of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Glory be unto the companions of Baha

who have testified to that whereunto God hath testified that there is no God but Him, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH06860: He hears and answers

He hears and answers

O Pen! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Eternity speaketh from this manifest horizon. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven: “There is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” I have appeared and made manifest My path and My balance which proclaimeth: “I am the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing.” I have sent down My verses and manifested My clear tokens, yet the people remain veiled by a thick veil.

They have cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed every froward devil. Among the people are those who denied and turned away, and among them are those who fabricated lies against the Mighty, the Most Praised, and among them are those who issued a decree for My death after I came with the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds. They have abandoned the ordinances of the Book in that they followed the ways of the ignorant ones who cast aside God’s Covenant and His Testament and disbelieved in that which was sent down from His exalted Kingdom.

Thus have We sent down the verses [when] the temple of the world was adorned with the ornament of My Name, the Wondrous. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and responded to their Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

BH07346: O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Upon thee be…

He is the Hearer from His most exalted horizon

O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of those who dwell in My kingdom of heaven. Praise be to the Desired One of the world, that thou art enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined by the light of His knowledge. The Tongue of Grandeur testifieth that thou hast turned thy heart to the Heart of the world and directed thy face toward the Lord of nations, and hast heard the verses of thy Lord and acknowledged that which His Tongue hath uttered and that which He hath revealed in His Books. This is His testimony—nothing possessed by kings, nor anything hidden and treasured in the earth and its mines, can equal it.

Rejoice thou in this most exalted Word and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind and Master of the throne on high and of the earth below, for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy bounty from the hand of Thy generosity and for having sent down unto me that whereby my name shall endure among all names and my remembrance among all remembrances. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy munificence that which befitteth Thy generosity and is worthy of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful. The glory proceeding from Us rest upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God in their final abode.

BH07827: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the One speaking with truth!

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, that it may summon the people to the Most Exalted Paradise, the Station wherein the Tree exclaims: “There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Loving.” We caused to shine upon it less than a needle’s eye of the luminary of Our Name, the All-Knowing. Its rustling was raised up and it spoke that which guided Moses unto God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of God, and the tongue that hath spoken His remembrance, and the foot that hath arisen in His Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. When thou drinkest of My sealed wine through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, say: “My God, my God!

I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have committed my affairs unto Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. Send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty a mercy from Thee, and from the clouds of Thy generosity a grace from Thy presence. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one who hath sought the gate of Thy wealth, and the sinful one who hath sought the ocean of Thy forgiveness and bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him, by Thy grace and Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

BH08667: The Wronged One proclaims and says: O people! Fear…

He is the Expositor, the All-Wise!

The Wronged One proclaims and says: O people! Fear God and deny not His signs and His proof. He has appeared in truth from this luminous horizon. He is indeed the Preserved Book and the Inscribed Tablet and the Name through which the limbs of all names have trembled. Hasten unto Him with your spirits and hearts. They who have turned away from the Countenance, these have denied God and His sovereignty, and they who have turned towards Him, these are among the people of Paradise in God’s Book, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We have turned Our face from the Prison and found thee among those who have turned to the Countenance, therefore have We mentioned thee in this wondrous mention. Remember the Wronged One amongst the servants with the wisdom which God hath sent down in the Book, that perchance the people may turn unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH11490: Be not neglectful of obligatory prayer and fasting. He…

…Be not neglectful of obligatory prayer and fasting. He who faileth to observe them hath not been nor will ever be acceptable in the sight of God. Follow ye wisdom under all conditions. He, verily, hath bidden all to observe that which hath been and will be of profit to them. He, in truth, is the All-Sufficing, the Most High….

BH00019: The man of insight is ever abashed and humbled…

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 man of insight is ever abashed and humbled, for he describes Him Who all limbs and members acknowledge through the word "indescribable," and makes mention of that Station which is confessed through the word "unmentionable." Every person of experience detects from description the fragrance of limitation, and from mention and praise the scent of comprehension. After hearing and being convinced of and acknowledging that the Lord of "were it not for Thee" hath declared "We have not known Thee," in truth the station of mention and description, though boundless in the view of those immersed in the ocean of knowledge, yet in one respect it betokens limitation and comprehension, and from this word the near ones and the sincere detect the odor of pride. Therefore, I seek God's forgiveness again, I seek God's forgiveness once more, I seek God's forgiveness. Alas, alas, for my shame and embarrassment and lack of modesty, for I am certain that my mention of Him indicates my existence before the Ancient One, and reveals my station in the presence of the light-rays of the Lord of nations and the Goal of the world. Again I seek God's forgiveness.

My God, my God! Thou seest my weakness before the manifestations of Thy power, and my impotence before the expressions of Thy might, and my poverty before the ocean of Thy riches. By Thy glory! When I make mention of Thee, bewilderment and shame so overwhelm me that I long to hide myself beneath the layers of the earth's dust. Alas, alas, for my ignorance before the manifestations of the Sun of Thy knowledge! I testify that in this station, when I utter Thy remembrance, my limbs and members tremble from fear of Thee. Alas, alas! I see my deeds contrary to that which issues from my mouth before the kingdom of Thy utterance, and yet in one station my outer being and my inner being, my features and my veins and my very hairs cry out to me:

> "Grieve not at this, for verily He, exalted be His glory, when the ocean of His grace surged and the fragrance of His bounty wafted, permitted His servants to make mention of Him and to praise Him."

By Thy might and Thy majesty! In another station verily Thou didst create the tongue for Thy remembrance and the eyes for beholding the lights of Thy manifestation. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Most Great Name and by the light of Thy Cause whereby the world was illumined, to transform that which befitteth Thee not and befitteth not Thy days into that which is worthy of Thy manifestation and Thy sovereignty. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have acknowledged Thy power and Thy authority, and Thy mercy which hath preceded Thy creatures and Thy servants. O my Lord! Ordain for Thy servant and for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and sanctify them from all that beseemeth not the court of Thy glory and the threshold of Thy nearness. Verily Thou art the One with power over rejection and acceptance, over denial and attainment, and verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

After repeated communications from that beloved of hearts arrived, they were repeatedly honored before the Throne of the Lord. Wave upon wave of the ocean of grace appeared at its zenith, and from the Tongue of Grandeur flowed that which no pen can enumerate and no ink can fulfill. Yet the delay in response was due to the abundance of correspondence—such was the decree of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. That beloved one himself bears witness to what was mentioned, until the letters culminated in this letter dated the fourth of the revered month of Sha'ban. The realms of eternal knowledge bear true witness that whatever flowed from that beloved's pen was the source of greatest joy and the dawning-place of supreme gladness, for from each letter and word thereof wafted the fragrance of remembrance, praise, acceptance, devotion and steadfastness in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. After its reading, approaching the station before the presence of the Lord of all beings, it was presented. Thereupon the Kingdom of Utterance was stirred and there was revealed that which attracted the hearts of the people of the cities of knowledge and wisdom. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

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

O son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Reflect upon the Wronged One's Cause and upon that which befell Him of tribulations and ordeals. In all times there shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace that which illumined the realm of seeking and longing, and there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which raised the dead and endowed them with a new and wondrous life. O son of Asdagh! If one possessed of true hearing be found, he would hear that which the sincere ones and those near unto God heard on the Mount of Knowledge. The purpose of manifestation, remembrance and utterance is that discord might be removed and replaced by unity, and that all might be adorned with blessed and praiseworthy attributes and character that preserve and elevate.

Yet in some the opposite is evident—in the station of unity, discord is witnessed, and in the station of trustworthiness, treachery. Ask God that He may enable His servants to drink from the cup of detachment and be adorned with the ornament of godliness. Some have forgotten the divine counsel and have manifested deeds that have caused God's Cause to be wasted among the heedless and the negligent. The ignorant of the world attribute to the Truth whatever reprehensible act they witness from those who claim to love Him. Therefore has My Most Exalted Pen lamented in the Most Sublime Summit and eyes have wept in the Most Glorious Paradise.

Convey to the loved ones the greetings and peace of the Wronged One—greetings that will set them all ablaze and make them ready to hearken to the call of the Speaker on Sinai. Say: O loved ones of God on earth! Hear the call of the Wronged One, adorn your heads with the crowns of piety and your temples with the raiment of detachment, then help your Lord through deeds. This is what ye have been commanded by God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Today deeds and character are the helpers and supporters of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are those men who, for the sake of God, have clung to these two. Fear of God is a luminous lamp—it is the cause of the enlightenment of the world and the means of guidance for the peoples. Had those who claimed to love God held fast from the beginning to His commandments and laws, the world would now be witnessed illumined with the light of faith. In these days there hath come to pass from those who claim to love Him that which hath not come to pass from His enemies. By God's life! The Wronged One is in evident sorrow.

Ever-flowing have been the goodly exhortations and loving counsels which in truth are the cause of nearness and meeting and the source of infinite bounties from the Lord of all beings, streaming forth and descending from the Tongue of Grandeur—and in such measure have they descended that pen and ink are powerless to enumerate them. Nevertheless, there hath appeared from some that which would make the very eye of justice weep and hearts lament. This servant, and that loved one, and the friends must all beseech from the heaven of pardon and bounty of the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may assist the heedless to do that which beseemeth them and grant all the grace to return, that they may arise to make good what hath escaped them and not deprive themselves in this Most Holy and Luminous Day of the outpourings and favors of Him Who is the Goal of all beings. Verily our Lord is the All-Loving, the Forgiving.

Mention was made of turning towards different regions for the exaltation of the Word of God, and likewise of entering the place which hath been named by the Tongue of Grandeur as Furugh. After being submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these verses descended from the heaven of grace—blessed and exalted be His Word:

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing

O My friends in Furugh! Hearken unto the call of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving. He hath remembered you with a mention that hath set aflame the hearts and souls, and whereby all things and those in the kingdom of names have testified that there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have remembered you time and again as a favor from Us, for I am the Bountiful in the kingdoms of the unseen and the seen. And We have sent down for him whom We adorned with the distinction of being specially chosen, and his sons, and those with him, that whereby the realities of all things were attracted and faces were turned towards God, the Lord of the Promised Day. We beseech God to aid them to remember and praise Him, and to teach His Cause, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus hath shone forth the Sun of Utterance from the horizon of the heaven of the providence of God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. The glory from Us be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God when He came from the heaven of Command with manifest sovereignty.

And this is what was revealed for the friends of God in Hisar:

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

O My friends in Hisar! Rejoice in that the face of your Lord, the Chosen One, hath turned towards you from the direction of the Prison and hath remembered you with that which hath attracted the hearts of the righteous. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Prison—verily it draweth you nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. We make mention of him who loved Me, who ascended unto Us with a light that illumined the horizons. At the time of his ascension he was met by a company from the Supreme Concourse and the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise. To this testifieth He Who came from the heaven of grace with the banners of verses. And We have remembered those who are related to him by God, and have ordained for them in the Crimson Book that which hath caused the nightingale to warble

and eyes to be solaced. We beseech God to assist them in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to write for them what He hath written for His chosen ones. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We have desired to make mention of him who was named Mir before Hasan [Haji Mir Hasan Beg] that he may rejoice in the providence of his Lord on this Day wherein the Herald hath called out from all directions.

And We make mention of him who was named Allahyar Beg that he may hold fast to the cord of the Chosen One and that his outer and inner tongue may testify to that which the Speaker of the Mount testified when He was established upon the throne of manifestation, and that he may circle round the Cause with such steadfastness as will not be prevented by the Pharaohs of the earth nor the tyrants of the lands.

We wish to make mention of him who was named Mahmud (Karbala'i) in the Book of Names, and verily I am the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. O Mahmud! Take the chalice of utterance in the name of the Lord of Religions, then drink therefrom by Our command, and say: O people! By God, there hath been sent down from the heaven of proof that which hath caused the dwellers of the graves to arise, and the Trump to be sounded, and all things to proclaim: The Kingdom is God's, the Cleaver of the Dawn!

O Jahangir Bey! Hearken unto the call of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, from the Crimson Tree planted in the Most Exalted Paradise by the hand of the will of the Lord of all beings, and say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and made me to know whilst the people were in wondrous slumber.

O Isma'il! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having enabled thee to hearken unto My most sweet call, which hath been the hope of those near unto God and the sincere ones from time immemorial. I testify to Thy generosity which hath preceded existence and to Thy command whereby Thou hast subdued the factions.

O My loved ones in Namiq! We have made mention of you before, and at this hour, through that which hath caused the Luminary of utterance to shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of the mercy of your Lord, the Creator of existence. We make mention of him who drank the choice wine of martyrdom in the path of his Lord before all eyes and vision, and thereby attained unto that which none hath attained save whom God, the Lord of all men, hath willed.

O son of the martyr! Blessed art thou for having held fast unto My handle and clung to the hem of My mercy whilst the people were in heedlessness and error. We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him and to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that whereby the call hath been raised between earth and heaven. The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of the Daysprings of remembrance.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Thy name hath been presented before the Countenance. The face of God hath turned unto thee from this station, and there hath been sent down for thee that which hath caused the fire to blaze forth in the trees, proclaiming: There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty, the

Compelling. Remind the people of the verses of thy Lord and give them glad tidings of that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the most exalted station.

Praise be to God! In these days some have repeatedly attained unto the grace of God, glorified be His Majesty. Letters and petitions have arrived and continue to arrive successively, and in each the places and regions of those parts are mentioned, and each of the loved ones hath attained unto that which beareth witness to the grace, compassion and bounty of God, glorified be His Majesty. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who in these days have attained unto the grace of God, for the Word of God shall not be seized by extinction, nor shall change find any way unto it. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness unto this, even as it hath testified before. Verily He is the One with power to do as He willeth, in the beginning and in the end.

Section 2: "Mention was made of Bujistan. After being presented…"

Mention was made of Bujistan. After being presented before the Countenance, these verses were sent down from the heaven of bounty. His word, exalted be His glory and mighty be His proof:

O Bijistan, rejoice, then praise, then glorify, then give thanks for being mentioned by Him through Whose Word the heavens and earth were created! How many learned ones were not mentioned before the Wronged One, how many mystics denied the One Known, and how many men were debarred from the Living Waters in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful! But thou hast attained the grace and mercy of God, and been mentioned by Him Who was remembered in the hearts of those near ones and the sincere ones. We have mentioned Ali in the Book and in the Scriptures and Tablets time and again, and then those who believed in God, Lord of the Mighty Throne. We beseech God to raise up from thee men who will aid their Lord through deeds and counsel people through virtuous conduct, and We enjoin upon them love and fellowship.

Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard the call of those who have turned towards Us and have answered them with a Tablet that shall testify for them in all the worlds of God, the King, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O son of My Name! Proclaim unto the faces of My servants in My lands, then recite unto them the verses of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. We have sent down for thee in these days that which hath caused the lips of utterance to smile. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for the friends of God in Faran. His word, exalted be His majesty and greatness:

Praise be to God! The friends of that land have attained the light of faith. Faran is a good name from which the fragrance of love is inhaled. They may take pride in this name which hath proceeded from the mouth of God's Will, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, the effects of this name shall become manifest and evident in the friends of that land through God's will. We make mention of all at this time—those souls who intended toward the Kaaba of God and drank the choice wine of His presence from the hands of bestowal. All are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, those souls attained mention, presence and meeting, and likewise the other friends have repeatedly been mentioned by the Most

Exalted Pen in these days. O son of Asdaq! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Now it is Our wish to make mention of the souls named in the letter, that thou mayest know My friends through My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and earth.

This is what was revealed for his honor Mir Aqa Husayn Beg, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is God! O Husayn, upon thee be My Glory! At this moment the Divine Lamp speaketh with these blessed words: O people of God! Take the chalice of success from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Subduer of the winds, then drink therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Blessed art thou for having held fast to the cord of God and turned toward Him when the oppressors were in manifest darkness and rejection. We beseech God to assist thee in what thou hast purposed in His clear and straight path.

That which was revealed for his honor Haji Mirza Abdul-Ali, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is God! O Abdul-Ali, upon thee be the everlasting Glory of God! Give thanks unto God for the Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and revealed for thee that which hath attracted the hearts of the nations who have fulfilled God's covenant and testament and taken hold of the Book with strength from Him. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained the choice wine of My utterance, the Kawthar of My knowledge and the Salsabil of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Luminous. The Glory from Us be upon the people of Glory who have turned with their hearts to this Great News.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Ustad Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is God! O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory! In the Book of old glad tidings were given, saying "All shall be mentioned by their names." Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to attain unto that which the Manifestations of Glory and Daysprings of Perfection were deprived. What is meant by this perfection are matters that are acceptable in the sight of the manifestations of vain imaginings. Glory be to God! The heedless party hath made that which is repudiated to be known, and ignorance to be knowledge. We beseech God to make known to them their loss and what hath escaped them in this Day, the mention of which hath caused the leaves upon the trees to speak forth: "The Chosen One hath come, and with Him are the streams of knowledge and wisdom. Draw nigh and be not of the heedless ones!"

This is what was revealed for his honour Karbila'i Hasan—upon him be the Glory of God:

He is God! O Hasan! Upon thee be My Glory! Hussein was condemned to martyrdom by the divines of his age, even as in this age they have condemned his Lord. The Books of God lament the oppression of the divines of that age and of this age, but ears are prevented from hearing. Preserve thou the pearl of the love of God in the treasury of thy heart, then conceal it from the eyes of the treacherous ones, and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

This is what was revealed for his honour Mir Ahmad Beg—upon him be the Glory of God:

He is God! O Ahmad! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Single, the One! Say: O people! This is the Day of mention and praise, for the Ancient Beauty and the Beloved of the nations is established upon the throne of bounty. Deprive not yourselves of this most great favor and supreme grace. Strive ye, that perchance ye may attain unto that which may be accepted in glory and endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. The world awaited this Day, yet when it appeared its people turned back. Blessed is he who hath recognized the Purpose and held fast unto that which is known. He is indeed of those who are nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is what was revealed for his honour Mir Ghulam-Rida Beg—upon him be the Glory of God:

He is God! O Ghulam-i-Rida! The One Purpose hath turned toward thee from the prison of Akka and maketh mention of thee, that His mention may draw thee to a station wherein thou wilt, with the hand of bounty, give the people of Baha to drink of the water of everlasting life. He is verily the Lord of creation. He mentioneth His loved ones in such wise that their names shall endure through the eternity of His names and attributes. He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him and the Purpose of those who have recognized Him. We counsel Our male and female servants to fear God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto My cord and hath spoken My praise amongst My servants. He is indeed of the sincere ones in My perspicuous Book.

This is what was revealed for his honour Muhammad-Hashim—upon him be the Glory of God:

He is God, exalted is He! O Muhammad-i-Hashim! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Time and again hath mention of thee been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily He is with thee and hath heard thy call in His remembrance and praise. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, thou shalt at all times and under all conditions be enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined by the light of His knowledge. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and cause them to be set ablaze by the light of the divine lamp, that all may, with wisdom and utterance, enable the servants to attain unto the fountain of the Purpose of the worlds. This is the Day of wisdom and service, and service to God, exalted be His glory, hath been and is, in the first degree, the teaching of His Cause. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which is the cause of the exaltation of His Word and the elevation of His station. Upon thee be glory from the presence of One loving and generous.

Praised be God, this is a day for the vision of the sincere ones and the hearing of those drawn nigh, for none but piercing eyes and attentive ears are worthy to behold the waves of the divine ocean of utterance and hearken to the rustling of the celestial Tree. Blessed and happy are they, for they have attained both the hearing and the vision thereof. This is the day of the friends and the time of the pure ones. In truth, the promised hour is bewildered, for this station is one that none but God knows, and none but His Will and Knowledge encompass it. The servant beseeches his Lord to ordain for His loved ones what He ordained for those who attained the Kawthar of detachment in His days. These are servants whose praise and mention adorn the tongues of the Concourse on High. Who can describe them as they deserve or know them as they should be known? These are men who have taken shelter beneath the pavilions of grandeur and majesty by the command of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Mention was made of turning toward the land of Ba and Shin and the village. After being presented before the Most Holy Court, these clear verses were revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur. He speaks, exalted be His glory and abundant be His bounty:

In My Name, through which the people of the cities of knowledge and wisdom have been attracted

The friends in the land of Ba and Shin have been and are remembered before God. In these days their mention has repeatedly descended from the heaven of Will, and each has attained the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. Praise be to God, they have drunk from the cup of recognition and certitude, and are recorded and inscribed before God as companions of the Crimson Ark. Verily He loves His friends there and mentioned them before with a mention through which God revived His servants, and He mentions them at this time with that which has caused the fragrances of revelation to waft throughout all possibility. He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Nothing escapes His knowledge. He witnesses and sees, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing.

O My loved ones! Hear My call from the direction of My prison, then remember what has befallen the Wronged One from those who claim knowledge for themselves yet commit that which causes the Concourse on High to lament. He Who came with the truth in the kingdom of verses bears witness to this. We give glad tidings to each one among the steadfast men and women of what God, the Lord of lords, has ordained for them. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those who have heard the call and said:

> “Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in earth and heaven!”

We make mention of Our friends in the Best of Villages and remind them of the verses of God, the Lord of all mankind. O Mulla Muhammad-i-Rafi’, he who has arisen to serve Me has mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with a Tablet from which the fragrance of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of lords, has been diffused. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who has chosen for himself a station in the days of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Thank God for having mentioned thee through Him at Whose appearance all things spoke forth. The Treasured One has come with a Cause that surpasses all that is treasured in the lands and mountains.

O Mulla Muhammad-i-Taqi! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having mentioned me time and again and for having aided me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. I testify that Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. I beseech Thee to rain down upon me and upon Thy servants, from the clouds of Thy mercy, the rains of loving-kindness and grace. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Ibn-i-Asdaq! We have made mention of him who has ascended unto God, who was named Muhammad-ʿAli, and then of those whom God has related to him. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. We make mention of them at this time and pronounce Our greetings upon their faces, and We ask for them that which will draw them nigh unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

When mention was made of each of the loved ones in the presence of the Lord of all beings, they were blessed with the Most Great Favor. The purpose of creation is that souls should be mentioned in His

presence and thereby attain to service. The rain of mercy from the clouds of grace and favor descends unceasingly and without delay. No name has been mentioned but that there has been revealed for it that which shall endure through His enduring Name. Blessed are they who exist in these days and are mentioned before His Face.

Mention was made of the leaf who is the daughter of the beloved of the heart, H and S, and likewise the leaf who is the daughter of their sister, upon them be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, from years past until now they have been mentioned with God and have been adorned, provided for and distinguished by the mention, favor, bounties and tenderness of the Blessed Tree. In these days a Most Holy, Most Wondrous, Most Luminous and Most Glorious Tablet has been revealed for each one and sent to the beloved of the heart, H and S, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make them among those women who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, and who glorify their Lord morning and evening, and to ordain for them that which shall bring delight to their eyes.

In truth, the loved ones of B and Sh have been mentioned in His presence every year, nay every month, nay every day. They are blessed with the bounties of mention, utterance, wisdom and knowledge. After mention was made of B and Sh in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, these verses dawned forth from the Dayspring of Will. His word, exalted be His majesty, universal be His bounty, and mighty be His sovereignty:

Section 3: “O My handmaiden, O Leaf of Paradise! Thou…”

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden, O Leaf of Paradise! Thou hast attained unto verses through each letter of which God hath created worlds which none hath understood save Him. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou hast attained in most days unto the call of God, the Goal of them that know. We have mentioned thee and then those women who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. The Kingdom of Utterance hath turned towards thee and revealed for thee and those with thee that which the atoms have testified to through God’s grace, favor, mercy and bounty. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Ruhani! Upon thee be My Glory and My Favor. Thou didst speak the truth when thou didst turn to God, the Goal of the sincere ones. That which flowed from thy heart and tongue hath attained unto the hearing of thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. My Books, My Scrolls, and that which hath flowed from My wondrous Pen testify to My favor unto thee. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath loved thee and mentioned thee, and blessed is the handmaiden who hath heard thy words concerning this perspicuous News. Thy deed hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. We beseech Him to aid thee in that which shall cause thy mention and His mention to endure through the permanence of My firm and unshakeable Cause.

O youth named Rida! My loved ones there have attained unto My mention time after time, and in these days We have mentioned them again and again with a mention whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this exalted station have been enraptured. Give thanks unto God for His having turned toward

thee and adorned thy deed and the deeds of My loved ones with an ornament whereby the cities of deeds have been illumined. Reflect upon that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen that thou mayest find the sweetness of My mention and that which hath been sent down from My Kingdom and the heaven of My favor that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! My heart and My Pen have lamented at what hath come upon Me from the hosts of the heedless who attribute themselves unto My Self and wrongfully consume the substance of men. They are, verily, among the most lost in My mighty Book. They have committed in the Great City that which hath caused the rocks to cry out, the trees to weep, and the tears of them who know to flow. We beseech God to enable all to act with justice and fairness and to aid them to return. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God Who hath aided thee and My loved ones to serve His Cause and to exalt His remembrance. He is, in truth, the Helper, the All-Wise.

O Haji Mirza Husayn! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise as to enrapture the cities of remembrance. Among them are those who have said:

> "O loved ones of God! Arise, then draw nigh with pure hearts, sanctified souls, radiant faces, attentive ears, and steadfast feet."

By God! That which hath caused all things to soar hath been raised up, and that hath appeared at whose manifestation all who are in the heavens and on earth have bowed down in submission. We have sent down for thee that wherefrom the near ones perceive the fragrance of My love. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of God and hath heard that which was raised up from the Most Exalted Paradise. He is among the sincere ones, as every just and informed one doth testify. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My grace. Thy Lord, verily, is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee, upon thy son, and upon those whom the clamor of the heedless hath not kept back from My straight Path.

O ʿAbdu'l-Wahhab! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all men, which hath been raised in the Return, despite every remote learned one. Say: This is the Day whereon the Lord of Eternity hath seated Himself upon the throne of His Most Great Name and hath spoken that which hath guided the peoples to His luminous horizon. Blessed is the eye that hath seen, blessed the ear that hath heard, and blessed the heart that hath turned in recognition to the Dayspring of the signs of its Lord, the Speaking, the All-Seeing.

At this moment We make mention of My handmaidens who have quaffed the wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty, who have heard the Call from the direction of My prison, who have held fast to My cord and clung to the hem of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O My Leaf, O Mother of Muhajir! The Wronged One doth not forget thee. He hath remembered thee and will continue to remember thee throughout the eternity of His glorious and beautiful Kingdom.

We make mention of another handmaiden. Verily, He loveth His friends and handmaidens who have cast away the world for love of Him and His good-pleasure, and who have taken that which they were bidden in His Book, before which all nations have bowed down when it was sent down. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. We counsel all once again regarding the Most Great Trustworthiness. By My

life! There hath appeared in the Great City a treachery which hath caused honored servants to lament. We are God's, and unto Him shall we return.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Thy loved ones in Sarayan and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all lords. O Muhammad-Qabli-Tahir! We have made mention of thee before, and of those who have believed in the cities and regions. By God! The breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted through the lands, yet most of the people are in heedlessness and error. Knowest thou what hath held them back? Say: Their vain desires. And knowest thou by what they are moved? Say: By the doubts of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and illumine them with that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the Tablet of God, the Lord of all men. The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Promised One hath come with a light that no cloud can obscure. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested that which hath guided mankind to the straight path.

O Masud! Hearken to the Call of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thy name was mentioned before in the presence of Him Who is the Lord of Bounty, and He answered thee with mercy from His presence—and He is the Mighty, the Beloved. Every secret hath been revealed, every matter hath come forth, and every tongue hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to the Lord of all being. Thy name was mentioned yet again, and We have remembered thee time after time as a command from Us—and We are the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned towards Him, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which kindleth hearts and souls, and in trustworthiness, chastity and unity.

Blessed is he who hath heard and acted upon that which he was commanded in My irrevocable Tablet. Blessed is he who hath confined his affairs to uniting the hearts of the loved ones, and blessed is he who hath held fast to His Extended Cord. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from God, the Lord of Hosts. By My life! Whosoever among the servants and handmaidens hath turned towards Me, the Pen hath been moved to mention him and he hath attained the bounty of the Ancient Lord Who hath proclaimed before the faces of all nations: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom and of the Realm.

O friends of God and His loved ones! That which is the cause of the life of the world and its peoples hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance for each one of the friends. The world hath been refreshed by the divine fragrance. By the life of our Lord and your Lord, each day a Book is revealed and each night a proof is made manifest, yet the people are heedless. I beseech God to aid His loved ones to promote His Cause—that is, through wisdom and utterance. The world hath been encompassed by proof and illumined by the light of His manifestation, yet the heedless are unaware. What hath been the cause of their unawareness? The knowledge thereof is with our All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord.

And this is what hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the Creator, for His loved ones in Kakhk and Junabad. He saith, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, in My Name, the All-Seeing

O Muhammad! God hath heard thy call and hath sent down for thee that which cannot be equaled by what the people possess. The Book of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness to this. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear My call, and the face that hath turned toward My direction, and the eye that hath beheld the traces of My Pen, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The excellences of the divine days are beyond limitation, and His outpourings are sanctified from end and reckoning. Blessed is the soul that hath not been prevented by clamor, sighing, tumult and croaking from turning toward the Daystar of the horizons, who hath turned with a luminous countenance and, with an eye sanctified from soreness and an ear purified from impediment, hath intended the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit.

The Tongue of Grandeur testifieth that such a one is worthy of Glory, established upon the Crimson Ark. Thus hath the Daystar of bounty shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the favor of the Lord of all humanity. Blessed are the people who understand! Blessed art thou for having turned and hearkened when most of the handmaidens and men were prevented from turning. We beseech God to assist thee in serving My Cause and to ordain for thee the good of all His worlds. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Ismail! Hear My call from the Kingdom of Mine utterance. Verily it draws thee to the horizon from which the light hath shone forth and illumined the darkness. He who loved Me and arose to serve Me hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with verses beside which the mention of treasures and riches fade into nothingness. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what hath been ordained in His preserved Tablet. We have adorned the heaven of proof with the stars of remembrance and utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained. He is of those whom God hath described in the Furqan with His words:

> “They speak not before He hath spoken, and they do according to His bidding.”

We make mention of My handmaidens who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and acted according to what was commanded in My preserved Book. O My handmaidens and My leaves in the cities and lands! Hear the call of your Lord, the Chosen One. He hath come from the horizon of power with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the seen and the unseen. He hath remembered every servant who turned unto Him and every handmaiden who turned and hearkened and said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, for having guided Thy servants unto Thy horizon and Thy leaves unto the Tree of Thy Cause.”

I beseech Thee by Thy Cause which hath subdued the world and the nations to forgive them and aid them in that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the True One, the Knower of things unseen. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My servants and My leaves who have believed in Him and His signs on the Day whereon the Balance hath been set up and the Trump hath been sounded.

O Ustad Muhammad-Baqir! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. He calleth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and casteth

upon the world that which will aid them in serving the Lord of ancient days. This is the Most Great Name through which the earth hath told its tales and revealed its treasures and riches. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless. Preserve what hath been sent down unto thee and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of existence, both seen and unseen." Verily the Book speaketh, yet the people hear not; and the light shineth, yet most of the people understand not. The appointed time hath come, and the Sovereign of Signs hath been established upon the throne and hath proclaimed: "Glory be unto God, the Lord of existence."

O My loved ones in Jim and Nun! God hath fulfilled His promise and manifested what He purposed through His word "Be," and it is. Neither the clamor of the servants nor the ranks of those who denied God's proof and evidence and uttered what the ancients never uttered could prevent it. O Muhammad-Baqir! By the life of God! The earth hath been transformed and the people are in grievous doubt. The trees have spoken, yet most of the people remain asleep. They heard the Call yet denied it, and thy Lord's proof encompassed all regions, yet they perceive it not. When it is said unto them, "By what proof did ye believe in God's Messengers?" they say "The Book." Yet when its Mother was sent down, they disbelieved and said what caused the near ones to lament. By God's life! They know not what issueth from their mouths. These are but worthless followers who pursue their desires on a Day whereon the Herald hath called out from the Most Exalted Horizon: "O people of creation! The Throne hath been established in Akka. Hasten! This is better for you than all that hath been created on earth, would that ye knew it." When the Kawthar of Mine utterance hath seized thee, say:

Section 4: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee…"

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, and thanks be unto Thee for having mentioned me, and glory be unto Thee for having cast upon me that which hath drawn me nigh unto Thee. I testify that Thou art the Lord of the world. Thou hast appeared and manifested what was hidden in knowledge and treasured with God, the Lord of the Kingdom. Glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen."

O My loved ones in Kheirabad! I do not complain of My tribulations and sorrows, but rather mention that which leads to awakening, vigilance and awareness. Every land and city that has today attained the presence of the people of Baha and become conscious of the cause and reason for its own appearance is accounted and reckoned among those who have attained unto God. But the people of Baha are souls who have clung to the Will of God and held fast to the hem of His Purpose. They are the dawning-places of chastity and trustworthiness and the daysprings of covenant and fidelity. I swear by the Lord of the Day that if someone were to call out today "When were the divine counsels revealed and in which scroll were they inscribed?", countless tablets from all corners of the world would cry out "We are the bearers of divine counsels and heavenly exhortations, and We have imparted to every soul that which ensures eternal salvation and everlasting glory."

Yet some who claim to love Him have seized the temple of trustworthiness and dragged it in chains. That faithless oppressor torments it morn and eve with the lash of tyranny. Such oppression has reached a

point where even the pebbles cry out and the date-pit laments “Woe is me!” It behooveth every soul to say:

> “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and enabled me to recognize the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to assist Thy servants in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and to adorn their temples with the ornament of trustworthiness and fidelity. Transform, O my God, their falsehood into truthfulness, their turning away into drawing near, their denial into acceptance, their oppression into justice, and their tyranny into equity. O my Lord! Help them to turn to Thee and to repent at the door of Thy forgiveness. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Gracious.”

Through His boundless grace and infinite mercy, each of the names mentioned in the letter of that beloved of the heart has attained to that which has no equal. Were the door of equity and justice to be opened before the face of the servants, all would testify to that which hath been revealed of the generosity, compassion and bounty of God, exalted be His glory. How many nights have all been resting in their beds while the Tongue of the Desire of the worlds was engaged in mentioning and remembering His loved ones. What praise and gratitude could ever befit these favors? That which proceedeth from creation is not worthy of God—exalted be His generosity, exalted be His bounty, and exalted be His grace that hath encompassed all existence.

My God, my God! With what tongue and what capacity can we make amends for deeds undone? Our feet are sunk in the mire of heedlessness and our hands are held back from taking hold of the Book by vain imaginings and desires. They have accepted the station of turning away and through hidden grace have concealed it. Whom have we besides Him that we might beseech for that which would make amends for what hath escaped us? Yet, being confined to limitations and bound by restrictions, how can we be worthy to behold or capable of action? And since there is no path save His path and no way save His way, we return unto Him bearing both major and minor sins, for we have none other than Him, nor have we heard of or seen any other. Therefore must we raise our hands in supplication to His most pure hem and cling to the cord of His mercy. He is the One Mighty, the One Bestower, the One All-Knowing, the One All-Bountiful. With a hundred thousand tongues do we beseech that He may assist all to act according to what He hath taught and announced.

O our Lord! We are as children in need of education. We beseech from the ocean of Thy bounty that Thou wouldst educate us through the hands of Thy will and adorn us with, and cause us to attain unto, the station of maturity, which is detachment from all else save Thee and turning toward the court of Thy presence. Ordain for us in all circumstances that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and purify us from all except Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And protect us from that which beseemeth not Thy majesty, Thy sovereignty, Thy might and Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty.

Mention was made of Zaveh and the friends of God in that land, especially mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, and mention of his enthusiasm, dedication and arising to serve the Cause. After this matter was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, a Tablet

was revealed and sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings. The servant beseecheth his Lord to honor him with meeting his Tablet and to grant him what lieth concealed within its binding words. It is hoped that they will kindle those regions with the fire of the Tree and illuminate them with the light of oneness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. This servant beseecheth confirmation and assistance for them, that they may guide the people of the contingent world with wisdom and utterance and lead them to their goal.

In the Tablet of Wisdom these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of the Will of Him Who revealeth the verses. His blessed and exalted Word:

> "Indeed utterance is a substance that seeketh penetration and moderation. As regards penetration, it dependeth upon pure and unencumbered hearts; as regards moderation, it should be combined with wisdom as prescribed in the Tablets and Scriptures."

Most are seen to be immature, therefore the people of those regions must be awakened from the slumber of heedlessness with hands of love, kindliness and consideration, and be guided to the Most Great Ocean. Verily God will aid him and assist him through His grace and mercy from His presence. He is the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the All-Merciful, to His friends there. His Word—mighty be His proof and mighty His utterance:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Shaykh Qasim! Praise be to God, blessed and exalted be He, for having aided thee to turn unto Him and to acknowledge what He hath revealed in His Book on a Day whereon most of His creatures have turned away from Him and denied what hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the heaven of His Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he whom doubts have not weakened and whom the allusions of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment have not hindered. Rejoice that thy mention and thy name have flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur in this remote Prison. He hath revealed for thee what shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly dominion shall endure, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. A single word from His words is not equaled by all that the people possess, as attested by the Preserved Tablet in His presence. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee in His remembrance and praise and to aid thee with the hosts of utterance. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. When thou hearest the call from this Most Exalted Horizon, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having adorned my temple with the ornament of turning unto Thee, my head with the crown of Thy love, mine eyes with beholding Thy signs, and my heart with turning toward the court of Thy glory. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty that hath encompassed all existence and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued all who are in the unseen and the visible, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bestowing.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Shaykh, namesake of the Desired One:

He is the One Who speaketh the Truth

O Shaykh, O thou who art called by the name of thy Lord! The face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and mentioneth thee with that which hath caused the fragrance of grace to be diffused. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! I beseech Thee by the hearts which were melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the light of Thy countenance whereby the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom were illumined, and by the ocean of Thy grace and the sea of Thy signs, to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. O my Lord! Deprive me not of the outpourings of Thy days, and let me not be debarred from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones through whom Thou hast raised the banner of Thy Revelation on the mount of knowledge and uplifted the standards of Thy guidance amidst all peoples, that Thou mayest make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance, who have circled round Thy Will, detached from their own desires, and who have taken hold of Thy Book with a power from Thee and a sovereignty from Thy presence.

O my Lord! Thou art He Who hath awakened me and caused me to hear and guided me unto Thy straight path and Thy firm and mighty Command. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

That which was revealed for Mulla Rajab-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One manifest and seated upon the throne of utterance

O Rajab-Qubl-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory! The days have come wherein the seekers have turned toward the Sacred House of God and circled round it by His command and have done that which He hath enjoined them in His Book. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all else save Him and hath attained unto that which the near ones have attained through His grace and bounty. I beseech Him to ordain for them from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the eyes of all beings. He verily witnesseth and seeth, and He is in the Most Sublime Horizon. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Arise to make mention of thy Lord and give glad tidings unto the servants with wisdom and utterance of that which hath been revealed for them that they may thank their Lord, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

This is the day of witnessing and hearing. Blessed is the ear that hath not been hindered by ancient tales and the eye that hath not been veiled by the veils of the heedless. Proclaim the greatness of the Wronged One before the faces of My loved ones and illumine them with that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord’s loving providence. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics, for having illumined my heart in Thy days and guided me unto Thy Most Great and Supreme Path.

That which was revealed for him who was named Muhammad-Qubl-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the All-Hearing from His Most Sublime Horizon

O Muhammad-Qubl-Husayn! We have made mention of God’s friends and loved ones both before and after. He turned unto them before they turned unto Him and remembered them before they

remembered Him and directed Himself toward them before they directed themselves toward Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty. And in another instance He turned unto them after they turned unto Him and remembered them after they remembered Him. Verily, at every moment He is engaged in a fresh manifestation. No occupation diverteth Him from another occupation, nor do the hosts of the oppressors hinder Him. Through Him the decree of affirmation appeared and every wise command was revealed. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance lest the clamor of the heedless be raised.

He hath appeared through grace and made manifest that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the seeing one whom nothing hath prevented from beholding My signs and the hearing one who hath heard the call of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged forth as a grace from God that thou mayest give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them who are nigh, for having guided me unto the court of Thy might and given me to drink of the cup of Thy love and illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge and remembered me in Thy prison and revealed for me that whereby the hearts of the sincere ones were attracted.

And this is what was revealed for Mulla Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the All-Seeing in the Most Sublime Horizon

O Husayn! Reflect upon what befell this Husayn after the Qa'im, this Self-Subsisting One Who hath arisen before all faces with manifest sovereignty. There hath come upon Us from the divines of Iran that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. To this beareth witness whosoever hath judged with fairness in this momentous Announcement. Say: He is the One Whose appearance was promised unto you after the Qa'im. By God's life! Were it not for Him, the Point would not have appeared and the Bayan would not have been revealed. Fear God, O people! Deny not Him through Whom every proof hath been manifested, every evidence established, every horizon illumined, every verse sent down, every ocean surged, and the fragrance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, was wafted.

Say: O concourse of religions! Purify your ears from the tales of the past that ye may hearken to the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen from the most glorious horizon. Thus have ye been commanded aforetime and at this time by the Mighty, the Wise. Beware, O people, lest ye deprive yourselves of the choice wine of your Lord's loving-kindness. Turn ye unto His Name and grasp it through love for Him, then drink in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Section 5: "By God! That which the people possess will…"

Say: By God! That which the people possess will not suffice you today. Cast aside the manifestations of idle fancies and their sources, turning unto God, your Lord and the Lord of your forebears of old. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Most Great Name was in His mighty prison.

Say: O company of divines from among the Persians! Ye have seized the reins of men through My Name and occupy the highest seats through your connection to My Cause. Yet when I manifested Myself, ye turned away and committed that which caused the tears of them that have recognized to flow. Soon shall all that ye possess perish and your glory be turned into the most great abasement, and ye shall behold

the recompense of your deeds from God, the Commander, the Wise. Blessed art thou for having cast aside idle fancy and taken the Self-Subsisting One as thy helper. Verily, He is with those who love Him—He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

This servant also conveyeth greetings to each one and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to increase their enkindlement that through it the hesitant ones may be set ablaze and hasten unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Mention was made of the friends in the Land of Kha. Praise be to God, each one hath been and shall be blessed with divine grace, bounty and mercy, both in the past and present. The beloved spiritual friend, his honor Ibn-i-Shahid, upon both of them be the Glory of God and His favors, hath received an abundant portion from the ocean of divine mention, for his name hath been mentioned repeatedly. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

And the beloved of the heart, his honor ʿAyn and Lam, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors—his letters have arrived repeatedly, yet due to the volume of correspondence, replies have been delayed. It is hoped that in these days something may be written to him. That beloved one knoweth and hath seen how many responses are written and sent in reply to his letters, while letters continually arrive from all directions requiring answers.

In truth, this servant is astounded at the power and might that hath been and is being manifested. In each reply numerous names are mentioned, and for each one there hath been revealed that which hath no peer or likeness.

Divine favor hath reached such a degree that no seeker hath been deprived and no petitioner forbidden. All have been blessed with God's favors and tokens. What pen is worthy to describe this station and what tongue capable of portraying this bounty? Nevertheless, the ungodly of the Bayan have denied it all. Never was it imagined that such tyranny would appear from them. The testaments of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, have been cast aside, their entreaties and schemes effaced. The only difference is that the same delusions of the Shi'ih faction have been more firmly established. For twelve hundred years they cried "O Successor!" and then martyred the Desired One through Whose word a thousand successors are created. Take ye warning! Take ye warning! Take ye warning! Take ye warning! Take ye warning! O ye who have eyes to see! O ye who have insight! O ye who have understanding! O ye who have knowledge! O ye who are turned unto God! The world is bewildered—they mention a single letter from the pulpit and lament, while cursing the Creator, the Provider, the Quickener, the Slayer, and His Manifestation, then descend from the pulpit. Such is the condition of these heedless, tyrannical people.

And the spiritual friend, his honor Haji Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, hath repeatedly been blessed with mention, favor, grace and mercy from the True One, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, Whose favor hath encompassed all, Whose proof hath been perfected, and Whose evidence hath embraced all things. After these passages were presented before the countenance of the Lord of creation, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for each one. The servant

beseecheth his Lord to assist them all to recognize what lieth concealed within His words and hidden within His letters.

My God, my God! Aid them to take hold of Thy Revelation through a power from Thee, grant them to attain its presence through Thy grace and bounty, then cause them to drink of the Kawthar ordained therein through Thy command and power. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

It is hoped that through His pre-existing mercy, whatsoever hath in these days been manifested from the ocean of bounty of the Lord of existence may awaken the heedless and draw all to the horizon of guidance. There is no name but it hath been blessed with His mention, and no servant but he hath been encompassed by what hath appeared from the kingdom of His utterance. Verily He is the All-Bountiful in grace, the Judge with justice. There is no God but Him, the Counselor, the Merciful, and He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to increase the light of vision and likewise the power of hearing, that they may hear and find that for which they were brought from nothingness into being. Verily our Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Merciful, the Generous.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise of his enthusiasm in the Cause of Truth and his journeys to various regions for the exaltation of the Word of God. After these matters were presented at the Most Exalted Horizon, a Most Holy Tablet was revealed and sent down from the heaven of Divine Will especially for him, that he might drink from the ocean of verses that which would make him the cup-bearer of the Salsabil of utterance among all religions and the leader of the servants to the highest paradise. We beseech for him divine confirmation and assistance in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God, who has attained unto the honor of being remembered. Praise be to God, he has repeatedly been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and time after time his name has flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur, as have his journeys for the exaltation of the Word of God. In these days too, mention of him has been revealed in various Tablets. As for his request for permission to proceed, which was sought from the heaven of divine favor, after its presentation it was commanded that he should, in those same regions, engage in teaching for the sake of God, detached from all else save Him.

In the Most Exalted Threshold, a certain Isfahani, despite being shown the utmost favor, has united with the enemy of God and has incited certain base individuals who revile the believers. They have committed that which no oppressor has ever done. The fire of greed and avarice has seized them; they have misappropriated large sums belonging to the servants of God under the pretense that it was stolen. In short, they have abandoned trustworthiness and clung to treachery, and now they are engaged in corruption. We beseech God to adorn them with fairness and aid them to return. I swear by the Sun of Truth, they have committed that which has no likeness or equal. The decree of God is that none should be molested; however, association, conversation, and meeting with those souls who have turned away and whose opposition has become evident is not permitted. This is a decree that hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is he who hath cast aside his own desires and taken hold of that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath desired.

Mention was made of the kindred in the Land of Ta. Some time ago, detailed mention was made from that land of their acceptance, love, and devotion, and this attained unto the honor of being presented before the Most Holy Court. Likewise, that beloved of the heart had previously mentioned that which indicated their love, affection, and steadfastness. Therefore, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of Will especially for them and were inscribed in the Most Glorious handwriting. They were sent several days ago. God willing, they have attained unto them and have received their full portion from the ocean of divine verses. The kindred of that beloved one have ever been honored with divine mention, and this time too, two Most Holy Tablets were revealed and sent from the horizon of the heaven of grace specifically for the two mentioned leaves, upon them be the Glory of God. The servant beseeches his Lord to send down upon them, their mother, and their grandmother that which befitteth the ocean of His generosity and the heaven of His bounty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Bestowing, the Effulgent, the All-Knowing, the Most Generous, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Concerning what was written about the intention of some relatives to travel there—in these days such travel is not permissible, for the thieves have become highway robbers in the great city. Out of love for the honored Afnan, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, assistance was rendered to that person from Isfahan who is now present in the great city. When his business became established and became a point of reference for the friends from all directions, he became inflamed with the fire of greed and avarice. His purpose was to eliminate the honored Nabil Ibn Nabil Haji Shaykh Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God. He then united with another person like himself—whose details you have surely heard or will hear—in corruption, and absconded with a large sum of people's money, crying out that thieves had taken it.

When this false accusation was not accepted from him, he arose in opposition and proceeded to violate the sanctity of the Cause before all the non-Baha'is of the great city, saying "The Babis came and stole my money." The purpose of mentioning this is so that that beloved one and the friends may be aware that no one should travel to the great city. The wickedness of those two souls has reached the highest degree—they have destroyed the dignity of the Cause of God before the non-Baha'is.

This servant begs his Lord to send one who will make known to the people their lies and calumnies. Verily, He has power over all things.

And concerning what was written about Haji S Y, may God assist him in what He loves and is pleased with—he was repeatedly counseled and advised in person, and was explicitly forbidden from that which gives off the odor of corruption. Nevertheless, he clung to his vain imaginings with such tenacity that severing him from them seemed impossible. He then departed from here outwardly content but inwardly complainant. The incident of Rasht and Mazandaran occurred due to his association with certain individuals, for some assumed from his outward association with the companions that the people of God were united with his master. In any case, what occurred, occurred because of this. His outward association is absolutely not permissible, but his distress, given previous acquaintance, is not desirable either. They have not been and are not straightforward. Since they previously showed love, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to sanctify their world of fancy from the dust and darkness of corruption and

conflict and all that disturbs souls. Glory be to God! With every soul, righteousness takes precedence over corruption. In any case, regarding them one must pray and seek from God that which will preserve him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And concerning what was written about the barking one mentioned in the Tablet of Khadra—the barking ones are souls who divert people from the path and summon them to that which is not truth. Glory be to God! The aforementioned Kazim, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, speaks the truth before all faces and stands firm in service. There has been and is no room for doubt. After the presentation of these exalted words, there was revealed from the heaven of will, these blessed and exalted words:

O my God, my God! Purify the hearts of Thy loved ones from that which beseemeth not Thy days, and unite their hearts and minds and souls that none may utter aught except by Thy good-pleasure. Make known unto them that which was revealed aforetime by honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken and who act according to His bidding. All must fix their gaze upon this word and not precede it in speech. The reins of authority are in His right hand and in His mighty grasp. Well is it with him who is just in all things and holdeth fast to justice. He is indeed among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book.

As to the Kurdistan matter, some years ago certain souls complained, and they were justified in their complaints, but the Supreme Pen did not rend the veil of concealment and contented itself with allusive references. This year there was a great complaint about another soul, which also remaineth concealed. Verily our Lord is the Concealer, the All-Wise. This matter hath not concerned and doth not concern the few assured souls who are now present in that land. These servants must pray and beseech God that those who attribute themselves to the Truth may move with the lightness of spirit and manifest such spiritual refinement that wherever they enter a house, they may become the cause of sanctification, purification, exaltation, progress and assurance of its inhabitants. Let them not be occupied with themselves but rather turn to the loved ones. In these stations there hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen that which needeth no renewed mention. He is indeed the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

The page of supplications that was sent by the loved ones to the Most Holy Court was heard. The honored Ibn-i-Shahid, upon both of them be the Glory of God and His favors unto the end of names, and the loved ones and leaves, upon them be 9 66 [the Glory of God], each received their portion from the ocean of utterance of the Goal of all the worlds and attained special favors. However, due to lack of time and opportunity, this was mentioned briefly. In truth, whatsoever hath proceeded from the Tongue of Grandeur was and is mighty and all-encompassing.

This servant also conveyeth greetings and praise to each one and hath sought and seeketh for each one holy confirmation and assistance beyond the comprehension of minds. Verily our Lord is the Generous, the Munificent. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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Section 1: "The Day is the Day of Return…"

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

The Day is the Day of Return, and the Lord of all men is established upon the Throne of Utterance, calling unto the peoples of the world and summoning them unto that which shall preserve them, exalt them, and draw them nigh. Yet their ears, being tainted with the calumnies of the past and tales of old, are debarred from hearkening, and likewise their eyes, veiled by the shrouds of idle fancies, are deprived of witnessing. Glory be to God! This evanescent servant is at all times bewildered by how the peoples of the world and the various factions, despite having outward eyes and successive, continuous evidences before them, remain bereft and are observed to be deprived of God's infinite, descending favors—let alone those souls who are inwardly and outwardly deprived of the power of vision and are occupied with vain imaginings and idle fancies.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Purpose! I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou hast made a light unto the Lamp, and a fire unto the misguided, and sweet water unto them that are nigh, and a torment unto the turned away, that Thou aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee, to draw nigh unto the court of Thy glory, and to cling to the cord of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the all-encompassing nature of Thy verses and the manifestations of Thy clear tokens to send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy that which shall adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness, that they may be fair in Thy Cause and in what hath appeared from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Unconstrained.

O beloved of my heart! Thy sublime letters arrived successively, and each one was in truth, in the inner world, a petal from the petals of inner meanings, from which wafted the sweet fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. Therefore it brought joy—nay, it was the dawning-place of joy—and at every moment it increased happiness, delight, gladness and expansion. Glorified be God! Words that are recorded in the book of divine love possess another effect and another fragrance—they have no likeness and are sanctified from peer. However, there are many reasons for the delay in replying, therefore assuredly your honor and the other friends have not been and will not be saddened by the delay and postponement, for every minute of life has been and is being spent in one service or another.

The Command is in the hand of God, our Lord, and He is witness to what I have said and say. Although through God's grace—glorified be His majesty—the delay has ended on this luminous night and an opportunity has arisen to respond to your sublime letter dated the 8th of the blessed Ramadan, and after its reading, observance, joy and gladness, intending the station of the Interlocutor of the Mount, in the presence of the Throne of the Lord of existence, achieving the honor of hearkening, His word, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the One Who ruleth over all that hath been and shall be

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. O Ali! I bear witness that thou hast heard My call time and again, and hast acknowledged that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen in a preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou for having heard, responded, and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered from His exalted station. Thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and hast heard that which ears were prevented from hearing, save whom God, the Lord of the Frequented House, hath willed. Thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, in His promised Day.

Say: O concourse of the Furqan! Fear God, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and follow not every heedless and veiled one. That which was hidden from eternity hath been made manifest, and He Who was recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Books, the Lord of existence, hath come. Say: O people of the Bayan! Open your eyes, for lo, the Tree is adorned with the fruits of wisdom and utterance before your faces, and the ocean surgeth with the waves of knowledge before your eyes. Fear God, and be not of those who have denied the favor after its revelation. He counseleth you as a token of His grace, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Then make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed the dominion and the Kingdom. We have remembered every name that hath appeared before Our presence with a remembrance that no remembrance can equal. To this testifieth He Who in all things proclaimeth:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved."

O Ali! Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call of the Wronged One. In these days there hath come to pass that which hath no parallel from the beginning of time until now. We have been under the rule of enemies and, in the path of God, have been patient and thankful in times of hardship and tribulation. However, the grief of this Wronged One hath been and is from the deeds of some who claim to love Him. By God! From some there hath appeared that which hath burned the heart and consumed the liver, for the harm of their deeds hath reached the very Tree itself. In the days when We were imprisoned with chains and fetters in the land of Ta, every visitor and observer would behold joy and gladness in Our countenance, but now were anyone to look upon Us with the eye of justice and see Us, he would weep and lament for Our hardship and affliction. By the life of God! There hath befallen the Most Great News that which caused the Most Exalted Pen to weep and lament. Say:

O my God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge and cause them to know that which will preserve them and draw them nigh unto Thee. May my soul be a sacrifice unto Thy sorrow, O Lord of all beings, and a ransom for Thy tribulation, O Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee, O King of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy signs whereby Thou hast guided the peoples to Thy Most Great Name, to enable Thy servants to do that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and the present world.

If any soul should reflect with justice and fairness upon that which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine favor, he would behold with his outward and inner eyes the greatness, sovereignty, grace and

mercy of God, and would be moved to render thanks and praise. In the midst of sorrows inflicted and encompassing trials, We remain occupied with the mention of the loved ones of God. Glory be to God! Certain ones who claim to love Us, despite countless tokens of grace and manifestations of kindness and favor, have wrought that which no sage can reckon. The fire of greed and passion hath so seized their heedless hearts that they have transgressed the bounds of justice and fairness and have occupied themselves with oppression and calumny.

The servant beseecheth God—his Lord and your Lord—to adorn their temples with truthfulness and sincerity and with that which will exalt their stations in the world of creation. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Ye have heard, or will hear, the news of the great city. Since mention thereof hath been made before, it is now veiled. God willing, may He enable them to return and make them of those who have shown fairness in what hath been revealed. Verily, He is powerful over all things. As to their expression of perplexity and distress concerning certain matters, after these were submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these blessed words were revealed from the Supreme Pen, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors:

O Ali, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Thou and the Concourse on High bear witness that this Wronged One hath, through the Tablets sent down from the heaven of Will in the days and nights, commanded all according to their stations and ranks, and counseled them. Yet the enemies of God, exalted be His glory, have not forsaken the path of vain imaginings despite gracious counsel and blessed, goodly words. Rather, their heedlessness, rancor and hatred have increased.

As for the loved ones, some have accepted and attained to that for which they were created from nothingness, while others claim love yet when their deeds and actions are examined, the words "we seek refuge in God" flow from the Tongue of Grandeur. By God's life! There hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen such counsels and admonitions that were they to be cast upon rock, it would turn to ruby, and were they to be showered upon a mountain, thou wouldst see it stirred by God's compelling Word. Yet in some souls they have had no effect. In certain Tablets words such as these have been revealed: This Wronged One's grief and tribulations have not been from enemies—for whatever befalleth in God's path is beloved and met with acceptance and gratitude—rather, His tribulations have been from those who claim to love Him. "My harm cometh not from Mine enemies, but from those who claim to love God and follow Him yet commit that which causeth the people of the cities of justice and fairness to lament."

I beseech God to assist all to turn repentantly unto Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Oft-Forgiving.

The education of souls dependeth upon reward and punishment. But now, as the Cause is veiled and the appointed One is not manifest, and likewise due to God's all-embracing mercy in these days becoming a cause of heedlessness and loss, blessed is he who casteth away desire and layeth hold of guidance. Today, humility, submissiveness, love, affection, unity and harmony are beloved and acceptable unto God. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to the fear of God and doeth what is right amongst His servants. He is of those who have helped God's Cause and attained what was ordained in His perspicuous Book.

From the first dawning of the Sun of Utterance from the horizon of possibility until now, We have mentioned that which is the cause of comfort, glory and salvation. Yet those who act are as rare as red

sulfur. Say: My God, my God! Sanctify the hearts of Thy loved ones from that which beseemeth not Thee and Thy days, and illumine them with the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion that the world and all therein may be enlightened thereby. O Lord! Make known to them that which harmeth and benefiteth them, that they may abandon what they have in hope of what Thou hast. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

A hundred thousand pities that man should remain heedless in these days and act in ways unseemly. The chosen ones of this Revelation—God's blessings and glory be upon them—must each be a teacher to the world, that perchance the heedless may, through their deeds and actions, find their way to God and attain His recognition. All are aware of the tribulations and afflictions that have befallen the Best Beloved of the worlds—may the spirit of all in the kingdoms of Revelation and creation be offered up for His sake—and have heard what hath transpired from the beginning until now. The chosen ones and pure ones must now cling to that which is befitting and which is a healing balm for inflicted wounds. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid all to render such service as shall cause faces to turn toward the Lord of existence.

As to thy mention of turning in all directions for the sake of the Face of God and detachment from all else beside Him, after being presented before the Throne of His Purpose these resplendent words shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine Knowledge—exalted be His glory:

> "O Ali, upon thee be My Glory! Well-spoken indeed were thy words, for detachment in itself is influential and attractive. In most Tablets mention of this station hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. It is the first ornament for drawing near and turning towards God, and the first deed for healing mankind of its ills and ailments. Blessed is the servant who hath clung unto it, for he is reckoned among the helpers in the Book of God, Lord of all worlds. Today the fear of God is as a lamp, and it is the first light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of detachment, and it is the greatest and most gracious robe for the temples of His servants. Blessed is the head adorned thereby and the temple that hath attained unto it. O Ali, by the life of God, if but one heart be sanctified and freed from worldly conditions, it can transform hearts through spiritual power and find its way to the heart of existence. It is hoped that thy movements and stillness, being for God's sake, may exert influence in the world and produce a mighty effect. He is verily the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing."

Thou didst make mention of souls who have turned towards God. May they attain, God willing, to that which will cause the servants to turn to the Most Exalted Horizon. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to vouchsafe confirmation and assistance unto them. He is the Ocean of Generosity and the Heaven of Bounty. There is no God but Him, the Lord of all mankind.

Section 2: "Among those mentioned were Mulla Yahya and Aqa…"

Among those mentioned were Mulla Yahya and Aqa Mirza Yusuf and Mulla ʿAbdu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God. After their names were presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, these mighty verses were revealed—blessed and exalted be His utterance:

He is the One Who speaketh the truth

O Yahya! The letter of him who hath loved Me hath come before the Wronged One, wherein was thy mention. We make mention of thee for the sake of God, that thou mayest arise with the power of thy Lord to serve His Cause and take hold of His Book with such strength that neither the oppression of any oppressor, nor the assault of any heedless one, nor the clamor of any ignorant one, nor the tyrants and pharaohs of the earth can deter thee. Thus hath the door of utterance been unlocked by the key of My Name, the All-Knowing, that the sweet-scented breezes of revelation might draw thee to God, Lord of all mankind. Recite the verses of thy Lord which We have sent down in the Holy Books and Tablets. They will guide thee to the Most Great Announcement and give thee to drink from the Kawthar of everlasting life from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, the Revealer of verses.

And We make mention at this time of him who is named Yusuf and give him the glad-tidings of that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace from God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O people of the Furqan! Be fair in your judgment concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and follow not the sources of fancy and vain imaginings. Cast aside what ye possess, then hearken unto that which the Mother Book speaketh before the faces of the parties. This is the Day wherein secrets have been revealed and the Herald hath raised His Call from every side.

O Mulla ʿAbdu'llah! The Light hath dawned from the horizon of Manifestation, inasmuch as He Who conversed with God hath been established upon the throne of His name, the All-Merciful. Say: O people! If ye deny God's Manifestation and His sovereignty and that which hath been sent down from His presence, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Fear ye God, and follow not every heedless doubter. Verily the ocean speaketh the truth, and the heaven proclaimeth, and the sun declareth: O concourse of the earth! By God, He hath come, He through Whose mention the Books of God, the Lord of all men, were adorned. He, verily, accepted tribulation for your salvation, and endured hardships for your comfort, and suffered the oppression of the oppressors that the light of justice might appear among mankind. Thus hath the luminary of bounty shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's mercy in the final return. The glory from God, the Lord of earth and heaven, be upon thee and upon them.

As to what was written concerning the blessed Book of Iqan, this year and last year it was again submitted to His presence as commanded, and hath been adorned with a new arrangement. God willing, a copy thereof will be sent so that the seekers and those who have turned unto God may transcribe from it. Although all that hath appeared from His presence is the truth in which there is no doubt, yet most of what was revealed was circulated to various regions in its first copy without review. O beloved of my heart! The verses have encompassed the world to such extent that no one is capable of gathering and enumerating them. Nevertheless, the opposers have uttered that which no oppressor hath ever uttered. The equivalent of the Books of the past and future now exists. The verses revealed and the evident proofs manifested in this Most Great Revelation and Momentous News are distinguished from all else, and the difference between them is as clear and evident as the sun. Blessed is the soul that turneth with justice and fairness and attaineth unto true witnessing and hearing.

My God, my God! Make not Thy servants deprived of the ocean of justice and the heaven of fairness. O my Lord! Aid them to turn unto Thee and enable them to return. Verily Thou art the Generous One, through the mention of Whose name the realities of all things have taken flight, and Thou art the Merciful One, Whose mercy hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Kind, the Forgiving.

Another missive from that Best-Beloved was received, wherein mention had been made of the blessed and hallowed days of Ridvan. Praise be to God, from it there breathed the fragrance of the rose-garden of divine knowledge and inner meaning. Were all the peoples of the earth to desire to recount the days passed in the garden of Najib Pasha, which hath been named Ridvan, they would assuredly all be found wanting and would confess their impotence. In very truth, the eye of the world hath not beheld its like, nor hath the vision of the nations been blessed with the sight of a day comparable unto it. The turning of the Desire of all mankind unto that garden, His entrance therein, His seating Himself upon the throne of utterance, and whatsoever proceeded from the mouth of the Divine Will at that hour—all these lie beyond the compass of men's remembrance. Every description penned by every describer, and every praise uttered by every extoller, hath not reached even unto the dust which was ennobled by His footsteps; how much less His mighty throne, His manifest ascension thereon, and His all-pervasive, sovereign utterance.

Briefly, the effulgences and revelations of that Day are beyond the knowledge and comprehension of the world. That garden in particular hath, by name, been recorded as the Gate of Paradise—Ridvan—and as the chronicler of the days wherein the All-Merciful shed abroad, through all His names, His splendors upon all who are in earth and heaven. A company of the faithful were blessed with the vision and presence of those days and of that which appeared therein. In the going forth and coming in of the Ancient Beauty, the signs and evidences of God were made manifest, resplendent, and plain; and the light of revelation shone forth, gleamed, and dazzled. Exalted be His greatness, immeasurable His might, and manifest His sovereignty.

This servant beseecheth his Lord to inscribe for His loved ones the recompense of that Day and of whatsoever shone forth therein from the horizon of the Will of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And after the perusal of the letter of that beloved one and becoming apprised of its contents, I repaired unto the seat of the Throne. The whole of the letter was presented before His face and was privileged to attain the honor of His hearing. He, blessed and exalted be He, saith:

In the Name of Him Who manifesteth Himself above the earth and heaven

O ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Thou hast attained unto My remembrance and My favor, before and after, by the sea and its waves, by the light and its effulgence, by the Lote-Tree and its fruits, and by the sun and its radiance. We have sent down upon thee from the heaven of grace and bounty that which every knowing and discerning one hath failed to reckon. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee at all times to serve His Cause amongst His servants, and to grant thee in every season the Kawthar of His knowledge from the cup of His bounty, that thou mayest draw men nigh unto His holy court and His glorious sanctuary. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Thou hast made mention of the days of Ridvan and of those who gathered in thy home and other homes to remember God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the King of this wondrous Day. Blessed is the house that hath been honored with My favors, wherein My remembrance hath been raised, and which hath been graced by the presence of My loved ones who have spoken My praise, held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness, and been blessed with the recitation of My verses. They are indeed honored servants whom God hath extolled in the Qayyumu'l-Asma' and in other Books. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the One Who answereth prayer. We have indeed heard their mention and their praise in this Announcement by which the Concourse on High hath called out.

By God! This is the Most Great Announcement which was mentioned in the Qur'an and before it in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. He, verily, thanketh His own Self on their behalf and maketh mention of Himself through their tongues. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is he who standeth firm, whom the tempests of doubts raised by the transgressors have failed to move, and blessed is he who remaineth steadfast, whom the hosts of the oppressors and the might of the deniers, who have followed their idle fancies and denied Him in Whom they had believed, have failed to shake. They are indeed among the most lost in My perspicuous Book.

O Ali! Remember My loved ones who came before thee, and convey unto them My remembrance, My praise and My glorification, that the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness may stir them and draw them unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. And remember My handmaidens and My leaves who have clung to My Tree and held fast to the hem of My luminous robe. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them, both men and women, from God, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Say: O people of the world! Whither is fairness fled? What hath become of justice? Have sight and hearing vanished from the people of learning and wisdom, or have they become non-existent? If they still exist, why have ye debarred and deprived yourselves from the most exalted station, the highest rank, and the most sublime abode? Each day the divine verses descend like torrential rain, and each night a Book appeareth from the Mother Book. If ye claim not belief, it matters not and never did. Despite your attachment to former proofs and latter evidences, and your clinging to God's verses and His infinite Manifestations, why have ye turned away and denied the proof before which all proofs bow down, and the evidence before which all evidences are humbled?

O concourse of divines! Ye sit upon the seat of glory in His name and have become leaders of the people through His mention, yet ye remain heedless of and turn away from Him. How long will ye remain dead upon the couch of heedlessness and cling to the cord of denial? This is the Day of recognition and the Day of turning unto God. Cast aside your vain imaginings and suspicions, and with sanctified and detached hearts turn your faces toward God. By the life of your Beloved and mine! This is spoken for the sake of God and offered purely out of love. Present yourselves and each day seek a Book, that ye may discover what your imaginings have withheld from you, and behold what your eyes have turned away from, and hear what your ears have been heedless of.

If this Ocean and its waves be denied, and this Sun and its rays be concealed, to what will ye hold fast and what proof and evidence will ye cling? By the life of my Lord and your Lord! None hath any refuge,

shelter, escape, protection or sanctuary except through this Cause which hath dawned from the horizon of the will of our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne.

O Beloved of my heart! Although the recompense of their rejected deeds hath deprived them and kept them from the Dayspring of divine revelation, yet, in view of our Lord's grace, we beseech for them return unto Him and repentance at His door. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Mention hath been made of the divine eulogists whom God hath aided to praise and extol Him, enabled to spread His signs, and through whom He hath gladdened the hearts of His near ones and expanded the breasts of the sincere among His servants. All have attained unto that which truly no heavens and earth can equal. Although mention of his honor Shukuhi, upon whom be the glory of God, was made in the letter of his honor Ibn-i-Ismullah-i-Asdaq, upon both of whom be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, yet renewed mention of them and other loved ones, upon whom be the glory of God, hath been revealed from the Pen of our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven. His word—exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof, and there is no God but Him—He is the Hearing, the Answering.

O Shukuhi! Upon thee be My glory! Thy mention and thy name have repeatedly been referred to in the Most Holy Court, and thou hast been favoured with the waves of the Ocean of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. We have remembered thee time and again with a remembrance which, when revealed from the Mouth of the Divine Will, caused the Kingdom of utterance to proclaim:

> "By God! He Who created Me with a Word from His presence hath come, and hath manifested Me to announce unto men His appearance, His revelation, His might, His power, and the evidences of His Pen which have encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen."

O people of the earth! Fear ye God, and follow not every heedless and dubious learned one. Abandon the world and all that is therein, then turn unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, O Shukuhi, for having adorned thy tongue with praise of thy Lord, Who was denied by every oppressor, detested by every idolator, and condemned by every transgressing sinner. When thou hearest the call from the Supreme Horizon, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, for having aided me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy creation turned away from Thee, and enabled me to praise and describe Thee when most of Thy servants denied these. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast illumined the horizons through Thy manifestation on the Day of Separation, to inspire me in all conditions with that which will attract the hearts of the world. O my Lord! Thou seest me acknowledging Thee and Thy signs and whatsoever hath appeared from Thee, confessing the transcendence of Thy Being above all else and the sanctity of Thine Essence above the descriptions of Thy creatures. I beseech Thee not to deprive me from the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Section 3: "And this is what was revealed for Haji…"

And this is what was revealed for Haji Mirza ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

He is the One Who ruleth over all names

A Book from Our presence unto him who was named ʿAli-Akbar, that it may draw him unto the Scene of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. My Most Exalted Pen hath not hesitated in that which it was commanded. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. We have heard what thou didst compose in praise of thy Lord and what thou didst recite among the concourse of the near ones. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His love and a helper to His Cause through remembrance and utterance. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

Say: O people of the earth! The Spirit speaketh in the breast of the world, and the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Sinai, for its Speaker hath seated Himself upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. Say: Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from the Luminary of certitude, and beware lest the doubts of every ignorant and rejected one veil you. This is the Day wherein the world hath been adorned with the Most Great Name, and the Ocean of utterance hath spoken before all faces. Say: O concourse of divines! Set aside your learning. The gate of God's knowledge, the Lord of the past and future, hath been opened. That which is with the people will not profit you today. Take ye what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Thus hath crowed the Cock of the Throne, and the Nightingale of eternity hath warbled upon the highest branches:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the Realm of Might."

The glory from Us be upon him whom the attraction of the verses found and whom He adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and aided in that which befitteth this irrevocable Announcement.

And this is what was revealed for Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, which shineth forth from the horizon of might

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is the One promised in the Book of God, the Lord of Hosts. He hath come from the heaven of divine knowledge with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who recognize! The earth and heaven have been illumined by the light of Baha, yet most people perceive it not. They have cast away God's Cause and taken their own idle fancies—verily they understand not. We have heard thy mention in this Most Great Remembrance and thy praise in this manifest Announcement. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to speak Thy praise amongst Thy loved ones and for having made known to me Thy path, unto which, when it appeared, all the paths of the world hastened, yearning to be connected with it through their relation to Thy Beloved Name. O Lord! Aid my tongue to remember and praise Thee, mine eyes to

witness Thy signs, and my heart to turn unto Thee, O Beloved of hearts! Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who commandeth justice and ruleth over what was and what shall be.

This was revealed for his honor Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah].

He is the Ancient Revealer

Glory be to God! This Day hath a different air, and this Ocean different waves, for it is designated and known as the Day of God. This is that Day whereof Moses was given glad tidings, and concerning whose proclamation and spread the Spirit (Christ), may the souls of all else be His sacrifice, was commanded. Say: O people of the Bayan, the Most Exalted Point hath spoken saying "I am the first of them that worship Him," and the Holy Spirit proclaimeth "The Comforter hath come." Beware lest the Remembrance prevent you from the One Remembered, or the exposition from its Revealer, or the Book from its Sender. The Mother Book hath been revealed from the All-Bountiful in His final abode. Fear ye God, O peoples of the parties! Turn unto God, the Single, the One, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy call hath been heard. The ears have heard what thou hast sung in praise and remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: My God, my God! Aid me in all conditions to speak Thy praise amongst Thy servants and to recite what Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy knowledge and bounty. O Lord! Thou seest the unlearned seeking the ocean of Thy wisdom, the ephemeral the river of Thy eternity, and the dead the stream of life from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which will assist me and be with me in my life and death and in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Most Generous. End.

In truth, these tongues which in these days are engaged in the praise of God have appeared from the Kingdom of utterance and bear no resemblance whatsoever to the tongues of those servants who belong to the physical realm. In one station they are without peer or likeness, without equal or comparison. Every praise that is manifested today from any praising soul is as a spirit for the awakening of others, whether it be in verse or prose. Glorified be their Strengthener, their Creator, their Inspirer, their Sustainer, their Helper and their Succorer! Glory be unto God! The world of utterance is bewildered by those who know not. Mention and praise, bounty and bestowal have reached such a station that the understanding of the mature minds falls short of comprehending it. Again, glory be unto God! The mountain is rent asunder by the Word of God in its longing to attain His presence, and the Tree of Sinai, upon merely hearing His call, has split the earth and, with its branches, twigs, leaves and fruits, has made for the highest horizon. Blessed is the ear that heareth and the eye that seeth!

Where are these eyes and where the witnessing of these lights? Where are these ears and where the hearing of the call of the Lord of all beings? Today the Cup-Bearer is the Self of Truth, glorified be His majesty. He giveth the cup of reunion and bestoweth the chalice of meeting. Now is the time, now is the time! Blessed, a hundred thousand times blessed, are they who have removed the veil and have, on the wings of longing and yearning, sought the most glorious horizon. The grace, the bounty and the favor of

God be upon His loved ones and His chosen ones who have testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

Praise be to God! Each of the pages sent is adorned with the mention of His loved ones. Although today, due to the lack of vision and hearing, the station of the assured, devoted and tranquil souls is not known, yet God hath prescribed for Himself that days shall appear wherein their traces, their remembrances, their names and that which hath proceeded from their tongues shall be spread abroad, despite the divines of Iran and their jurisprudents who have oppressed on earth and have committed that whereby God's favor hath been changed amongst them. They are indeed among the people of error.

Among the loved ones whose names have flowed from that honored one's truthful pen and have attained the hearing of the Lord of Utterance and its Revealer were he who was named after the Desired One and his brother, Shaykh Qasim, upon them both be the glory of God. The rain of grace and favor hath showered upon them, and specifically for each one a most wondrous, most mighty, most holy Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will. They are mentioned both in this letter and recorded on a separate page, that each soul may possess the bounty of its Lord as a favor from His presence. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty. His word, blessed and exalted is He: He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

O Shaykh! Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy name, and blessed is he who hath hearkened to thy words in praise of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We were with thee and heard thy mention in this Remembrance, which, when it shone forth from the horizon of grace, the Books of the world bowed down before it, and the limbs of the nations trembled, save those who cast away transgression and wickedness, clinging fast to righteousness and the fear of God. Verily thy Lord heareth the call of His loved ones and whatsoever proceedeth from their mouths in proclaiming His irrevocable and binding Cause. Nothing escapeth thy Lord's knowledge. He heareth and seeth, though most of the people perceive not.

Say: Fear God, O people! Do they not behold the waves of the ocean of His verses? Do they not witness the effulgent rays of the Sun of His praise? Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Lord of the cities of wisdom and knowledge. Say: This is the Day whereon that which was hidden, which lay stored in knowledge and was inscribed by the Pen of Command upon a Tablet that was sealed with the seal of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, hath been made manifest. Beware lest the veils of the people prevent you or the might of any oppressor rejected cause you to fear.

Proclaim the Cause of thy Lord with such steadfastness as shall illumine hearts and minds. Thus hath the call and rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing been raised. Well is it with the people who understand. We have mentioned thee time and again, and have revealed unto thee that which causeth the mountains to move, by the command of Him Who is the Lord of existence. Glory be upon thee and upon them that follow thee in this promised Announcement.

This was revealed from the heaven of grace for him who was named Shaykh Qasim, upon him be the glory of God, exalted and sanctified be His words:

By My Name through which the trumpet was sounded

O Qasim! Great is this Day and great is this Cause, yet most of the people of the earth are like children playing with the clay of idle fancies, heedless of the light of these days. The Tongue of Grandeur counseleth all to observe justice and fairness. Read what hath been revealed in this Most Great Revelation and what was revealed aforetime, then judge with equity and be not of the oppressors.

Today the Book of God itself speaketh, and from the hand of bounty the Kawthar of eternity is bestowed. Take ye and drink, and be not of the heedless ones. The Sun of Truth is seen with a light transcending all lights, and the Mount is beheld with a joy surpassing all joy and gladness, for it hath attained unto the presence of its Beloved. The rapture and ecstasy of Him Who conversed with it hath so seized it that every atom of its being proclaimeth: "The Lord is come and the Kingdom is His!"

Say: O people, deny not yourselves and deprive not yourselves. Hearken unto the divine call which is raised in all times from the direction of the Prison. It is the cause of the preservation of the world and the joy and expansion of nations. It is the cause of life, and through it the dead are adorned with the eternal robe of life. Strive that perchance ye may turn from oppression to justice and from tyranny to fairness. O Qasim! Praise be to God, glorified be His majesty, Who hath mentioned thee and continueth to mention thee through verses which are the cause of the manifestation of the Most Great Grace and the Greatest Bounty. Praise be to God! Time and again hath the heavenly food of knowledge and understanding descended like torrential rain from the heaven of bounty. Whosoever hath partaken thereof hath attained unto all good. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted and glorious station. Glory be upon thee and upon them that hearken unto thy words in this Most Great Remembrance and this perspicuous Cause.

O Beloved of my heart! The mention of the loved ones in that region hath repeatedly been revealed, and each one hath become the recipient of two most holy and inviolable Tablets, wherewith they were adorned and unto which they attained. The bounties of God they cannot reckon, and His favours no bounds of this mortal world can circumscribe.

From Him do we beseech, in such wise as beseemeth praise and thanksgiving, for verily He is the Bestower, the All-Generous.

Likewise did the Pen of thy love move itself to make mention of two receptive and turning souls, Husayn and Husayn. Upon them be the glory of God. Blessed art thou for thy pen, inasmuch as it hath spoken the praise of the loved ones of God—my Beloved and thine. Blessed, too, is your love, for it seemeth at all times to give utterance unto that whereby the hearts of the cities of the lovers are made glad. After the presentation of the names of those two souls, these shining and resplendent verses, radiant from the horizon of the Divine Will, were revealed from the Dayspring of the verses. He, exalted be His utterance, magnified be His grace, and immeasurable be His bounty, saith:

Section 4: "O Husayn, upon thee be My Glory! This…"

In the Name of My All-Apparent One, Who speaks throughout all regions

O Husayn, upon thee be My Glory! This Wronged One hath, from the earliest days until now, openly and without any veil or concealment, revealed the mysteries of the Day of Return, and counseled all with that which would exalt them and draw them nigh. Yet the people, heedless, have turned away from the Luminary of certitude and turned unto their vain imaginings. Each faction among the factions of the earth hath clung to its own way, remaining deprived of the immortal countenance and the inexhaustible waters of the true Kawthar. The bounty of utterance descendeth at every moment, and the feast of knowledge is spread before all faces, yet the recompense of the deeds of the servants hath prevented them from the outpourings of the Day of Reckoning. Say:

My God, my God! Aid those who have been heedless of Thy remembrance and praise in Thy days, then enable them to shatter the idols of their desires. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation, and are in the grasp of Thy power. Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy bounty and the lights of the Luminary of Thy grace. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the light of the Manifestation which shone forth from the Sinai of appearance, that Thou write down for me and for those who have believed in Thee and Thy verses that which Thou hast ordained for those who have cast away the world in their longing to meet Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

And this is what was revealed for the other Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. His word—exalted be His verses and mighty His utterance:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance and for having sent down for me and for my outer and inner being that which shall endure throughout the duration of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned with my whole being unto Thee, detached from the manifestations of self and passion and the daysprings of wickedness and indecency. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, seeking the encounter of Thy tablet and Thy traces, and certain of, acknowledging, confessing, and submitting to Thy Manifestation and what hath appeared from Thee and what Thou hast sent down in Thy Books.

O Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy generosity, beseeching the wonders of Thy grace and hoping for Thy mercy which hath preceded all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. I beseech Thee to ordain for me by the Pen of Thy Command that which befitteth Thy loftiness and transcendence and Thy greatness and power and Thy generosity and bounty. Then assist me in Thy service and the service of Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is no God but Thee, the Speaker on Sinai, Who is established upon the throne of manifestation.

Praise be to God that the Euphrates of mercy, flowing from the Most Exalted Pen, has bestowed eternal spirit. Each of His mentioned loved ones, upon them be the glory of God, has attained that which is the cause of the world’s advancement and the means of guidance for all peoples. From the horizon of each Tablet shines forth the Orb of grace, illuminating and brightening the world of justice and equity. The Peerless Wise One has, through His consummate wisdom, shown each one a clear and manifest path

through the waves of His Revelation. We hope that they may attain unto the new life through the Kawthar of bounty and arise to serve His Cause.

Today the hosts of revelation are victorious and the ranks of inspiration triumphant. In truth, were but a single verse from the Tablet to be cast upon the manifestations of justice and equity, all would voice the blessed words “I have turned my face toward Him Who hath created the heavens and the earth.” The present creation cannot adequately render thanks for this mercy and bounty of God. Blessed are those souls who, detached from all else, have set their faces toward the Most Exalted Station and have arisen to aid the Cause of God through praise, good deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Blessed is God Who hath raised them up through His Most Exalted Word, whereby they have cast aside all else and have clung to His most holy, most pure, most luminous and resplendent hem.

As to what was written concerning Aqa Siyyid Javad, who was enkindled with the fire of the love of God: a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in the hand of the Most Glorious specifically for him, from which the sun of the mention of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, shone forth from the horizon of inner meanings. May it be well with him and may he find pleasure therein.

Concerning what was written in another letter about how, during the sacred and blessed days and nights of Ridvan, the loved ones—upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful—made every effort and each, according to his capacity, arose to serve: these matters were presented before the Seat of Grace, were heard, and these manifest verses were revealed from the Dawning-Place of utterance. He—exalted be His glory and universal His bounty—says:

O ʿAli! Upon thee be My mercy and My loving-kindness. Each of the souls mentioned who were present during the days and nights of the Most Great Festival—whether those who attained the honor of hearing or those who arose to serve, as well as those who composed and recited verses in praise and glorification of the Goal of all the worlds—all have attained unto the previously-bestowed mercy, the all-encompassing loving-kindness, and the all-embracing gifts. No deed is ever lost in the sight of God, nor shall it ever be. It is a treasure preserved for its owner with the Trusted One, and its traces and fruits appear according to the requirements of consummate wisdom and the appropriate time and day. Blessed are they and blessed is he who loved them and was present among them. Indeed, each one has repeatedly been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur. We beseech God that all may at every moment succeed in performing such deeds and actions as will cause the spread of the Word of God and His signs. Blessed is he who hath adorned his head with the crown of trustworthiness and his temple with the ornament of righteousness. He is, by the Pen of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, of the people of Baha.

O children of the Friend [Abraham] and heirs of He Who conversed with God [Moses]! I truly say, today you are adorned with the ornament of the Most Glorious Name and are related to the Truth. By My life! We see the Friend in such joy that the Pen of Creation is powerless to describe it, and He Who conversed with God We behold in delight that exceeds all reckoning. Take the chalice of immortality in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all humanity, then drink therefrom in spite of every heedless and remote one, every obstinate oppressor, every sinful learned one, every base mystic, and the son of the wolf whose wickedness has eclipsed the wickedness of the ancients.

They have ever been and continue to be illumined by the effulgent lights of God's remembrance. The honored one, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned you in the Most Holy Court and hath sought from the ocean of divine verses that which is sanctified from doubt and likeness. His petitions have repeatedly arrived. Praise be to God, he hath partaken of the Kawthar of utterance. He hath departed from his abode, turning towards My horizon, traversing paths until he stood before the Gate which was opened unto the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth. He heard His most sweet call and His most exalted remembrance. He is verily the Helper, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous.

Blessed art thou, O Abu'l-Hasan! God hath aided thee to turn towards His horizon, to face the lights of His countenance, and to hold fast unto that which thou hast been commanded in His Book. We beseech Him to grant thee a goodly reward from His presence. He is verily the Ocean of Generosity unto all in the world and the Heaven of Bounty unto all who are adorned with the ornament of existence. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Every letter that hath flowed from the Pen of the Lord of all beings indicateth supreme benevolence and greatest mercy. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make the mentioned loved ones inebriated at all times with the wine of knowledge and to grant them success in guiding people, that they may give to those who are ready to receive that which they have drunk from the Most Great Ocean. This is the station of supreme endeavor, not the giving of gold and silver. I convey greetings and praise to each one. God is My witness that in every night and day I have besought in His presence for each one that which is the cause of the life of the world. Verily our Lord is powerful over all things.

The deputyship of that beloved one, which is the king of deeds and foremost of actions, became manifest as infinite grace and confirmed it. This servant succeeded in fulfilling it, and that beloved one's portion was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. In one moment, two bounties were bestowed. Who is capable of offering befitting thanks or praising Him as beseemeth His sovereignty and greatness? In brief, the pilgrimage was performed on behalf of that beloved one, as was the circumambulation, and this was among the unexpected bounties, for first the Ancient Beauty was seated upon the throne, and after permission and leave for visitation was granted, they arose. The visitation was performed, and likewise, when They were walking, once the circumambulation was achieved. Blessed and welcome news for your honor and for the people of God, blessed and exalted is He. Praise be to God! The tears and sighs of that beloved one at the time of writing in that land had their effect in the Land of the Desired One. The servant beareth witness that nothing appeareth except that it hath within it an effect and fruit which God shall manifest at some time and in some moment.

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O Muhammad-Husayn! Blessed art thou for having turned towards God on a day when most men have turned away. Praise be to God that the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, hath confirmed thee, destiny hath aided thee, and His name, strengthened by His hosts, hath preserved thee, until thou hast attained unto this station in these days. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy father, and blessed are those associated with you both whom God hath linked to you. Excellence is in what thou hast practiced and pursued outwardly, for We have enjoined upon all to engage in crafts and professions, which We have accounted as acts of worship. However, at the outset thou must don the robe of trustworthiness from the

hands of divine bestowal, which is the station of acceptance, for this is the first gateway to bounty and blessing. We beseech Him to make these words as an illumined cloud that shall rain upon thee the showers of mercy, grace and blessing. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Praise be to God that thou art blessed with His grace and adorned with the pearls, both hidden and manifest, of the Supreme Pen. The world hath not equaled, nor shall it ever equal, these sublime words now descending from the heaven of divine Will. Rejoice and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, and glorified art Thou, O Desire of them that have recognized Thee. Thou knowest and seest how this servant of Thine hath desired to serve Thy Cause and to exalt Thy word amongst Thy servants. Aid him through Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Forgiving, the Generous."

O ʿAli! My glory be upon thee. Convey to the loved ones in that land the greetings of the Wronged One. Give them My salutations and gladden them with what hath been sent down from the heaven of His bounty, that all may be drawn, with heart and soul, to the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Horizon through the living waters of mention and utterance. Proclaim unto them such a proclamation as would cause the Tree of Sinai to speak within their breasts and their very beings to be set ablaze with its fire, and give them such glad-tidings as would move them to aid their Lord with their tongues, their eyes, their hands and their hearts. Verily thy Lord is the Transformer of hearts. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Manifest, the Sovereign, the All-Wise.

O my beloved! Love for that honored one hath caused much to be written. I beseech God at all times to set those regions ablaze and illuminate them through thy endeavors. The beloved of my heart, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory and favor of God, brought thy letter into the presence where it attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God, every day hath been and continues to be a day of thy remembrance. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you, your family, both women and men. Authority and might belong to God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

BH00733: Exalted, exalted is He Who has removed divisions…

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

Exalted, exalted is He Who has removed divisions and established unity! Glorified, glorified is He Who has taken away discord and decreed affirmation and harmony! Praise be to God! The Supreme Pen has removed the distinctions between servants and handmaidens, and through perfect grace and all-embracing mercy has established all upon a single plane. He has cut asunder the back of vain imaginings with the sword of utterance and has erased the whisperings of idle fancy through His mighty, prevailing power. All tongues in creation fall short of offering thanks for this bounty, and all hearts in existence fail to enumerate its blessings. Exalted is our Lord's grace, and exalted are His perfect favors, His all-encompassing mercy, His all-pervading generosity, and His manifest, resplendent bounty.

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence, Lord of the Kingdom, and Sovereign of the Realm of Might! I beseech Thee by Thy Command through which Thou didst create all beings, manifest all things, and bid all to that which draweth them nigh unto Thee, profiteth them in Thy worlds, and abideth with them in all conditions. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant desiring to make mention of one of Thy handmaidens, a leaf among Thy leaves, whom Thou hast strengthened through Thy generosity and bounty, causing her to turn toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation in Thy days and to acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace to Thy servants and creation. I beseech Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, Who guideth all to turn toward Thy Name, the All-Loving, to strengthen her with the hosts of Thine invisible realm to mention and praise Thee among Thy handmaidens. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the One, the Single, the Hearing, the Answering.

Thereafter, the letters of that honored lady arrived, and from each was evident the bounty of faith and recognition. Praise be to God that thou art engaged in the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory. After reading and reviewing them, they were taken to the Most Exalted Horizon, the Supreme Station, the Most Glorious Spot, and were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining the honor of His hearing. These are His mighty words, exalted be His utterance and manifest His proof:

He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous

O My handmaiden and My leaf! The Wronged One hath heard thy cry and that which thy heart's tongue hath uttered, and thy manifest praise of thy Lord. By the life of God! The praise rendered unto Him this day cannot be equaled by all that is possessed by the peoples, the treasures of the earth, and whatsoever is with the princes and kings. The Lord of the Kingdom beareth witness unto this at this manifest hour. We have heard thy yearning and thy lamentation, and have answered thee with a Tablet that calleth betwixt earth and heaven, and maketh mention of thee in such wise as to immortalize that which hath proceeded from thee in His love, His service, His remembrance and His praise. He hath made all that hath issued from thy lips a trust with Him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Shouldst thou hear, with true hearing, that which hath been revealed unto thee at this hour from My Most Exalted Pen, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of the Day of the Covenant, and wouldst say throughout the days of thy life:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee! May all existence be a sacrifice unto Thy favors, and all that hath been and shall be be a sacrifice unto Thy Word, O Thou Who art wronged among enemies, and in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. They that are related to that blessed and forgiven soul, by whose remembrance the world hath been perfumed, whether male or female, have ever been adorned with the crown of loving-kindness and the ornament of mention and compassion. God hath loved faithfulness, and in view of the special favor that hath been extended to him who hath ascended unto God, the names and remembrances of those related to him have not been effaced from the Crimson Tablet, but rather are inscribed therein by the Most Exalted Pen. All must recognize the value of this most great bounty and

supreme gift, and preserve it as they would their heart and soul, their sight and spirit. This Wronged One beseecheth the ocean of favor and bestowal that He may aid the people of that household to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed in the Book from the Pen of Command, and likewise enable them to succeed in that which would cause the spread of His signs. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be," and it is.

O daughter of the daughter of one who loved Me! Rejoice, for He hath forgiven thy father and thy mother as a bounty from His presence. Today, whosoever attaineth unto the mention of but one word from the divine utterances hath attained unto the greatest good and the supreme favor. God willing, thou shalt be enabled to achieve that which is worthy and befitting of this divine Manifestation and heavenly Cause.

His honor Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath ever been and continueth to be remembered. We beseech God to aid him in such deeds and conduct as would cause the exaltation of the Word of God and his station. We, verily, send Our greetings unto him at this hour and give him the glad-tidings of that which was revealed for him before and after. Verily, the mercy of his Lord hath preceded all existence. The people of that land must, under all conditions, show honor and respect unto the people of that household, for the station of His Holiness Azghandi is great in the sight of God.

We send Our greetings at this hour unto him who was named ʿAbdu'l-Husayn. We have heard mention of him in this Most Great Remembrance and his praise in this Manifest News. God willing, may he spend the days of his youth in remembrance, praise and devotion. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The splendor from Us be upon those who have hearkened to the Call and acted in accordance with that which they were commanded by the All-Wise Ordainer. Praise be to God, ye have attained unto the drops of the ocean of divine bounty. Today the hand of grace hath removed all differences; servants and handmaidens are beheld on the same plane. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto that which God hath commanded, and likewise blessed is the leaf that hath been moved by the breezes of His Will. This bounty is great and this station exalted. His grace and generosity are ever-manifest and evident. Who is able to thank Him for His continuous bestowals and successive favors? Under all conditions we cling to the hem of His bounty and hold fast to the cord of His grace, and from Him do we beseech that He strengthen His Honor Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, who hath attained unto His presence, in love and kindness.

He is the One Who strengtheneth, the One Who succoreth. There is none other God but He, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Today all must be illumined with the light of His Cause and enkindled with the fire of the Sacred Tree, and with utmost love and faithfulness take the most great cup from the Most Glorious Cupbearer, and drink and imbibe it despite the enemies, and occupy themselves with the remembrance of the One True Goal and the One True Object of Worship.

The spiritual friend, His Honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, is, God willing, strengthened to unite and harmonize souls. I convey greetings to him and beseech assistance for him.

Likewise for the apple of my eye, His Honor ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, in his early days he was strengthened to make mention of the Lord of all beings. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, He is the All-Merciful, He is the Strengthener, He is the Enabler, He is the Succorer, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. The verses of that apple of my eye were presented before the countenance of the Goal of the worlds and were honored with acceptance. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh in praise and the heart that is enkindled with the fire of love. In all conditions bounty is from Him, and from Him do I seek confirmation for the aforementioned souls in whatsoever befitteth His generosity. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and the Hearer, the Answerer, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon His devoted handmaidens and devoted servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH02012: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Hearer in the Kingdom of Utterance.

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of revelation might draw him to the Dawning-Place of the verses of God, the Lord of existence.

O son of Dhabih! Reflect upon the sacrifices for God, exalted be His glory, in this Most Great Revelation, how each one, with utmost eagerness and contentment, set out for the place of sacrifice and offered up their lives for the Peerless Friend. Nevertheless, none took notice, and these mighty deeds only increased the wickedness of the opposers. From pulpits they praise and extol the sacrifice of former times, even though that sacrifice was spared and returned in safety, while of the sacrifices of this Revelation, who freely gave their lives, no mention was or is made. Likewise, they consider the martyrdom of Husayn ibn ʿAli to be the cause of the exaltation of the Cause of the Apostle—may my spirit be sacrificed for all else but Him. Glory be to God! In this Revelation the attraction of divine verses so inflamed the hearts that they flew on wings of longing to the place of sacrifice and offered up their spirits before the feet of the Luminary of the horizons. Where are the eyes to see, where are the ears to hear, and where are the hearts to understand?

O son of Dhabih! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Verses descend like torrential rain by night and day, the ocean of utterance surgeth before the faces of all religions, and the Sun of inner meanings dawns and shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the All-Merciful's mercy. Yet all remain heedless and veiled save whom thy Lord willeth. Today the people of the Bayan are seen to be more lost than the Shi'ih sect. They have set aside their God and taken their vain desires. They have named the Dayyan the father of evil and the Friend of the All-Merciful the father of calamities, and they have embraced tyranny and shed his blood.

O son of Dhabih! Upon thee and upon those with thee be the light of My utterance and My mercy. Observe the wickedness of the heedless souls. Because of Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani—who was unworthy of mention and whom We expelled from Our presence and service—some have remained

veiled and deprived of the Divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of celestial light. They slay the Dayyan while asking about one who hath no mention with God, the Lord of all worlds.

God is witness and aware that this Wronged One's purpose and desire is to remove strife, corruption and conflict from the world and to purify the hearts of all peoples from rancor and hatred. The heedless ones have clung to names while remaining deprived of their Creator, Source and Lord. Names have become as idols for some, and the Shi'ih sect is truly recorded with God as worshippers of names, and on the Day of Reckoning they have done what no oppressor hath ever done—from pulpits they curse and revile the Object of all the worlds. Leave their mention and what they possess, turning to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey My greetings to all the women and gladden them all with the remembrance and orientation of the Wronged One. They have never been and never shall be forgotten. We beseech God to preserve you from the evil of those who have denied Him and His verses. Glory be upon you and upon those with you, and may you be remembered by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH02260: A Visitation Prayer for His Holiness Abdu'l-Azim and His…

A Visitation Prayer for His Holiness Abdu'l-Azim and His Holiness Haji Mirza Masih, upon them both be the glory of God

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

The Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, and the Manifestation radiating from the Will of God, Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names, be upon thee, O mighty pillar of God, His great Cause, and His manifest Light! I testify that thou didst fulfill thy covenant with thy Lord and observed the rights of God in thy comings and goings, holding fast to the cord of His commandments and ordinances, and acting according to that which thou wert bidden in His Book. Thou art he whom God made the cup-bearer of the wine of His utterance amongst His servants and the ocean of His knowledge in His dominion. Thou art he who acknowledged the oneness of God and His sanctification above all else.

I testify that thou wert a pillar of faith in the realm of possibility and a sign of the All-Merciful among the religions. Through thee were spread abroad the traces of God in the world and His mention among the nations. Thou art he who recognized the Straight Path of God and acknowledged His Great Announcement. Blessed art thou for having attained unto recognition and acceptance after the servants turned away and denied the bounty of their Lord, the Creator of existence. Happy art thou, O thou who didst cling to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy.

Thou art he whom God made trustworthy from His presence and in whom He deposited a trust from His side, and verily he was named the Masih (Messiah) in the Book of Names. Upon him be the glory of God, Creator of the heavens, and the glory of the Concourse on High, and the glory of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. O Masih! Upon thee be my praise, my remembrance and my glory. Thou didst dwell in the land of Ray while thy Lord remembereth thee from the prison of ʿAkka, and remembereth thy days, thy acceptance, thy turning unto Him, thy presence, thy attainment unto His presence, and thy

steadfastness. Thou art he whom the breezes of the dawn of Revelation awakened, and whom the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai attracted from the Divine Lote-Tree in human form.

Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath manifested His evident Cause and His mighty Announcement. Thou art he who perceived the fragrance of the garment when it was diffused and answered the call when it was raised. Through thy guidance did the thirsty hasten to the living waters and the rebellious to the river of mercy and forgiveness. Thou art a sign of truth among creation and a light of knowledge in the lands. We beseech God by thee and by the sighs of thy heart and the tears of thine eyes in thy love for thy Lord, to ordain for those who visit thee the reward of those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of His bounty. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Most Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of the world and Master of nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which Thy path was established and Thy balance was set up, and through which the ocean of grandeur surged and the mountains passed away, to forgive me and my father and whosoever hath believed in Thee and Thy signs. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the tomb of Thy friend and chosen one. I beseech Thee by him and by Thy greatest signs to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Then ordain for me a station beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur and the pavilion of Thy glory. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bestowing.

BH03744: In My Name, the Most Merciful, He…

In My Name, the Most Merciful, He is the Most Compassionate!

O thou who standest before the Countenance! Thy remembrance hath ever been and shall continue to be mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. The atoms of all created things have testified and do testify to thy acceptance, thy devotion and thy service. The dwellers of the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven, and those who circle round the Lord of all beings—all these bear witness to the compassion, the grace, the mercy, the bounty and the favors of the True One towards thee.

Know thou with absolute certitude that thou art of God and belong to Him. His grace hath ever been and shall continue to be with thee, and ere long the gate of His mercy shall be opened wider than ever before: thou shalt see what no eye hath seen and hear what no ear hath heard. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. All existence, both seen and unseen, beareth witness to His grace.

When thou art seized by the rapture of the shrill voice of My Pen and the breezes of revelation from My direction, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, to the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, by Thy greatest signs and the revelations of Thy most exalted horizon, to strengthen me in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted among Thy creatures.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have laid hold on the cord of Thy grace and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. By Thy might and Thy majesty, I am content in all conditions with whatsoever hath appeared in Thy path and been manifested in Thy days. By Thy glory and Thy

sovereignty, let not the vicissitudes of the world prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor its hardships from gazing toward the horizon of the heaven of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom and the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity to transform my hardship into ease and my difficulty into comfort. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is no God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH04159: We have sent down the verses and manifested…

He is the Hearer in His most exalted Kingdom!

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and opened, through the key of wisdom, the door of grace and bounty before the faces of all peoples. Among men are those who have taken the choice wine of revelation in such wise that they have detached themselves from all else but God and held fast unto Him, and among them are those who have denied God's proof and His evidence and His greatness and His sovereignty and His might and His bounty. These are among the most lost in My perspicuous Book.

We bear witness that thou hast attained to that which was concealed in hearts and recorded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. His honor Amin was present and made mention of you and the friends of that land, and each one attained to that which befitteth His grace and favor. We have mentioned each one with a mention that is eternal and enduring. Convey My greetings to the friends of that land and gladden them with the splendors of the light of the Day-Star of the generosity of the Lord of eternity.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined me with the lights of Thy unity and adorned me with the ornament of steadfastness in Thy love. I bear witness, O my God, to that which Thy Most Great Name hath witnessed amidst the nations, and I beseech Thee by His greatness and His sovereignty and His might and His power that Thou make me to be of those who have aided Thy Cause and spoken Thy praise and soared in Thy atmosphere and drunk the choice wine of Thy revelation and appeared before Thy face and attained unto the hearing of Thy call and the witnessing of the horizon of Thy manifestation. O my Lord! I am he whom Thou hast adorned with the robe of Thy grace and the crown of Thy love. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

BH05239: He speaketh forth in truth

He speaketh forth in truth

O Naim, upon thee be the Glory of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing! We make mention of thee in the prison, and at this moment have turned toward thee. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Were it not for tribulations in Thy path, how would the stations of Thy lovers be revealed? And were it not for afflictions in Thy love, by what means would the rank of Thy ardent devotees be proven?

By Thy might! The companion of Thy loved ones are their flowing tears, the intimate of Thy seekers are their heart's lamentations, and the sustenance of those who yearn for Thee are the pieces of their hearts.

How sweet is the deadly poison in Thy path, and how precious are the arrows of the enemies for the exaltation of Thy Word!

O my God! Make me drink in Thy Cause whatsoever Thou hast desired, and send down upon me in Thy love whatsoever Thou hast ordained. By Thy might! I desire naught but what Thou desirest, and I love naught but what Thou lovest. I have placed my trust in Thee in all conditions. I beseech Thee, O my God, to manifest for the victory of this Revelation one who is worthy of Thy Name and Thy sovereignty, that he may remember Thee amongst Thy creation and raise the standards of Thy triumph in Thy realm. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Naim! These words were previously revealed from the Supreme Pen for a certain soul, and now are revealed again specifically for you, that you may chant them with the melodies of the birds of Paradise and be of them that attain. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast to the cord of God, the Strong.

BH05622: O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory. Today…

He is the All-Expounding, the All-Knowing

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory. Today the Sun of Manifestation, which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, speaketh these words:

> "Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe to the heedless. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of grace and bounty, and woe to the deniers. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart to the Seat of the Throne and attained to the knowledge of his Lord, and woe to every rejected denier."

Praise be to God that that leaf hath attained both to the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and to the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having aided me to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy sword which, when unsheathed from its scabbard, causeth the heads to fly from both the unseen and the visible realms. By the life of God! This sword is His utterance and His mention. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath shown justice in His Cause, and woe to the oppressors. We have remembered thee and thy son and thy daughter, upon them be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, with a mention whereby the hearts of the righteous have been attracted. For all we beseech enablement to do that which endureth and lasteth. Verily thy Lord is powerful over all things. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee from One All-Knowing, All-Wise."

BH06745: The friends of God have ever been beneath…

In the name of the Peerless Friend!

The friends of God have ever been beneath the glance of His grace. Each one of the servants and handmaidens who has turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon has, in that very moment, had their mention fall from the Tongue of Grandeur and their name recorded by the Pen of Grace in the Book. We beseech God to assist His handmaidens in that which will promote His Cause. Verily, He is with His servants and handmaidens, He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of all things hidden.

In these days the Afnans and Jinab-i-Amin, upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds, have attained the prison and His presence. They have repeatedly drunk from the cup of reunion proffered by the Hand of Bounty. Happy are they!

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land. We beseech God to assist all to that which will exalt His Cause. Verily, He is the All-Merciful, the Generous.

The Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon every handmaiden who hath attained to the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Almighty.

BH00695: Praise be to God Who hath kindled the lamp…

He is God, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty!

Praise be to God Who hath kindled the lamp of utterance and sustaineth it with the oil of knowledge and wisdom in the midmost heart of creation. He it is Who, by His command, hath caused the trees of existence to yield the fruits of knowledge in the invisible realm and the visible world, and through His Word hath illumined the daysprings of hearts with the lights of the knowledge of His cherished and glorious countenance. He it is Who hath adorned the body of the world with the ornament of His Most Great Name and hath summoned all peoples to the quarter of His most perfect mystery and hath unveiled to the mystics who have attained His presence the mysteries of eternity. None can resist His bidding or prevent His judgment. He revealeth whatsoever He willeth in creation and draweth aside the veil of concealment from His hidden beauty, though the unbelievers be averse.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Ruler of the seen and unseen! How can I thank Thee for the wonders of Thy favors, and with what tongue can I praise and glorify Thee for that which Thou hast bestowed upon Thy servants in the days of the manifestation of Thy beauty and the dawning of the sun of Thy majesty? By Thy glory, O Lord of mankind and Manifestation of the mysteries of divine decree! I see my tongue powerless to render thanks for even the least of Thy favors, how much less to offer praise and gratitude before the revelation of Thy grandeur and greatness. Were Thou to transform all my limbs into tongues with which to thank Thee, it would still be trifling compared to the manifestations of Thy grace and the evidences of Thy loving-kindness.

Through the sovereignty of Thy mercy, Thou didst create us and provide for us and cause us to appear in these days which Thou didst promise to Thy chosen ones in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. This is a blessing that cannot be compared with aught else in Thy earth and heaven, and this is a gift for which the hearts of the Prophets and Saints yearned, and in remembrance and desire of which the hearts of the chosen ones and faithful ones were consumed. How many nights did they weep with longing to attain Thy days,

and how many days did they shed tears in their quest to exist in the world at the time of the manifestation of Thy beauty!

Thou, through Thy most great favor and most perfect bounty, hast ordained for us this supreme blessing and this greatest gift. We beseech Thee to assist us, through the sovereignty of Thy power, to recognize its value and render thanks for it. Accept, O our God and our Lord and our Hope, our mention and our praise and our glorification. Look not upon our weakness and poverty, but rather upon Thy power and Thy riches and Thy majesty and Thy independence. Aid us to remain steadfast in the path of Thy love and to stand firm in the way of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of infinite grace. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Merciful.

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of longing and who holdest fast to the hem of the Covenant on the Day of Meeting! That which thou didst inscribe with the trace of ink hath been received. From its darkness wafted the musk-scented breeze of love and fellowship, and from its whiteness shone forth the lights of harmony and unity. I read it and pondered it, and comprehended its allusions and all that its words encompassed. I beseech God, the Lord of Eternity, by His Most Great Name, to ordain for thee every good beneath His shadow, to protect thee from the evil of the wicked among His creatures, and to adorn thee at every moment with the ornament of His grace. Verily, He is the Kind, the All-Loving.

Grieve not that there hath been delay in writing. By thy life! The heart is occupied with thy remembrance and the remembrance of the chosen ones of thy Lord. What is inscribed upon stones may be effaced, but that which is inscribed upon the tablet of the heart from the verses of love shall never be erased. Blessed art thou, and glad tidings be unto thee, for the favors of thy Lord have encompassed thee. He hath assisted thee in His service, adorned thee with the ornament of His grace and mercy, and caused thee to dwell beneath the shade of His Divine Lote-Tree. We thank Him for this manifest grace, and praise Him at all times, before all times, and after all times.

In Persian it is mentioned: Praise be to God! Thou art adorned with the ornament of grace and dwellest beneath the shade of bounty. In most times, mention of thee floweth from the Tongue of Divine Will, and the bestowal of supreme favor in thy behalf is evident. After the arrival of thy letter, one day it was presented before the Presence, and mention was made of thee. The Tongue of Grace spoke these exalted words—His words, exalted be His utterance and magnified be His favor:

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

O son of Attar! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, and upon thy mother and father and thy two brothers. Verily they have attained to the Meeting and have quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to the Desired One of all worlds that thou art mentioned from the Most Exalted Pen as “O son of Attar.” In truth, thou art the perfumer from whom the fragrance of Divine love wafteth, and the Concourse on High doth inhale it. Every soul who is today adorned with the ornament of the love of God—his fragrance is diffused, his light is radiant, his name is resplendent, and his mention is effective. The glances of loving-kindness have ever been directed towards you. Protect the Cause of God and hold fast unto wisdom. He will teach you that which will profit you through His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous One.

Convey My greetings to the men and women of that household and gladden them with God's loving-kindness. Let not the world's differences and changes grieve you. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for you is such that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal it. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve this most exalted station. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The effulgent, manifest, and evident Light be upon the people of God and upon you and upon those whom neither the might of the world nor the clamor of nations hath frightened, who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: verily, there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Ask ye God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive mankind of this supreme blessing and most great gift. The veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings have so encompassed the people of the world that they have entirely blocked the path of salvation and the way of life, save for the hidden favors and inner confirmations of the Lord of all beings to take them by the hand and lead them from the wilderness of perdition to the highway of salvation. Those who have abandoned the Bayan and are heedless of the Cause of the All-Merciful, who count themselves among the people of the Bayan, have once again clung to previous idle fancies and barred themselves from nearness to the Divine Law. For centuries upon centuries the Divine Manifestations have guided the servants to the path of righteousness and warned them against the abyss of vain imaginings and approaching the precipice of idle fancies. Repeatedly in every age and cycle, They have clearly explained whatsoever prevented previous peoples from accepting the truth. Yet again the heedless servants are seen clinging to the same issues, far removed from the path of knowledge, distant and separated from their true homeland.

Say: O my God, my Lord, and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Thy power and the dominion of Thy might to protect Thy people from the whisperings of the devils and the promptings of the corrupters, and to guard the pearls of their love for Thee from the hands of the thieves. Verily, Thou art the Sovereign of all worlds and the Lord of the heavens and the earth.

O thou beloved! I was engaged in writing the reply when a letter arrived from one of the friends containing that which grieved the hearts of the people of understanding, for it brought news of the ascension of the Leaf who had adorned herself in the days of her Lord with the ornament of her Master's loving-kindness, who had spent her time in service to the friends, and who was called from the Tongue of Grandeur the Mother of the near ones. She followed the example of the Blessed Leaf who sprang from the Tree in ascending from the cage of mortality to the gardens of holiness, nearness and eternity. Upon her be the glory of her Lord, the Creator of all things and the King of earth and heaven. What hath befallen you hath grieved the hearts of them that circle round. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to console you and comfort you and to send down upon you patience and tranquility from His presence. Grieve not in the days of thy Lord but hold fast to the cord of patience and resignation. Say:

The first praise that appeared in the world of creation and the first mention that moved the tongues of the near ones be upon thee, O thou leaf that art firm and stirring upon the Lote Tree, ascending to the heaven of grace and mercy, and rising to the kingdom of power and grandeur! Blessed art thou for having been adorned with the ornament of eternity and for having cast off from thyself the garment of mortality. Joy be unto thee in this great bounty and mighty gift! I beseech God, exalted be He, to confirm His handmaidens in what He hath confirmed thee in His days, and not to deprive them of that which thou

hast attained in His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth and worthy to answer. Convey My greetings to thy two brothers and mention them with wondrous mention. Glory and praise be upon thee and upon them and upon your family and upon the steadfast loved ones of God. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06594: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath indeed come with the truth and made manifest His straight and shining path. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for the manifestation of Thy bounties and gifts whereby the sun of Thy grace hath shone forth upon Thy servants and Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy mercy, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will attract the dwellers of Thy earth. Thou seest, O my God, my Lord and my Support, what hath befallen Thy chosen ones in the days of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens. By Thy might, O Lord of the worlds and Ruler of nations!

Hearts find no rest except through the signs of Thy triumph, and souls attain no tranquility save through the manifestation of Thy power and might amongst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee not to withhold eyes from beholding the banners that have been raised up in Thy name, nor ears from hearkening to Thy most sweet call in Thy dominion. O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy bounty the rains of Thy mercy and blessing upon them who have turned toward Thee. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH07680: Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all created things, my Purpose and the Purpose of all contingent beings! Thou knowest and seest Thy loved ones amidst Thy enemies and what hath befallen them in Thy path. I beseech Thee by the ordering of Thy Cause and the decree of Thy Pen and the blowing of the breezes of Thy Will whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy servants, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine opponents, then aid them with the hosts of Thy remembrance and utterance. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O Lord! Thou seest one of Thy leaves who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs. I beseech Thee to forgive her and assist her in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the first and the last.

He is the Helper. The handmaiden of God, sister of Haji Muhammad, upon them both be the Glory of God, sent one ring and six skull-caps and one prayer-bead string through the honored Mr. Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, which reached the servant in the year 1305.

BH08258: Glorified art Thou, O my God! O Thou Who…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God! O Thou Who hast, in Thy days, revealed what lay hidden in the breasts of the treacherous among Thy servants and the calumniators among Thy creatures! Thou hast spoken a word whereby Thou hast distinguished between those of the right hand and those of the left. I testify that Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. I beseech Thee, O Thou through the attraction of Whose verses the sincere hastened to the place of sacrifice and they who are nigh rushed to the assistance of Thy Cause when the clamor was raised—I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the nations trembled, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and in Thy love. Then send down, O my God, upon him who hath turned toward the lights of Thy countenance and followed Thy practice which existed aforetime, the rain of Thy bounty and generosity from the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Loving.

BH10589: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having aided Thy loved ones to do what is right and to fulfill what Thou hast commanded them in Thy perspicuous Book. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, through which the heavens and earth were illumined, to ordain for them that which shall prosper them at every moment. Verily, Thou art the Revealer of the Word and the Manifestation of Religions. O Lord! Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy mercy a blessing from Thee. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

BH10523: My God, my God! I testify that these days…

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

My God, my God! I testify that these days are Thy days, wherein Thou hast opened the gates of Thy grace and mercy unto the faces of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by them who have borne Thy throne and who have arisen to serve Thy Cause in such wise that neither the tyrants of the age nor the Pharaohs of the land could deter them—O my Lord! ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for him who hath turned unto Thee the best of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Kind, the Mighty, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10647: 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 guided Thy loved ones to the Most Great Ocean through Thy bounty and grace, and for having given them to drink therefrom through Thy loving-kindness and mercy. I beseech Thee, O Thou at Whose Name the stones have cried out and the kernels have spoken, to assist

them each day to serve Thee and to remember and praise Thee. Then accept from them what they have wrought out of love for Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH10788: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the revelations…

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

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy Most Great Name unto all peoples and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Master of eternity, to protect Thy loved ones from the dictates of self and passion, and to adorn them with the ornament of Thy glory, O Thou Lord of all humanity and Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former times. O my Lord! Withhold them not from the gate of Thy bounty, nor from the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH00224: O Jamal! The requirements of this age are different…

Section 1: "O Jamal! The requirements of this age are…"

He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing

O Jamal! The requirements of this age are different, and the requirements of divine wisdom are different. Therefore, the Pen of Will has paused in certain matters. In any case, they must observe wisdom and hold fast to it. That which is conducive to the spread of the Cause is not permitted today in the land of Ta. O Jamal! Look from what is with the people to what is with God. The glance of favor has ever been directed to you. They said to Jesus, Son of Mary, "Why do you associate with tax collectors?" He said, "I have come for the sinners, that through kindly counsels I might sanctify them from worldly conditions and guide them to that which will exalt them."

You should speak the word of truth with the utmost joy and fragrance. If it finds a hearing ear and is heeded, the purpose is achieved; otherwise, one should leave him to himself. Today the sun of justice is behind clouds and the moon of wisdom behind veils. One must act with forbearance. As We have written to some of the deniers:

> "Cut not off the fragrance of utterance which is the cause of the guidance of the world."

The meaning is that even if some do not accept from you now, you should not withdraw. Today is the day of manifestation. The ocean of mercy is surging and the grace of God, exalted be His glory, is all-encompassing. You must act in whatever way causes acceptance and joy. This is what We commanded you before and in this Clear Tablet.

As to what you mentioned regarding the friends in Dawlatabad, it has been honored with hearing. We mention them at this time from My Most Exalted Pen as a favor from Us to you, that you might find yourself in a joy that neither the troubles of the world, nor the sorrows of the nations, nor their deeds can change. Verily your Lord is the Faithful Counselor.

O Husayn! Hear the call of the Wronged One. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for causing me to hear Thy call, adorning me with the traces of Thy Pen, and illuminating me with the lights of Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy love, such that neither the doubts of the people of the Bayan nor the allusions of the people of the Furqan shall prevent me. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Ali! The people are in manifest error. O Ali! The people are in great loss. Hear the call of the Wronged One. Verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The station through whose word a thousand ʿAlis are created—from this the deniers of the Bayan have turned away and have clung to the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih people. Say: O people! That which never appeared in creation has now appeared. Behold the ocean of His utterance and the heaven of His grace and the sun of His manifestation, and be not of the deniers. Say: Fear God and choose not eternal torment for yourselves for the sake of two days. Hear the call of the Wronged One. By God! The one who has caused [others to be] veiled cannot speak before His face. The tyranny of Amir-Nizam caused the spreading of certain names, lest the Dawning-Place of God's Cause, the Lord of what was and what shall be, become known. When thou hearest My call, say: Praise be to Thee, O God of existence, for having remembered me in the prison with that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure.

O Ja'far! Today the Most Great Scene is illumined with the lights of the Lord of Power, and all trees, leaves, fruits, earth, mountains, heaven and whatsoever is within them are rejoicing and exulting at the appearance of the Speaker on Sinai. Yet the servants are heedless, nay, turned away. We beseech His grace not to withhold, and on this blessed day when the gates of bounty are opened wide to all, not to deprive His servants of His everlasting gifts and heavenly sustenance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O ʿAli-Asghar! Praise be to God that thou hast turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. How many were the servants who at all times sought the appearance of the Lord of Names, yet when the light of His manifestation illumined the world and the call of the Speaker on Sinai was raised from the most exalted station, all turned away save whom God willed. For some time in that land, a heedless one who had turned away was afflicted with the illness of hatred. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the doubts of those who have chosen for themselves a station in the fire, an abode in hell, and a place in the burning flame. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of mankind and the Sovereign of destiny. He is the One Who speaketh at the Most Great Scene with the hidden mystery and that whereby the moon was cleft asunder. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful.

O ʿAli-Akbar! My Name Jamal, upon Him be My Glory and My favor, made mention of thee. Therefore there hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which nothing in the world can equal. When thou attainest unto it say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and revealed unto me that which most of the nations have been deprived of. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy Cause, that names may not cause me to slip in drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all being and King of the throne on high and of earth below.

He is the All-Knowing Speaker! O Muhammad-Hadi! He Who loved Me and desired Me and arose to serve My Cause and to deliver My commandments and ordinances hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with a mention whereby, when it appeared from the Pen, all mention circled round it. Hear the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the one whom the veils of those who disbelieved in the Day of Return did not weaken. We have manifested the Cause before the faces of princes and divines with a sovereignty that hath conquered all in creation. When thou hearest the call from this most exalted horizon say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in Thy Prison when I was wronged between the hands of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and by the Word whereby Thou didst unite the hearts of Thy loved ones and didst subdue Thy earth and Thy heaven, to make me strong through Thy power and a banner among Thy servants for Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art the Mighty One Whom the conditions of the people who broke Thy covenant and Thy testament and committed that which caused the dwellers of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion to lament cannot weaken. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O Abdu'llah! O Abdul! Thy name was presented before the Wronged One. He makes mention of thee with that which caused the Water of Life to flow for the life of the world. Thank thy Lord for this great bounty. Jamal, upon Him be My Glory, made mention of thee and thou hast attained unto these decisive verses. Most of the people of the earth are deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, while thou hast attained unto them. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and bounty be unto Thee, O my Hope! I beseech Thee by Thy light wherewith Thou didst illumine the Mount, and by Thy call wherewith the Trees of existence spoke forth, and by Thy command whereby Thou didst subdue both the unseen and the seen, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of Akka. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Arise in the name of God, then raise thy right hand and rend asunder the veils of the world, by the command of the Lord of Eternity Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and proclaimed before all faces: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords!" Behold, then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, the people turned away from Him and the divines and princes pronounced judgment against Him. And before Him, when the Spirit came, the most learned of that age rejected Him until God raised Him up through power and sovereignty. Then behold when Moses came, the Pharaohs of the age and the tyrants of the people rose against Him. Among them were those who denied Him and those who pronounced judgment against Him, but God made Him manifest in the house of one who hated Him and sought His death, in spite of his will. Verily, thy Lord is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Subduer. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge, nor can the power of those who have denied the final return frustrate Him.

When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, to make me one who shatters the idols of vain imaginings through wisdom and utterance, and who breaks the might of the people of doubts through counsels and understanding. O my Lord! Aid me to turn toward Thy horizon in such wise that the doubts of the wayward shall not hinder me, and ordain for me through Thy grace that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions."

He is the Speaker of Truth. O Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God! From the first days until now We have arisen before all faces through the power of God, exalted be His glory, and We have summoned the rich and the poor, the kings and the rulers, the learned and the jurisprudents and the mystics, all of them, without any veil or covering, to the horizon of the favor of the Lord of all beings. A few accepted, but most arose in opposition. We have ever been in the hands of Our enemies—at times captive, at times imprisoned, at times in chains. The tribulations of the world did not prevent the Most Great Name. Through complete power and all-encompassing might, He guided all to that which draweth them nigh unto God.

Glory be to God! The Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge with perfect radiance and brilliance, and the hand of power is raised before all eyes. Nevertheless, the heedless servants cling to rejection and have brought about that which is the cause of the greatest sorrow. We beseech God to make His servants aware of that which they have missed in the Days of God, that perchance they may arise to make amends and attain unto that for which they were adorned with the ornament of existence from nothingness. And We remember at this time the friends of God there and in all regions, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer.

We have manifested the Cause, given voice to all things, sent down the verses, and brought forth what was hidden and treasured in the knowledge of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O My loved ones there! Hear ye the Call which hath been raised in truth, despite those who denied this Great Announcement that was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the Most Great Throne and the Sovereign of the Exalted Seat. The glory from Us be upon you, upon your first and your last, and upon those whose feet have not slipped through the whisperings of the deniers and the croaking of the croakers.

Section 2: "O Jamal! Upon thee be My glory! Thou…"

O Jamal! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast desired to ascend, to rise up, and to turn towards the Most Great Prison. Choose for thyself what God hath chosen. We have commanded thee to teach concerning this Most Great Announcement, and to remember and praise it among the servants with wisdom and utterance. A number are dwelling in that land, and from their surroundings some have sought permission. To attain unto presence and meeting is the greatest of deeds, but to tarry in that land, meaning to take up residence, is not permitted. Seven years ago We gave permission to all to return to their own lands, for teaching in that land and its surroundings hath been forbidden. In such case, hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and the elevation of human stations among the various peoples. Verily this is best, most exalted, and most beloved, for the teaching of the Cause is binding upon

all, but with utmost kindliness, mercy, and patience. We beseech God to aid His servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Your honor, praise be to God, hath attained unto the presence and drunk the choice wine of mystic knowledge from the hand of bounty and the cup of glory. We testify that thou hast heard the Call from the Tongue of Grandeur, beheld the horizon of Manifestation, attended before the Throne, and stood at the door which God hath made the point of circumambulation for the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and supreme benevolence, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to attain unto Thy presence and to circle round the Kaaba of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy bounty, to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy praise and standeth firm in Thy service. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

Thou hast sought healing for one of the handmaidens. Read what We sent thee before and hold fast unto it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And as for what thou hast mentioned concerning him who is named Ali-Akbar, We have heard his call and answered him with verses whereby God hath illumined with each letter thereof a world among His worlds. He must thank his Lord for this wondrous remembrance. O Ali-i-Akbar! My Name, upon Him be My glory, hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with this wise remembrance. When thou hast drunk the Kawthar of My utterance from the hand of My bounty, say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself unto all created things through the light of Thy Name, the All-Knowing. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur speak forth in the Dispensation of the Furqan: "We have recorded all things in a clear Book." Then didst Thou manifest Thyself through Thy Name, the Merciful, unto all contingent beings, whereupon the sweet waters of Thy mercy flowed forth amongst Thy servants. And Thou didst manifest Thyself through Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, whereupon the ocean of Thy generosity surged and the rains of Thy grace descended from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness. And Thou didst manifest Thyself through Thy Name, the Expositor, whereupon the Most Exalted Pen spoke forth and revealed that which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge and understanding. And Thou didst manifest Thyself through Thy Most Great Name, whereupon the limbs of the nations trembled and those who indulged in idle fancies lamented.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by this Name and by the Names which Thou hast exalted through Thy command, to ordain for me that which befitteth my servitude unto Thee and Thy lordship over me. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then make mine eyes sharp and mine ears attentive that I may behold the traces of Thy Pen and hear Thy call. Thou art He at the mention of Whose Name all mention is humbled, before Whose Name all names bow down, and to Whose Cause all who are in earth and heaven have submitted. Deprive me not of the wonders of Thy bounty and of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy Book. O my Lord! Withhold not from me the cup of Thy bestowal and the choice wine of Thy recognition. Verily Thou art the Generous, there is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Muhammad-Taqi! Upon thee be the eternal splendor of God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee to be steadfast and to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. My Name Jamal hath mentioned thee and hath submitted that thou didst seek forgiveness for thy brother. Thereupon did the ocean of thy Lord's pardon surge, and He forgave as a bounty from His presence. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Ali-Qabli-Askar! Thy worth is remembered in the Most Great Horizon. Reflect upon the people of idle fancies and upon those souls who sacrificed their spirits, which are the most precious of all things in the world, in this path, and likewise upon those souls who, like earthworms, subsist in clay. By the life of God! There hath befallen the Wronged One that which caused the eye of grandeur to weep and the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary to lament. From the land of Sad they have written that as soon as Hadi-Dawlat-Abadi heard that some had called him a Babi, fear seized him and anxiety encompassed his heart. He mounted the pulpit and cursed Cyprus and those therein, then cursed the First One to appear from beginning to end.

For the sake of two days of life he uttered that which no tyrant had ever uttered and no transgressor had ever spoken. Nevertheless, he secretly makes claims to deputyship like unto himself. What intoxication hath encompassed the world that souls such as these have remained deprived of the Supreme Summit and the Most Exalted Horizon! How excellent are those souls who, with utmost steadfastness, power, might, love and faithfulness, set their faces toward the place of sacrifice and attained the most great martyrdom. Neither wealth deterred them, nor life held them back, nor glory and riches became a barrier. Fear and trepidation prevented them not. In brief, Hadi hath done that which hath caused hearts to be consumed. We beseech God to assist His servants unto truthfulness and fairness. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Ali-Qabl-i-Askar! We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall endure through the eternity of His names. He is verily the Protector of them that turn unto Him and the Object of them that have recognized Him. O Shir-ʿAli! This Wronged One seeketh reunion with His loved ones, to this beareth witness My Pen, My will and My purpose, as well as they that circle round the Throne and the exalted Seat. But the prison land each day manifesteth a fresh color, and thus hath it become a barrier between the Truth and His creatures. We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of meeting Him and hearkening unto His call. He, verily, is the One Who, through His word "Be," and it is, hath power over all things.

We have mentioned thee before, and at this moment with a mention that causeth the hearts of the sincere to be attracted. When thou hearest and seest, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Desire of them that are nigh unto Thee, for having caused me to turn toward Thy horizon, to speak Thy praise, to acknowledge Thy Revelation, and to confess Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the Generous."

O Jamal! In these days, divine verses are being sent down like copious rain, but where are the hearing ear, the seeing eye, and the receptive heart? The oppressor hath slain My she-camel, the wolf hath devoured My sheep, and the destroyer hath sought to demolish My house. Consider now his spending and the

preservation of Hadi of Dawlatabad. In one of the Tablets, this exalted word hath in these days flowed from the Most Exalted Pen:

> "O people of the Bayan! Reflect upon these two souls: the first is Al-Ashraf, whom neither love of the world nor its ornaments and colors prevented from sacrificing his spirit in His path, exalted be He; and the second is Hadi and his words and the preservation of his life. The martyrdom of the first is a truthful witness to steadfastness and acknowledgment, and the life of the second to wavering and denial. Know this and be among the discerning."

It is not known how the opposers of the Bayan will interpret this passage, even though this Wronged One this year commanded concealment and preservation; nevertheless, that which occurred, occurred.

Mention hath been made of his honor Buzurg, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God that he is remembered in the prison as though he were standing before the Face and hearing My sweetest call at this manifest time. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My loving-kindness and My grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Jamal! That which was composed by him who was named Ramadan, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful, hath been presented and was recited before the Face by My Most Great Branch. Give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

A Book sent down in truth from God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Baqa'i! We have heard thy call and accepted what thou hast composed. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of thy Lord's loving-kindness and inscribed for thee the reward of attainment in this Clear Book. When thou art blessed with the glad-tidings of thy Lord and hearest His call, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to turn toward the shore of the sea of Thy oneness and to seek the Ka'bah of attainment in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, and by them who circle round Thy throne and whom Thou hast made the Hands of Thy Cause in Thy lands, to ordain for me the good of the Hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and the Sovereign of earth and heaven. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Creator of the world and Fashioner of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to ordain for me in the Crimson Book that which shall endure through Thy eternity and persist through Thy perpetuity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Merciful."

O Jamal! Finally, We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn, who turned his face to the lights of the Countenance and drew nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon until he attained the presence and heard and saw, when thy Lord was at the Most Glorious Prospect, sending down His mighty verses from the heaven of His Will that encompasseth all things. Give him My glad-tidings, remind him of My verses, and glorify My presence before his face on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Blessed art thou and blessed is thy tongue, inasmuch as it hath uttered the praise of God. Let nothing whatsoever sadden thee. We beseech

God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which shall make thee a standard of His Name and an ensign of His Remembrance.

By My life, My Cause, My power and My sovereignty! He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him, stood firm in His Cause, and spoken His praise. Soon shall all that is on earth perish, and there shall endure only that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and hearken unto thy words concerning this Cause, whereby the limbs of the idolaters have quaked and the hearts of the mystics have trembled, save those whom God hath willed, the King, the Just, the All-Wise.

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BH00226: Praise be to God Who hath illumined all eyes…

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

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting! Blessed and exalted be His station!

Praise be to God Who hath illumined all eyes through the vision of His lights, Who hath caused all tongues to speak forth the highest praise in extolling His Being, the Mighty, the Chosen One, and Who hath expanded the circles of thought in recognition of His signs and their use as proof of His Own Self, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Subduer. He it is through Whom the Sun of Knowledge hath shone forth and illumined all, and by His light mysteries were unveiled and veils were rent asunder, and the righteous were guided to the heaven of glory and power, and the pure in heart sought shelter beneath the shade of His All-Bountiful Name. Exalted be His mighty Cause, His wise remembrance, His ancient light, His straight path, and His all-encompassing and righteous judgment.

Can any prevent His Will or stay His Decree? In His grasp is the reins of destiny and in His right hand the kingdom of creation. He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth, and shall not be asked of His doings. He hath ever been established upon the throne of glory and grandeur, and will forever remain in the heights of power and exaltation. No praise or mention can encompass Him, nor can minds and thoughts fathom His essence. All that hath been or shall be mentioned remaineth within the bounds of contingent being, while He, in truth, is sanctified beyond comprehension through knowledge and wisdom. All signs are severed from His presence and all descriptions are cut off from His gate. He shall not be asked of His doings, and He doeth what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Hope and my Support! How can I remain silent in Thy praise and glorification when Thou hast commanded Thy servants thus in Thy mighty Book? And how dare I speak and express the wonders of Thy praise when Thou art exalted above the mention of Thy creation, the attributes of Thy servants, and the thoughts of Thy creatures? All things are perplexed, as am I, in this subtle matter and delicate remembrance. I see in myself naught but utter powerlessness before the kingdom of Thy might, and absolute poverty before the heaven of Thy power. Exalted is Thy station above

the mention of Thy servants, and sanctified is Thy Being above the imaginings of all in Thy realm. What expression can encompass the kingdom of Thy sanctity, and what description can embrace the heaven of Thy transcendence? How insignificant are pen and ink to describe the vastness of Thy knowledge's kingdom, O Lord of all beings and Creator of existence!

I beseech Thee by Thy conquering power and Thy resplendent proof to assist me and Thy loved ones in spreading Thy remembrance throughout Thy lands and in guiding Thy creation to the wonders of Thy mysteries. O Lord! Regard not our weakness and poverty, but rather Thy strength, Thy wealth, Thy might and Thy transcendence. Aid us in all conditions to exalt Thy mighty Cause, and strengthen our hearts in such wise that neither the utterances of the misguided may affect them, nor may the veils of glory prevent them from turning toward the court of Thy Most Bountiful Name. Make us so firm in Thy Cause that the clamor of the world may not frighten us, nor may we be disturbed by the oppression of nations, through the power of Thy Most Great Name. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor.

Send down upon Thy loved ones, O my God, tranquility from Thy presence, that they may not be troubled when calamities and tribulations descend from the heaven of Thy decree, O Lord of all names and Creator of earth and heaven! Praise be unto Thee, O my Hope, for having spread Thy remembrance through the appearance of trials, and for having exalted Thy Cause through the descent of afflictions, and for having adorned Thy sincere ones with the robe of steadfastness and detachment, whereby they have sacrificed their spirits and bodies in the path of Thy love, and the might of the wicked among Thy creatures hath not frightened them. Were the heedless to consider, this clear proof and mighty, firm evidence would suffice them, for Thou hast said—and Thy word is the truth—"Wish ye, then, for death, if ye are truthful."

O beloved of the heart and one who grasps the cord of affection! Your letter, containing expressions of love and unity, and intimations of fellowship and righteousness, has arrived. I beseech the Most High to reward you with the best of rewards, to protect you in His shadow from the evil of the wicked ones, and to ordain for you, through His all-encompassing grace, that which will please you. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. And since your letter arrived in days when the clouds of oppression had risen and the darkness of tyranny had encompassed all regions, I therefore exercised beautiful patience in responding to your honor until God, through His grace, removed the harm and strengthened some of those in authority to protect the sheep of God from the wolves of the earth.

By the life of your Ancient Lord! Man is bewildered by the rebelliousness of the people of loss. They witnessed manifest signs and brilliant evidences, and observed from those who turned to Him and the sincere ones a steadfastness the like of which had never been heard of in previous centuries. They recognized the power of their hearts, the expansiveness of their breasts, the firmness of their feet, and their detachment, yet they still do as they please and inflict upon them whatever oppression and enmity they desire, giving no thought to the consequences of their deeds and the repugnance of their actions.

By your life! This is a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Exalted, unto those of steadfastness and acceptance. Were it not for their oppression, how would the martyrs attain this supreme station and ultimate goal? And were it not for their wretchedness, how would the sincere ones achieve this mighty station and wise remembrance? If the oppressors knew that through their tyranny the sincere ones attain to lofty ranks and sublime stations, they would not commit such acts. But because they cling to this

transient world and fleeting pleasures, and are heedless of the enduring sovereignty, they imagine death to be the ultimate harm, and thereby, despite themselves, they harm the friends. How great is their heedlessness and ignorance, and how mighty is the steadfastness, firmness, patience and detachment of the sincere ones! They have illumined the horizons with the lights of the luminary of steadfastness on the Day of the Covenant, and through the power of their hearts, they have caused the limbs of the people of discord to tremble on the Day of Sacrifice.

Say: O people! Whither do ye flee, and for how long will ye remain veiled from the truth? Have ye seen in the world any proof mightier than what hath appeared in this Most Great Revelation? The proof of the Cause hath encompassed all nations. The people of tyranny and enmity have grown weary of what they have perpetrated against the people of love, and ye behold the lovers in all regions, ablaze with the fire of yearning to sacrifice their souls and possessions in the path of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Ye were wont to cite what transpired in the land of Taff as proof of the truth of Islam; how then have ye become veiled from the supreme steadfastness that hath appeared in these days? This is a supreme sign and a mighty proof which none deny save the people of transgression and error.

O beloved one! There hath been sent down from the heaven of Will, regarding the martyrs, that which causeth hearts to soar, souls to quiver, and breasts to expand. We beseech God, by their pure blood and their illumined resting places, to assist us and His loved ones to be steadfast in His Cause, to arise for His remembrance, to guide His servants to the meadows of His knowledge, and to lead His creation to the paradise of His certitude. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Kind, the Merciful. And we beseech Him to assist the heedless to recognize His manifest Cause and to grasp the cord of His mighty remembrance. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. O beloved of the heart! Your letter was presented with the tongue of lowliness and supplication at the Threshold of Glory, and verses of grace were revealed from the Kingdom of bounty and favor. Exalted is your Ancient Lord, Whose generosity hath encompassed the worlds and Whose mercy hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. His word—exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

He is the Expositor, the One standing before the faces of the servants.

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Most Great Cause, through whose name the banner “Verily He is God” has been raised upon the pinnacles of the cities of grace and bounty, and by whose will the standard “The Kingdom is God’s” has become visible from all directions. He is the Name at which the ungodly tremble and by which the station of the believers is exalted. It behooveth him who desireth to visit the Kaaba of God to sanctify himself from all else and say: “O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Baha at its most resplendent, and all Thy Baha is resplendent, to open unto the faces of Thy servants the doors of Thy mercy and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs of the first and the last.”

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face unto him who hath loved thee and soared in the atmosphere of thy love and spoken thy praise—he who was named Muhammad in the Book of Names and Abdul-Baha in this perspicuous Book which speaketh in every state that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath mentioned thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds, and hath revealed for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of those who have believed in this Great Announcement. Give glad tidings unto My servants of what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, that the hearts of those who are endued with understanding may be illumined thereby. Say: O people, fear God, then hearken unto that which hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: By God, the blessed verse "But He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets" hath been fulfilled by the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. This is the great glad tidings for those who have believed in the manifest, resplendent Light.

Glory be to God! Although mention was made of the Most Great Name in the Dawn Prayer aforetime, it is observed that most of the servants remain heedless and veiled. The Land of Sad prevented the servants from reciting it. Say: The oppressor hath commanded that whereby hearts and minds have melted. The Lord of creation beareth witness to this in this mighty prison. O Muhammad! Guard the servants lest they become afflicted with vain imaginings and idle fancies like the people of Iran. They were unbelievers yet counted themselves among the believers. Even now it is observed that some have deviated somewhat from the Sun of sanctification and the lights of the Luminary of unity. Say: My God, my God! Aid the people of Baha in that which Thou hast desired for them through Thy bounty and generosity. Then cause them to speak Thy beauteous praise and sanctify them from the mention of any besides Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The loved ones must be reminded at all times lest the treacherous and the thieves find opportunity and prevent the believers from the straight path.

Section 2: "At this moment the Greater Branch entered…"

At this moment the Greater Branch entered, and We make mention of thee before His face with that which caused the rivers of wisdom and utterance to flow in the paradise of knowledge, and by which the ocean of certitude surged before the faces of all religions. Blessed art thou, and blessed be thy steadfastness and thy devotion. We beseech God to open through thee the doors of the hearts of His servants. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. Blessed is the house which He made a shelter for His loved ones, and blessed is the leaf who aided them and attained to their service.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory! From the Most Exalted Pen there hath been revealed in three special days for the martyrs—upon them be My glory and My favor—that which hath had and hath no likeness. Say: O people! Know ye with clear certitude that whatsoever hath befallen the loved ones is the cause of victory and the reason for triumph. The tyranny of the oppressors and the patience of the believers and their steadfastness have been recorded and mentioned in God's Book by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they that attain!

As to what was mentioned concerning the two departed, elevated martyrs—upon them be the glory of God and His favor—clear verses were revealed specifically for each from the heaven of divine will and the atmosphere of lordly favor.

O Hasan! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the hidden and the manifest! We testify that thou didst believe in God and His signs, and didst turn unto the horizon of His Revelation and His grace, and didst drink the cup of faith from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thou didst answer when thou didst hear the Call, and didst respond when thou wast bidden by God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou in that God aided thee to attain the Most Great Steadfastness when thy spirit ascended to the Most Exalted Paradise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times that which will manifest thy station among all religions. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Precious, the All-Bountiful. We made mention of thee before thy ascension and after it. Verily thy Lord is with those who love Him at all times. To this testify the Dawning-Places of My favor throughout all possibility. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who remember thee through that which hath been sent down for thee from God, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ali-Akbar! My Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee in the prison of Akka and mentioneth thee with that which cannot be equaled by aught in the world, its ornaments, its colors and its bounties. Blessed art thou in that thou didst turn when people turned away, and didst believe when the parties of the world disbelieved, save those whom God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, did choose. I testify that thou didst turn thy luminous face toward God, the All-Informed, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter before the faces of the great and small. The clamor prevented thee not from the Lord of all beings, nor did the oppression of enemies frighten thee from drawing nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Thou art he who heard and turned, and sacrificed thy spirit and thy wealth in the path of God, thy Lord, thy Beloved, thy Goal, and the Object of worship of all in the heavens and the earth. We beseech Him to give thee to drink at all times from the Kawthar which He hath ordained for them that circle round His presence and gaze upon His countenance. The glory, the light and the radiance from God, the Mighty, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful, be upon thee.

Concerning what thou didst mention regarding unity, this hath been heard. However, these matters have been made contingent upon consultation in the Tablets of the Lord of the Manifestation. Whatsoever proceedeth therefrom is the decree of God, and acting upon it is adorned with the ornament of acceptance and the glory of His good-pleasure.

As to what ye mentioned that some of the friends desire to turn towards the Most Sublime Horizon and have sought permission to attain His presence—in these days, due to divine wisdom, such visits are not permitted. O Muhammad! By the life of God! The lamp is amidst the winds and the Ark of God is amidst the waves. Adorn My servants with the ornament of piety and illumine them with the light of detachment.

We have previously stated that in this Most Great Revelation, the hosts of God are goodly deeds and praiseworthy attributes, and the virtue of piety hath been appointed as the commander of the divine hosts. Blessed are they who attain and they who act. Today is the day of teaching and service—a matter more essential and obligatory than all else is the steadfastness of the friends, for some who consider themselves to be of the people of the Crimson Ark and the City of Knowledge of the Lord of Names are somewhat tainted with former vain imaginings. There is fear lest this Cause be seen like the previous

party. I seek forgiveness from God, the Most Great, from the vain imaginings of the imaginers and the idle fancies of the doubters concerning this Great Announcement and this strong, shining Light.

In the days of Our childhood, one day We went to visit one of the noble ladies who was adorned with kinship. After entering, We observed two persons with exceedingly large turbans who were expounding spiritual knowledge from behind a veil to the lady of the house. Finally, their discourse culminated in one of them, who was the greater and more prominent, stating that we must know whether Gabriel is higher than Qanbar. When this Wronged One heard these words, His whole being was set aflame, yet We chose silence. After a few minutes it was mentioned:

> "O honored one, if Gabriel is he who is referred to in 'The Faithful Spirit brought it down upon thy heart', then at that station Master Qanbar was not even present."

Now consider the heedlessness and unsuitable knowledge of the people. The station of Gabriel is the inner reality of the Messenger of God, yet he was arguing that Qanbar was more exalted because he was related to Ali.

Glory be to God! That party inflicted upon the Messenger of God a wrong that had and has no equal. In difficulties they should take refuge with Him, yet His mention is entirely absent while they cling to letters that were created by His Word, as ye have seen and continue to see. The Exalted One hath said that the physical form of the Letters of this Revelation is equivalent to the spiritual reality of the Letters of the previous Revelation. This Wronged One seeketh forgiveness on behalf of all and saith: My God, my God! Protect Thy loved ones. Thou art the Generous One Whose forgiveness hath encompassed the world. Have mercy upon Thy servants and assist them to perform such deeds, show forth such character and utter such words as befit Thy days. Through one exalted word the ocean of Thy bounty surgeth, and through one effulgence of the Sun of Thy Command, the sun of generosity and forgiveness appeareth manifest and evident. All are Thy servants and live by hope in Thy generosity. Stretch forth the hand of power from the sleeve of might and deliver these souls who are stuck in the clay. Thou art the Lord of the Command and the Sovereign of Bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

News that causes the awakening and awareness of the servants is acceptable before God, but one must strive to distinguish truth from falsehood and record it. We shall assist him in all conditions if he be adorned with what hath appeared in My days and shone forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth. For some of the friends for whom thou didst seek favor, wondrous and sublime tablets have been sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge and the atmosphere of lordly wisdom, that the friends might drink from the cups of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds that which the spiritual Khidr drank from the fountain of darkness.

O Muhammad! Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Praise be to God that thou art occupied in service and art speaking in praise and glorification. We are with thee and hear thy mention and We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee in that which shall open the doors of the hearts of His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Make mention of all those related to thee on behalf of the Wronged One and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of divine mercy. Verily thy Lord is the Kind, the Generous, and in His grasp are

the reins of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have heard and have turned with illumined hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon. We testify that they are the companions of the Crimson Ark mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', from God, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou, O thou who art mentioned in the court of the Divine Presence and art gazed upon by the glances of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving. It behooveth thee to arise to make mention and glorification among all created things and to guide those endowed with capacity, with wisdom and utterance, to the gardens of mystic knowledge and the paradises of knowledge and certitude. By thy life! This is the Day to arise to serve the Cause of God, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing. If anyone misseth an opportunity, he shall not attain it throughout the months and years. It behooveth us to beseech our Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, in the morning and the evening to protect us from the whisperings of the ignorant ones and to adorn us with the robes of steadfastness among all created things. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth.

Blessed art thou and those who have quaffed the cups of tribulations in the land of Ya. Ye have been mentioned every morn and eve by the tongue of the favor of the Lord of Names, and the bounty of your Lord hath surrounded you from all directions. Exalted be your Lord, from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth and Whose bounty nothing can prevent. He hath sent down from the clouds of His mercy, for those whom thou didst mention in thy letter, manifest verses whereby all created things were stirred. Grieve not for the delay that occurred in sending the reply, for it was naught but in consideration of the wisdom revealed in the Book by the command of the Lord of Lords. He is the Judge of what is right. From Him did we begin and unto Him do we return. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Proclaim unto those who have adorned themselves with the ornament of steadfastness and have arisen to serve the Cause of God amongst creation, and remind them of that which beseemeth these days wherein the sun of knowledge and wisdom hath shone forth. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to bestow upon His loved ones from His bounties and to give them to drink from the cups of His grace and bestowal, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the next, and to exalt their stations through His Name amongst all peoples. Verily He is the Most High, the Most Glorious. Glory and praise be upon thee and upon them and upon every one steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Muhammad-ʿAli

BH00264: The Tablet of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting

Section 1: "A written Book sent down from God…"

He is the Protector over what was and what shall be.

A written Book sent down from God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is a Book through whose appearance the ocean and its waves have appeared, and from it is heard: "O concourse of creation! The Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a Cause that hath stunned the denizens of Sinai, with a sovereignty that hath shaken the followers of the Bayan, and with a power before which all

existence, both seen and unseen, hath bowed down. Through it the Sun hath shone forth with its lights and effulgences, and from it is heard in the final return: By God! The All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds with a power that the armies of the world and the hosts of the nations who violated the Covenant and the pledges could not withstand.' Say: This is the Day wherein the secrets of the earth and whatsoever lay hidden therein from God, the Mighty, the Loving, have been revealed.

It proclaimeth with the most exalted call: O concourse of names! Cast away what ye possess. He Who was treasured in knowledge and concealed from eyes and sight hath come. Fear God, O people; abandon the tributary and hasten to the River of Mercy which hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of the Promised Day. We have forbidden you wickedness and indecency, and have commanded you righteousness and piety. Take hold, O people, of that which ye have been commanded in My Preserved Tablet."'

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of love! There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send to Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. We have read it and found therein the fragrance of thy turning to God, the Sovereign of the dominion and the Kingdom. We have sent down for thee from the heaven of bounty that which will draw thee nigh unto the Supreme Horizon and will raise thee up through His Name amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. We beseech God to preserve thee through the hosts of the unseen and the seen, and to guard thee through His Name that dominateth over every witness and witnessed thing.

We have desired at this time to mention him whom thou didst mention, that he might find the fragrance of his Lord's loving-kindness and be among those on whom shall rest no fear, neither shall they grieve. O Hasan! Hearken unto the call that hath been raised from the Kingdom of bounty. Verily it draweth thee to the ultimate goal and will aid thee to spread the Cause of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, with wisdom and utterance, and will exalt thee through His Name. He, verily, is powerful over all things. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Loving. Forget not God's favor upon thee. He hath aided thee and made known to thee His extended path, and hath sent down for thee that through which the fragrances of revelation have wafted and eyes have been solaced. Take hold of the Book as a command from Us, detached from the world and clinging to the cord of God, the Lord of Hosts. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the horizon of manifestation and have not violated the Covenant and the pledges.

We have desired to make mention of him who has attained unto the days of his Lord and hearkened unto His call when it was raised amidst His creation—he who was named ʿAla'u'd-Din in My perspicuous Book. They who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament are indeed among those who occupy this exalted station. Take thou the chalice of My loving-kindness in My Name and drink therefrom in spite of every ignorant one who hath denied God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day wherein the Proof hath been sent down, the Salsabil hath flowed, and the path of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath been made manifest. Say: O people of the Bayan! Abandon that which ye possess.

The Cause of God hath come with a sovereignty before which all the books of the world have bowed down, as attesteth he who possesseth a perspicuous Book. On this Day no deed or mention from anyone

is acceptable save through this wise Remembrance, whom neither the veils of the peoples nor the glory of the world have deterred. He hath appeared and made manifest whatsoever He desired with a power before which the power of all who are in the heavens and on earth hath proved impotent. Beware lest ye follow your own desires. Follow Him Who guideth you and leadeth you to the Kawthar of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down unto me Thy verses and manifested unto me Thy clear tokens, and for having spoken before the faces of Thy servants and caused all things to speak forth Thy praise, except those who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who have denied Thy grace and who have disputed Thy signs. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy knowledge and by the gems treasured in the depositories of Thy protection, and by Thy binding command and Thy firm cord, to assist me in spreading Thy traces with the wisdom whose decree Thou hast sent down in Thy Books. Then ordain for me that which will make me strong through Thy strength and steadfast in the service of Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy bounty, seeking from the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, whom neither anything among all things nor the doubts of the divines have deterred from Thy straight Path and Thy mighty Announcement. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all worlds and the Object of them that are sincere.

We make mention of him who was named Fadlu'llah that he may rejoice and be of them that have attained. Verily grace, in its primary station and highest rank, is that which acquainteth people with the ways of God's good-pleasure, and in another station it is His confirmation which hath encompassed them that are nigh unto Him. We bear witness that His grace hath encompassed thee and aided thee until He drew thee nigh unto Him and adorned thee with the ornament of acceptance after the turning away of most men and women. He is, verily, the Protector of them that have turned unto Him. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and adorn them with that which hath been sent down for them at this time.

O My loved ones in the world! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. He will assist you in that which will cause your mention to endure and that which hath appeared from you in the Announcement of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Render thanks unto God for having named thee with grace and sent down for thee through grace that which nothing among all things can equal, as every discerning one doth testify. We counsel thee and them that have believed in that which will exalt them amongst the servants and adorn them with virtues whereby the hearts of those whom neither the glory of names nor the doubts of the heedless have deterred have been attracted.

Say: O Lord! Aid us in that which Thou lovest and pleaseth Thee, and ordain for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and preserve us from the hosts of the wrongdoers. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who is named Ibrahim, who heard and turned to God, the Lord of all men, that the utterance of the All-Merciful might draw him to the horizon of knowledge, from which has shone forth the sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of lords. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days, for having turned to My horizon and for having voiced My praise amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Let not the clamor of the oppressors dismay

thee. Cast aside all created things through the power of thy Lord and take hold of that which thou art commanded by the One Who is the Strong, the Ancient. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have denied His Manifestation and disputed His verses. Follow him who guideth you to the path of righteousness. Say: This is the Day of God, to this testify the Daysprings of Revelation and the Manifestations of inspiration. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them that thou mayest thank thy Lord and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all creation and King of the Kingdom of Names, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, for having sent down unto me Thy verses and shown forth unto me Thy clear tokens which none deny save every vicious infidel. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of earth and heaven!"

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hadi! We beseech God to adorn thee with the ornament of righteousness and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Rejoice that thy name hath flowed from My Pen, and that We have aided thee to recognize the Dayspring of My verses and guided thee to the most exalted station. Beware lest the doubts of the wayward hinder thee or the veils of those who have denied the Beginning and the End conceal thee. We have made mention of Our loved ones and adorned them with the ornament of My love, from whose horizon the lights have shone forth. We have commanded all to unity and concord in this Cause whereby the faces of the idolaters have been darkened and the faces of the righteous illumined. Say: O people of God! Be not disturbed by the world's vicissitudes. By My life! These shall pass away and ye shall behold what hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of all beings. Say: This is the Day on which the light of divine command hath shone forth from its horizon and the Lote-Tree hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Thus have We made mention of thee as a favor from Our presence, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Verily We have desired to make mention of him whom one of Our loved ones hath mentioned, who hath held fast to My cord and soared in My atmosphere. He hath been named Ali in the Book of Names by the command of God, the Sender of winds. O Ali! We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have beheld thy burning love for God, the Dayspring of lights. Blessed art thou for having made mention before the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall not cease as long as God, the Cleaver of daybreak, endureth. When thou hast drunk from the cup of My bounty and been seized by the attraction of My call, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy bounty, for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy knowledge, for having guided me to Thy attributes and for having attracted my heart through Thy most sweet call when it was raised from the most exalted horizon. I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested what Thou didst desire through Thy power which hath conquered all things and through Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven. O Lord! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee and attracted by Thy verses. I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which the winds have not preserved, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are

the reins of the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

Section 2: "O Kalb-Ali! Thy name hath been presented before…"

O Kalb-Ali! Thy name hath been presented before the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee with that which causeth rivers to flow. Wilt thou flow or remain still? Say:

Thou knowest, O my God, what I possess, and I know not what Thou possessest. Verily, Thou art the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing. I beseech Thee by Thy signs which have illumined the horizons, by the lights of Thy countenance through which the lights have appeared, by Thy name the All-Knowing, and by Thy name through which Thou hast subdued the lands and the hearts of Thy servants, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. By Thy sovereignty do all created things testify, and by Thy power do all possible things bear witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O ʿAli, when thou dost inhale the sweet fragrances of My verses, turn thy heart toward My prison and say:

My God, my God, my Goal and my King! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Prison, by Thy Most Strong Fortress, by Thy standing and sitting therein, by Thy movement and stillness, by Thy sighs and tears, by Thy signs and mysteries, by Thy handiwork, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, and by Thy remembrance through which the trees have spoken, to strengthen me to be steadfast in Thy love and to hold fast to Thy cord. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned with my whole being unto Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones, who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty and have hastened to the place of sacrifice, yearning to meet Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, Whose bounty all created things acknowledge, Whose generosity all beings confess, and Whose power all who dwell in earth and heaven testify. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent in both beginning and return.

O Master craftsman ʿAli! Verily, the Lord of creation mentioneth thee among His servants with verses that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the doubts of the ungodly can prevent. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and this great favor. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Blessed is the heart that hath this day turned, detached from the people, unto Our Self-Subsisting Name, Who was foretold by the Qa'im aforetime. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in this station as a grace from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor let the power of those who have denied the Faithful Spirit weaken thee—He Who circleth round the Kaaba of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Wise.

O people of God! Take My Book with a power that the might of the oppressors cannot prevent, then read it with joy and fragrance. It will draw you to the horizon of Revelation in this Day which was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. In Our tribulations We have remembered Our loved

ones. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Cast aside the idle fancies of men, then turn to the light of certitude in this brilliant dawn. Thus have We taught thee and revealed unto thee that whereby the hearts of the mystics are attracted.

O ʿAli-Asghar! The Wronged One remembereth thee and those who have believed with a remembrance whereby all things have been attracted. When thou seest and hearest, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Day of Resurrection, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that whereby my remembrance shall endure among all remembrances and my name among all names. Verily, Thou art the Praised One in Thy deeds and the Obeyed One in Thy command. Should Thou decree extinction to be permanence, or darkness to be light, none hath the right to say why' or wherefore', and whoso saith so hath turned away from God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

Blessed is he who hath discerned and witnessed, and blessed is he who hath heard the Call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He Whom ye were promised in the past hath come, and that which was hidden in the treasury of God's protection, the Almighty, the Powerful, hath been made manifest. Rejoice, O people, and follow not every remote oppressor. Know then that the oppressor is he who hath prevented the servants from clinging to the hem of God, the Most Pure. We testify that the divines of Iran have prevented the people from drawing nigh unto the All-Informed One. When the Truth was made manifest, they turned away from Him and opposed Him until they pronounced sentence of death upon His most pure, most holy, and most luminous blood. Through their turning away, the rulers of the earth turned away—to this every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. We beseech God to adorn them with justice and fair-mindedness and to aid them in that which beseemeth His days. Verily, He is the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Great.

O Husayn! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee with clear remembrance. Whenever mention hath flowed from My Pen, the remembrances of the world and the scriptures of the nations have bowed down before it. To this doth God's Book testify, which speaketh in this noble station. The Wronged One hath desired naught save the reformation of the world and the exaltation of the stations of the nations. To this doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto them that slumber. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down unto me that which hath illumined my heart and adorned my temple. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of all things great and small.

The Will of God hath desired to make mention of him who was named Mihdi aforetime, that it might attract his eyes to the Light shining from the horizon of Revelation, his ears to the Source of the Call which God hath made the sanctuary of the Concourse on High, his hands to the heaven of bounty, and his heart to the Dayspring of his Lord's verses, the Almighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, whereby the tribes of the earth were seized with trembling and the limbs of those who denied God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, were made to quake. Blessed is he who aided My Cause through My utterance, and joy be unto him who hath conveyed unto the servants that

which hath flowed from My Pen, and happy is he who hath drunk the choice wine of My proof from the hand of My bounty. He is indeed among those who are near unto Me in My preserved Tablet. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having aided me in a Cause from which most of Thy creatures have been held back. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the attraction of Thy Beloved One when He heard the call of meeting with Thee, and by the Spirit who arose to aid Thy Cause and upon whom the Jews inflicted that which caused the Daysprings of Revelation to lament, and by the Herald who sacrificed His spirit to exalt Thy Word and manifest Thy power, to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that none on earth may prevent me. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One remembereth thee and counselleth thee to fear God, the Lord of the worlds. We have made trustworthiness a crown for the heads of Our servants and godliness a robe for the temples of Our loved ones. Blessed is he who hath taken God's counsel, and woe unto them that turn away. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned toward Him whilst the people were in manifest loss. He hath prospered who hath turned unto Him, and he hath lost who hath turned away—to this doth the Tongue of God, the True Sovereign, the Just, the Manifest, bear witness. When thou hearest My call, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and guided me to the horizon of Thy Revelation, through whose light earth and heaven were made to shine. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by Thy Most Great Name, to protect me from the evil of the barking ones who have denied the proof of God and His evidence, and disbelieved in His signs and in that which hath appeared from Him. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent One Whom nothing can weaken and no affair can frustrate. There is no God but Thee, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, by Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all things small and great.

O Hasan! Hearken unto My call, for verily it draweth thee to My Kingdom, preserveth thee from Mine enemies, and aideth thee through My hosts. Blessed is the servant who hath on this day attained unto hearing it, who hath been honored by its traces, and who hath spoken forth its beauteous praise. O Hasan! Take hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Him and be not of the fearful ones. Verily He is with thee, witnessing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed are the days that have won the victory of His day, and blessed is the servant who hath turned toward His horizon; and woe unto every heedless and remote one. When thou hast attained unto the verses of thy Lord, render thanks and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Tree of Thy knowledge, and by the ocean that surgeth through Thy Name, and by the light that shineth before Thee, that Thou assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me directing myself toward Thy most exalted station, gazing toward Thy most glorious horizon, and holding fast to Thy firm handle. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy creatures and the near ones among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Hakim! Where is thy theriac and where is thine elixir? Canst thou cure the malady of self and passion? Canst thou still the fire of rancor and hatred? We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to teach thee that whereby the fire of tyranny and wickedness in the world of creation may be stilled. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wise command. O Hakim! O Aqa Baba! The disease of hypocrisy hath prevented the servants from unity. Hast thou any medicine to cure this chronic disease which hath kept the servants from love and unity, from rest and fellowship? Say:

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the joy of that servant among Thy servants who perceived the fragrance of the garment of Thy Command's Joseph, that Thou purify the servants from the maladies that have prevented them from turning unto the lights of Thy countenance and drawing nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy presence. Verily Thou art He of Whose power and sovereignty the Books have testified, and of Whose grandeur and might the Scrolls have borne witness. There is no God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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Section 1: "God beareth witness that there is none other…"

In the Name of God, transcendent is His Glory in bounty and grace!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh before the faces of the world is verily the Hidden Treasure, the Preserved Tablet, and the Concealed Command. Through Him have the rivers of inner meanings and utterance flowed throughout creation, and the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged amidst religions. Through Him hath the breeze wafted and the Word proclaimed:

> "O concourse of princes and kings! The Possessor hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting! O manifestations of knowledge! He Who is known hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered what was and what shall be!"

O Amin! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Praise be to God, thou hast been enabled to serve the Cause of God from the earliest days until now, holding fast to the firm cord and turning unto the manifest light. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to thy steadfastness, turning unto God, acceptance, and service. Well is it with thee! We beseech God to open through thee the gates of trustworthiness among all creatures. Thy journey to the land of Kha was prompted by the request of him who hath passed away and ascended, and what he desired hath not yet come to pass. The one who truly arose to serve the Cause and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance in the Most Holy Court was serving both the Cause, upon it be My glory, and thyself—that is, in these ranks and stations.

Otherwise, praise be to God, all have attained to what God hath sent down in the Book. Truly have the people of Baha performed that which hath no likeness or equal. O Amin! Reflect upon the lovers in all regions who, with perfect submission and contentment, have sacrificed their souls—the most exalted and precious of all things—for the One True Beloved. Likewise those who, through divine power and heavenly training, have engaged in purifying the souls of the earth. Neither the assaults of vice and depravity deterred them from righteousness and godliness, nor did the swords of oppression and tyranny deprive them. Glorified be their Creator, glorified be their Source, and glorified be their Sovereign!

Mention was made of the late Himmat-ʿAli Khan. Verily We mentioned him before his passing and after his ascension with verses whose fragrance, traces, and fruits shall never vanish from the earth. We mention him again at this hour. Verily thy Lord loveth His friends. He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

The resplendent, brilliant Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance be upon thee, O thou who hast turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when most of mankind turned away from it, and who hast answered thy Lord when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and who hast acknowledged His Manifestation and sovereignty when the sources of tyranny and wickedness denied Him. I testify that thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful, and the Kawthar of eternity from the hands of bestowal. At this moment We have heard the call of all things, crying out and saying:

> "Blessed art thou, O Himmat! We bear witness that thou hast heard the sweet call of God and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the prison of Akka. We testify that thou hast cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings, and hast taken with thy right hand My sealed nectar and drunk thereof once in My remembrance and again in My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thou hast turned with thy heart to the horizon of the Manifestation in such wise that neither the might of the wicked ones nor the oppression of the evil ones who denied God's truth and His Manifestation, and His signs and His sovereignty, could deter thee."

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause thee to enter the Most Exalted Paradise and to make thee a companion of His chosen ones and His loved ones, and to send down upon thee at all times mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self and loving-kindness from His side. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, to Whose bounty all created things have testified, and the All-Generous, Whose generosity all contingent beings have acknowledged. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiver of sins, and the Sovereign over the seen and the unseen.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Support! I beseech Thee by him and by his steadfastness in Thy Cause, and by the lights of the sun of his knowledge in Thy days, to forgive those who have visited Thy loved ones and stood before their tombs and recited what Thou didst reveal from Thy Most Exalted Pen in their remembrance and praise. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. O my Lord! Ordain for them that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, then fulfill their needs through Thy grace and munificence. Verily, Thou art the All-Bestowing, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Amin! Upon thee be My glory! Convey My greetings to his son on behalf of the Wronged One. Say:

> "Blessed art thou, O Murad, in that He Who is the Desire of all who are in the heavens and the earth hath turned toward thee. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Be content in all circumstances of destiny. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth. I testify, and all created things testify, that He is the One praised in His command and obeyed in His judgment."

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

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the ocean of Thy bounty and the path of Thy Cause, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I hold fast to the cord of Thy grace. Ordain for me from Thy Most Glorious Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of earth and heaven, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Powerful."

O Amin! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. I testify that thou hast arisen to serve the Cause and hast performed that which hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee a great reward in the Book. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Mention hath been made of him who standeth in service to the Cause—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Thou hast spoken with truth and sincerity. Praise be to God, he is at all times engaged in service. In truth, he is a success for the servants of the All-Bountiful. Soon shall the tongues of the world speak his praise and glorification. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His honor, the Name of Beauty, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, has previously submitted that the sum of twenty tumans is with him for the Huquq. We therefore instructed that it be given to two handmaidens of God, but before Our instruction arrived it seems they had given it to you, or the Trustee had not issued payment from previous funds, and We shall not issue it. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the Wise. And he too has committed no fault in this matter. Say: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness and righteousness. These two are companions unto thee, and two guardians unto thee, and by God's leave, two protectors unto thee. The Trustee has ever mentioned thee and thou art the recipient of special favors.

Section 2: "The letter of His honor Habibu'llah, upon him…"

The letter of His honor Habibu'llah, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, reached the Most Holy Court. We read it, that is to say, observed it with the tongue of grandeur, that is to say, with the glance of favor. O Love! The gaze of favor is turned toward thee. Some time ago, a petition from My Name Beauty reached the Most Holy Court, and in that petition he expressed satisfaction with thee and thy mother. In truth these two expressions of satisfaction are as two crowns upon your two heads and two ornaments for your two temples, for the Name of God has arisen to serve the divine Cause and is occupied with praise and glorification, and deeds performed for the sake of God are illumined with the light of acceptance and perfumed with the fragrance of divine good-pleasure. O Habibu'llah! In these days, due to the lack of capacity of the servants and their occupation with unseemly matters, the station of thy father, that is, My Name Beauty, remains concealed. God will soon reveal that which He desireth and that which was hidden from the eyes of the servants. Verily He loveth the doers of good and His detached servants.

Thy petition reached Our presence, and from each letter thereof devotion and attraction were evident and manifest. Grieve not over the events of the world. We beseech God to open before thy face the gates of His mercy, His loving-kindness and His bounty. Verily thy Lord loveth His loved ones and hath ordained

for them from His Most Exalted Pen in His earliest days that which the world and all that is therein cannot equal. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to write for thee that which will exalt thee through His Name amongst His creation. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And regarding thy intention to engage in the occupation thou mentioned—although from the divine perspective, any occupation thou engage in is beloved, yet if thou findest a better one, it would be higher and more beloved in the sight of God. Place thy trust in all matters upon Him and commit them to Him. Verily He is with His trusting servants.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to thy mother. Say: Within the divine palace itself thou hast rendered steadfast service. If thou knew its station, thou wouldst be content with God, nay, throughout thy life thou wouldst be occupied with "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds."

O Amin! The glance of grace and mercy is turned towards thee. God willing, thou shalt follow the Truth in all conditions—that is to say, thou shalt deal and associate with His creation according to His nature, His disposition, and His grace. Divine success and confirmation have been ordained for thee both before and after. Engage in service with complete assurance. Thy precedence in divine services and thy zeal in matters concerning His loved ones have been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Be thou confident and among those who are firmly established. We beseech God to confirm His servants that they may assist thee for His sake, and recognize and understand thy station. We hope that each day thou wilt attain to that which is the cause of the greatest joy for humanity. Verily, We have mentioned thee, before and after, in such wise as all the books of the world cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, Who uttereth in every state that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Amin! Those souls who are engaged in teaching the Cause need attention, for unless the heart is detached, words have no effect. Every being needs sustenance, therefore thou must give attention according to thy capacity. Verily, thy Lord's mercy hath preceded all things and encompassed all things. Should Ibn-i-Abhar undertake one journey to the land of Ta and its surrounding regions, this would be acceptable and adorned with the ornament of God's good-pleasure. In no place should he tarry longer than the number of the Greatest Name, unless circumstances require it—that is, unless seekers are found. However, the means of travel should be gathered in moderation, and the fragrance of detachment should waft therefrom. This fragrance is the cause of the world's acceptance and the peoples' attraction. In the days of the Manifestation, assured, content, and well-pleasing souls through their detachment have attracted the people of creation and guided them to the straight path.

Today is a blessed day, and its station with God transcends the comprehension of those who comprehend. Detached souls must hold fast to wisdom, which is the cause of acceptance, and through utterance take possession of the cities of hearts. These are the cupbearers of the divine Kawthar and Salsabil. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. In all matters thou must hold fast to kindliness, mercy and compassion, although through God's grace thou hast been and art so characterized. Such mentions are due to the manifestation of care and favors. God willing, may the True One, exalted be His glory, assist thee every day. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Amin! His honor Aqa Muhammad, known as Hannasab, dwelleth beneath the blessed Tree and is engaged in service. He hath submitted a detailed account regarding matters concerning his daughter, and the wife of the King of Martyrs, upon them both be God's care and favors, hath testified in the presence of the wife, confirming what Aqa Muhammad hath stated. In any case, thou art now the Trustee and likewise engaged in serving the Cause. Investigate these matters with justice and fairness for the sake of God, and implement whatever conformeth with justice and fairness. This matter is essential. We beseech God to assist and enable you both to set right the affairs of the world. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We sent forth His Honor Afnan Ali, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, to the City of Love for the sale of properties and payment of the known debt, even appointing a deputy for the auction of a house which was in this land along with the aforementioned land. In truth, all must arise to set matters aright with attention to service, and exert mighty effort and endeavor. The Cause of God is mighty and will soon encompass the world. Blessed is the one whom neither vain imaginings nor doubts prevented from the will of the Self-Subsisting Lord, and whom neither the calumnies of the world nor the suspicions of the peoples held back from drawing nigh.

O Amin! Say: My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison in such wise as shall endure throughout the eternity of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion, and for having aided me to arise to serve Thy Cause, and honored me with hearkening unto Thy call and beholding Thy horizon before the throne of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who openest the doors and aideth the loved ones, by Thy Most Bountiful Name, to assist them who have turned towards Thee to do that which befitteth Thy sovereignty and beseemeth Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

We have repeatedly remembered the loved ones. Give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, illumine them with the light of My knowledge, and remind them of My verses which have encompassed the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00452: The Tablet hath been revealed, and from its horizon…

Section 1: "The Tablet hath been revealed, and from its…"

He is the Hearing, the Answering One! He is the All-Powerful, the All-Wise!

The Tablet hath been revealed, and from its horizon the Sun of grace and bounty hath shone forth, a favor from God, the Lord of all mankind. The Kawthar of utterance hath flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful—among the people are those who hastened, took, and drank thereof, and among them are those who turned away and were numbered with the idolaters. The verses have been sent down and the clear proofs have appeared, yet most of the people are in manifest error.

O Zayn! Observe, then mention those who have denied in the land of Sad, having followed the source of vain imaginings instead of God, the Lord of all worlds. They have taken the misleader as their guide—verily they are among the abased ones. They clung to their own desires, turning away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. These are they who secluded themselves with names and committed that

which caused the dwellers of the Most Great House to lament. Verily, they are recorded among the deniers in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Say: By God! Neither the misleader nor any besides him, nor what the people possess will profit you, except through this Book which speaketh before the faces of the world and showeth them the straight and manifest path of God.

O people of Sad! Be fair for God's sake! If ye deny this Most Great Cause and the Mighty Announcement, by what proof do ye establish your faith in God, the One, the All-Informed? By what evidence did ye believe in the Primal Point, and before Him in Muhammad the Messenger of God, and before Him in the Spirit, and before Him in Him Who spoke with God? Beware lest vain imaginings keep you from the Lord of all beings. Cast away the whisperings of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Observe, then mention him who uttereth that which melteth the hearts of those near unto God. He said that He hath stolen the verses of the Bayan and revealed them in His Name—whereby the tears of the sincere ones were shed. Say: O heedless one! Present thyself before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison, that thou mayest witness the light of utterance dawning from this luminous horizon. Come into the presence of His countenance, then ask whatsoever thou desirest, that thou mayest behold what thou hast neglected in following the conjectures of the heedless ones, and be assured that the ocean surgeth by itself and for itself, that the light shineth by its own essence unto its own essence, and that the verses are revealed by God's leave, the Most High, the Most Great.

I adjure you by God to present yourselves before the Wronged One with pure intention for the sake of God, your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. By God's life! When the verses are revealed, the angels and the Spirit descend to hearken unto the call of God, the Goal of the mystics. This is He Whom God hath made the point of adoration for all who dwell in the highest Paradise, were ye of the fair-minded.

O Zayn! Say: O Hadi! Present thyself for God's sake that thou mayest witness with thine own eyes the waves of the divine ocean of utterance and observe with thine own sight the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. In these days one can distinguish between truth and falsehood, but after the ascension the helpless people will be afflicted like the previous party. Say: O people of Sad! I speak for the sake of God and beseech you to present yourselves before the one whom ye have taken as the Truth, and likewise before the face of the Wronged One, that the truth may be made manifest unto you and that ye may not be of those who proclaimed "God is our Lord!" yet when He appeared from the dawning-place of His Revelation and the dayspring of His verses, they slew Him with such injustice as caused every Prophet and every trusted Messenger to cry out.

O people of Sad! The pearls of wisdom and utterance that have appeared from the treasury of the Supreme Pen are distinguished like the sun from all else. Beware lest ye veil them with the clouds of your imaginations. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. By God's life! He who hath prevented you from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Ocean stood indeed before the Face and served his Lord. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the All-Uttering, the All-Knowing. One among the people led him astray until he desired to slay Me. When that which was

hidden in his breast was made manifest, he cried out within himself. To this bear witness those servants who were with Us when We migrated from Iraq in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Beseech God to assist His servants that they may recognize the truth from all else and attain unto that for which they were created. With utmost humility and supplication We make mention and beseech God to manifest His Cause through souls that are assured, content, well-pleased and fair-minded, and to purify hearts from doubt and uncertainty with the Kawthar of utterance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Lord of the Throne and earth.

O Zayn! We make mention at this time of him who was named Hasan, brother of him who migrated and attained. O Hasan! When thou hearest the call from the direction of Akka and drinkest the choice wine of revelation from the cup of bounty, say:

> "My God, my God! Unto Thee be glory and praise, and within Thy grasp lies the kingdom of eternity. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou hast given me to drink of the choice wine of recognition and guided me to the Dayspring of proof. I beseech Thee by the signs of Thy greatness in the heaven of Thy might and the lights of Thy countenance in the kingdom of Thy grace, to make me in all conditions content, praising and thankful for the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The Mother Book hath appeared yet the people perceive not, and the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet most of the people understand not. Their desires have prevented them from the horizon of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His inaccessible station.

O Asadu'llah! Hear the call raised from the Supreme Horizon and say:

> "Here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, O Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation and Thy power, and by Thy Mount and Thy Call, to make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me by the Pen of Thy decree. Then write down for me what Thou hast written for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty."

O Rida! Through the heedlessness of the negligent and the wickedness of the aggressors, the place of the Wronged One has become the prison of Akka. How far is the land of Ta from Akka! Divine love hath attracted and continueth to attract, and He preferreth exile to homeland. How excellent is this most exalted station and this most glorious rank! Blessed are they that attain.

Section 2: "O Mahmud! We have been with thee…"

O Mahmud! We have been with thee in all conditions. The Supreme Pen hath testified that thou hast believed in God and His verses, and remembered Him when creation was silent in His remembrance, and

turned to Him when the people were turning away from Him. We beseech God to assist thee in preserving His Cause and in protecting what is in thy heart from every thief and every obstinate traitor.

O Ali! The divine call is raised at every moment, yet the people are heedless of it. The world is adorned with the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, yet the servants are heedless and veiled. Blessed art thou and thy brother and whosoever hath held fast to the cord of God, the Strong.

O Rida! The misleader Dawlat-Abadi has again become a Shi'ih and, like the ignorant ones of Iran, has exerted and continues to exert mighty efforts to lead people astray. Say: Present thyself and ask what thou desirest, that thou mayest hear the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Love of leadership hath seized him and debarred him from the path of God, the Lord of all existence.

O Abdullah! Remember the days when thou wert present before the Wronged One, when thou didst behold His horizon and hear His call. Blessed art thou for having turned in His days to His prison and heard that for which most of mankind died in regret. To this testifieth this sealed Book which hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Muhammad! They called the Seal of the Prophets a liar, Moses a sorcerer, and the Spirit (Christ) an infidel. And they have reviled and continue to revile the Primal Point from all pulpits and mosques of Iran. Dawlat-Abadi hath newly raised the standard of hypocrisy, busying himself with the building of Jabulqa and Jabulsa. Say: Shame upon thee, O thou rejected one! Blessed art thou for having cast away the people and taken the choice wine and drunk thereof in the name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Haydar! the ungodly have said that the Lord of mankind hath taken from the verses of the Primal Point and sent them abroad. Say: O people! For the sake of God, reflect! That which hath streamed forth and been revealed from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen is like the sun, distinct from all else. Be fair, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy wife. Give her glad tidings from the Wronged One and remind her of thy Lord's verses.

O Hasan-Ali! Say: O Dawlat-Abadi, fear God! The waves of the ocean are His own, and the effulgences of the sun are from His very Self. The Tree hath appeared with countless fruits and the Light shineth with manifest splendor. Present thyself before the Face that thou mayest hear the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily they descend in truth from the heaven of God's Will, the Mighty, the Wise. O Hasan-Ali! Spring is a time of lamentation. By God's life! The hearts of those near unto God have melted from the oppression of the ungodly. A few transgressors who betrayed the chastity of the Point have become leaders and feel no shame. And this Wronged One, Who with conquering power and manifest might arose before all faces and with the hand of might raised high the Cause—Him they count not among the faithful. By God's life! Noah lamenteth, the Spirit crieth out, and the Primal Point exclaimeth "Woe is me!" Thus have We revealed unto thee that which causeth the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven to weep, that thou mayest know those who have violated God's covenant and His testament, and mayest be of those possessed of clear certainty.

O Rahim! Divine mercy descendeth at all times. Indeed, were true mercy, upon which the existence of contingent things dependeth, to be withheld for a moment, all would perish and be reduced to

nothingness. Today the gate of bounty is opened wide, the ocean of loving-kindness is surging, and the light of grace is shining bright. Blessed is the one who, detached from the world, hath held fast to the cord of love for the Most Great Name. Such a one is the horseman in the arena of sanctity and detachment. Upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation. Praise be to God! He hath aided thee to turn and draw nigh, and hath adorned thee with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

O Nurullah! Praise the Lord of Eternity Who hath enabled thee to attain unto His days and guided thee to the straight path from which most of the world's people are debarred. His bounty took thy hand, and His grace delivered thee from the clay of idle fancies. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined me with the lights of the Orb of Thy bounty and for having sent down unto me that which hath drawn me nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness. O Lord! Adorn my temple with the robe of righteousness and my head with the crown of detachment. Thou, verily, art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Pen! Make mention of My handmaiden who hath been named Shahrbanu in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O My handmaiden! Thou hast attained unto the most great favor, which is the knowledge of God, glorified be His majesty. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and this great mercy. Then make mention of My handmaiden, the wife of Rida, who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion. Blessed art thou, O My leaf! We bear witness that thou hast attained unto that which most of the women of the world have been denied. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Hasan! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee from His Most Great Prison. Thou art he who hath attained unto tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all mankind, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. We have mentioned thee before in such wise as caused the Concourse on High to be attracted, and at this manifest time.

O daughter of Rida! Hearken unto the call of God. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. He maketh mention of every servant who hath believed in Him and His verses, and every handmaiden who hath turned towards God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O wife of Isma'il! We have dispatched the hosts of Divine lovers to the place of sacrifice. They hastened until they offered up their spirits in the path of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thus have We manifested power between the righteous and the wicked. Blessed are they that have attained, and woe unto them that have turned away.

BH00493: The epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

The epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of proof

A Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto all who are in the realm of possibility, that the utterance may draw them to the horizon from which the Luminary of Manifestation hath shone forth in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. O concourse of the Furqan! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful from the Mount of Knowledge. Verily it draweth you nigh unto Him and guideth you unto His straight path. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great favor. Cast away what the people possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily He hath appeared and revealed what He willed as a token of His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O people of the earth! Hear the call from the precincts of Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree raised up in truth: Verily there is none other God but He, the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. The Kawthar of immortality hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Approach with radiant faces, then drink therefrom and be not of the heedless. Beware lest the doubts of your own selves withhold you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Take the chalice of salvation in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, then drink thereof by the command of One Who is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. By God! The Day is come and the people are in strange drunkenness. They have forsaken their God in that they have followed their desires. They are indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. The ocean of utterance hath surged in the realm of possibility and the fragrances of revelation have been wafted among all religions. Blessed is he who hath found and turned unto it, and woe unto them that have turned away.

O My Pen! Turn thy face toward him who hath been named Muhammad and remind him of My verses and illumine him with the lights of My Kingdom and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. O Muhammad! The Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee once again that thou mayest inhale the fragrances of revelation and be among the thankful. We have mentioned thee before with a remembrance through which the fragrance of utterance hath been diffused throughout all possibility and the nightingales of proof have warbled upon the branches. Verily there is none other God but He, the Single One, the All-Informed.

Say: O My loved ones in Manshad! By the True One, the gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come with a power that no earthly might can weaken and with an authority that no clamor of the nations can daunt. He hath stood before all faces and proclaimed in loudest voice:

> “O concourse of creation! The Self-Subsisting hath come with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless to stand. Beware lest the tempests of denial or the storms of hesitation move you. This is what ye were commanded aforetime and in this hour. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every doubting denier. Joy be unto him who hath gone forth from the horizon of the House, speaking of this Most Great Name and bearing glad tidings of this mighty News.”

Say: O people of God! Beware lest ye be like those who fear men as they should fear God, and beware lest the veils of the transgressors, who have cast the covenant of God behind their backs and clung to the promptings of the Evil Ones, prevent you. Say: O concourse of divines! Be fair, by God, and reject not the truth through what ye possess. Read what We have sent down in truth—it will assist you and draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Great. Observe and remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God,

came, the people denied Him and spoke concerning Him that which caused the Spirit to lament in His most exalted station and the Faithful Spirit to cry out. Then consider what befell God's Messengers and His Emissaries aforetime at the hands of the wrongdoers. We mention you for the sake of God and remind you of His signs and give you glad tidings of what hath been ordained in the highest Paradise and the sublime Heaven for those who draw nigh—and I am the All-Knowing Herald.

He hath come for your salvation and hath borne hardships that ye might ascend the ladder of utterance to the summit of knowledge. To this testifieth He with Whom is a wondrous Book. Read what hath been sent down with justice and fairness—it will exalt you in truth and show you what ye were prevented from, and give you to drink of His luminous wine. Thus hath the ocean surged and the fragrance wafted. Blessed is he who hath found and seen, and away with every remote knower. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance be upon thee and upon those who have believed in the All-Merciful and acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the mention of all created things: Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Chosen One.

We have turned from the eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue that all might understand what hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The first commandment hath been and is the knowledge of God, and after that steadfastness in His Cause. This steadfastness is not attained except through knowledge. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the Kawthar of the Merciful's utterance and attained unto that which was the purpose of creation. The knowledge of God, in its primary station and first rank, is bound up with and dependent upon the blessed word "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth." Whosoever attaineth unto the recognition of this exalted word shall find himself seated upon the throne of certitude, and no matter or word shall cause him to slip or be disturbed. It behooveth him to utter these sublime words: "O my Lord, the All-Merciful, the One Who prevaileth over all contingent beings! I testify that Thou art praiseworthy in Thy deeds and obeyed in Thy command." Blessed are those servants who have held fast to these exalted words and drunk from the ocean of meanings that lie hidden therein.

The honored Siyyid Taqi, glory be upon him, appeared before the Wronged One with thy letter. We heard thy call and made mention of thee with a mention whose fragrance shall endure as long as the divine Kingdom endures. In all conditions We have counseled the servants to trustworthiness and religious devotion. In truth, the hosts that assist this Most Great Cause have been and are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed are they who, through these hosts, open the cities of hearts in the name of the True One, exalted be His glory.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! Verses have been sent down in such wise that none can reckon their number. Ask thou the True One to aid the servants to recite that which hath been revealed and to meditate upon that which hath become manifest. That which was previously sent for the manifestations of justice and fairness is most beneficial, and in the alteration of the party's verses are signs for the discerning and evidences for the knowing ones. We altered it in wisdom from Our presence. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

May God assist Mulla Ali-Akbar in attaining recognition. Should he observe the Book of Certitude, he will surely find his way to the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God to attract him through His verses, draw him near through His sovereignty, and aid him through His grace. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Mention hath been made of Mirza Nasru'llah and others. We have remembered him and do remember him that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O Nasru'llah! Thy father took hold of the Book of God with power from Him and made mention of Him until he gave up his spirit in His path. By the life of God! A station hath been ordained for him whose description the pens of the chroniclers are powerless to render. We beseech God to assist thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the foundations of the transgressors have been shaken.

O Abdullah! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. We have mentioned thee with a mention from which wafteth the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of creation. We counsel thee and those who have believed to wisdom and utterance. Thus hath God ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets. Glorify the name of thy Lord and turn not unto those who have denied My Most Exalted Word and the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen. These, verily, are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. Preserve what hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, then recite it at eventide and at dawn.

O Abdul-Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison when sorrows have surrounded Him from all sides. By God! The happenings of the world do not prevent Him, nor doth the might of nations hinder Him. He speaketh before the faces of princes and divines that which He hath been commanded by God, the Lord of all men. The swords did not frighten Him, nor did the ranks prevent Him. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, a command from God, Who causeth the rivers to flow. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast to My Book, the eye that hath beheld My traces, and the ear that hath heard My call when it was raised in truth from this station which God hath made the most exalted of stations.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and remind them of God's verses and evidences. Strive that perchance thou mayest open the doors of hearts with the key of the remembrance of the True One, exalted be His glory, and preserve them from previous delusions. Those souls, both men and women, who have drunk of the sealed wine have ever been mentioned before His countenance. We beseech God to keep all steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Within His grasp is the dominion of all who are in the earth and the heavens.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the One, the Single. Remember on My behalf him who is named Husayn, who turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, attained the presence of God, and heard the call of the All-Merciful while in the midst of the ignorant. Say: O Husayn! Beware lest the doubts of the world hold thee back. Stand firm in the Cause with such steadfastness that the thorns of those who have turned away from God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears, cannot make thee slip. Remember those days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, the Generous. Preserve this most exalted station and that which He commanded thee in His presence. Verily thy Lord is He Who speaketh the truth before all faces. Nothing

whatsoever hath deterred Him, nor the opposition of the deceivers. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance from My verses, say:

My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having guided me in Thy days, honored me with Thy presence, and enabled me to stand before Thy gate. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy verses and the Manifestations of Thy clear tokens, and by the Hands of Thy Cause who have arisen to serve Thee and have voiced Thy praise among Thy servants and have proclaimed Thy Cause and have traversed the lands in remembrance and praise of Thee. Thou art indeed the Almighty Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou hast manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy power and might. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a token of His grace, that he might praise his Lord and be of the thankful ones. O Muhammad! Convey My glorification unto his face, then recite unto him that which hath flowed forth from the ocean of My all-encompassing knowledge. Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those whom neither the clamor of the people nor the might of princes hath weakened, and whom the rancor of the divines who have broken God's covenant and His testament hath not frightened, and who have done that by reason of which every possessor of vision and hearing and knowledge who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, hath lamented.

He is the One Who judgeth with truth.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My Glory! Read thou this blessed tablet that thou mayest drink from the hidden oceans within the divine words and soar with the wings of inner meanings in the holy atmosphere of the Eternal. After reading and becoming aware of it, deliver it to Muhammad—upon him be My Glory—in Manshad, that he may consider it and become informed and hearken unto the call of the Wronged One with the ear of his heart. By the life of God! This call giveth life, nay rather, transformeth the body into spirit. The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. O Muhammad! Verily He is praised in His deed and obeyed in His command, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH00514: Praise be to God Who hath manifested and revealed…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested and revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from eyes and vision. Glorified be He Who hath caused all things to speak His praise and glorification, and Who hath summoned all to the Most Exalted Horizon wherefrom the call hath been raised:

> "The Kingdom and the Dominion, the Majesty and the Power belong unto God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Unconstrained!"

O peoples of the earth! By God, the Day hath come, yet the people remain in doubt and conflict. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies. This is the

Day whereon He Who conversed with God hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, and the Herald hath cried out from the right hand of the luminous Spot:

> "God, there is none other God but Him. His are the grace and bounty, the remembrance and the glory. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Single One, the One, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Thy letter hath reached the Wronged One and hath been honored to be seen and heard. We have detected therefrom the fragrance of humility, submissiveness, and devotion to God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifester of clear proofs. We have sent down for thee from the heaven of utterance that which hath enraptured the hearts of the righteous. Say: O concourse of men! By God, the Greatest Scene hath been adorned through the appearance of the Lord of Destiny, and the Dove of Knowledge hath warbled upon the highest branches. Rejoice, O peoples of the worlds, for the Promise hath appeared and the Promised One speaketh before all faces with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We make mention at this hour of thy father who hath ascended to the station God ordained for him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, by the ocean of His forgiveness, the heaven of His grace, and the sun of His mercy which hath preceded all created things, to send down upon him a heavenly feast and a blessing from His presence, and to cause him to enter the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have purified him at the time of his ascension from the world's defilement and forgiven him through Our grace, for We are the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance! This is the Day of God, the Cause is God's Cause, and the Revelation is God's Revelation, the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in the most exalted station. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and speak forth the praise of God, the Lord of lords. He shall reinforce thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and shall manifest through thee that which shall cause all to cry out with the loudest voice:

> "O peoples of earth and heaven! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with power and sovereignty!"

Beware lest your desires prevent you, or the hosts of earth frighten you, or the ranks of the wicked weaken you. We have borne all hardships and tribulations in this Cause, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled and the hearts of every heedless doubter have been disturbed. Take the reins of affairs in the name of thy Lord, then speak that whereby every silent one shall speak, every still one shall move, and every prostrate one shall arise, by the command of God, the Lord of all directions.

Say: This is the Day whereof the Apostle of God gave glad-tidings, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him He Who conversed with God, and before them the Messengers of God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord Who hath come from the heaven of proof with the standards of wisdom and utterance. We have desired at this time to change the eloquent language into the luminous language, by the command of God, the Lord of creation.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness. All the divine Books, both of the past and of the future, proclaim and herald this Most Mighty, Most Holy Revelation. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. In truth I say, great is this Day. In the Tablet of the world, this exalted Word was revealed:

> "The Most Great News proclaimeth: O people of Persia! Ye have been the dawning-places of mercy and the daysprings of compassion and love. The realms of existence have been illumined and adorned with the light of your knowledge and wisdom. How is it that ye have arisen to destroy yourselves and your friends with your own hands?"

O Afnan and My loved ones! Upon you be My Glory and My Loving-kindness. The tabernacle of the Cause of God is mighty. It hath encompassed and will continue to encompass all the peoples of the world. Your day is now, and a thousand tablets bear witness. Arise to help His Cause and busy yourselves in conquering the hearts and souls of the peoples of the world through the hosts of utterance. From you must appear that which will ensure the comfort and tranquility of the downtrodden. Gird up the loins of endeavor, that perchance the servants may be freed from bondage and attain unto liberty. Today the lamentation of justice is raised, and the cry of equity is heard. The dark smoke of oppression hath enveloped all peoples and nations. Through the movement of the Supreme Pen, a fresh spirit of meaning hath been breathed, by the command of the True Commander, into the bodies of words, and its effects are manifest and evident in all things of the world. This is the Most Great Glad-tidings that hath flowed from the Pen of this Wronged One. We beseech God to aid and not to deprive His servants of the fragrances of His days.

Say: O people of the Bayan! He Who is the Lord of all religions hath appeared with a Cause before which no cause can stand, and with a sovereignty that no earthly forces can weaken. He Who hath with Him the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. Say: Verily, He is with you and heareth your utterances. With Him is the knowledge of all things preserved in a Manifest Tablet. Say: Behold, then judge with equity that which hath appeared from Him. He guideth you unto His Straight Path. Purify your hearts with the Kawthar of God's utterance, the Lord of all worlds. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the kingdom of utterance, and that which was hidden and treasured in God's knowledge, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath been revealed. And We have desired to mention at this time thy daughter, as a grace from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O My handmaiden! Take the chalice of utterance in My Name and drink therefrom, despite every people that hath been heedless and turned away from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My call and for having had thy name flow from My Most Exalted Pen, whereby God quickeneth His servants and handmaidens and remembereth them in His wondrous Book. We make mention of thy sister as a mercy from God, the Mighty, the Great, and We give her glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for her from the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. We make mention of him who is named ʿAli-Akbar and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve him through His hosts, to draw him nigh unto Him, and cause him to speak His beautiful praise.

O ʿAli-Akbar! When thou hast heard and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! All praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison, and all thanksgiving be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy Most Straight Path. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree to aid me in the service of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Hasan! Upon thee be My glory! We have turned unto thee at this hour and revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Grieve not over the world and its vicissitudes. Turn with thy heart unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily He preserveth His loved ones and remembereth them in that whereby their names shall endure throughout the perpetuity of His firm and wise Cause. The splendor that shineth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those who are with you and have believed in God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the Bestower, the Generous.

We have desired to make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who was named Abu-Talib, that he may be assured that He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, through His mighty and great Name.

O Abu-Talib! The Wronged One hath turned unto thee from the precincts of the Prison and revealed for thee that which hath caused the hearts of them that are nigh to soar. When thou perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and made known to me Thy way. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the sovereign of all names, and by Thy Command which hath encompassed all things, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy love and eloquent in Thy remembrance. Verily, Thou art God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And I beseech Thee by that which lieth with Thee to protect me and my family from the croaking of those who have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony, who have disputed Thy signs and cast aside Thy laws. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty."

And We make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah and counsel him with that which shall exalt his station in this resplendent and luminous spot. We have mentioned thee before, and thy father who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion, with verses that all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. O Nasru'llah! God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the doubts of the ignorant prevent thee from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We testify that thy father attained unto that which most of the servants have not attained in the presence of thy Lord. All things are recorded in a mighty tablet. We were with him at the time of his ascension, and We cleansed him with the ocean of Our forgiveness, which hath encompassed those who have drawn nigh and those who are near. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and hold fast unto His firm cord.

Thou shouldst at all times fix thy gaze upon the Truth and remain firm on His path. The world hath neither permanence nor faithfulness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which shall cause

thee to be enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined by the lights of His countenance. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy family and those with thee who have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of God, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

As to what thou didst mention regarding His Holiness Anis, upon him be the light of God and His glory and His might and His praise, the Truth, in which there is no doubt, beareth witness. We testify that he aided the Cause of God throughout the nights and days and guided the people unto the straight path. Upon him be My light and My glory, and upon the dear one who cast aside idle fancies and took hold of the Book of God with such power as was not weakened by the hosts of the heedless. O Nasru'llah! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee to be steadfast. By the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the Prison, the station of steadfastness is great and mighty in the sight of God. Blessed is the servant who holdeth fast unto it, and woe unto him who turneth away therefrom. Say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned my temple with the ornament of Thy love. I beseech Thee by Thy signs and their mysteries, and by the Sun of Thy Name and its lights, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-Taqi, who hath attained unto My remembrance and My traces and My Tablet wherefrom hath shone forth from its horizon the luminary of My loving-kindness. We beseech God to assist him to serve His loved ones and to make mention of His chosen ones, and to show humility at the mention of His Name, the Mighty, the Luminous. Verily he hath attained, time after time, as doth the Mother Book testify in this exalted station.

BH00574: Can anyone through My power and sovereignty set aside…

He is the One Who stands through grace and speaks through justice!

Can anyone through My power and sovereignty set aside that which is other than Me and take up that which is commanded in My Book—the Book at whose revelation from the heaven of My Will the Mother Book itself bowed down in submission? Is there any that hath ears to hear My most sweet call raised from the Most Exalted Horizon in the Prison of ʿAkka? Is there any wielding power and dominion who can, by My command, take My Tablet through a sovereignty that hath encompassed existence and a power that hath encompassed all created things?

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! This is the day of supreme joy, for the Mount of God hath become a resting-place and Sinai hath been blessed to hear the utterance of the Lord of the Manifestation. Say: O people! The pavilion of Divine glory hath been raised in the most exalted station, and the banner of "Verily I am God" hath been hoisted upon the highest mountains. Deprive not yourselves! The sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings have ever, throughout the ages and centuries, brought upon the Daysprings of Revelation and the Dawning-places of the Cause that which is recorded and inscribed in the Books. Blessed are they that perceive and blessed are the fair-minded! Say: O people!

Fear God and follow not the doubts of the suspicious ones. This is the day of the blessed word “the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” This is the day when the chosen ones and the pure in heart weep and lament at His separation, while all beseech to attain His presence from the Peerless Bestower of Bounties. Know ye the value of this supreme bounty. He is the heavenly sustenance and the true Promised One Who was heralded and promised in God’s Book, both before and after. Behold the sea and its waves, the light and its effulgence, the sun and its radiance, and the Tree and its fruits!

By the life of God! I have had no purpose save your guidance. From the earliest days until now I have been encompassed by countless afflictions, and all who are on earth bear witness to what hath been mentioned. Yet the deeds of the heedless souls have deprived them of sincerity and purity. O Husayn! Thou hast ever been blessed with grace. We beseech God to assist thee to become a manifestation of sanctity and holiness, that thou mayest efface the books of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the counsels and admonitions revealed in the Tablets. Say:

My God, my God! Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the effulgences of the light of the Sun of Thy grace in Thy days. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation. If Thou shouldst chastise them, none can say “Why?” or “Wherefore?”, and if Thou shouldst forgive them, verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful, and Thou art the Compassionate, the Bountiful, the All-Generous, the Mighty, the Gracious.

Let fragrant breezes from the revelations waft upon the friends and gladden them. All are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and are recipients of His grace. That which is essential and binding today is unity and harmony. We beseech God to unite their hearts, to draw them nigh unto Him, and to acquaint them with that which will exalt them in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Lord of the world and the Master of nations. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful.

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold on the Book of God with such strength as the hosts of the heedless and the cawing of the calamitous could not weaken. Praise be to God, the True King, the Manifest.

We wish to make mention in this exalted station of him who was named Farajullah, that this remembrance and utterance may draw him to the station of true knowledge and bring him near unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O thou who art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One! We have manifested the Cause and revealed verses in such measure that pens are powerless to reckon them and souls are incapable of comprehending their limits. We have made known to all that which shall preserve and profit them. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful. He hath come through Whose name the gates of grace, bounty and bestowals were opened before the faces of all who are in earth and heaven. Fear God and follow not the oppressors who have denied God’s proof and evidence, disbelieved in His signs, remained heedless of His sovereignty and turned away from His holy and glorious countenance. Take

thou the cup of My utterance from the hand of My bounty, then drink from it in My Name, the Self-Subsisting over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and for having sent down for me that which endureth through the everlastingness of Thy dominion and Thy realm. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all created things and by Thy command which hath surrounded all existence to make me steadfast and firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Qa'im-ud-Din! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds. Cast aside what the people possess and take what hath been revealed in My perspicuous Book. Verily it will preserve thee, aid thee and bring thee near unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people! Judge fairly by God concerning that which hath appeared in truth and be not of the heedless ones. He Who was promised in the Book of God hath come, Who was hidden in knowledge and concealed from the eyes of those who denied the Day of Judgment. Arise to serve My Cause by My command and be not of them that hesitate. We have opened before thy face the gates of knowledge with the key of utterance that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

By the life of God! The Glory (Baha) desireth naught but that which profiteth the servants. The Lord of creation beareth witness unto this. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the garment and hath attained to the recognition of this resplendent and luminous Light. When thou art seized by the rapture of utterance say:

Praise be to Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having turned toward me from the direction of Thy Prison and remembered me with that which nothing that changeth or perisheth can equal. I testify that Thy favor hath encompassed existence and Thy mercy hath preceded the seen and the unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. My God, my God! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and brighten my sight with the splendor of Thy countenance. Then inscribe for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth Thy grace and bounty and beseemeth Thy manifestation in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bounteous.

O Pen of Eternity! Make mention of him who hath been named Shaykh-before-Muhammad, that he may inhale the sweet savors of the utterance of his Lord and be numbered with them that have prospered. O Shaykh! By the life of God! The eye of creation hath not witnessed the like of this Day, wherein the Lord of the worlds hath ascended the Most Great Throne and hath spoken that which hath enraptured Sinai, saying:

> "Blessed be the spot of earth that hath been ennobled by Thy footsteps and adorned by Thy mighty throne."

O Muhammad! Reflect upon the party of old. For years they prided themselves before all people in making mention of the Successor and the like. Yet when the light of Revelation illumined the horizon of the Bayan, they all rose in opposition and committed that from which all peoples of the world would dissociate themselves. Now again, similar parties have emerged who cling to names while being cut off

from their Source, their Sovereign, their Sender and their Quickener. Thus have their souls enticed them to that which hath caused every discerning soul to lament.

Say: O people of the Bayan! We were formerly of the Shi'ih. Now ye should reflect upon its fruits and consequences. Yea, when the Just Imam appeared, the pen of that treacherous and deceitful party was manifest, and on the Day of Judgment both high and low—that is, the learned and the ignorant—all gave the verdict to shed His most pure blood, and now too they occupy themselves with cursing and reviling the Truth from their pulpits. Say: O people of the Bayan! It is incumbent and obligatory upon every soul to protect the servants of God from former suspicions and fancies, lest perchance such parties raise anew the standard of tyranny in the land. Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Cast aside suspicions and fancies, and turn ye unto this resplendent, gleaming, manifest and brilliant Light. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen warbled in this luminous thicket, from God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them who have cast away all else save God and have turned unto Him, the Object of the knowledge of the mystics.

O Yahya! The Book hath come. Take hold of it with the power given thee by Us, in spite of every obstinate tyrant. Verily We have manifested that which was hidden from time immemorial and stored in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: O concourse of men! The Day hath come wherein He Who conversed with God hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation and the Herald hath called out from every direction:

"Dominion and Kingdom and Power and Glory belong to God, the Lord of the mighty throne!"

Say: O people of the Bayan! The horizons have been filled with the signs of your Lord, the King of the Day of the Covenant. Fear ye the All-Merciful and be not of them that hesitate. Arise to serve the Cause and be not of the ignorant. Those who have turned away from the Countenance are indeed in manifest loss. Blessed art thou, O Yahya, inasmuch as the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath made mention of thee in the prison of ʿAkka, a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Husayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God! We have, on this blessed day when the realities of all things are in joy and delight through their encounter with the Lord of Names, made mention of the loved ones. Give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them, then recite unto them in such melodies as will draw unto them the hearts of the world. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the lights of the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to draw them nigh unto Him, to aid them in exalting and raising high the Word amongst His servants, and to record for them in His mighty Book the recompense of those who are sincere. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have not cast behind them My covenant and My testament, and whom names have not prevented from turning toward the heaven of My recognition. Verily thy Lord is the Giver, the Munificent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00570: Praise be to God, the One Who stands without…

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting! Blessed and exalted be His station!

Praise be to God, the One Who stands without decline, Who endures without transition, Who transcends all description and utterance, Who is sanctified from all peers and likenesses. The essence of His being cannot be comprehended by minds, nor can His reality be attained. The sun of His power is exalted above setting, and the sovereignty of His Cause is sanctified from decline and obscurity. He it is through Whose Most Great Name the world has been conquered and through Whose most perfect and complete proof the nations have been encompassed. None can resist His bidding, none can stay His judgment, none can frustrate His decree, and none can oppose His will. He has illumined existence with the lights of knowledge and understanding, and has kindled within the visible world the lamp of wisdom and utterance. Through this has He guided His servants to the source of guidance, and transformed them from the left hand of rancor and opposition to the right hand of fellowship and unity. His power has ever been triumphant, His might ever-subduing, His dominion ever-manifest, and His glory ever-resplendent. He ordains whatsoever He willeth and decreeth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Peerless.

O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Hope and my Trust! How can I make mention of Thee, when I behold Thee sanctified above all remembrance? How can I describe Thy power, when I see Thee exalted above all minds and thoughts? How can my feeble cry ascend to the court of Thy mighty power, and how can my weak, abject praise rise to the heaven of Thy sovereign strength? What befits me in my weakness and poverty to describe Thy Being, O Master of the Kingdom of might and power, or to define Thy Self, O Sovereign of the Realm of glory and grandeur? With what tongue shall I invoke Thee that it may be worthy of the court of Thy supreme majesty, and with what utterance shall I describe Thee that it may befit the threshold of Thy grandeur and power?

I am bewildered, and the knowers are bewildered; I am perplexed, and those who describe Thee are perplexed; I am astonished, and those who praise Thee are astonished. By Thy glory, O my Hope, before the kingdom of Thy power I see in myself naught but sheer impotence, and in the face of the sovereignty of Thy permanence, utter evanescence. My mention of Thee and my rising to praise Thee are but in obedience to Thy command and in submission to Thy decree. Otherwise, what am I in my poverty to stand forth in remembrance of Him Whose name is exalted above all mention, and Whose command transcends all description and thought?

I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the secrets of the seen and unseen, to manifest in the contingent world that which shall rend asunder the veils of the veiled, remove the imaginings of the doubters, and transform through might the weakness of the wavering ones, and through assurance the agitation of the fearful ones. Thou hast, O my God, revealed Thy Cause, sent down Thy decree, made clear Thy path, and set forth Thy proof in such wise that were anyone to be fair, he would find no refuge save in turning to Thee, and would see no shelter save in entering Thy presence, in acknowledging Thy oneness and confessing Thy singleness. Yet due to the weakness in the hearts of Thy servants and their fear of the malice of the oppressors and the antagonists, none have turned to Thee save those whose

hearts Thou didst create from the tablets of power and assurance, and whose heads Thou didst adorn with the crowns of knowledge and understanding.

I beseech Thee by Thy hidden Name and Thy treasured Secret to lift from all eyes the veils of doubt and suspicion, that every seeing one may behold Thee seated upon the throne of glory and grandeur, and every discerning one may see Thee established upon the seat of power and loftiness, and may perceive the signs of Thy manifestation in Thy days, and may know the mysteries of Thy Cause in Thy time, and may follow Thee in that which Thou hast commanded through Thy grace in Thy firm Book and decisive Speech. Strengthen, O God, Thy loved ones who have turned to the horizon of Thy Cause, who have detached themselves from all else but Thee, and who have arisen to serve Thee in such wise as to exalt their stations in Thy dominion and kingdom and to elevate their remembrance in Thy realm and heaven.

Preserve them, O God of existence and King of the seen and unseen, from the evil of those who have forgotten Thee and have removed themselves from the precincts of Thy nearness, and adorn them every day, nay every moment, with the robes of Thy grace and the mantles of Thy bounty, and give them to drink of the pure water of nearness and reunion, and the sweet spring of meeting and attainment in the day of return. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O thou who art immersed in the ocean of love and who hast ascended unto the atmosphere of the knowledge of thy Lord, the Possessor of all creation! There hath reached this servant that whose exterior was adorned with the traces of ink and whose interior with the subtleties of love and unity. From its hidden allusions I perceived the degrees of thy turning unto thy Lord, the Lord of all creation, and from its veiled symbols I recognized the stations of thy humility and lowliness before the presence of the Divine Unity. Blessed art thou and blessed is he whose pen hath moved in such wise as to diffuse the fragrance of sincerity and of turning unto his Lord, the Mighty, the Most Exalted.

And blessed be the spirit of him who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Lord of Names, and who hath conveyed unto the seekers that whereby they have attained the shore of immortality, detached from the vicissitudes of the realm of mortality. By thy life! I behold nothing more exalted than teaching the Cause, nor do I witness any bounty sweeter than it. Would that my Lord, the Most Glorious, might enable me to raise aloft the standards of His Cause among all created things, and would that I might turn towards the lands to spread the signs of my Chosen Lord and to guide the seekers unto the paradise of the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

God knoweth that I have never ceased to beseech Him for success and confirmation in this righteous Cause, and I implore Him to facilitate all affairs and remove the obstacles that have arisen from the deeds of the evil ones. The Cause is in His hands—He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O thou who art beloved! When I beheld thy letter and pondered thy words, I presented myself at the Court of Glory and mentioned thee before the countenance of thy Bountiful Lord. Thereupon the ocean of grace surged and the fragrance of generosity was wafted, and there issued forth from the Source of Bounty that whose fragrance hath perfumed the world. His Word, exalted be His utterance and magnified His favor:

He Who is established upon the Throne of Proof

O ʿAli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the splendors of the lights of presence and hast dwelt for a time beneath the pavilions of grandeur. At every moment the Supreme Pen is engaged and occupied in counsels and admonitions. The ocean of utterance is surging and the sun of proof is shining and manifest before all faces. Nevertheless, the people remain lost in the dark dust of idle fancies and are deprived and forbidden from the outpourings of the Day of God. Idle fancy is a dust that preventeth the eye from beholding, and vain imaginings are a barrier that hindereth from the truth. We beseech God that He may, through the hands of might, remove that which hindereth in these days.

Through wisdom and utterance—by thy life—the hosts of wisdom have been and ever shall be victorious. We beseech God to confirm the loved ones of that land in that which is befitting. Today all must gather up the carpet of their own desires and hold fast unto the Will of God, and fix their gaze upon that which will cause the elevation and exaltation of God's Cause. After thy return, numerous Tablets were sent, and in every Tablet were concealed the oceans of grace and loving-kindness, of knowledge and wisdom. Blessed are they that drink therefrom, and woe unto the heedless. Say:

My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted, and ordain for them from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will attract them unto Thee and draw them nigh unto Thy court and remind them of Thy verses and kindle them with the fire of Thy love. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends and illumine all with the lights of God's grace. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning this Cause, whereby the hearts of all things were troubled and the pillars of all beings were shaken, save those who cast the world behind them and turned unto God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Great, the All-Powerful.

Praise be to God, thou hast in all conditions been the recipient of the favors of the Beloved, the Most High, and hast been honored by His grace. It behooveth thee to thank Him at all times and to arise to mention and praise Him amongst the peoples of the world.

Regarding the answers to the questions which thou hadst written about: Some days after thy departure, one copy of the aforementioned questions, together with the answers to thy questions, was sent in the handwriting of Zein, upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, for thy sake. Surely it must have reached thee and thou must have perused it. Likewise, certain other questions were submitted and answers were revealed; a copy of these also will be sent—append them to the previous parts.

Furthermore, mention and glorify Haji M.H., upon him be the Glory of God, who attained the presence with thee, with wondrous and sublime remembrances from this servant. We beseech God to strengthen him at all times and to ordain for him that which is best with Him. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bestower.

As for the Bookbinder who was engaged in service in this land for about a year, and was blessed with divine bounties and was granted permission to return—it was decided that he would occasionally write and send news of conditions. A letter was received from him after his departure, but after his arrival in the land of T, no further letter from him has been observed. An answer to that letter was sent, but its receipt is not yet known. Remember and glorify him with wondrous remembrances from this servant, and inquire about his circumstances. His services and labors are ever before our sight and remembered. We beseech God to ordain for him every good thing He has promised to His loved ones in His Book.

Regarding the volume of Persian Tablets thou hadst written about, its sending depends upon permission and will. The copy of the Blessed Tablet which thou hadst requested will certainly be sent if it is found. Finally, remember and glorify the friends with wondrous and sublime remembrances. We beseech God to ordain for thee every good thing decreed in His Book and to protect thee beneath His shadow from the evil of the wicked among His creatures. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee, upon thy family, and upon the steadfast servants of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00573: He it is Who hath moved all creation…

He it is Who hath moved all creation by the finger of His command!

A remembrance from the Remembered One to him who hath turned with his heart, confessed with his tongue, heard with his ear, and arisen with his feet to the remembrance of God and the service of His Cause in days wherein the Herald hath called out in all directions:

> "The Self-Subsisting hath come with the Kingdom of verses and His sealed nectar!"

Beware, O people of the earth, lest ye deprive yourselves of the most pure nectar which the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Ordainer, do proffer. Draw nigh with radiant faces, then drink thereof in His Name, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the ocean of proof surged before all religions when the Pen of God, Lord of what was and what shall be, moved. Say: Fear ye God, O people, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you with the Tablet of proof and the Kawthar of utterance, then drink thereof through My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O Zein! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness. The Most Great Branch hath appeared before the countenance of the Lord of mankind and mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with that whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

O Zein! By My life and My Cause, every letter revealed from My Most Exalted Pen proclaimeth with the most loud voice in the kingdom of creation:

> "O concourse of earth and heaven! Open your eyes, for the Chosen One hath come with a sovereignty before which the sovereignty of the world cannot stand, and with a Command which the hosts of the nations cannot withhold."

To this testifieth every fair-minded one and every just one who hath spoken the truth concerning this Cause, whereby the limbs of all names have quaked and the heart of every heedless one who hath denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath been convulsed.

O Zein! There hath come before the Wronged One a leaf sent by one of My servants who heard My call and turned toward My direction. He was named Hasan by the tongue of Grandeur in this praiseworthy station. Give him glad tidings from Me and remind him of My verses. Say: O Hasan! Rejoice that thy mention hath flowed at this moment from the Pen of God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath sent thee from the palm tree of utterance the fresh dates of knowledge, and from the Tree of the Mount the melody of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. By My life! If thou wouldst hear with thine ear, it would cry out and say:

> "O people of earth and heaven! By God, the regions have been perfumed by the fragrance of utterance wafted from God, the Lord of existence. Cast the rejectors behind you and turn to the Word which, when it shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Pen, caused those at the Mount to swoon upon the ground of extinction, save whom God willed, the Lord of the Frequented House."

O Hasan! Behold and then mention what the tongues of the rejectors have uttered in this Promised Day. The Most Great Announcement hath come unto them, whereby the Books of God, both past and future, were adorned with verses that have filled the horizons and with evidences that have erased the traces of discord, yet most of the people perceive not. They have cast the sea behind them, sporting with the pond, and they understand not. Say: O people of Baha! Counsel the servants through deeds and character. This is what ye were commanded aforetime by God. Fear God and be not of those who see and deny. Say: Hear the call of God with your ears, then behold the Light shining from the horizon of the Cause with your eyes, nay rather with the eye of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Verily, My Herald—upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy—commanded all to look upon My verses with My eye, yet the people turned away from what he said and took for themselves a path to tyranny.

We have desired at this time to mention those whom thou didst mention, that the attraction of this remembrance might seize them in such wise that neither the ornaments of the world nor the wealth of kings and subjects shall withhold them.

O Muhammad! We have turned toward thee at this hour and make mention of thee in truth, as thy name was present before the Wronged One. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance from the direction of My prison, say:

My God, my God! Thy call hath attracted me, Thy grace hath guided me, Thy bounty hath given me to drink, and Thy generosity hath encompassed me. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Creator of nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which the fire of hatred was kindled in the breasts of the deceivers while the light of the Cause shone in the hearts of them that know, and by the Word at whose appearance all the books of the world submitted to it, to ordain for me through Thy All-Knowing Pen that

which shall remain with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

We make mention at this moment of thy brother as a grace from Us, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon him and upon thy spouse and upon them that are with thee among the people of Baha who were not hindered by the intimations of the heedless nor by the power of those who disbelieved in the Day of Judgment.

We make mention at this moment of him who was named Siyyid Ali, that the breezes of My revelation may attract him and draw him nigh unto My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. O Ali! Hear the call from the direction of ʿAkka. Verily it hath been raised in truth from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. We beseech God to inscribe for thee the reward of attaining His presence and standing before His countenance and arising to serve His wondrous Cause, and to aid thee in that whereby thy mention and thy name shall endure in His perspicuous Book. By the life of God! The Wronged One loveth to meet His loved ones, but the oppressors have intervened between Me and them and have committed that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. When thou drinkest the choice wine of My praise from the hand of My bounty, say:

My God, my God! The wine of Thy utterance hath intoxicated me and the Kawthar of Thy knowledge hath attracted me. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Speaker of the Mount spoke forth and the decree of resurrection appeared and the people of the graves arose, and by Thy standing and sitting, and by the breezes of Thy revelation and the sending down of Thy verses, to ordain for me the reward of those who have sought Thy station and circled round Thy throne and hearkened unto Thy call and beheld Thy horizon. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one hath sought the ultimate goal and the wronged one the manifestations of Thy justice, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love and acting according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Books. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Who, when Thy power is manifested, doth erase the traces of the world's power, and when the Sun of Thy Will doth shine forth, the wills of all nations are struck dumb. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayers.

He is the Compassionate from the horizon of the Prison.

O Muhammad! The letter of the honored Siyyid Muhammad, glory be upon him, was presented before the Wronged One and was granted audience. Praise be to God that he hath repeatedly attained unto the divine verses. Today every word that appeareth from the Dayspring of God's Will concerning His sincere ones and those near unto Him shall endure for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. O Muhammad! God willing, thou shalt hold fast unto wisdom and utterance and occupy thyself with teaching the Cause of God. Today the ocean of verses surgeth, and the heaven of proof is adorned with the stars of evidence, and from the heaven of the All-Merciful's grace the rains of utterance and meaning have descended in such measure that those who circle round are unable to reckon them. Nevertheless, the deniers have spoken that which no oppressor hath ever spoken, to such extent that in Our presence one occupied himself with leading astray a heedless soul from the straight path. Thus do We recount unto thee what hath befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones.

Say: O deniers! Like the former people, deprive not yourselves of the effulgent lights of the Dayspring of Revelation. Rend asunder the veils in the name of Truth and shatter the idols of vain imaginings with the arm of certitude. How long will ye worship fancy and until when will ye pursue vain imaginations? Today the breezes of God are wafting and the fragrances of revelation are diffused, and the tongue of utterance speaketh before the faces of all who are in the realm of being. Leave and take up—leave that which is with the people and take up that which cometh from the horizon of the heaven of God's bounty. Today the fruits of the furthermost Tree are visible, the Mount is speaking in praise of the Lord of Revelation, and the Tree circleth round the House. Blessed is he who is fair in the Cause of God, and woe unto them that hesitate.

We make mention at this hour of him who is named Ali, that he may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the mighty throne, and We make mention of Our loved ones in Kha and Ra, and verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Muhammad! We have made mention and continue to make mention of all the loved ones, and We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness. For twelve hundred years the people of Persia prided themselves over other religions through mention of the Successor, yet when the Dayspring of God's Will and the Dawning-Place of divine light—through Whose word the realm of mystical knowledge, successorship and imamate was and is created—shone forth from the horizon of purpose, all assailed Him with the spears and arrows of hatred and rancor, and at last martyred Him. Until now they have not understood the station of the Day of God. Say: By the life of God! This is the Day wherein the Primal Point uttereth "I am the first of the worshippers" and the seat of the Throne is the point round which circle the Concourse on High.

Say: Have mercy on yourselves and choose not eternal torment through love of fancies and idle imaginings. For the sake of God have We spoken and continue to speak, and for His sake do We summon all to the supreme horizon. Say: O people! Know with clear certainty that until ye pass beyond the river of names, ye shall not attain unto the ocean of meanings. This is a word that was hidden in the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen, and We have revealed it in truth and sent it forth with justice. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "I believe in God, the Possessor of the seen and unseen."

Repeatedly hath this word flowed from the tongue of grandeur: "Blessed are the people who understand." We beseech God to assist His loved ones that they may remind the people through their deeds and character, and guide them to the momentous News. The glory from Us be upon him who hath heard the call and said: "Yea, yea, O Lord of Names! Yea, yea, O Lord of mankind! Here am I, here am I, O Master of the Throne and earth, and Sovereign of the hereafter and the former days!"

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

All praise, sanctified above comprehension and imagination, befitteth that Self-Subsisting Lord Who, through His conquering might and overwhelming power, hath raised the banner of "Verily He is God" to the most exalted station of the world, and unfurled the standard of oneness upon the supreme horizon of the hearts of them that have recognized His unity. The banner hath been interpreted as the Seal of the Prophets, and the standards as the Manifestations of His names and attributes—exalted be His glory, elevated be His power, magnified be His sovereignty; there is none other God but Him.

O Aqa Khan! Upon thee be the peace of the All-Merciful. Hearken unto the call that hath been raised in the Most Exalted Paradise from the Divine Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Do that which the Wronged One commandeth thee and leave the mud-workers to their mud. Soar on the pinions of certitude to the atmosphere of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, and say: O people of the realm of possibility! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with power and sovereignty.

Thou wert with Me and didst hear My call and witness the heaven of My wisdom and the light of My Cause whereby the horizons were illumined. Beware lest the calumnies of men debar thee from the Most Great Prospect. Leave behind what the people possess and take what the Wronged One commandeth thee from God, the Lord of all beings. Behold the ocean—how it surgeth before the face. Then hearken to what the Dove of Utterance warbleth upon the highest branches. When the kawthar of My remembrance and the choice wine of My utterance take hold of thee, arise and say with wisdom and utterance: O people of the realm of possibility! He desireth naught from you save justice and fairness in this Cause whereby faces have been darkened and hearts melted, except for those whom God, the Lord of creation, hath willed.

I was silent. He caused Me to speak by His command and made Me manifest among His servants. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Can leaves remain still when winds blow? Can anyone have choice in the face of God's Will, the Lord of all men? Say: Be fair, O people, then turn unto Him when His signs which have spread throughout the lands have come from God, the Revealer of verses.

We have made mention of his honor Jim while thou wert in the presence of the Wronged One and desired his remembrance. We have remembered him in such wise as no remembrance can equal. We beseech God to assist him to be just, that he may behold what hath appeared with his own eyes, not through the eyes of others. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make him a standard of His remembrance among the people and an ensign of His Name in all lands, and to enable his honor Alif and Ha to rend asunder the veils of the servants with the finger of trust and power. Thus have the fragrances of utterance been diffused and the regions illumined by the light of wisdom and exposition.

Let not the doings of the aggressive sadden thee, nor the doubts of the baying ones prevent thee from God, the Cleaver of the daybreak. By God's life and His Cause, in the early days there was none possessed of power to call the servants, nor of strength to arise for the Cause, nor of sovereignty to guide people to the straight path. We arrived in Iraq and manifested that which the All-Merciful had revealed in the Qur'an through His words "and the trumpet shall be blown a second time." Thereupon the light shone

forth and the lands were illumined. Thus doth the Divine Lote-Tree make thee hear its call, and the Mount its revelations, and the Light its radiance.

We beseech God to strengthen thee to serve His Cause, that thou mayest arise with thy whole being for the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of the nations. He is, verily, the Counselor, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have set aside eloquent language and desired to converse with thee in the luminous tongue.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue the Call of the Wronged One, and hold fast to that whereby the light of justice, equity, chastity, trustworthiness and grace may shine forth among men. This cannot be achieved except through the fear of God, and the fear of God appeareth not save through the divine religion. It is the impregnable fortress for the protection of the world of being and a manifest shield for the temple of existence. Most of the servants have suckled at the breast of heedlessness, and the training of such souls dependeth upon the rod of divine threats. Among the requirements of divine wisdom recorded in the Books of the past and by the Most Exalted Pen are the mention of promise and warning. May thou be aided to accomplish that which will cause the upliftment of souls and attraction of hearts.

Some words are the source of the immortal Kawthar and the water of life—they bestow life and grant a new spirit, purifying existence from the defilement of doubts and fancies. Others are like the messenger of death whom neither armies nor fortresses can repel, seizing the spirit. The fruits of that tree are life, vitality, joy and gladness, while the fruits of this tree are death, extinction and sorrow. The purpose of what hath been and will be mentioned is that through the endeavors of those possessed of high resolve, strife, corruption and conflict may be erased from the pages of the world, and its horizons, cleansed from the darkness of discord, may be illumined with the light of unity. May the fire of hatred and animosity hidden within the hearts and minds of various peoples be quenched by the Kawthar of divine counsel and the rain of the mercy of the All-Merciful. We have previously stated that religious hatred consumeth the world. Perchance through the efforts of true men and spiritual heroes the world may be adorned with the ornament of unity. This is not difficult for thy Lord.

That which causeth the unity and harmony of the world hath appeared today, but the tyranny of oppressors and the clamor of the barking ones have prevented the Most Luminous Pen from its mention. Beseech thou God to make the world ready for the appearance of that which will adorn it with the ornament of justice and illumine it with the light of unity. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance and with that which beseemeth His generosity and grace. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And now this Wronged One beholdeth Himself before God and offereth this prayer:

O my God, my God! Thou seest mine eyes gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace, and the hands of this poor one raised toward the heaven of Thy generosity. Whenever I contemplate, O my God, Thy justice, my limbs tremble, my heart is troubled, my joints quiver, my sighs ascend and my tears fall; and whenever I contemplate Thy grace and bounty and Thy dealings with Thy loved ones, my spirit soars, my heart is assured and my soul finds rest. By Thy glory, O my God, Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! My liver is melted from shame and my very being is aflame with the fire of my sorrow. I have done in my

days what Thou didst forbid in Thy Books and through the tongues of Thy Messengers. I acknowledge, O my God, my transgression against myself. I have forsaken what was meet and proper, and committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of Thy justice to lament.

O my God, my God! My sins have prevented me from turning to the lights of the Orb of Thy grace, and my trespasses have come between me and the revelations of Thy names and attributes. O Lord! Thou seest the sinner seeking the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and him that is far removed yearning for the court of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the waves of the sea of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy giving, and by Thy Prophets and Messengers whom Thou hast made the lamps of guidance among Thy creatures and the daysprings of piety amidst Thy beings, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast commanded in Thy Book. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee, acknowledging Thy unity and oneness, assured of Thy grandeur and sovereignty, and confessing Thy might and power. Alas, alas! My heedlessness hath destroyed me and my disobedience hath worn me out.

I know not, O my Goal and my Adored One, with what face to turn toward Thee, with what heart to approach Thy most exalted horizon and supreme height, and with what tongue to offer excuses before the manifestations of Thy justice, O Lord of all being! My sin hath prevented me from drawing nigh unto Thee, and my deeds have come between me and Thy bounty and generosity. I have done what Thou didst forbid and neglected what Thou didst command. Alas, alas! I am he who cast aside the ordinances of Thy Book and took up the book of his own self, and committed that which hath deprived me of the pearls of the sea of Thy knowledge and forbidden me from the sweet waters of Thy mercy and bounty. Behold, O my God, my evil plight, my distress and my perturbation.

O my God, my God! My hope is in Thy grace and my desire in Thy generosity. The ocean of disobedience hath turned to the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the mountain of error to the heaven of Thy pardon and bounty. If Thou keepest afar him who draweth nigh unto Thee, and if Thou deniest him who calleth upon Thee—by Thy power, O King of the seen and unseen realms and Sovereign of grandeur and might!—I find for myself no helper besides Thee, no supporter apart from Thee, no one merciful other than Thee. The fire of heedlessness and passion hath consumed me—where is the river of Thy mercy, O Goal of them that know Thee? The hosts of fancy and vain imagining have removed me far from Thee—where is the light of Thy nearness, O God of all in the heavens and earth? The thirst of disobedience hath destroyed me—where is the ocean of Thy forgiveness, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of them that have drawn nigh unto Thee?

I beseech Thee, O God of earth and heaven, by the Ark that sailed by Thy command upon the sea of knowledge, and by Him through Whom the breezes of Thy Revelation were wafted and the heavens of Thy sky were honored by His advent, and by those through whom Thy traces were spread abroad and Thy standards were raised up and Thy commands and laws appeared and the horizons of Thy realm were illumined, that Thou disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. O Lord! Thou seest the weary one seeking the kingdom of Thy utterance, him that is far removed yearning for the precincts of Thy mercy, and the sinner desiring the ocean of Thy bounty and forgiveness. Verily Thou art God, the One, the Alone, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones, and upon Thy loved ones who supported Thy Cause and raised the standards of Thy Faith and strove until they sacrificed their spirits in Thy path. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH00605: O Asad, upon thee be my glory! The letter…

He is God, exalted be His glory in all creation!

O Asad, upon thee be my glory! The letter of his honor Nasr, upon him be my glory, which he sent to you was brought by Badi'u'llah into the presence and was honored to be heard. Praise be to God, the letter bore mention and praise, and likewise revealed the mysteries of heart and soul. The fragrance of divine love and the infinite mercy of the Lord emanated from it. After its presentation, we sent this reply with these exalted words—convey them to him:

O Nasr, upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the Throne! His honor, my namesake M.H., upon him be my glory, brought thy letter into the presence some days ago. We saw and heard it, and likewise the second letter. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to manifest that which He hath ordained for thee, and to shower from the clouds of grace and the heaven of bounty the rain of blessings and the table of knowledge, glory and benediction. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends. We have delayed in sending replies to petitions out of wisdom, and we counsel all to this, and to that which is conducive to the tranquility of the servants and the refinement of all in the land. O Nasr! When thou art blessed with the sweet savors of utterance, render thanks unto God, the Lord of all religions, and say:

My God, my God! Thou hearest and knowest that this Thy servant hath testified to the unity of Thy Being and its sanctity, and to the immaculacy of Thine Essence and its sovereignty, and hath acknowledged Thy power, Thy grandeur and Thine authority. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and by Thy Prophets and Messengers, and by Him through Whom Thou didst unlock the gates of bounty unto all being and of generosity unto the world—He through Whom was manifested the decree of unity amongst the peoples—to assist me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee, and to grant me success in that whereby my mention may endure throughout the permanence of Thy dominion. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy grace, standing before the door of Thy bestowal, and hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty. O Lord! Aid me with the hosts of the unseen, then preserve me from the manifestations of doubt and uncertainty.

O Lord! Thou seest the poor one seeking Thy grace, the remote one Thy nearness, the weak one Thy power, and the wronged one Thy justice. I ask Thy forgiveness for this; nay rather, he seeketh Thy grace, and the thirsty one Thy sweet waters, and the seeker Thy dwelling-place, and the stranger his native land in Thy presence. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. I testify that Thy generosity hath preceded all things, Thy grace hath encompassed all things, and Thy mercy hath preceded all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. Thou art He, O my God, unto Whose power all created things have testified, and to my powerlessness; to

Thy might, and to my weakness; all contingent things to Thy wealth and my poverty, and to Thy care and my want. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty which hath encompassed all things, through which the Speaker of Sinai spoke and the dwellers of the graves arose, to assist me in that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love.

Thou seest me, O my God, at this moment clinging to that which Thou didst reveal in the Qur'an to Thy Beloved One. Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth:

> "O ye people! Ye are but paupers in relation to God, whereas God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised."

Thereby was established my poverty by Thy testimony of me, and Thy wealth by Thy testimony of Thyself. Wouldst Thou turn away one whose poverty and Thy wealth Thou hast testified to? Nay, by Thy glory! It beseemeth not the All-Bountiful to turn away the poor from His door, nor the Almighty to withhold the lowly from His threshold.

O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst bring forth all things from the unseen into the visible realm and from nothingness into existence, that Thou mayest ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, and the King of the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling.

O Pen! The irrevocable command hath come unto thee from the presence of the Lord of eternity to make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad-i-Yusuf, inasmuch as thou didst soar on the wings of detachment in the days of thy Lord, the Creator of all things, through Whose remembrance the earth and heaven were illumined, and before Whose command all things have bowed down, while the Herald hath cried out from every direction:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of all that was and shall be!"

The first fragrance that wafted from thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and the first mercy that preceded all possibility was upon thee, O thou who didst turn to the horizon of Revelation on the Day of Resurrection and didst hear the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and didst answer thy Lord, believing in Him, in His verses, and in that which was revealed in His Book. My Pen and My tongue bear witness to thy recognition and certitude, and to thy turning unto a station from which most people have turned away, and to thy holding fast unto the Sure Handle amidst all created things. Thou art he who drank the choice wine of immortality from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, the Creator of the heavens.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, at this hour to send down upon thee from the heaven of His generosity a mercy from His presence and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of life at all times. Verily, He is the Lord of all religions and the Protector of all creation. Blessed art thou, O Yusuf, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto God's testimony concerning thee, and He hath revealed for thee that whereby thy name and mention shall endure in a Book which no obliteration can touch and wherein the deeds of His loved ones are recorded by the Pen of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who through thee

draweth nigh unto God and who visiteth thy resting-place and remembereth thee with that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the mysteries were revealed, the signs appeared, and the leaves and trees spoke forth, that Thou forgive me, my father and mother, my kindred, and those who have clung to the hem of Thy gracious robe and have acknowledged that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. O Lord! Purify Thy loved ones from the dust of sins and the grime of transgression, and illumine them with the lights of Thy bounty and generosity, O Thou Help in Peril! There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

At this hour We have desired to make mention of Mashhadi Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be the glory of God. O Kazim, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me, given me to drink, caused me to hear, and shown me. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby Thy heaven and earth were illumined, and by the Word of Unity whereby the ungodly lamented and the believers rejoiced, to aid me to be so steadfast that neither hosts nor ranks nor the doubts of any heedless and obstinate misbeliever shall hold me back. O Lord! Ordain for me that which will strengthen me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O mother of him who hath ascended unto God! Say:

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thee, acknowledging Thy unity and oneness, and that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

We beseech God to aid all to that which is conducive to the reformation of the world and the refinement of nations.

And We make mention of him who was named Qasim, whom Asad, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him the reward of deeds that have attained unto the light of acceptance, and to decree for him that which will draw him nigh unto Him at all times. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O Qasim! Turn with thy heart and direct thy face towards the House and say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the breezes which have quickened the trees of humanity throughout all possibility, and by the effulgences of the Orb of Thy Cause whereby Thou hast nurtured Thy servants and Thy creatures in the cities and habitations, in the wildernesses and deserts and upon the mountains, to make my outer and inner being adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness and illumined with the light of Thy knowledge, O King of bounty and grace! O Lord! I am Thy servant, and the son of Thy servant and Thy handmaiden. I hold fast unto Thee and unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee not to disappoint

me in attaining that which Thou hast ordained for those who circle round Thy Sacred House. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have mentioned and do mention at this time him who attained unto Our presence and ascended unto God, in such wise that his remembrance and his name shall endure through the eternity of names. We beseech God to forgive him and draw him nigh unto Him, and to send down upon him at all times from the heaven of His bounty mercy from His presence. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

His honor Azizu'llah has written details regarding the will of Aqa Dadash and sent it to the Most Holy Court. His property should be used in that same place for charitable purposes, and now that property should be expended for the two daughters in whatever manner the trustees of that land deem advisable. Its transmission to this land is not permitted.

Mention unto Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli on behalf of the Wronged One. Blessed are they whom their wealth and possessions did not deprive on the Day of Return, and who delayed not, according to their capacity, in teaching the Cause. Today this matter is accounted among the mightiest of deeds. However, in all circumstances they must observe wisdom. O people of Baha and Dal! Hearken unto the counsel of the Wronged One. In all circumstances be mindful of wisdom and hold fast unto that which is conducive to reconciliation. Verily, He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Helper, the All-Informed.

BH00773: This is a remembrance from God unto those who…

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, the All-Knowing!

This is a remembrance from God unto those who have shattered the idols of self through the fear of God, and have preserved God's trust within their breasts, and have been faithful to justice. God will soon aid them with hosts of angels and raise them to a lofty station of nearness.

O Ancient Beauty! Remind the servants of what hath been revealed unto thee at this time, that perchance they may turn unto the sacred and generous pavilion. Say: O people! Fear ye God and spread not corruption in the earth, let none dispute with another, and be ye alone in God's religion. Beware lest ye make this world your homeland; rather, seek ye the homeland of eternal glory. Purify your hearts from envy and hatred that ye may meet your Lord, the Most Merciful, with a pure and sanctified heart. Then cleanse your tongues from abuse and backbite not those who have hastened with their feet and hearts unto the Ridvan of a glorious Name.

Say: Those in whose hearts surge the seas of love, these shall not occupy themselves with the mention of contingent things and shall be drowned in the seas of detachment. When the verses of God are recited unto them, their eyes are humbled and their faces shine like luminous pearls. These are they who have aided God, their Creator, with what lay within their power, and God shall soon aid them with every wondrous victory.

Say: O people! Fear ye God, then walk in the footsteps of these ones, follow not your own desires, take not partners unto God within yourselves, and follow not every ignorant multitude, but turn ye unto a

beautiful and holy countenance. Then strive in God's religion that ye may understand God's Cause with your hearts and eyes, and follow not the paths of conjectural imitation.

O people! Be ye ashamed before God and be not like those who turned away from His face and followed every rebellious satan. Walk ye in the ways of God which are straight with justice. Beware lest ye associate partners with God, differ not regarding God's laws, and be not tyrannical and wretched in the earth. Resolve the differences that have arisen between you and be steadfast brothers upon the thrones of unity.

Now do I counsel you, and God is My witness between Me and you in this. Beware lest ye differ concerning that which ye were promised in the Book, which was irrevocably decreed in the Tablet. Know ye that He Who was named in the Bayan as "Him Whom God shall make manifest" shall come with truth in the next Resurrection, and God is the guarantor of this. He shall fulfill His promise and shall come on the day when the Lote-Tree of the Bayan shall rise to a sublime and lofty station. Then shall the Bird of Eternity warble and the Dove of Holiness coo, and God shall come in overshadowing clouds.

Thus do We impart unto you the truth and remind you with a most sublime and glorious remembrance, lest ye imagine in your hearts the imaginings of the ignorant, and stray from the Path, and be far removed from God's Kawthar.

Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and neither imagine vain things within your souls nor take anyone to be His peer, for that would be a grievous error. When the Promise cometh, verily He shall appear with the truth as He pleaseth, and shall create anew all who are in the heavens and on earth with a wondrous word of command, and shall render victorious whomsoever He willeth among His servants, and His triumph over the believers shall be nigh. Those who come before the Tree of the Bayan is raised up are evidence that there is no God but Him, and thus was the matter ordained. In those days no ordinance from among the ordinances hath appeared, and the tree that was planted in the Bayan by One All-Knowing, All-Wise hath not yet borne fruit.

Nay, the tree hath not even brought forth leaves, how then its fruit, if ye be informed of God's decree. Know ye that before the seed sprouteth and becometh ears of corn, the time of harvest hath not come, if ye be discerning in the wisdom of creation. And when it putteth forth its shoot and thickeneth, reaching its full height, then shall the servants harvest it and live thereby for many days. Even so, recognize ye the decree of the Tree of the Cause when it reacheth its ultimate height and beareth wondrous fruits; then shall come He Who shall take its fruits, and without this it shall never be. God and His Prophets and Messengers are witness to this.

Therefore glory be unto Thee, O my God! I seek Thy forgiveness at this moment for what my hands have wrought before Thee and what my pen hath set down, for Thou art indeed merciful unto Thy servants. For I, O my God, have set limits to Thy Cause wherein none should draw breath, how much more the limitations that arise from vessels of ignorance far removed. I bear witness at this moment that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thy choice lieth not in anyone's hands; rather, Thou art the Chooser in whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art wise in all things. By Thy glory, O my God! If

Thou shouldst desire to manifest the Embodiment of Thy Self at this very moment, Thou art assuredly powerful to do so, and of this I am possessed of clear certainty.

I confess before Thee that Thou art the Omnipotent in Thy deeds—Thou manifestest what Thou willest and concealest what Thou willest, and Thou art powerful over all that Thou desirest. Thou shalt not be questioned about what Thou doest, and nothing shall prevent Thee from Thy will, and Thou encompasseth all things. By Thy glory, I have conveyed to Thy servants what I have found of Thy ways, lest they corrupt Thy Cause which Thou hast raised to a station of glorious praise. Therefore pardon me through Thy bounty, then forgive me and make me not doubtful in Thy Cause. Then enable me and Thy servants not to oppose Him in His days as they opposed Thy Most Exalted Beauty aforetime and this servant of Thine, for Thou art indeed cognizant of all that.

By Thy glory, O my Beloved! I make peace with Thy creation before Thee that if they believe not in Thee on the day of Thy rising in the Manifestation of Thyself, they at least shall not oppose Him nor harm Him through their hands and hearts and through the envy and hatred within their souls, as I find today from everyone, young and old.

O leaders of the Bayan! Fear ye God, and let not leadership prevent you from this bounty on this Day. Be not proud before God in what ye possess, but hasten ye to the shore of a wondrous Name. Trust not in that Day in your deeds or your actions, but trust in the grace that shineth from the horizon of holy radiance. Even now I witness that some among you take up prayer beads in your hands and make mention of God therewith, yet every morning and evening ye pronounce judgment against God Who created you. O leaders of the Bayan! Be fair with God within your own selves on that Day, and be not deceitful and mean. For by God, if ye believe not in Him in His Day and in this Servant Who speaketh for Him in truth in these days, nothing shall profit you, neither little nor much.

Do ye turn away from the Truth and content yourselves that people should follow you? Evil indeed is that wherein ye traffic, and no gain shall ye derive therefrom, be it as small as a grain or a date-stone. By God, I would rather ye slay me in these days and I ask you not about my blood, than that ye should oppose God on the Day that shall truly come to pass. Then doth mine eye weep, and my heart quake, and my soul be troubled, and my hand tremble from that which these oppressors, all of them, bring upon Him. It behooveth me to complete what I say, for in all the kingdom there is no hearing ear save those who hear these verses and whose eyes overflow with tears in their love for God—and these are fewer than red sulphur in these days wherein the Name of God is sorrowful among the people. Husayn

BH00858: O people of God! At this hour the Most…

In the Name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!

O people of God! At this hour the Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward you from the Prison of ʿAkka, revealing the pearls of consummate wisdom and sublime utterances, that joy and attraction may seize you to such a degree that the deeds of those who have denied God’s proof, His testimony, His evidence and His signs may not grieve you. Verily your Lord heareth and seeth what hath befallen you in this Most

Great, Most Holy, Mighty, and Perspicuous Revelation. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call as it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and the heart that hath turned to the All-Informed One.

O My friends and loved ones! Take ye My Book with My power and sovereignty, despite Mine enemies who have cast behind their backs the Lord of all beings and have taken that which they were bidden by the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. In these days various Tablets have been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid all to take hold of them. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

In the Land of Ya there occurred that which caused the denizens of the Kingdom to raise their cries and lamentations. Glory be to God! What heedlessness hath encompassed them and what doubt hath appeared, that they have regarded supreme loss as profit and have imagined the most grievous illness to be healing. However, God, exalted be His glory, transformed wrath and anger into triumph and victory. Now in that land most are caught in the consequences of their deeds—some aware, others heedless. God shall soon seize them with justice from Him and authority from His presence. He is, verily, the Just, the Wise. Blessed are they who have held fast to divine counsels and exhortations, and who have shown patience in times of tribulations and ordeals. These are the people of Baha. Soon shall they witness what God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath ordained for them.

O people of God! Know ye and recognize your worth and station. By My life! In the Supreme Kingdom all are occupied with your mention and engaged in your praise. No good deed hath ever been or shall ever be lost in the sight of God. Three clear Tablets have been revealed for the martyrs of the Land of Ya. One of these shall be sent to that region that the friends may read it and become aware of the patience and resignation of the sincere ones and the believers.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy unified friends among Thy tyrannical servants, and Thou knowest what hath befallen them in Thy path in Thy days, and Thou hearest what the wicked among Thy creatures and the wolves of Thy earth have said and continue to say regarding them. I beseech Thee by Thy Call which was raised before the faces of all mankind, and by Thy Most Great Name which hath encompassed earth and heaven, and by the Word which Thou didst manifest from the Tree in the Mount of Knowledge, and by the Fire which spoke to the Son of ʿImran, to aid Thine enemies to return unto Thee and to acknowledge what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book, and to open before the faces of Thy friends the doors of Thy grace and mercy.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things and by Thy mercy which hath preceded all existence to rain down upon Thy chosen ones from the clouds of Thy generosity the rains of Thy glory and bounty. Thou art verily the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O people of Bahram! Upon you be the glory of God, His bounty, and His loving-kindness! It behoveth you to turn your hearts towards the Kaaba of God, which He hath appointed as the place of circumambulation for those who are nigh unto Him and unto His Messengers. Let not the occurrences of the world debar you from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Aid ye your Lord through the weapons of wisdom

and of utterance. Thus, in times past, have ye been enjoined in divers Tablets. This beareth witness that perspicuous Book, that walketh and speaketh, proclaiming:

> "Verily, there is none other God but He, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Powerful."

O My loved ones in Ha and Sin! Hearken unto My call from this fortress, reared up in this Name—a Call before which all that are in the heavens and on the earth were thunderstruck, save only those whom God did preserve through a power from Him and a sovereignty from His presence. He, verily, is the Protector, the Succourer. We have made mention of you in Tablets the contents of which none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness that neither the darkness of the world nor the changes and chances of time shall affright you. Thus have ye been commanded aforetime, and in this clear and manifest hour.

O friends of God in Kaf and Ra! Give ear to the call of this Unlettered One, Who hath arisen to champion the Cause through a power that hath abased all the servants, and a sovereignty that hath subdued whatsoever is in the heavens and on the earth. Beware lest the affairs of men debar you from the remembrance of God, the Lord of Destiny, or the might of the deniers of the Day of Reckoning cause you to waver in your steadfastness.

O My loved ones! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One with such attentive hearing that neither forgetfulness can blot it from your hearts, nor change alter it. This is the Day of succour; ye must arise with entire devotion to serve the Cause, and to guide the peoples of the world, with spirit and with joy, unto the horizon of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all beings. The factions of the earth sacrifice life and substance for their particular causes; yet the people of Iran—through the grace and loving-kindness of God—have attained unto the Lord of all causes and the King of Revelation. Nevertheless, some are seen to be fearful, others agitated, and others still hesitant.

Hearken, then, to the voice of the Wronged One, and rend asunder the veils of heedlessness with the fingers of power and might, and hasten unto the Most Exalted Homeland. This is the Day of Revelation, the Day whereon hidden realities and treasured mysteries are made manifest. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the pearls of divine utterance, and unto that for which the world and all that is therein were created. And now doth this Wronged One counsel all afresh concerning those means which conduce to the exaltation of being.

O people of God! Know ye and recognize the rank of religion, of trustworthiness, and of truthfulness. Each of these virtues is the most excellent adorning of the human temple. Preserve them, in the name of God, from the reach of the treacherous and the theft of the unfaithful. Verily, He commandeth you to that which shall profit you, and hath revealed for you that whereby your mention and your names shall be preserved for evermore in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Oft hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which hath had, and shall have, no peer nor likeness. Say: O My loved ones! Know ye the worth of these days. Become ye so enkindled with the heat of the verses of God that their influence may be made manifest and resplendent from the horizons of the world.

Today the Sadrih (Lote-Tree) speaketh, the Mount circleth round, and He Who held converse on Sinai is seated upon the throne of utterance. Say: O peoples! Fear the All-Merciful, and be not of the ignorant. Thus hath the Pen spoken, whilst the Wronged One tarried in this lofty station.

The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance rest upon thee, and upon My loved ones who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, and upon those who have borne witness to that whereunto God Himself hath testified: There is none other God but Me, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

BH00891: O noble one, upon you be the Glory…

He is the Remembering, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O noble one, upon you be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Ask the contemptible Shi'ites what fruit their acknowledgments of immediate successorship yielded on the Day of Grace, which is the appearance of the Luminary of Justice. Were they to be fair, they would say:

> "Our turning away became the station of acceptance, our denial became the station of recognition, our oppression became the station of justice, and our tyranny became the station of equity."

To this testifieth every learned one, every mystic, every hearer, and every perceiver.

O Kiyumars! Today the Most Great Scene is illumined with the light of the Lord of Destiny. The divine call is raised from every direction. There hath befallen Us tribulations such as have befallen no one else, and afflictions at which every fair-minded and perceiving soul hath lamented. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause thee to hear that which the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken in this Revelation, at whose appearance, when He was established upon the throne, the nightingales of utterance warbled their melodies upon the highest branches. He Who was hidden hath appeared, and He Who was silent hath spoken. Blessed is the servant who hath found the fragrance of utterance in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and hath acted in accordance with that which he was bidden by the All-Knowing Commander.

O Bahram! The All-Knowing hath mentioned thee time and again, and hath made His mention a treasure for thee in the Kingdom. Rejoice at these glad-tidings, whose fragrance, when diffused, caused all things to cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!"

O Khudabakhsh! Hearken unto the Call of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. He hath mentioned thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by the ornaments of the world nor by whatsoever the nations possess. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear the rustling of Thy Luminous Tree and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and praise be unto Thee, O Possessor of the Beginning and the End! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst seize every oppressor and subdue every obstinate tyrant, to assist me in all conditions to aid Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance before the faces of all religions. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Mihriban! Upon thee be the Glory of the All-Merciful. Reflect upon the deeds of the oppressors. In every age and century they have visited upon the Daysprings of Divine Revelation and the Manifestations of Divine Power that which caused all things to lament and wail. They cast the Friend (Abraham) into the fire and prevented the Interlocutor (Moses) from claiming His right. Say: My God, my God! Open unto the faces of Thy loved ones, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the door of bounty and generosity, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all nations! I beseech Thee to assist the children of the Friend to manifest that which befitteth Thy days and to perform deeds that may attain the glory of Thy acceptance. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Jamshid! From all directions tribulations have descended and calamities have been sent down. The oppression against this Wronged One hath become so evident that the owner of one of the newspapers hath arisen with such tyranny as hath had no like in the world. He hath cast aside fairness, seized upon oppression, and hath spoken that which none before or after him hath spoken. To this testifieth My Great Announcement in My Perspicuous Book. He hath regarded this people as without helper or assistant, and hath confirmed matters whose falsehood he himself witnesseth, following the opinion of souls whose lies and calumnies he himself hath testified to. Glory be to God! That which he hath written contradicts itself, the latter part belying the former. O Jamshid! Leave them and their like to their vain imaginings. “Verily we are God’s, and to Him shall we return.”

O Khudabakhsh! Beseech the True One to unlock a gate of utterance in the land with the key of His Most Bountiful Name and to open it unto the faces of His loved ones, that the world may be perfumed with the sweet fragrances of truthfulness, justice, fairness and grace. Say: O my Lord! Aid Thy servants to remember Thee and Thy loved ones, and enable them to do that which befitteth Thy bounty and Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Kaykhusraw! The priests are seen to be deprived of the breezes of revelation from the Purpose of all worlds. The ornaments of the world have prevented them from the effulgences of the Most Great Name. Most of the people today have turned away from godliness and have embraced transgression and wickedness. The sea is surging by His Word and the sun is shining by His Will, yet the people are heedless and turned away. The recompense of deeds shall become manifest. Blessed is the soul that hath inhaled the fragrance of the Revelation and hath attained unto the hearing of that which the Speaker of Sinai hath uttered. Woe unto every heedless and veiled one, and every rejected misbeliever.

O Shahpur! Rejoice that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and hath remembered thee with that which shall cause its fragrance to endure throughout the eternity of His Best Names and Supreme Attributes. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Helper, the All-Wise. Arise to serve thy Lord despite those who have denied God’s Revelation and His proof, who have disputed His might and grandeur and sovereignty, and who have rejected that which hath appeared from Him before the faces of His servants. And say:

O my Lord! The imagined hath sought Thy manifest light, and the sea of impotence hath turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty and power. Deprive it not of that which Thou hast ordained for the gems of Thy creation who, when they heard the Call, exclaimed: “Yea, verily, O Lord of Names and Creator of

Heaven!" and bore witness to that which God had testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

O Shahjahan! The Refuge of the world hath come, but He hath come in an age of the blind. They hear and deny; they see and turn away. The lights of the dawn of Revelation have encompassed the world, and the Standard of Sinai is manifest upon the highest station. Say:

My God, my God! Prevent not the eyes of hearts from turning toward the Sinai of Thy knowledge and from beholding the Sinai of Thy majesty and power. Thou art He through Whose Name the traces of the Pharaohs were obliterated and the standards of tyrants were reversed. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to aid me in serving Thy Cause and in standing firm as befitteth Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy right hand are the reins of the affairs of the first and the last.

O Bahman! We have aided Bahman in matters whereat the power of the world was non-existent and void. We promised all leaders that which would be the cause of greatest joy for those who are fair-minded and have turned unto Him. However, some forgot God's covenant and others broke His pledge. Say: O priests! The fire of love is ablaze, the light of bounty is radiant, the ocean of mercy is surging, and the sun of truth is luminous. Forsake what ye possess; perchance ye may attain unto that which God possesseth. Great is this Day and great is its mention. Say: We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid all to do what He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Master of Religions and the Lord of men and jinn.

BH00957: This is a Book from the All-Merciful to him…

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

This is a Book from the All-Merciful to him whose name was mentioned before the Wronged One in this Prison, which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of Names and the Most Great Prison in the Crimson Tablet from the Supreme Pen, of which none hath been apprised save God, the Lord of the mighty throne, that the Call may attract him to the supreme heights and make him soar on the wings of certitude in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds is heard "The Kingdom is God's, Lord of all worlds."

The loved ones and chosen ones of God made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that which no mention in the world nor what the nations possess can equal. To this testifieth every just and discerning one. Blessed is he who hath attained to beholding the pearls of wisdom and utterance which We have brought forth from the treasuries of My Supreme Pen before the faces of men while We were in the hands of the oppressors. The Wronged One desireth from thee and from others naught save justice and fairness concerning this Most Great Announcement whereby the limbs of all names have trembled, the idols of vain imaginings have been shattered, and earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth, save whom God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, willeth.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to return unto His traces and whatsoever hath appeared from Him. Verily He guideth thee and all upon earth to His straight path. Blessed is the strong

one who hath purified his heart with the Kawthar flowing from the spring of My Pen and hath taken the chalice of immortality from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and hath drunk before all faces in spite of those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, who have disputed His signs and disbelieved in the blessing of His knowledge which was sent down from the heaven of His mercy that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Canst thou deliver the Youth of the Cause from the pit of vain fancies and arise among the people with such steadfastness as shall not be shaken by the doubts of them that have denied the Day of Judgment? Hearken unto My call, then raise thy right hand in the name of thy Lord, the King of the Kingdom of Names, and rend therewith the veils that have come between truth and creation and the coverings that have prevented the servants from turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Hear the call of the Wronged One. Verily He mentioneth thee for the sake of God and remindeth thee of His signs and teacheth thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all His worlds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Generous. When thou hast drunk the wine of revelation from the hand of God's bounty and the breezes of inspiration have seized thee in His days, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy confirmation to turn unto Thy horizon, to hearken to the shrill voice of Thy Pen and to witness Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy fire whereby Thou didst guide them that drew nigh unto the Sinai of Thy knowledge and gave them to drink the Kawthar of proof from the hand of Thy bounty, and by the mysteries of the ocean of Thy wisdom and the pearls of the sea of Thy knowledge, that Thou wilt aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause, that they may hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree with their ears and behold its fruits with their eyes. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant.

I bear witness that Thou didst mention me when I was silent in Thy remembrance and called me when I was heedless of Thy manifestation, Thy dawning and Thy proof. I beseech Thee by the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom and the waves of the ocean of Thy grace to make me purified from what the people possess and adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness. O Lord! Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty and Thy mercy and aid me to be steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue the Call of the Wronged One. In the past, We made mention of all and counselled justice and fairness. This is the Day wherein the Primal Point, in the Most Exalted Paradise, uttereth the blessed words "Verily, I am the first of them that worship." This Revelation encompasseth all things and is not encompassed by them. None hath attained to its true understanding as befitteth its station. Behold, then recall what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan, where He saith: "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan." Were there to be found justice even less than a tiny particle, this one passage would suffice the world.

Today the Proof raiseth its call, and the very essence of evidence summoneth all creation to the Lord of all beings. The Cause shineth as the sun at its zenith. Beseech thou God to grant strength to the eyes of

the heedless and cleanse them from rheum, that they may see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. Today the waves of the ocean of utterance surge before all faces, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shine forth resplendent. Is it fitting that man should deprive himself of the outpourings of the True Bestower through the idle fancies of men? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! Today all must see with the eye of God and hear with His ear. Light and darkness are distinguished one from the other. We beseech God in all conditions to confirm thee and seek His aid that thou mayest, through celestial power, wisdom, and utterance, awaken the heedless servants and grant them sight. He is the Confirmer, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

For the sake of God, meditate for a moment upon the former party and the recompense of their deeds. What was their claim, and what became their reward on the Day of Retribution? The party that counted themselves the most learned and the most ascetic and God-fearing among all the peoples of the world pronounced, in the early years, such a verdict against the Truth Itself as no other party among all the parties of the world had pronounced. This matter hath been mentioned repeatedly, and if one were to reflect, he would surely pass beyond his own understanding and that of the people, turn unto what is with God, and attain unto that for which he was created.

Today the Call is raised from all directions, and the Speaker of the Mount is seated upon the throne of Revelation. His proof hath encompassed the world and His evidence all creation. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of utterance and heard that which the Tongue of God, the True, the Trustworthy, hath spoken.

This Wronged One hath spoken for the sake of God, and We hope that thou too wilt hearken and ponder for His sake. If thou observest with fairness what hath been revealed from the beginning until now in the Holy Writings, thou wouldst testify that whatsoever hath appeared hath been from the Wronged One from the beginning until now. We beseech God to aid thee in that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Lord of creation. There is no God but Him, the Explainer, the All-Knowing.

BH01020: O Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

In the Name of Him Who caused the Ocean of Knowledge to surge!

O Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Time and again hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice and say: Praise be unto Thee for having revealed unto me numerous Tablets and for having mentioned me in Thy Most Great Prison in such wise as hath delighted the eyes of the Concourse on High. O my Lord! I beseech Thee to aid me under all conditions to serve Thy Cause, to witness Thy signs, to recite Thy verses unto Thy servants and to manifest Thy proofs unto Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Compassionate, the Forgiving.

Thou didst mention Nazimul-ʿUlama. He hath been mentioned before, but great, great is this Cause. Eyes are prevented from beholding and ears are debarred from hearing, save whom God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, willeth. Reflect upon the people of the Bayan: although they have witnessed with their own eyes the deeds of the Shi'ih sect on the Day of Judgment, they have again become Shi'ihs. Though

bearing His Names, they are deprived of their Possessor. In this Revelation, they must rend asunder the veil of names, traverse its gulf and pass beyond it that they may attain unto the Most Great Ocean.

In any case, shouldst thou meet Nazimul-ʿUlama, convey to him the greetings of the Wronged One. Say: Hearken unto the Call, for if thou hearest with thy true ear it will so attract thee that thou wilt detach thyself from all else but God and attain unto the recognition of His Day. Ponder the events that have occurred. What hath caused all the divines of Persia, after their seeking and expectation, to be deprived on the Day of His Manifestation? By the life of God! In days past in the land of Ta, the lamentations of pulpits rose from all directions, saying in their inner tongue:

> "O God, O God! Thou didst nurture and manifest us for Thy mention and praise, yet now they mount us and speak contrary to Thy good-pleasure, nay rather, they are engaged in vilification and cursing."

Alas, alas, for what hath befallen us in Thy days! Alas, alas, for their mounting, their sitting and their words! We beseech Thee to deliver us from these people. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Every day the pulpits speak, and this hath been mentioned in various Tablets, yet until now none hath been aware. In any case, were they to reflect upon the former sect and become conscious of their misdeeds and transgressions, they would attain unto the light of certitude and steadfastness in this Most Great Cause and Momentous News. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid His friends and loved ones to be trustworthy, religious and steadfast. Verily, He is the Lord of creation. There is none other God but Him, the Commander, the Wise.

We beseech God to aid him who is named Aqa Buzurg, who hath attained Our presence and witnessed and beheld. Verily, he was mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have mentioned him in such wise as hath diffused the fragrance of eternity. Thy Lord is, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Great. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy family and upon him who loveth Me and upon him who loveth thee and hearkeneth unto thy word concerning My great and mighty Cause.

O My Name! We have desired at this moment to mention him who is named Zakariyya, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Zakariyya! Verily, Zakariyya entered the sanctuary through My remembrance and My love, and We revealed unto him that which was hidden from the eyes of those who denied the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. My Name hath mentioned thee, and We make mention of thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having sent down unto me that which hath caused me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy love and to speak forth Thy beauteous praise. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

O My Name! Make mention of him who was named before by the True One. Verily We have remembered him and revealed unto him that which caused the hearts of them that are nigh to take flight. We beseech God to assist him with the hosts of utterance and to make him one who speaketh in His name and who ariseth to serve His loved ones, in whose faces can be seen the radiance of Baha. Thy Lord is verily the All-

Bountiful, the All-Wise. Take hold of the Book with strength from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning the handmaiden of God and her turning to another direction, We have ordained affairs through consultation and have commanded thee thus before and after, and I am the Commander, and I am the Witness, and I am the All-Informed. She must hearken unto thy counsel. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O My Name! Thou hast made mention of My handmaiden who hath turned towards My horizon and attained My grace and loving-kindness. Give her glad tidings from Me and make mention of her from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. We send Our greetings unto her and counsel her with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have remembered her time and again. Then concerning ʿAyn and Ta who attained Our presence in this mighty stronghold, We found him ablaze with Our love and attracted by Our verses. We beseech God to send down upon him and upon those who have believed, from the heaven of His bounty, the rain of His mercy and His gifts. He is verily the Bestower, the Generous.

Thou didst mention Jinab-i-ʿAyn and Ba, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, he hath ever been remembered in the Most Holy Court. Some time ago Jinab-i-Amin arranged a feast in his name which was accepted. Give him glad tidings of this and send greetings unto him from the Wronged One time and again. Verily He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. They are engaged in service, speaking in remembrance, and steadfast in the Cause. Well is it with him. Soon that which thou seest on earth shall be rolled up, and there shall endure for him that which hath been sent down from the presence of One Who speaketh with knowledge.

O Jamal! We make mention of My handmaiden who soared in Mine atmosphere until she attained My presence. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon her and upon her son Habibu'llah and upon those who hearken unto thy word concerning this mighty News. O My handmaiden (Mother of Aqa Buzurg), O mother of him who visited Me, rejoice thou in this manifest remembrance, then be thou glad with that which hath moved the Tongue of Grandeur to speak thy name. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. And We make mention of (Khaliy-i-Fadl) My handmaiden who hath attained to the presence and responded when the Call was raised between the heavens and the earth.

BH01100: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is the Lord of all worlds and the Most Great Name through Whom was revealed that which lay hidden in God's knowledge and concealed from the eyes of men. Through Him the trumpet was sounded and those in the graves arose, and the trees proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great. But for Him the mysteries would not have been revealed, the trees would not have spoken, and the hidden pearls would not have emerged from the seas. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur

speak while in the palace which God made the point of circumambulation for those near unto Him and the sincere ones.

Praise, sanctified from mention and eulogy, beseemeth the Lord of the Kingdom of Names Who, through the Most Great Name, aided the world and guided it to His straight path and His mighty announcement. Through one exalted word He so attracted the pure hearts and illumined souls that it caused wonderment among the Concourse on high. Exalted be His dominion, exalted be His command, glorified be His majesty and His power, and there is no God but Him.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon of the Revelation! Hearken unto the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Verily it hath been raised from the prison of Akka, and from it the breezes of revelation have wafted among the servants and the fragrances of inspiration between heaven and earth. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people, by God the Day hath come and the Lord of the Kingdom is established upon the throne of Revelation, speaking that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere ones to take flight. This is the Day promised in God's Books of old, and this is the Cause before which, when it appeared, the necks of the deniers were bowed down.

O Shah Khalil! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and hath mentioned thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in every state "Verily He is God, there is none other God but I, the Single, the All-Informed." Take hold of God's Book with the power bestowed by Him, detached from those who have mounted the steed of passion and committed that which hath caused the Pen of Baha to lament in this glorious and wondrous station. Certain souls have spoken concerning this Wronged One that which hath caused the divine Eye of Justice to weep.

Sina and Nayyir, severed from the world, were set aflame by the ardour of the Most Great Name, and, for the sake of God and in the path of God, undertook journeys unto divers regions for the promulgation of the Cause of God. To the measure of their capacity they attained unto that which hath been the means for the exaltation of existence.

We beseech God to aid them in all conditions, to keep them sanctified from the defilements of the world—for verily He is potent over all things. And Mirza Haydar-'Ali, upon him be My Baha, had been charged that, should the meeting with the governor of the land of Kha be secured in joy and fragrance, he should indeed meet with him, for in his heart there had been a desire to behold the loved ones. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

At all times there hath been, and there is, no purpose save the triumph of the Cause of God. It is hoped that all may arise to serve the Cause and hold fast unto that which beseemeth the Days of God. The vain imaginings of certain souls became the cause of the Most Great Sorrow. We beseech God to enable them unto justice and fairness, and to sanctify them from the whisperings of them that are lost in idle fancy. From the beginning of the Cause until now, there hath befallen this Wronged One that whereat every equitable soul would lift up lamentation.

O my God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to turn unto Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy oneness. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and their eyes with the vision of Thy signs and

their tongues with Thy praise and glorification. Thou art He through Whose Name Thou hast raised the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Khalil! Upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. That which thou didst send to the presence of My Most Great Branch and His Honor, Ism-i-Jud, hath been presented before Our face. We have mentioned thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and say: Know ye your station and preserve it through the name of the Peerless Friend, for thieves have been and still are lying in wait. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and the heart that hath turned unto Him. This is the Day of steadfastness. All must manifest themselves in such wise that no opportunity be left for the deniers and the perverters to turn away or raise objections.

Ere long, all that is visible shall be rolled up by the hand of power like a scroll, and that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen specifically for the loved ones shall become as manifest as the sun. Say: O friends! Of what are ye afraid? Of whom do ye fear? In the Tablet of the world there hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen that which hath been and still is the cause of the awakening of all who are on earth. Blessed is he who hath taken the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord and hath drunk thereof once in His name and again in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

My handmaiden Mardiyyih hath been and is mentioned in My presence. Say thou: A death unto the heedless! An anguish unto the frozen ones! The King of Days hath come! That Hidden One hath appeared by name! That Perfect Treasury hath come! Despite the desire of the ignorant ones! These words have repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen that perchance they may cause joy and gladness to the hearts and souls of the loved ones. That which floweth from the Most Sublime Pen is sweet and pleasant, and in the conjunction of these two are signs for the fair-minded and evidences for the sincere. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Most Sublime Horizon and have said:

> "Here am I, O Lord of all beings! Here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of all in the heavens and on earth!"

BH01142: We found Ourselves in a mansion which God had…

In the name of the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance!

We found Ourselves in a mansion which God had made the seat of His mighty Throne, and We proceeded to another destination. When We arrived there, We revealed verses and manifested clear proofs by the command of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beheld the place adorned with roses and anemones and flowers of truth, while water flowed beneath rows of willows, moved and swayed by the hands of the breezes morn and eve. Glory be to God! Its trees embraced one another, and the roses smiled with joy and delight. From the rustling of leaves was heard "The Chosen One hath come," from the roses "God, the Lord of creation," and from the fruits "The Desired One hath established Himself upon the throne of His name, the Compeller."

We heard them giving each other glad tidings of My arrival and appearance among them. When We turned to the right, We saw the great rose singing, and when We gave ear We heard it announcing to the trees and rivers and roses and flowers, saying: “Blessed art thou, O garden, for having been honored by the advent of the All-Merciful and for having won the privilege of His glance and the hearing of His sweet call and the witnessing of His most luminous horizon.” Then We proceeded in another direction, walking about and contemplating God’s handiwork and the manifestations of His signs and the dawning-places of His power.

At that moment the servant in attendance presented a letter which he read before Us, and We found it to be written in the hand of one of My loved ones who was named in My perspicuous Book as Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin. We commanded one of My Branches, who was named Diya’u’llah by the tongue of grandeur and glory, to be present and record before Us that which was to be sent down from the heaven of My will and the clouds of My bounty from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen in the Kingdom of Names. When he came and read the letter once again, We granted what he desired through My loving-kindness and fulfilled it through My grace, and We answered what was asked by one of My servants named Muhammad-i-Baqir from the ocean of My utterance and the heaven of My mercy which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O Muhammad-i-Baqir! Thy name was presented before the Wronged One, and He hath mentioned thee in such wise as to solace the eyes of creation. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He remembereth whom He willeth and mentioneth whom remembereth Him and draweth nigh unto who draweth nigh unto Him. Rejoice thou in God’s mercy and bounty. By the life of God! At the moment when the Pen moved to record this most great remembrance, the ocean of forgiveness surged in all creation and the fragrance of pardon and bounty was wafted from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto that which thou hast attained in this luminous station.

At this moment We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Taqi as a bounty from God, the Lord of the heavens and earth. We counsel thee to be steadfast and God-fearing in the Cause of God, the Lord of all mankind. Beware lest anything whatsoever debar thee from the Lord of Names or cause thee to tremble at the might of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desire, for having remembered me on a day when griefs assailed Thee from every direction through what was wrought by the transgressors against trustworthiness and religion. Thereby have hearts melted and tears flowed while the people remain in evident ignorance. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy tribulation and sorrow and imprisonment to ordain for me that which shall adorn me with the ornament of Thy love in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Ibrahim! The All-Knowing maketh mention of thee from this exalted station which God hath made the seat of His Throne on this manifest Day. When thou hast drunk the Kawthar of My remembrance and been illumined by the lights of My utterance, say: My God, my God! All praise be to Thee for having strengthened me to turn towards Thee on a day when fire was kindled among the wicked and tyranny was manifested by those who committed what caused the near ones to cry out in a glorious station. O Lord! Thou seest me awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and watching for the manifestations of Thy

generosity and grace. I beseech Thee by Thy greatness, which Thou hast made the garment of Thy Temple, to ordain for me that which shall be with me and aid me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him who is named Mihdi and give him glad tidings through this wondrous Remembrance. O Mihdi! Magnify in My name the faces of My loved ones. We counseled them before and counsel them now concerning the trust wherewith God hath adorned the temples of those near unto Him and the sincere ones, and whereby God hath tested His servants in His earth. Blessed is he who is illumined by its light and adorned with its radiance, and woe unto the heedless. O people of God! Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through the hosts of deeds and character, not by sword and spear. Thus have ye been commanded by the All-Merciful. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Say: My God, my God! All praise be to Thee for having remembered me through Thy grace and guided me through Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and a helper of Thy Faith through the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the Possessor of great wisdom. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Muhammad-Baqir! We make mention on this day of the servants of God who are related to thee, that they may rejoice in the turning of the Wronged One towards them from the direction of His mighty prison. O My loved ones and My friends! Hear My call from this distant place. He remembereth you with that which buildeth, through the hands of loving-kindness and favor, lofty palaces and elevated dwellings. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, He is the Generous, the Merciful. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Commander, the All-Wise.

BH01219: This is what hath been sent down for Javad…

He is the Expounder from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is what hath been sent down for Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Creation. O Javad! Upon thee be My Glory! The honored Amin hath made mention of thee. We beseech God that He may aid thee in all conditions, and cause to grow from the fruits of certitude wondrous trees in the blessed and goodly soil, and from those trees bring forth other fruits and leaves. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

The purpose of this blessed verse, in its primary rank and first station, is that the perpetuation of mention, name and glory hath ever been through the verses of God and the mention of the Supreme Pen. The believer in God who hath drunk from the Kawthar of certitude from the munificent hand of the Desired One of the worlds—the fruit thereof hath not been and will never be cut off from the world. From that blessed fruit there grow wondrous trees and new saplings from the goodly soil. The goodly soil signifieth pure and sanctified hearts and minds. These trees planted by the Kawthar of certitude grow and are nurtured until they reach the station wherein “its root is firm and its branches reach into heaven, nay beyond the heaven.” And from these trees other wondrous and exalted trees appear. This is the great

glad-tidings for the aforementioned one. This verse is the dawning-place of all good, and likewise the greatest key for the gates of grace and bounty.

Were they to become aware of what hath been sent down from the heaven of mercy, and drink from the hidden Kawthar concealed within the divine words, they would occupy themselves with thanksgiving and praise to the Desired One of the world. For that which hath been revealed is everlasting and eternal, and shall forever remain preserved and immortalized in the Book under thy name. Blessed is he who hath attained unto mention by the Supreme Pen. It shall not be effaced nor altered. This station belongeth not to aught else, for the evanescence of all things and the permanence of the Countenance hath been recorded in the scriptures, books, psalms and tablets.

The Countenance, in one station, signifieth His Essence, exalted and sanctified be He; in another station, that which floweth from His Supreme Pen; and in yet another station, that which was known among the servants. Were anyone to taste the sweetness of what hath been revealed in this Tablet, he would soar on the wings of joy and gladness in this holy and blessed atmosphere, and would exclaim with his outer and inner tongue:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanks be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having sent down unto me that which shall endure as long as Thine own Self endureth. I testify that it is better for me than all that is on earth. My Lord! Thy servant testifieth in this my station that knowledge is in Thy grasp. How can my conjecture of Thy Self, my ignorance of Thy knowledge, my fancy and weakness before Thy power, and my fear before Thy tranquility stand? I testify that Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

For the Countenance there have been and are countless meanings. What hath been mentioned now sufficeth.

O Javad! Nothing can compare with what hath been revealed aforetime and in this present time—no fruit, no effect, no traces, and no deeds. Children are like unto the leaves of trees—at times appearing, at times falling. But these children that have appeared from the Mother Book are everlasting and eternal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace and this mighty utterance. Despair not of God's spirit and mercy under any circumstances. Say: My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee and clung to Thee. My hope art Thou, my desire art Thou, my aspiration art Thou. My will is Thy will, and my wish is Thy wish. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Pen, whereby Thou hast stirred all created things, and by the light of Thy countenance, whereby Thou hast illumined the horizons, to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me. Then enable me to make Thy pleasure my pleasure and Thy will my will, such that I choose naught save what Thou hast chosen for me. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—had five children, all of whom, during His lifetime, according to the requirements of consummate wisdom, ascended to heaven. the ungodly began to gloat, supposing that His memory and traces would vanish after His passing and not endure. At that time Gabriel descended and recited this verse from God—blessed and exalted be He:

> "Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world, but the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord's sight for reward, and better in respect of hope."

Through the divine revelation's fragrance, the faithful were made joyous and the deniers sorrowful. Thus did the believers soar to the heaven of joy while the ungodly returned to their abode in the fire. Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him do we return. It hath been witnessed that His traces have remained and endured on earth, and praise be to God, they shine forth among the servants in every station like unto the resplendent sun. We beseech God to aid His loved ones with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to give them to drink of the Kawthar of life from the hand of His bounty. Verily He is the Most Generous of the generous ones, and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01288: The call hath been raised from the Most Exalted…

He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Eternity!

The call hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and they who dwelt on Sinai's Mount in the realm of divine knowledge were thunderstruck. The Rock cried out 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 the hosts have not weakened, though he be mighty, and whom the ranks have not daunted, though he be powerful. He hastened, and hearkened, and attained unto the presence of God, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing.

Say: O people of the earth! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised in truth, and follow not the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say: The proof hath appeared and the stream of Salsabil hath flowed from the Pen of God, which speaketh from the most exalted 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 Day-star of the favors of the Lord of creation.

The servant who standeth before the face of the Wronged One hath 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 Him, exalted be He, 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 beareth witness the Mother Book which speaketh before the faces of all parties. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

When the light shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, the Maid of Heaven came forth from the Most Exalted Paradise and walked until she stood before the face of the Lord of all mankind. She cried out and said, pointing with her luminous finger to the head of the Lord of Destiny:

> "By God! This is the Hidden One now made manifest in truth, and this is the Treasured One concealed within 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 round which circle all the books of the world, and this Remembrance before which all remembrances bow down. Say: Present yourselves before the Face that your eyes may behold what no eyes have seen 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 life in My path, have come.

Fear God, O people, and be not of them that go 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 from mere desire. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Fear God and follow not every heedless doubter.

Say: O people of denial! Deny not Him Who hath come with that wherewith the Messengers came before, 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 greater loss than any misbeliever or liar. Say: Remember ye the Day of Mubahalih in the Land of Mystery, when 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 no one else entered it. Then did the Day-star of the Cause shine forth and the Ancient Beauty appear 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 made manifest the evidences that thou mayest 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 one hundred souls, including travelers and emigrants, were present; nevertheless, the deniers rejected it while the ignorant ones of the world accepted it. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One, and give them the glad tidings of the effulgences of the Day Star of Manifestation. The matter of the honored Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, is clear and evident. Indeed, he has borne countless hardships and has been wronged. We have instructed Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, to provide the details. And Abdi, that is, Abdu'l-Husayn, is remembered before the Wronged One.

Wondrous and exalted Tablets have been sent especially for the loved ones, both men and women. Regarding what is being sent, it is beloved that copies be made and, after comparison and verification, be given to their owners. Praise be to God, all are mentioned and have attained the traces of the Pen. We beseech God to assist them and to confirm them in such steadfastness as will make firm the feet of the world. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken to your words, and upon My loved ones in the cities of God and His lands—those

who have not broken My covenant and My testament and who were among the steadfast in this Great Announcement and this Manifest Cause.

BH01338: The Baha'is have testified with their outer and inner…

He is God, exalted be His glory in His manifold bounties and favors

The Baha'is have testified with their outer and inner tongues to the oneness and singleness of God, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the One Who doeth whatsoever He willeth through His command which hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One beareth witness to that which the Books of God have testified before and after, that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers for the guidance of His creation. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Thy letter reached the presence of the Wronged One and attained the honor of being presented. We read it until We came upon the mention of one of God's loved ones, whereupon the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the Most Merciful's loving-kindness was diffused. We arose, turning toward the Kaaba of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and We took hold of the hem of His mercy with hands of supplication, and beseeched from the ocean of His grace and the heaven of His bestowal that He admit him into the highest Paradise and send down upon him, at all times, mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My Pen! Say: O ʿAli, blessed art thou, for My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee on this morn which reflecteth the light of the countenance of God, the Lord of the worlds. I bear witness that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn to the Supreme Companion, and didst acknowledge that which was sent down from God in His Books, His Scriptures, and His Tablets. We bear witness that thou didst drink the cup of meeting from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings and the King of the Kingdom of Names, and didst attain to that which the near ones and the sincere ones have attained.

We beseech God to aid His servants and His loved ones to remember thee and to remember thy days and what was manifested from thee in thy love for God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto thy resting-place and visiteth thee, by virtue of what hath been sent down for thee from the heaven of thy Lord's gracious will.

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. We have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and have mentioned thee in such wise that all remembrance hath bowed down before it. We bear witness once again unto him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion that he is indeed of the people of Baha and among the companions of the Crimson Ark.

O Ali! Thou art in the highest Paradise while the Wronged One remembereth thee in the prison of Akka, and remembereth the days of thy presence and thy meeting, and the love which took from thy grasp the reins of patience and forbearance, and brought thee time and again to this place wherein the Call hath been raised morning and evening. Blessed art thou, O Ali, and joy be unto thee, O Ali! By My life, My Pen

loveth to make mention of thee throughout the nights and days, and to recount what befell thee and what was manifested from thee in these days wherein sorrows have encompassed Us through what the hands of the oppressors have wrought in the land of Ya and in the land of Ta.

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the glory of the Lord of Names. Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. Mighty is His utterance and exalted His proof:

> "Until, when they rejoiced in that which they were given, We seized them unawares, and lo, thy Lord is ever watchful."

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones and remind them of what hath appeared from My presence. We testify that they stand before My face, praising and thanking God for having guided them to His straight path and His mighty Message.

We desired to console and comfort him who was named ʿAli and who was with him during the days and nights. It behooveth Us to mention what befell Muhammad, the Apostle of God, aforetime. When his sons Qasim and Ibrahim ascended unto God, the deniers arose in derision and mockery. Thereupon Gabriel came from his Lord, the Glorious, and recited this blessed verse:

> "Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world. But the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord's sight for reward, and better in respect of hope."

O ʿAli! Upon thee be My peace and My glory. Praise be to God that he hath ascended to a station beyond the reach of the hands of limitation and reckoning. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having raised him to the Supreme Companion and caused him to enter the Most Exalted Paradise, and for having sent down for him that which the treasuries of the kingdom of creation cannot equal. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and the Creator of heaven, to grant me and Thy servants the ability to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and to aid me in Thy love and Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Mustafa! O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of faithfulness! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of Names. It behooveth Us and thee and the loved ones to beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect His Majesty the Sultan and to aid him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. We testify that through him God hath illumined the world with the light of his justice and delivered it from the clouds of oppression and the arrows of tyranny.

BH01334: Praise and glorification befit the Peerless Object of all…

He is the Light shining from the horizon of the world!

Praise and glorification befit the Peerless Object of all desire Who, by one exalted Word, brought all things from utter nothingness into the realm of existence and adorned that which was non-existent with the ornament of being. He is the Omnipotent One through Whose Name the standard "The Kingdom is God's" was raised upon the precincts of hearts and minds, and the banner "Verily He is God" was hoisted in the most exalted station. Glorified be His grandeur and exalted be His dominion! The opposition of the

peoples of the world did not prevent His Will, nor did it impede the operation of His Purpose. His Most Holy Being is sanctified above the mention of every mentioner and the description of every describer.

The comprehension of the peoples of the world cannot attain unto Him, and the thoughts of nations cannot reach His presence. He is sanctified from whatsoever is bounded by limits and from the existent Word. Glory be unto God! The possessors of knowledge, arts, wisdom and learning are powerless and incapable of comprehending His Word, how much less His Essence, blessed and exalted is He! It hath been proven with certainty that His Essence is sanctified from all knowledge and His Being is exalted above all mention. He is the Single, the One, the Unique, the Self-Subsisting Who cannot be described by utterance. He is the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Over the years mention of you and your letters repeatedly reached this Wronged One, but there was delay in responding, for from every direction the fire of hatred was ablaze. One Who hath borne all tribulations for the reformation of the world hath been called a mischief-maker. God is My witness and all things testify that My tongue hath not spoken save in His remembrance, My will hath not sought save His Will, and My purpose hath not clung save to His Purpose. His Will hath been beloved of My soul and still is. This verse was well-spoken aforetime:

If He bestoweth the pearl of grace, behold, hearts are Its shell; If He sendeth the arrow of affliction, behold, souls are Its target.

In all conditions We seek His good-pleasure and beseech His favors.

At this time his honor ʿAziz forwarded the letter of his honor Mashhadi Javad and sought the Wronged One's bounty on behalf of the friends in that land. We therefore make mention of all of them in this Tablet and beseech God, exalted be His Glory, to aid each one to such deeds as may be recorded and preserved in the Book of divine knowledge. Say: O God, O Self-Sufficient One, O Generous One, O Merciful One, O King, O Sovereign! All are Thy servants, and through Thy Word they have been brought from nothingness into being. They acknowledge their poverty before Thy wealth, their ignorance before Thy knowledge, their weakness before Thy power, and their impotence before Thy sovereignty.

O Generous One! Deprive us not of the showers from the heaven of Thy mercy, and withhold us not from the waves of the ocean of Thy grace. These saplings of existence have been planted by the hand of Thy providence. Now is the time for growth and development, awaiting the April showers of Thy bounty and the springtime of Thy generosity—now and forever. Deny us not the water, from which all things are made alive. The signs of Thy generosity were witnessed before, and are now manifest and visible, in both the near and far, the obedient and the rebellious. Thus it is proven that Thy generosity hath no bounds, Thy forgiveness no pause, and Thy bounty is never withheld from created things.

At all times the signs of Thy infinite grace have been and are witnessed by the eyes of justice and fairness. Before the ocean of forgiveness, the transgressions of these servants are not mentioned, and in the realm of wealth and abundance, the poverty and need of these servants count as naught. We beseech the wonders of Thy gifts and have raised the hands of supplication to the court of Thy majesty. O Forgiving One! Pardon us through Thy bounty. O Concealer! Cover [our sins] through Thy grace. O All-Bountiful One! Withhold not Thy favors. We are sinners, yet we are Thine—deprive us not. We are remote, yet we

yearn for the carpet of Thy nearness and are suppliants—reject us not. Thou art the Guide and the Bestower of gifts. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the throne and earth, the Ruler of the hereafter and this world.

O Javad! Upon Thee be my glory! The friends in that land have each been blessed with the traces of the Wronged One's Pen. Convey to all My greetings and remind them of the recorded mentions, that perchance the seed that hath been sown by the hand of divine providence in that land may bear fruit and be blessed with the holy words "Blessed be God, the Best of Creators." And those souls who have been newly illumined by the lights of the Sun of Divine Unity have ever been and shall ever be remembered. We beseech from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation for all. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the All-Knowing, and He is the Powerful, the Generous. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Great.

BH01395: O Husayn! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, inasmuch…

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

O Husayn! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, inasmuch as thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison, and He hath remembered thee with verses wherewith God hath adorned the cities of knowledge and wisdom, as a token of His grace—and He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

That which thou didst send unto him who circled round the Cause and took for himself a station beneath the pavilion of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, hath been received. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call from the direction of ʿAkka. He hath remembered thee with that which no remembrance can equal, and whereby the eyes of them who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have voiced His praise before the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth, have been solaced.

As to what thou didst mention concerning thy wife and her ascension to the Supreme Companion—We beseech God to send down upon her from the heaven of His bounty a mercy from His presence, and to cause her to enter the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And We beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive her and purify her, and to grant her from His everlasting and eternal favors. He is verily the All-Bountiful, possessed of surpassing generosity.

O Mahmud! Thy name was present in this praiseworthy station, and the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath remembered thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having remembered me in Thy days with that wherefrom the near ones perceive the fragrance of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Habibu'llah! We counsel thee and them that have believed to be trustworthy and chaste, and to that wherefrom the detached ones perceive the fragrance of detachment, and the sincere ones the sweet savour of My glorious and beloved garment.

O Hasan! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and My remembrance in the Scriptures, the Books and the Tablets. We have desired to remember thee at this time once again as a token of Our grace—and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Thou didst turn thy face toward My horizon when My servants turned away therefrom, save whom God, the Lord of the Return, did will. We counsel thee to act with goodliness in all conditions, that there may be diffused from thee that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee a standard of His name and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of life from the hand of His bounty. He is verily the Lord of Generosity and the Master of Munificence in private and in public.

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! At this moment there hath come unto thee from His presence the Mother Book. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him from Whom most of the servants have turned away. At this moment My Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to remember thee. Rejoice thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses! Convey My greetings unto thy brother and thy family and those who are with thee, and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down unto them from God, the Revealer of clear evidence. Say: By God! The proof hath been perfected, the heavenly table hath been sent down, and there hath appeared that which was recorded in the Books and Tablets. We make mention of My loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath encompassed all regions.

O Pen! Turn thy face toward the Land of Qaf and Mim, then make mention of the Friend who hath broken the idols and vain imaginings by the strength of the power of his Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath heard his call and remembered him in this Remembrance before which all remembrances have bowed down. We have remembered him in the Crimson Scroll from the Most Exalted Pen with that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom endureth, that he may rejoice and stand firm in service to the Cause during the days of God, the Lord of all men. Then make mention of him who was named ʿAbdu'r-Rahim with a remembrance wherewith God hath subdued the horizons. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My loving-kindness. Verily He remembered thee before and in this time before which ages and centuries have bowed down. Say:

Praise and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having enabled me to hearken unto Thy call and witness Thy signs and Thy power which hath encompassed all regions. I beseech Thee to assist me in all conditions to attain unto such steadfastness as no vain imaginations can deter, and to remember him who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion, through that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge before the faces of all religions.

O Mir! Glorify on my behalf thyself and those who are with thee, and My loved ones there who have not been deterred by the oppression of any oppressor nor the might of any denying infidel. Verily the wolf hath seized My sheep, the oppressor hath slain My she-camel, and the serpent hath swallowed its prey. Thus was the matter decreed and thus did all things proclaim that which caused the mountains to take flight. By God's life! At his ascension the people of Paradise came forth, and the companions of Heaven and the Concourse on High welcomed him with the lights of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. By My life! The Pen is powerless to make mention of him—to this doth the Tongue of Grace

bear witness in this station. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom God hath adorned with the ornament of strength, might and power.

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This is the Epistle of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He is the One Who heareth from His Realm of Glory.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath appeared is the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Symbol, the Most Great Book for all peoples, and the Heaven of bounty for the whole world. He is the Most Mighty Sign amongst men and the Dayspring of the most august attributes in the realm of creation. Through Him hath appeared that which had been hidden from time immemorial and been veiled from the eyes of men. He is the One Whose Manifestation was announced by the heavenly Scriptures, in former times and more recently. Whoso acknowledgeth belief in Him and in His signs and testimonies hath in truth acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered ere the creation of earth and heaven and the revelation of the Kingdom of Names. Through Him the ocean of knowledge hath surged amidst mankind and the river of divine wisdom hath gushed out at the behest of God, the Lord of Days.

Well is it with the man of discernment who hath recognized and perceived the Truth, and the one possessed of a hearing ear who hath hearkened unto His sweet Voice, and the hand that hath received His Book with such resolve as is born of God, the Lord of this world and of the next, and the earnest wayfarer who hath hastened unto His glorious Horizon, and the one endued with strength whom neither the overpowering might of the rulers, nor the tumult raised by the leaders of religion hath been able to shake. And woe betide him who hath rejected the grace of God and His bounty, and hath denied His tender mercy and authority; such a man is indeed reckoned with those who have throughout eternity repudiated the testimony of God and His proof.

Great is the blessedness of him who hath in this Day cast away the things current amongst men and hath clung unto that which is ordained by God, the Lord of Names and the Fashioner of all created things, He Who is come from the heaven of eternity through the power of the Most Great Name, invested with so invincible an authority that all the powers of the earth are unable to withstand Him. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book, calling from the Most Sublime Station.

O ʿAli-Akbar! We have repeatedly heard thy voice and have responded to thee with that which the praise of all mankind can never rival; from which the sincere ones inhale the sweet savors of the sayings of the All-Merciful, and His true lovers perceive the fragrance of heavenly reunion, and the sore athirst discover the murmuring of the water that is life indeed. Blessed the man who hath attained thereto and hath recognized that which is at this moment being diffused from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. We testify that thou hast set thy face towards God and traveled far until thou

didst attain His presence and gavest ear unto the Voice of this Wronged One, Who hath been cast into prison through the misdeeds of those who have disbelieved in the signs and testimonies of God and have denied this heavenly grace through which the whole world hath been made to shine.

Blessed thy face, for it hath turned unto Him, and thine ear, for it hath heard His Voice, and thy tongue, for it hath celebrated the praise of God, the Lord of lords. We pray God to graciously aid thee to become a standard for the promotion of His Cause and to enable thee to draw nigh unto Him at all times and under all conditions.

The chosen ones of God and His loved ones in that land are remembered by Us, and We give them the joyful tidings of that which hath been sent down in their honor from the Kingdom of the utterance of their Lord, the sovereign Ruler of the Day of Reckoning. Make mention of Me to them and illumine them with the resplendent glory of Mine utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Gracious, the Bountiful.

O thou who dost magnify My praise! Give ear unto that which the people of tyranny ascribe unto Me in My days. Some of them say: “He hath laid claim to divinity”; others say: “He hath devised a lie against God”; still others say: “He is come to foment sedition.” Base and wretched are they. Lo! They are, in truth, enslaved to idle imaginings.

We shall now cease using the eloquent language. Truly thy Lord is the Potent, the Unconstrained. We would fain speak in the Persian tongue that perchance the people of Persia, one and all, may become aware of the utterances of the merciful Lord, and come forth to discover the Truth.

The first Tajalli which hath dawned from the Daystar of Truth is the knowledge of God—exalted be His glory. And the knowledge of the King of everlasting days can in no wise be attained save by recognizing Him Who is the Bearer of the Most Great Name. He is, in truth, the Speaker on Sinai Who is now seated upon the throne of Revelation. He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Symbol. All the former and latter Books of God are adorned with His praise and extol His glory. Through Him the standard of knowledge hath been planted in the world and the ensign of the oneness of God hath been unfurled amidst all peoples. Attainment unto the Divine Presence can be realized solely by attaining His presence.

Through His potency everything that hath, from time immemorial, been veiled and hidden, is now revealed. He is made manifest through the power of Truth and hath uttered a Word whereby all that are in the heavens and on the earth have been dumbfounded, except those whom the Almighty was pleased to exempt. True belief in God and recognition of Him cannot be complete save by acceptance of that which He hath revealed and by observance of whatsoever hath been decreed by Him and set down in the Book by the Pen of Glory.

They that immerse themselves in the ocean of His utterances should at all times have the utmost regard for the divinely-revealed ordinances and prohibitions. Indeed His ordinances constitute the mightiest stronghold for the protection of the world and the safeguarding of its peoples—a light upon those who acknowledge and recognize the truth, and a fire unto such as turn away and deny.

The second Tajalli is to remain steadfast in the Cause of God—exalted be His glory—and to be unswerving in His love. And this can in no wise be attained except through full recognition of Him; and full recognition

cannot be obtained save by faith in the blessed words: “He doeth whatsoever He willeth.” Whoso tenaciously cleaveth unto this sublime word and drinketh deep from the living waters of utterance which are inherent therein, will be imbued with such a constancy that all the books of the world will be powerless to deter him from the Mother Book. O how glorious is this sublime station, this exalted rank, this ultimate purpose!

O ʿAli-Akbar! Consider how abject is the state of the disbelievers. They all give utterance to the words:

> “Verily He is to be praised in His deeds and is to be obeyed in His behest.”

Nevertheless if We reveal aught which, even to the extent of a needle’s eye, runneth counter to their selfish ways and desires, they will disdainfully reject it. Say, none can ever fathom the manifold exigencies of God’s consummate wisdom. In truth, were He to pronounce the earth to be heaven, no one hath the right to question His authority. This is that whereunto the Point of the Bayan hath testified in all that was sent down unto Him with truth at the behest of God, He Who hath caused the Dawn to break.

The third Tajalli is concerning arts, crafts and sciences. Knowledge is as wings to man’s life, and a ladder for his ascent. Its acquisition is incumbent upon everyone. The knowledge of such sciences, however, should be acquired as can profit the peoples of the earth, and not those which begin with words and end with words. Great indeed is the claim of scientists and craftsmen on the peoples of the world. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book on the day of His return. Happy are those possessed of a hearing ear. In truth, knowledge is a veritable treasure for man, and a source of glory, of bounty, of joy, of exaltation, of cheer and gladness unto him. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this Most Great Prison.

The fourth Tajalli is concerning Divinity, Godhead and the like. Were a man of insight to direct his gaze towards the blessed, the manifest Lote-Tree and its fruits, he would be so enriched thereby as to be independent of aught else and to acknowledge his belief in that which the Speaker on Sinai hath uttered from the throne of Revelation.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Acquaint the people with the holy verses of thy Lord and make known unto them His straight Path, His mighty Announcement.

Say: O people, if ye judge fairly and equitably, ye will testify to the truth of whatsoever hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen. If ye be of the people of the Bayan, the Persian Bayan will guide you aright and will prove a sufficient testimony unto you; and if ye be of the people of the Qur’an, ponder ye upon the Revelation on Sinai and the Voice from the Bush which came unto the Son of ʿImran [Moses].

Gracious God! It was intended that at the time of the manifestation of the One true God the faculty of recognizing Him would have been developed and matured and would have reached its culmination. However, it is now clearly demonstrated that in the disbelievers this faculty hath remained undeveloped and hath, indeed, degenerated.

O ʿAli! That which they accepted from the Bush they now refuse to accept from Him Who is the Tree of the world of existence. Say, O people of the Bayan, speak not according to the dictates of passion and selfish desire. Most of the peoples of the earth attest the truth of the blessed Word which hath come

forth from the Bush. By the righteousness of God! But for the anthem of praise voiced by Him Who heralded the divine Revelation, this Wronged One would never have breathed a word which might have struck terror into the hearts of the ignorant and caused them to perish. Dwelling on the glorification of Him Whom God shall make manifest—exalted be His Manifestation—the Bab in the beginning of the Bayan saith: “He is the One Who shall proclaim under all conditions,”Verily, verily, I am God, no God is there but Me, the Lord of all created things.

In truth all others except Me are My creatures. O, My creatures! Me alone do ye worship.”’ Likewise in another instance He, magnifying the Name of Him Who shall be made manifest, saith: “I would be the first to adore Him.” Now it behooveth one to reflect upon the significance of the “Adorer” and the “Adored One,” that perchance the people of the earth may partake of a dewdrop from the ocean of divine knowledge and may be enabled to perceive the greatness of this Revelation. Verily, He hath appeared and hath unloosed His tongue to proclaim the Truth. Well is it with him who doth acknowledge and recognize the truth, and woe betide the froward and the wayward.

O kindreds of the earth! Incline your ears unto the Voice from the divine Lote-Tree which overshadoweth the world and be not of the people of tyranny on earth—men who have repudiated the Manifestation of God and His invincible authority and have renounced His favors—they in truth are reckoned with the contemptible in the Book of God, the Lord of all mankind.

The Glory which hath dawned above the horizon of My tender mercy rest upon thee and upon whosoever is with thee and giveth ear to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

BH02324: Lawh-i-Karmil (Tablet of Carmel)

In My Name, through which the fragrances of the All-Merciful were diffused throughout the world

All glory be to this Day, the Day in which the fragrances of mercy have been wafted over all created things, a Day so blest that past ages and centuries can never hope to rival it, a Day in which the countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned towards His holy seat. Thereupon the voices of all created things, and beyond them those of the Concourse on high, were heart calling aloud:

> “Haste thee, O Carmel, for lo, the light of the countenance of God, the Ruler of the Kingdom of Names and Fashioner of the heavens, hath been lifted upon thee.”

Seized with transports of joy, and raising high her voice, she thus exclaimed:

> “May my life be a sacrifice to Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast fixed Thy gaze upon me, hast bestowed upon me Thy bounty, and hast directed towards me Thy steps. Separation from Thee, O Thou Source of everlasting life, hath well nigh consumed me, and my remoteness from Thy presence hath burned away my soul. All praise be to Thee for having enabled me to hearken to Thy call, for having honored me with Thy footsteps, and for having quickened my soul through the vitalizing fragrance of Thy Day and the shrilling voice of Thy Pen, a voice Thou didst ordain as Thy trumpet-call amidst Thy people. And when the hour at which Thy resistless

> Faith was to be made manifest did strike, Thou didst breathe a breath of Thy spirit into Thy Pen, and lo, the entire creation shook to its very foundations, unveiling to mankind such mysteries as lay hidden within the treasuries of Him Who is the Possessor of all created things."

No sooner had her voice reached that most exalted Spot than We made reply:

> "Render thanks unto Thy Lord, O Carmel. The fire of thy separation from Me was fast consuming thee, when the ocean of My presence surged before thy face, cheering thine eyes and those of all creation, and filling with delight all things visible and invisible. Rejoice, for God hath in this Day established upon thee His throne, hath made thee the dawning-place of His signs and the day spring of the evidences of His Revelation. Well is it with him that circleth around thee, that proclaimeth the revelation of thy glory, and recounteth that which the bounty of the Lord thy God hath showered upon thee. Seize thou the Chalice of Immortality in the name of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, and give thanks unto Him, inasmuch as He, in token of His mercy unto thee, hath turned thy sorrow into gladness, and transmuted thy grief into blissful joy. He, verily, loveth the spot which hath been made the seat of His throne, which His footsteps have trodden, which hath been honored by His presence, from which He raised His call, and upon which He shed His tears."

Call out to Zion, O Carmel, and announce the joyful tidings: He that was hidden from mortal eyes is come! His all-conquering sovereignty is manifest; His all-encompassing splendor is revealed. Beware lest thou hesitate or halt. Hasten forth and circumambulate the City of God that hath descended from heaven, the celestial Kaaba round which have circled in adoration the favored of God, the pure in heart, and the company of the most exalted angels. Oh, how I long to announce unto every spot on the surface of the earth, and to carry to each one of its cities, the glad-tidings of this Revelation—a Revelation to which the heart of Sinai hath been attracted, and in whose name the Burning Bush is calling: 'Unto God, the Lord of Lords, belong the kingdoms of earth and heaven.' Verily this is the Day in which both land and sea rejoice at this announcement, the Day for which have been laid up those things which God, through a bounty beyond the ken of mortal mind or heart, hath destined for revelation. Ere long will God sail His Ark upon thee, and will manifest the people of Baha who have been mentioned in the Book of Names.

Sanctified be the Lord of all mankind, at the mention of Whose name all the atoms of the earth have been made to vibrate, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath been moved to disclose that which had been wrapt in His knowledge and lay concealed within the treasury of His might. He, verily, through the potency of His name, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Most High, is the ruler of all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth.

BH01384: Praise be worthy and befitting the Most Great Cause…

He is the Teacher, the Expositor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

Praise be worthy and befitting the Most Great Cause, Who adorned the dead in the valleys of heedlessness and ignorance with the ornament of awareness and knowledge, and bestowed upon those

thirsting in the desert of error a portion from the Kawthar of guidance. Exalted, exalted be His bounty, and exalted, exalted be His bestowal, and glorious is His utterance, and mighty is His proof, and there is no God but Him.

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! This day is the day for the diffusion of divine traces and the springtime of utterance. The people of God must each, through wisdom and exposition, illumine the world of being with the light of recognition, and bestow from the sealed wine which hath been unsealed in the name of the Self-Subsisting, that all may, through this most glorious wine, turn unto the supreme horizon and attain unto the greatest steadfastness. Thou hast ever been and art still remembered.

Say: O people! This is the Day of God—turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Cause through whose appearance the trumpet of utterance was sounded, and they that slumbered in the graves of idle fancies arose, and through it the cry was raised and the divine fragrances were diffused, and the Herald called out from the direction of divine unity: "The sovereignty of earth and heaven, and glory and dominion belong to the Speaker on Sinai Who hath come from the heaven of bounty bearing the banner of 'He doeth what He willeth."' Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

Say: O friends! Today is the day of service and assistance. Arise, that perchance ye may adorn the people of the world with the lights of the Most Great Name. Today grace hath encompassed all, and the bounty of wisdom and the feast of utterance have been sent down from the heaven of will. By the life of God! Neither centuries nor ages can be compared with this Day, nay with this moment. Whatever hath occurred in the land, although the idolaters imagine that the light of God's Cause will be obscured through the rejected deeds of evil souls, yet [He will transform] oppression into victory. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds, and they shall find for themselves neither helper nor supporter.

O Husayn! We desire to make mention of him who migrated in the path of God and whose spirit ascended in the land of exile, after his hope and endeavor had been to attain the presence of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O Shukru'llah! Thou art in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Wronged One mentioneth thee in the prison of 'Akka. We beseech God to send down upon thee a mercy from His presence and a light from His own Self. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. He loveth His friends and remembereth them before and after their ascension, holding in His grasp the reins of grace, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He is with His loved ones in whatever land they may be. He heareth their remembrances and witnesseth their deeds, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing One. And We make mention of thy son in this most exalted station, who was named with the Most Beautiful Names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great grace. The glory from Us be upon thee, O Shukru'llah, and upon those who read what hath been sent down for thee from the Most Exalted Pen in this luminous spot.

[…] If anyone asks you about the Ship, say: It rides amidst the waves. Thus has spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. It is hoped that in that land the loved ones will become so intoxicated and joyous with the Kawthar of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds that the ranks and multitudes of the world will be powerless to prevent them. Convey

to each one greetings from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the pearls of wisdom and utterance which have been revealed from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen. Mention of that group has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. Verily they have a station with God, the Powerful, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

At the close of this discourse We make mention of the Afnan, upon them be My Glory and My Loving-kindness. Praise be to God, they have been and continue to be the recipients of divine favors from the beginning of days until now. We beseech God to assist them to exalt His Word, to serve His Cause and to hold fast unto His Cord in such wise that neither the affairs of the world nor the events of nations will hinder them. In truth, they were brought from nothingness into being for the service of the Cause, and their mention shall forever endure in God's Book and flow from the Pen of bounty. Blessed are they and joy be unto them and unto those who love them for the sake of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

The Glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings with the hands of certitude. They are truly among those who are nigh unto God in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH01398: This servant desires to adorn the head of his…

He is God, exalted be His glory and power!

This servant desires to adorn the head of his letter with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, which He made the characteristic of them that are nigh unto Him, the ultimate station of the mystics, and the testament of the sincere ones, from which the fragrance of detachment hath been wafted throughout creation. He—and His word is the truth—hath said: "Say: 'God!' then leave them to their vain disputes."

Its fragrance bestoweth a hundred thousand lives and createth a hundred thousand souls. By the life of our Lord! Were it to shed its radiance upon the limbs and members of God's servants, each would find a tongue and utter the blessed words "Praise be unto Thee for having freed me from all else but Thee and made me independent of all except Thyself." This is that Word from whose horizon the sun of freedom hath dawned forth.

This servant beseecheth his Lord to honor us with it and to grant us the blessing of uttering it in all conditions. Before this exalted Word, the world becometh as nothing and all else but God appeareth finite. Glorified be our Sovereign, and magnified be our Lord! He hath bestowed that which the world with all its revelations cannot equal. But who can render thanks for this bounty and from whom can gratitude appear? Where is the capacity, where is the worthiness? Vain imaginings have become the cause of loss. The power of the favored community hath been changed to weakness, its standing to sitting, its speech to silence.

But what is the cause of this weakness, and what is the reason for this impotence? On behalf of the believers I present this verse:

> “Each dawn I press my face against the dust of helplessness when I remember That though I never forget Thee, dost Thou ever remember Thy servant?”

Nay, by God! We are not the forgetful ones, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. His hand hath ever granted deliverance, His generosity hath ever bestowed gifts, and His power hath ever preserved us. Yet they met this blessing with betrayal and followed this grace with ingratitude. I swear by the Sun of Truth that these weaknesses and incapacities, these humiliations and inabilities, are the result of our own deeds. His Holiness Muhammad bears witness to these words, and His Holiness the First One (Ali) testifies to this utterance and exposition.

There is fear that excessive speech may cause weariness and constrict the realm of comfort, therefore brevity is preferable.

The exalted letter arrived repeatedly with gifts. One of its gifts was the cause of remembrance, and finally the source of awakening. With each word were arrayed the hosts of love, and the ranks of divine favor bore witness. After awareness and understanding were gained, intention was made to approach the Presence, and when presented before His countenance, He said:

The mention of Ali (upon him be peace) is like a tree planted in the soil of love, which has reached the most exalted station through the Kawthar of favor and grace. It is so firm and steadfast that the most violent winds cannot prevail against its might, finding themselves weak before it. Glorious is its planting place, glorious its Cultivator, and magnificent its Creator! Its leaves are goodly character and its fruits are praiseworthy deeds. Blessed is he who attains to visit it and witnesses the power of its Creator and Builder.

O Ali! May you dwell beneath the sun of divine grace, clinging to the hem of His favor and holding fast to the cord of His generosity. Verily He is with you in all conditions, hearing your call and your prayers, and seeing what proceeds from you. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Convey greetings to the loved ones from the Wronged One. Each has been and is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid them to unity, that through them the horizons may be illumined. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Munificent, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy.

Praise be to God! The ocean is surging and the sun of favor is shining. Mention has reached such a station that each of its letters is a mighty book in the sight of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

I convey greetings to all the loved ones. Although these greetings which are expressed in letters appear outwardly to be of one form, yet in effect and fruit each is distinct. Though the greenness of tree leaves may appear outwardly to be of one hue, yet in their effects and qualities they are so distinct that none save God can enumerate their characteristics. Know that each leaf of every tree has its own effect, and another has a different effect—who has been able to enumerate them and who has encompassed them? The essence of impotence and ignorance has been and remains unable to enumerate the infinite sciences and arts. Verily our Lord is He Who enumerates all things in His perspicuous Book.

Peace, remembrance, and praise be upon you, upon those with you, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH01435: Praise be befitting and worthy of the Desired One…

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

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Desired One of the world, whose grace has ever encompassed His loved ones in all conditions. Through a hundred thousand means He brought creation from nothingness into being, and confirmed it with all that leads to the elevation of its station and the exaltation of its rank. The path was made clear, the way was illumined, verses were revealed, and mercy rained down continually, that all might attain to that which benefits them and draws them near. He bestowed the warmth of bounty, from which the fire of love was set in motion and made manifest, and it became the cause of joining and connection. He bound the East to the West and united the West to the East. He guided the people of paradise to paradise and led the companions of heaven to heaven. This was the primary cause that brought the people of Sad [Isfahan] to ʿAkka. The power of oppressors could not prevent His might, nor could all that exists in the realm of creation impede the operation of His Will. Glorified be His majesty, all-pervading be His bounty, and exalted be His station!

And peace and blessings be upon the first standard that was raised in His name and the last banner that was hoisted in His remembrance, through whom the Word was completed, the favor appeared, and the heavenly table was sent down; and upon His family and companions, through whom the caller proclaimed "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Possessor of creation," and through whom God's verses and ordinances were spread abroad and His might and power were made manifest—blessings everlasting and eternal, which the passing of centuries and ages shall not alter.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived like a city of love and affection. The throne of joy had an illumined carpet, and the spread of delight had an adorned covering. Glory be to God! Though it was a letter, yet the effects of the celestial stream were manifest from it, for it was joy-inducing and grief-dispelling. In brief, what can I say of its effect and influence, for the letter was adorned with divine unity and the wholesome fruit of the blessed tree—upon it be God's peace and praise, and God's mercy and bounty.

After its reading and perusal, having directed myself to the Holy Presence, I attained the honor of hearing [these words]. The Lord—may our souls be a sacrifice for Him—spoke:

> "O Asad! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Single, the One! Thy letter was presented before the face of the Wronged One. We heard thy call and turned toward thee from the prison. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which is mentioned and acceptable before God. The hand of divine power brought you from distant lands to the precincts of glory and nearness, and caused you to attain the bounties of inner meanings, utterance and knowledge. His is the praise and the favor! You intended the ultimate goal and attained the visitation of the House of God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you and ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. We make mention of the fruit of the Tree of Faithfulness. God

is aware and bears witness that they have ever been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him and the household in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to send down upon them at all times a bounty from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily, He has power over all things. And We make mention of Badi' and his mother that they may rejoice and be among the thankful. We beseech God to gather all beneath the shade of the Tree of His bounty and to protect them. He is the Powerful, the Able."

End.

To Him be praise and glory, and to Him be might and splendor. His favors are all-encompassing and His grace all-pervasive. At no time has His aid been or ever shall be cut off. Specifically for the members of the household do I beseech that which befitteth His grace. This letter from that loved one hath at this hour reached the Mansion of Bahji. A brief reply is offered, as time is short, for the messenger must arrive and deliver.

At the close of this letter, with utmost humility and supplication, I beseech for the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever is the cause and source of glory and exaltation. I convey greetings to Qurratu'l-ʿAyn Badi', and I implore from God health and well-being for him and his mother. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace and 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, the Lord of the mighty throne. The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, one and all, convey their greetings and express their kindness, as do the dwellers of the pavilion of glory.

BH01474: O Jalil! Upon thee be My glory! Today…

O Jalil! Upon thee be My glory! Today, which is the third day of the Feast of Ramadan, the Most Great Branch attained the presence and visitation on thy behalf. We beseech God to make this deed a treasure for thee with Him. Verily, He is the Trusted One, the All-Knowing. Each of the mentioned loved ones hath been remembered by the Most Exalted Pen. They have indeed attained unto the choice wine of My utterance, the Kawthar of My remembrance, the Salsabil of My favors, and the ocean of My bounty, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Convey to each one the greetings from the tongue of the Wronged One. Say: O My loved ones! This is the Day of remembrance and praise, would that ye might know, and the Day of steadfastness and faithfulness, would that ye might understand. Your names were presented before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for you that which hath perfumed the world of being with the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who hath drunk My choice wine, sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to aid you with the hosts of utterance and draw you nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have desired to make mention of him who was named Abdu'llah, that he may rejoice and be of those who are thankful. O Abdu'llah! Shatter the idols of the people's vain imaginings with the arm of certitude, by the command of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee, make thee successful, and exalt thee in this Cause, that thy name may be inscribed in His Book, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Muhammad! Hear the call from the direction of God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired as a grace from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which will exalt the Cause of God amongst His servants. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the deniers.

O Ghaffar! The All-Forgiving remembers thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and sent down Thy Book and revealed Thy clear tokens and called the multitudes, without any veil, to the Dayspring of Thy mighty signs and the Manifestation of Thy most beautiful names. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and Thy service. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Almighty.

O Muhammad-Rida! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the direction of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, on this Day wherein that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath appeared. Take hold of the Book of God with such strength that the might of the oppressors shall not deter thee.

O Muhammad-Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and calls thee, that He may draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Cast aside vain imaginings, in defiance of every ignorant remote one. Say: The Day hath come, yet the people are in thick veils. They hear, yet deny. Indeed, they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

O Ghulam-ʿAli! The promise hath been fulfilled and the Promised One hath descended from the heaven of bounty and revealed that which was concealed from sight. Beware lest the veil of the divines prevent thee from God, the Lord of all beings. Say: O concourse of men! Be fair in your judgment, by God, concerning that which hath truthfully appeared. He created you for His days. Turn with radiant faces toward the supreme horizon, the station wherein the tongue of utterance proclaims:

> "God, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bountiful."

Blessed is he who hath heard and turned toward Him, and woe unto every denying infidel.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! The ocean of utterance hath surged, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, and the mysteries have been revealed, and the rivers have flowed, yet most of the people are in doubt and discord. They have denied God's proof and His evidence, and have rejected His favor. Indeed, they are among the people of error. Blessed art thou for having turned toward Him, and woe unto every turning and deceitful one. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and revealed that which was treasured in God's knowledge, the Lord of lords.

O Jabbar! The All-Compelling hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with decisive utterance. The Hour hath appeared with its signs, and the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of power. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled his covenant and hath not broken God's testament when He came with power and sovereignty.

O Ahmad! Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

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

The Hidden hath been manifested and hath revealed what He desired as a mercy from Him, yet most of the people are among the turning ones. Say: Fear God and follow not every remote oppressor. Cast aside the books of the people and take hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We make mention of the handmaidens of God in that place and beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for the devoted ones. Verily, He hath power over all things. The glory from Us be upon you, O concourse of loved ones, and upon every one steadfast in the Cause and every one firm and upright.

BH01454: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

He is God, exalted be His glory and power!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and sent forth the Messengers and made them guides of the ways from His presence to His creation, and through them He opened the gates of His grace and bounty unto His servants and revealed His path and His balance in His lands, until the Manifestations culminated in the Most Great Manifestation, Whom God established as His Own Self among the nations. Through Him appeared the seal of fulfillment and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the highest branches. By God! He hath come through Whose advent the heavens were adorned, and through Whose name the Kingdom of Names, and through Whose manifestation the dominion of utterance in the heaven of religions. Through Him was raised the banner of unity and the standard of detachment, and the ocean of divine knowledge surged, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest one of Thy servants who hath turned unto Him Who was imprisoned in Thy path and accepted tribulations for love of Thee. Thou knowest that he hath acknowledged Thy unity and oneness and held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones through whose light the earth and heaven were illumined, and whom Thou didst make the keys of Thy knowledge amongst mankind and the emblems of Thy guidance in the realm of creation, to assist him in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Guardian over all things.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and We have learned its contents. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the gate of grace and to send down upon thee from the clouds of His mercy a blessing from His presence, and to make thee rich through His riches, and speaking in His remembrance, and steadfast in serving His loved ones. Verily, He is the All-Seeing, the All-Bountiful, the All-Hearing, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

We make mention at this time of him who is named Abdul-Karim—upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. He hath attained unto the mention of the Wronged One before and after thy request. We beseech the All-Bountiful to assist him in that whereby his remembrance and his name shall endure in the cities and lands of God. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

And We make mention of Our loved ones in Ta and of him who hath loved Me and arisen to serve Me, who was named Varqa in the Book of Names. We beseech God to aid all to act in accordance with what

He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book, whereby He distinguished between truth and falsehood until the Day of Judgment.

O my God, my God! Adorn the heads of Thy servants with the crown of trustworthiness and their temples with the raiment of righteousness. Then preserve them, O my God, from the hosts of tyranny and wickedness and from that which Thou hast forbidden them through the tongue of Thy Messengers and chosen ones. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art He to Whose grace and bounty all created things have testified, and to Whose generosity and gifts all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As for what thou didst desire concerning service, know that it dependeth upon goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hands! Deeds are more potent than words. It behooveth the people of unity to counsel others through their deeds and their character. We counsel thee and them with that whereby their stations and ranks may be elevated in the world, and We beseech God to grant thee success in all conditions. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O thou who holdest fast to the Sure Handle! Thou seest the believers among enemies, and there hath befallen them each day that which hath caused their hearts to melt, their tears to flow, and their hearts to lament. We implore God to aid them to patience and forbearance, to tranquility and dignity. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

When thou seest any of My loved ones, remind him on My behalf, then recite unto him what the tongue of My counsel and exhortation hath uttered. Say: By God! The world and its ornaments, its possessions, its bounties and blessings shall pass away. Where is Chosroes, and where is Caesar? Where is he who turned away and denied? Where are the Pharaohs of the lands and the tyrants among the servants? And where are their ranks and their armies? Where are their lofty palaces and their adorned houses? Where is their might and their power, and where is their wrath and anger? They have returned to dust with great remorse. They cry for help but are not helped; they ask but are not answered. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away vain desire and taken unto himself the fear of God, and hath purified his heart from all rancor and hatred, and who associateth with all people in a spirit of fragrant joy. We beseech God to attract all through His call and to preserve them through His grace and His hosts, and to ordain for them every good thing that He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He hath power over all things and is ready to answer.

BH01515: Praise, sanctified beyond the grasp of understanding and knowledge…

He is God—exalted be His majesty in grandeur and power.

Praise, sanctified beyond the grasp of understanding and knowledge, befitteth that Being Who hath ordained the pen and the ink, in the time of separation, as the means whereby love, concord, affection, and unity might appear. The pen—though it hath possessed no treasure and possesseth none, and its interior is empty—yet the power of God hath made it the possessor of the pearls of mysteries, and through it hath revealed that which is the cause of fellowship and love. Exalted be the grandeur of its Creator and Sustainer, and His sovereignty.

And blessings and peace be upon the Ocean of Utterance, through Whom God revealed the Furqan, and through Whom His laws were spread among His servants and His commands throughout His lands; and upon His kindred and His companions, through whom the traces of idolatry were effaced, and the nightingale of proof warbled upon the loftiest branches with the verses of divine unity and the mysteries of detachment—blessings which the changing fortunes of the world nor the appearances of the nations shall ever alter.

And now: the letter which that honored one sent unto this present servant was read before the face of the Wronged One and was admitted unto the grace of His hearing. O servant of God! By the life of God! the delay in making mention thereof hath been due to the multitude of writings: time is lacking and opportunity unseen. The matter resteth in the hand of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

From that which was written in the letter there was diffused the fragrance of love for the forgiving Lord. We render thanks unto God, blessed and exalted be He, that He strengthened thee in the earliest days, made known unto thee His path, His proof, His verses and His clear tokens, showed thee His signs, and caused thee to hear His call.

O ʿAbdu'llah! The divine Books have each been a herald, summoning the people to the Truth, and have been specifically sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will for guidance. His word, blessed and exalted be He, is:

> "Alif. Lam. Mim. This is the Book; there is no doubt in it, a guidance to the God-fearing."

Ask thou of God that He may assist His servants, that all may attain to that for which they were created from nothingness. The world and its vanishing things have prevented [men] from drawing nigh [unto God]. We beseech God to unveil for His servants that which is now concealed.

O ʿAbdu'llah! The pillars in the lands of the people of Divine Unity are shaken. No one is aware of the cause and reason thereof. Until now the earthquake of the Hour hath not subsided. Soon shall its effects be seen. In any case, thou and the other people of Divine Unity should implore preservation from God, exalted be His glory, and petition for victory and triumph, that perchance the calamity of the ancestors may not overtake their posterity, and that which existeth may endure. We beseech the True One, the Knower of things unseen, to assist the kings to act with justice and fairness. Verily, He hath power over all things. Affairs are hidden and concealed in the treasury of Divine knowledge. When thou receivest My letter and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and taught me the word of Thy unity, and caused me to know Thy Beloved and His station through which Thou hast revealed Thy Cause and made clear Thy path, and given me to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the cup of Thy bestowal. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else but Thee, advancing toward Thee, and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, which Thou hast made the Manifestation of Thy Supreme Paradise and Thy Most Exalted Heaven, and by the pearls of the shells of the sea of Thy wisdom, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, and clinging to Thy cord under all conditions. Thou art verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O my Lord! Ordain for me and for those who love Thee the good

> of the world to come and of this world. Verily Thou art the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Praise be to God, thou hast ever been and art still remembered. His honor Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned and continueth to mention thee. Convey My greetings to Jinab-i-ʿAbdu'l-Mihdi. Say:

> "Thy letter was seen. Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly been the recipient of [divine] favor. We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee and enable thee to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Lord of the mighty throne."

Remember on behalf of the Wronged One those who are related [to thee] and the loved ones, and counsel all to patience and steadfastness, trustworthiness and godliness, and righteousness. It is hoped that all will hold fast to the divine Book and act according to it.

BH01513: Praise be to the Lord of Bounty…

In His name, exalted be His glory! Wisdom and Utterance!

Praise be to the Lord of Bounty and the Sovereign of existence, Who is worthy and deserving, for in the sending of Messengers and the revelation of Books, His purpose in the primal degree hath been none other than the knowledge of His sacred Being and the unity of hearts and souls. Through one word revealed from the horizon of the Mother Book, the Path was made manifest and the decree of reckoning became evident, the cry was raised and the call of the trumpet encompassed all, and the mountains were set in motion—glorified be His grandeur and His might, His sovereignty and His power, and His all-pervading Word and dominion.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Ism-i-Jud hath sent thy letter and mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet, from which the believers perceive the fragrance of the utterance of God, the Lord of the worlds. We bear witness that thou didst turn to Him in the early days and didst attain, and didst acknowledge God and His verses, His Manifestation, His power, His grandeur, and His glory. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee in thy latter days as He aided thee in thy early days. Verily, He is the One Whose command is to be obeyed and the One Who is praised in His judgment. Thou hast ever been remembered and hast attained unto boundless grace and favor and the Most Great Mercy. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me in Thy Most Great Prison, and guided me to Thy Most Straight Path, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and mine eyes with the light of meeting Thee. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Command which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy Power which hath prevailed over all who are in earth and heaven, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the effulgences of the luminary of Thy laws, to make me in all conditions one who speaketh Thy praise, who standeth to serve Thee, and who acknowledgeth that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and the earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who art present at this moment before the throne of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment! We have sent down for every name among names that which hath caused the solid rock to take flight, let alone bodies and frames. Give glad tidings unto My loved ones of My grace, My care, and My mercy which have preceded My earth and My heaven, and the light of My care which hath shone forth from the horizon of My bounty.

O Nabil-i-Qa'in! The Ship amidst the waves maketh mention of thee, and the Lamp amidst the winds is occupied with the mention of them who love God, glorified be His majesty. The idolaters and oppressors have wrought that which hath caused the Eye of Truth to weep and the Tablet to cry out and the Pen to swoon. When it recovered, it clung to the hem of mercy and said:

Have mercy on Thy servants, O Most Merciful of the merciful! Then conceal the evil of their imaginings, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of them that know Thee! I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded all created things and Thy grace hath encompassed all existing things. All affairs are in the grasp of Thy power, and the ocean of forgiveness is before Thy face, and the luminary of bounty and riches is in the right hand of Thy will. O Concealer! I beseech Thee by Thy chosen Name, and O All-Patient! I entreat Thee by the pearls of Thy love in the hearts of the chosen ones, to adorn the temples of Thy servants with the raiment of righteousness and fear of God. Verily, Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We wish to make mention of thy son, whose mention hath attained the honor of being heard at this moment when the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh in His Most Great Prison. Glory and majesty belong unto God, the Lord of the worlds. O Ismail! From the Friend hath wafted the fragrance of detachment in such wise as to astonish the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne of God, the Almighty. Leave the world to its people and take hold of the Book with such strength as cannot be hindered by the ranks of the slanderers. Blessed art thou, for thy name hath been sent down from the Tongue of God, the Speaker, the True, the Faithful. Say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy Most Great Name and illumined my heart with the light of Thy manifest Cause.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Ni'mat'u'llah in this exalted station, then send down upon him that which will cause the sweet savors of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous, to be diffused. We beseech God to exalt thee through His Name and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him at all times. Glory and splendor, grandeur and praise be upon thee and upon the assured servants of God.

BH01543: My God, my God! Thou seest my tears…

He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful!

My God, my God! Thou seest my tears and hearest my sighs. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne, by the Manifestations of Thy Cause, by the Daysprings of Thy verses, the Sources of Thy clear proofs, the Fountainheads of Thy commandments, and the Points of descent of Thy revelation, to aid Thy servant who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty, O Lord of all

beings and Master of the throne on high and of the dust below, to act according to what Thou hast commanded him in Thy Book which Thou didst send down upon the Dawning-Place of Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, whereby Thou didst separate truth from falsehood, the knowing from the ignorant, the guide from the misguider, the one who accepteth from the one who turneth away.

I testify, O my God, in this my position, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful through Thy might and dominant through Thy Will. Thou art He Whom neither the might of kings nor the clamor of subjects could hinder. Through Thy power Thou hast manifested that before which the necks of nations have bowed down and the voices of all in the world have been hushed.

Thou seest me, O my God, far removed after Thou didst shelter me in the protection of Thy supreme mercy, and poor after Thou didst cause me to dwell upon the shore of the sea of wealth. O Lord! Withhold me not from gazing toward Thy most exalted horizon, nor my tongue from Thy remembrance, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, nor my ears from hearkening unto Thy verses, O Lord of all beings. By Thy glory, O my God! I know with certain knowledge that the eye was not created save for the Greatest Vision, nor the tongue except for Thy remembrance, O Possessor of all power.

I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the Kingdom, by the mysteries of Thy dominion and what lay hidden in the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by that whereby the pavilion of Thy glory was raised upon the highest standards and the banners of Thy grandeur were hoisted in the most exalted station, and by Him through Whom the valley flowed and the clouds rained, and by His family and His companions, to ordain for me the good of the Hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Alas, alas! How can I mention Thee, O God of the world and Goal of the nations, after my knowledge that remembrance of aught else but Thee befitteth not Thy grandeur and power, nor is worthy of Thy most holy court and Thy sacred station? Therefore, alas, alas! O my Lord and my Support, my grievous sins have prevented me from drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy mercy, and my great transgressions have come between me and the sun of Thy grace. By Thy glory, O Goal of all creation and Object of all things possible, the heart loveth naught save for its turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, and I desire not the eye save for beholding Thy traces, O Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below.

The spirit is beloved if it be sacrificed in Thy path, and the body acceptable if it be cast upon the dust in Thy name. I know not, O my God, my Lord and my Goal, what Thou hast ordained for this Thy servant. Hast Thou ordained for him to enter into the depths of the sea of Thy oneness and the ocean of Thy grace and mercy, or hath Thy irrevocable decree withheld him from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones? O Lord! I am the thirsty one, and with Thee is the Kawthar of life; I am the transgressor, and with Thee is the ocean of forgiveness. Deprive me not, O my God, from the ocean of Thy bounty, and make me not deprived of Thy grace, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of all possibilities. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who were so attracted by Thy remembrance that neither the ranks of the world nor the opposition of the nations could withhold them. They arose and proclaimed:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the elevated Seat!"

They spent what they possessed in Thy path and hastened to the place of sacrifice with such joy as to astonish the Concourse on high and the dwellers of Thy Paradise, O Lord of all things—those whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Book and described through Thy Will and Purpose. These are servants, honored ones who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do as commanded.

Make me in all conditions one who acteth according to what Thou hast commanded me, who forsaketh what Thou hast forbidden me, who remaineth steadfast in Thy Cause, who speaketh in Thy remembrance and praise. Then I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the breezes of Thy verses were wafted and by Whose advent the heavens of Thy sky were honored, to aid me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Then forgive me and my parents through Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH01583: Glorified be God, our Lord, the Lord…

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

Glorified be God, our Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne and our Master and the Master of the exalted Seat. He hath sent forth the Messengers out of love for His servants and creation, and as a bounty and favor unto them, that He might draw them nigh unto Him and guide them to the court of His glory and acquaint them with that which profiteth them in every world of His worlds. He hath sent down the Books that His proof might endure in His kingdom. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful One Who loveth His servants and creation, and remindeth them at all times of His signs, and sendeth down mercy upon them from the heaven of His bounty. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid those who have believed in His signs to remain steadfast in His word of unity. He is, verily, the Helper, the All-Knowing, and the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Most Great.

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter was received, but there was no opportunity to reply. On this night I was enabled to make mention of a response, and I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to protect that beloved of the heart and aid him to set aright the affairs of His loved ones. He is our Protector and the Protector of the sincere ones among His servants and those who are nigh unto His creation.

On this night thy letter was again presented before His presence. He said: The friends of God have ever striven with utmost effort for the well-being of their fellow believers. Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to accomplish that which is the greatest means for the manifestation of the light of unity and concord. This Wronged One beseecheth God, glorified be His majesty, to protect His friends and to make each one a gate of mercy, blessing, kindness, compassion, prosperity and reformation. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Although thy presence with the Wronged One was beloved, yet since thou art occupied with the affairs of the friends of God, glorified be His majesty, it maketh up for what was lost, nay rather, it is greater. We beseech God to aid all to manifest His attributes among them. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Both heart and tongue are occupied with the love and remembrance of the days of thy presence. The pen writeth, the tongue speaketh, the heart is aflame with the fire of love. All this is from the grace of God, our Lord and your Lord, upon you and upon His servant. He is, verily, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

How can one enumerate His mercy and generosity? Every fair-minded soul hath confessed its inability, and every truthful one hath acknowledged it. The Prophets have confessed their powerlessness, how much more so the diverse parties! In all conditions we hold fast to His cord and hope for His grace. He is the One Bestower and the Mighty, the Powerful.

The true Beloved, His Holiness Ali, upon him be God's everlasting peace, whose very being is the gate of love and the book of mercy, hath ever been and still is remembered in the heart and is present before the face of the Lord. In all conditions I seek His confirmations and beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to aid him to guide mankind and enable him to rend asunder the veils of the people of allusions. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The friends are each remembered and blessed with the favors of their Lord, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to manifest a wondrous favor and adorn all with that which gladdeneth their hearts. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

At the end of thy letter mention was made of the Countenance. It was intended to be acquired in the way of religion, but it proved impossible as commerce hath ceased in this land. According to what thou didst submit to my master, His Holiness Gh. S., may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of his footsteps, the funds were sent to Egypt for the purchase of the stone, and likewise for other purposes. However, word hath come from the Threshold that a sum of one hundred Ottoman liras was sent to the house. As commanded, mention was made of this to the one named Jud, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], that they should send that purse exactly as it is. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH01610: Praise and glory befit the Lord of the Kingdom…

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

Praise and glory befit the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, Who, in the midst of the world's upheaval and the discord of nations, has raised aloft the banner of true unity with complete power and supreme might, and through the potency of His All-Powerful Name has adorned the arena of existence with the lights of His Revelation. He has caused the precincts of hearts and minds to attain supreme joy and greatest gladness through the utterance of Him Who conversed on Sinai. He is the One Incomparable Almighty and the All-Knowing Sage. There is none like unto Him, nor has He any peer or likeness in all creation. Exalted be His grandeur, magnificent His signs, great His Cause and His sovereignty.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The letters which Asad—upon him be My glory—sent to thee, both earlier and later ones, have each attained the honor of being presented and heard, and have been adorned with the glory of acceptance. Each has testified to his devotion, his recognition and his steadfastness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give him to drink, from the hands of bounty, the wine of immortality, to make him a champion of His Cause among all peoples, and to ordain for him that which He has ordained for those who have attained His presence. Verily He is the Lord of the throne and earth, and the Ruler of earth and heaven.

O My Name! Upon thee and upon him be My glory and My mercy, and upon those with him who have acknowledged and recognized that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken, and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

O Asad! Blessed art thou for having attained unto verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of kings and princes, and unto a mention that cannot be matched by any other mention. Rejoice thou in this supreme bounty, then praise thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

A Tablet was previously revealed specifically for Ahmad. We beseech God to assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to enable him to behold the divine verses with his own eyes and hear them with his own ears. The Exalted Herald—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—has said:

> "Bear witness with the eye of thy heart, and look not upon Him except with His eye, for whosoever looks upon Him with his eye shall perceive Him, otherwise he will remain veiled."

They were and are unaware of the essence of the Cause, for due to the requirements of wisdom and the flame of hatred and malice burning in the hearts of the people of every kind, most matters were concealed. Blessed is the one who has shattered the idols of vain imaginings through divine power and has turned with his own sight and hearing to the lights of the Daystar of certitude.

If they would, for but an hour, sanctify their hearing from what they have heard, and likewise their sight from what they have seen, and turn to the revealed verses that have encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, they would cry out at the top of their voices among all peoples "The All-Merciful has come with manifest sovereignty"—in such wise that their cry would be heard even in the prison. In truth it would be a pity for them to hesitate in this Day, for this is the Day of striving and service. Should one partake of the Kawthar of immortality that lies hidden within the Most Exalted Words, he would give the world the glad tidings of the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai upon the throne of Revelation. Though he has not attained His presence and meeting, yet his level of understanding is evident to this Wronged One. Should he be assisted to turn to God's will, it will increase and be made effective.

Some time ago the letter of Samandar—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—and thy letter arrived, and in both his mention was made. In those same days the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed, but there was delay in its dispatch. We beseech God, exalted be He, to draw him nigh unto Him and sanctify him from all else but Him, that he may hear and hasten with his heart unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. If they would consider all that has transpired from the beginning of the Cause until now, they would testify to the power, majesty and sovereignty of God, exalted be His glory.

The glory proceeding from Us be upon thee and upon thy nephew and thy family who have turned to and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH01656: The ocean of oneness hath surged, and the Ark…

He is the Manifest, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The ocean of oneness hath surged, and the Ark hath sailed, and the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath been wafted. Blessed is he who hath clung to the cord of bounty and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe betide him who hath been kept back from the Daystar of certitude by following vain imaginings and idle fancies.

O youth! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified in this most exalted Station, this most sublime Summit, and this most glorious Horizon, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling over what hath been and what shall be. We have mentioned thee aforetime with verses from which the fragrance of My loving-kindness was diffused amongst My servants, that thou mightest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of existence. And We have sent down unto thee, time and again, that whereby the realities of all things were attracted. To this testifieth the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, Who is established upon the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" through His Most Holy, Mighty, and Beloved Name.

Thou wert mentioned aforetime by the Trusted One of the Bayan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful, and then by him who was named Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be My Glory. We have remembered thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, and We have sent thee a Tablet wherefrom the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. And at this moment one of My Branches, who hath been named the Light in My Beloved Tablet, hath presented himself, bearing thy letter which thou didst send unto him who was named with the first part of My Name, and it was read before Our face.

We have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which delighteth the eyes of the maidens secluded in the Most Exalted Paradise and attracteth the hearts of the dwellers of the supreme Paradise. Verily thy Lord loveth him who loveth Him and remembereth him who remembereth Him, and He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O youth! There hath befallen Us tribulations whereat the Concourse on High hath lamented, and afflictions wherewith hearts and souls have been consumed. They have cast aside trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness, having followed the dictates of self and passion. Lo! They comprehend not. We desired glory for them, yet they desired for Us supreme abasement. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they have committed that which hath caused the tears of the faithful to flow, they who have believed in God, the Lord of this praiseworthy station. Neither the might of the world shall frighten Me, nor shall the harm of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed hold Me back.

When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of bounty from the cup of the utterance of thy Most Glorious Lord, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy love, to be set ablaze with the fire of Thy affection, and to be illumined by the light of Thy knowledge. I

beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and the Desire of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee were illumined and the faces of them who broke Thy Covenant and Testament and denied Thee and Thy signs were darkened, to assist Thy loved ones to serve Thy Cause and guide Thy creatures, and ordain for them that which shall draw them unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Lord! Thou knowest and seest that I have desired naught save to make mention of Thee amongst Thy servants, to exalt Thy Word, and to manifest that which shall raise them unto the heaven of Thy glory. I beseech Thee to aid me in that which I have purposed in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the All-Bounteous, the Generous, the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence, and to Thy sanctification above the recognition of Thy creatures and Thy exaltation above the comprehension of them that are in Thy realm. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of bounty and Lord of the Kingdom of Names, by Thy Beloved One whom Thou didst deliver from the ungodly who sought to shed His blood without any proof from Thee or testimony from Thy presence, and by Thy Cause whereby Thou didst raise up the Spirit to the heaven of Thy grace and didst preserve Him from the evil of them that turned away among Thy servants and the transgressors among Thy creatures, and by the Will whereby Thou didst deliver Moses from the tyranny of the Pharaohs of the earth and its oppressors, to protect Thy sheep from the wolves of Thy earth and the embodiments of trustworthiness from the calumniators and treacherous ones among Thy servants. Then assist them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and preserve them through Thy power which hath encompassed all things. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH01632: We arose this day and there were present before…

He is the Compassionate Speaker, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

We arose this day and there were present before Us the images of My loved ones in Ishqabad. We have sent down for each one of them that whereby the cities of wisdom and utterance have been illumined, and the city of knowledge hath been adorned in this exalted station. This is the day wherein the City hath descended from the heaven of God's command, the Lord of the worlds. Give thou this glad tiding to those servants whom We sent aforetime and made them to be among the Messengers.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name amongst His servants and to aid thee in that which will cause His sovereign Word to be upraised among all created things. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. This Day is God's Day, and the Call is His Call, and the Remembrance is His Remembrance, and the Cause is His firm and mighty Cause. Blessed art thou inasmuch as thou hast turned and hearkened and attained unto that which was inscribed by the Pen of God in the Books of the Prophets. Thy mention hath gained admittance into Our presence, and We have sent down for thee that whereby all things have cried out and proclaimed:

> "All praise and glory belong unto God, the Lord of the heavens and earth!"

Blessed are they who are enkindled this day with the fire of divine love.

Say: O people! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and ponder the past ages and centuries. What was the cause and reason that in the days of their appearance each of the Manifestations of the Cause was afflicted with the torment of the enemies? What was the cause of the denial of the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—and what was the reason for the rejection and revilement of the Spirit (Christ)? Say: Reflect ye upon Moses and that which was visited upon Him by the idolaters. If the followers of the Qur'an would but ponder a single verse, they would find their way to the Straight Path and the Most Great Announcement. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His words:

> "There came not unto them a Messenger but they did mock at him."

All the Prophets were rejected by the peoples of past ages and centuries and were martyred through diverse afflictions and trials.

O people of God! This Day is a blessed Day, for the Lord of Revelation hath appeared and is established upon the throne of utterance. Blessed is he that hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless and the deniers. We beseech God to aid that company and to make them foremost among the peoples of those regions. This is a mighty bounty which hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. This affirmation shall not be erased by extinction nor shall it be altered. Rejoice, O My loved ones, at this most exalted Word which We have sent down from the heaven of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Today the world is ablaze and the atoms of all created things are proclaiming "The Lord is come!"

Blessed are ye, O My loved ones in that gathering, and O My chosen ones there. God will soon manifest through His grace and mercy, which have preceded both earth and heaven, that which He hath purposed—a command from God, the Ancient of Days. The Most Great Glad-Tidings is that the mention of that gathering hath been made repeatedly before the Countenance. By the life of God! Its fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness unto this: Verily He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O My loved ones! We desire to make mention of My Afnan who have attained unto My days and have quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty. Blessed are they and blessed is he who loveth them. We beseech God to open before their faces the gates of grace and bounty. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word.

Convey My greetings unto thy two brothers and remind them of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My turning toward them and of that which hath been sent down for them from the Kingdom of Mine utterance, the Wondrous, the Glorious. Light and glory and praise and honor be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who were not kept back by the vicissitudes of the world nor by the affairs of the nations from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, from whose waves can be heard:

> "The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty."

BH01661: The Goal of the world's peoples has willed…

In the Name of God, the Mighty!

The Goal of the world's peoples has willed on this blessed night of the month of Ramadan to make mention in the luminous tongue—that is, in the Persian language—of one of His loved ones, that perchance the penetrating power of the Most Exalted Word and the potency of the Supreme Pen may enable the people of the world of creation to attain eternal life and everlasting existence.

O My loved ones and My friends! With wisdom, impart to the peoples of the world the greatness of this station, this Revelation and this utterance, and make it known to them, that perchance they may be quickened and refreshed by the breathings of the Holy Spirit and arise to promote the Cause with joy and delight.

This Wronged One has, at all times, summoned all the peoples of the earth to the horizon of Him Who conversed on Sinai and guided them. However, the unjust people became a barrier and, through false tales and fabricated statements, prevented ears from hearkening to the shrill voice of the Divine Pen. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the ornament of truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness and fidelity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Today the loved ones must manifest supreme kindliness and greatest mercy, and awaken the heedless, that perchance they may discover and comprehend the station of these days and the purpose of the Beloved of the worlds. God is aware and the people bear witness that this Wronged One had no desire save the exaltation of the blessed Word. Nevertheless, from all directions fly the arrows of denial and hypocrisy. Soon will the heedless witness their stations before the seat of God's justice, the Lord of all worlds. By My life! Not a single fruitless or ineffective deed remains or has remained. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants in that which befits His days. Verily, He has power over all things.

Today all must gaze toward the horizon of Revelation and hold fast to whatsoever hath been manifested from the Source of God's command. This is the truth, there is no doubt therein. Blessed is he who hath laid hold upon it and cast away all else, as bidden by the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O Letter F before T! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and remind the servants of what hath been sent down to them from the heaven of the Will of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest and knowest that I have turned toward Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the Word whereby Thou hast subdued the world, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast illumined the hearts of the nations, to open before the faces of Thy servants the doors of Thy generosity, then draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions, then grant them to drink from the cup of steadfastness such that neither the doubts of the nations nor the oppression of those who have denied Thy Most Great Name may cause them to slip. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation.

Unveil to them what Thou hast unveiled to Thy loved ones, then make known to them Thy straight Path, at whose appearance hearts and minds were agitated, except for those whom Thou didst protect through Thy hosts of power and Thy sovereignty. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy chosen ones who have confined their affairs to Thy remembrance and praise and the promotion of Thy Cause in Thy lands. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the might of those who have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and who dispute Thy signs that have encompassed the heavens and the earth prevent Thee. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

O thou who standest firm in My service! Mention of the loved ones of that land has repeatedly been made in the Most Holy Court and continues to be made. One day among these days, the Most Great Branch and Ism-i-Jud, upon them both be My glory and My loving-kindness, made mention of you, and your letter attained the honor of being seen and heard. We have therefore answered thee through this mighty Tablet and this perspicuous Book. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Possessor of the hereafter and this world, for having remembered me in Thy prison and for having sent down that whose fragrance shall never be cut off throughout the duration of Thy commandments and ordinances. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy binding and wise command. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH01772: Glorified be God! With what tongue can man describe…

He is God, exalted be He in might and power

Glorified be God! With what tongue can man describe and praise the Sun of Truth? Through a single manifestation He adorned sheer nothingness with the ornament of existence and arrayed pure nonexistence with the garment of being. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Great is His glory and all-encompassing His bounty. There is no God but Him. And peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom God's decree appeared on earth and His Cause among creation, through Whom the traces of the ungodly were effaced and the qualities of the believers were established, and upon the rivers that branched forth from the ocean of His utterance, namely His family and companions, through whom the sea of certitude surged amidst all possibility, and the banners of those who denied the All-Merciful were brought low, and through whom God's Cause and His decree, His remembrance and His praise were established.

Thereafter, the handwriting of that Beloved of soul and spirit was a treasure of joy and a book of gladness and mercy. Praise be to God, immediately upon its arrival the effulgence of the Name "the Loving" became manifest. In truth, the carpet of love was spread and the cushions of affection were adorned, for it was redolent with divine remembrance and indicative of the oneness of His Essence. God, exalted be His glory, and all things bear witness that mention of that Beloved hath another influence and another penetrating power. After its reading, observation and hearing, we proceeded to the Most Great Shrine where it was presented before His presence.

They said: "We beseech God for whatsoever is worthy of His grace and favor." They said: "Write: O Muhammad and those with thee! Ye are all remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. In all

conditions ye must be engaged in your affairs with the utmost joy and fragrance and assurance. Relief is from God and victory is from God and their restoration is from Him. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Almighty over those in the heavens and earths. Beware lest anything among things or any matter among matters sadden you. Convey My greetings to each one. They have ever been and continue to be remembered. Verily He is the Answerer of the suppliants and the Fulfiller of the needs of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, for He is the Goal of the mystics." End quote.

Praise be to God, they have been and continue to be confirmed, and we beseech and implore the rain of His bounty from the clouds of His mercy. Verily the supplicant hath never been and shall never be deprived, for His mercy is beyond reckoning and His grace is limitless. We beseech Him to adorn this dispersion with the ornament of unity and to transform this apparent separation and remoteness into nearness and presence. With clear certainty we know He is able to do whatsoever He willeth and powerful over whatsoever He desireth. Regarding the matters about which you wrote to the beloved of the heart, His Honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God—that letter was given to this servant and was read, but in consultation certain considerations arose and were presented before His presence.

Surely His Honor himself has written and will write to that beloved one. We shall see what else will appear hereafter. This servant beseecheth God, detached from all else but Him, to ordain what is best for us. Verily He hath power over what He willeth. I convey greetings to the friends of that land and the beloved ones of that region, one and all, and I beseech God, exalted be His station, for victory, blessing, loftiness and elevation for all. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01808: Praise be sanctified above mention and utterance and all…

He is the Rememberer, the Consoler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be sanctified above mention and utterance and all that is in creation, befitting the court of the Beloved of the worlds, Who hath ordained death and life as herald and warner in a single station. Through the first He illumined hearts and souls with the light of promise and adorned them with the seal of "Verily I am God's", and through the second the fear of God was made manifest, whereby He restrained the self and passion from transgression. Outward life in one sense merits the decree of veil, but when it is removed the Hand of bounty raises high the banner of nearness and meeting. Great is His glory! Let those near drawn rejoice in the Kawthar of attainment and the sincere in the fragrant breezes of nearness and beauty.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention in this station of him who drank the wine of certitude and attained the Companion, who believed in the Lord of all beings when the people of tyranny and oppression denied Him. He was named Muhammad-ʿAli in the Book of Names. Say: The first wave that surged from the ocean of grace, the first fragrance that wafted from the utterance of the Most Great Name, and the first light that shone from the horizon of the world be upon thee, O thou whom God adorned in His days with the pearls of submission and contentment and the gems of glory, wisdom and

faithfulness. I testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of understanding from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, when all in creation were deprived thereof.

Thou art he whom the might of the oppressors deterred not from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of lords, and whom the veils of the transgressors prevented not from gazing toward His Most Luminous Horizon. Thou didst shatter the idol of vain imaginings with the arm of certitude and illumine thy heart with the light of the knowledge of God, the Lord of all beings and the King of days. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned by the Pen of Bounty before and after thy ascension, as a grace from God, the Lord of Names. At this moment We beseech Him to send down upon thee at all times mercy and loving-kindness from His presence, and to cause thee to enter with the people of Baha into the Most Exalted Paradise. He, verily, is the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, the Lord of the world to come and of this world.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Thou Who causeth the winds to blow, Who sendeth down the Tablets and ordaineth good fortune and prosperity! I beseech Thee by the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries treasured in the repositories of Thy protection to forgive him and those who visit him, through that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy generosity that hath encompassed all created things and by Thy bounty that hath embraced all existence to rain down upon Thy loved ones from the clouds of Thy grace the showers of Thy mercy. Then ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come through Thy Will and Purpose. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Vanquisher, the Powerful. And verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous, the Kind, the Merciful.

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Praise be to God that the door of bounty is opened and the rain of mercy is pouring from the heaven of grace. Through His Name the Sun of Certitude hath shone in this moment upon all who are in the realm of possibility, and the heaven of wisdom and utterance hath been adorned with the stars of the knowledge of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. We beseech God to confirm thee in supreme steadfastness and to draw thee to a station wherein nothing among all things shall prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven. We make mention of My leaves and handmaidens there and give them glad tidings of the ocean of My bounty and the heaven of My generosity and the sun of My grace, whereby existence hath been illumined in both the unseen and the visible realms. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them from God, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH01806: He speaketh the truth and manifesteth justice!

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The essence of praise and thanksgiving, and the very source of gratitude, beseemeth and befitteth that Desired One Who was not deterred from reformation by the tyranny of oppressors, the turning away of the heedless, or the corruption of the mischief-makers, nor was He prevented by their acts from exercising His all-pervasive and penetrating Will.

O Attar! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, raised from the prison of Akka. Verily, He uniteth hearts and revealeth that which lieth hidden in the breasts. This call is, in one station, as a spirit unto bodies, and in another station, as the Water of Life unto all existence. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and drunk thereof in My Name, the All-Loving, the Bountiful.

The letter thou didst send to him who beareth the name of God—upon him be My glory—was forwarded to the Most Holy Court, where it was presented and heard.

O ʿAttar! Upon thee be the glory of God, thy Lord, the Chosen One. I speak the truth when I say that manifest tribulations and sorrows have encompassed the Truth—exalted be His glory. Wert thou to become aware of them, thou wouldst weep by night and day like unto one bereft, by reason of what hath befallen Me at the hands of those whom We caused to hear Our call, to whom We showed Our path, whom We guided to Our straight way, whom We aided to turn toward Our direction, and whom We gave to drink from the Kawthar of Our reunion and the cup of Our presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O ʿAttar! Upon thee be My glory and My peace. Should anyone ask thee concerning the All-Glorious, say: He is caught in the talons of hatred. There hath befallen Him that which no pen in all the world can move to recount or enumerate, nor can any ink record. To this doth testify He with Whom are the treasuries of verses and the Preserved Book.

Refresh and gladden the friends with the Kawthar of the utterance of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid them to stand firm with such steadfastness as no law of the world nor anything possessed by the nations can prevent from turning toward the Most Great Ocean, from whose waves can be heard:

> "The Owner of all things hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!"

Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. Soon shall the oppressors behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily, thy Lord is the Just, the All-Wise.

What is necessary and obligatory today is that the loved ones should remain steadfast and immovable in the Cause with the utmost firmness, and should shun whatsoever giveth off the odor of mischief. At present most kings and subjects bear witness to this community's freedom from corruption. Should they observe even the slightest association with the corrupt—nay, less than the eye of a needle—they would arise to inflict grievous oppression. Say: O My loved ones! Ye are mines of the pearls of steadfastness. Defile not yourselves with the vain imaginings of the corrupt. Such is the counsel of the Wronged One unto His loved ones. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

Today is the day of teaching. With wisdom and utterance must ye cleanse the people of the world from the defilement of corruption, conflict and contention, and draw them to the direction of the One Beloved Friend. Verily, He hath come for the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of His servants. To this testify His holy Tablets, His revealed Books, His manifest mysteries, and this clear Book in this brilliant station.

The son who beareth My name, Husayn, brought the letter of thy son into Our presence. We read it and have revealed for thee and for thy son and for those with thee that which cannot be equaled by the pearls of the seas, nor by the mines in the mountains, nor by the treasuries of kings. Adorn all the members of that household, on behalf of the Wronged One, with the ornament of loving-kindness and with the embellishment of bounty and mercy. They have ever been mentioned in Our Tablets, and mention of each one hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen.

The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones and friends, and upon My leaves who have hearkened unto the call and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH01844: Praise be to the King of Kings Who has…

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven.

Praise be to the King of Kings Who has gladdened His servants with the blessed word "The All-Merciful is established upon the throne," for this exalted word is a clear glad-tiding of the manifestation of Truth and His establishment, exalted be His glory. This blessed word in its inmost mystery gives the glad-tidings of His presence, that those who have turned to Him may attain supreme joy and hold fast to that which befits His days.

O friends of God in those lands! His honor Siyyid Faraju'llah, upon him be the glory of God, has attained Our presence and has been blessed again and again with the waters of reunion. Now he has sought a portion of that blessed, luminous cup for the friends as well. We therefore desire to send you the Kawthar of utterance, the choice wine of recognition, and the Salsabil of certitude, that these may draw you to the supreme horizon and most exalted summit. We beseech God, blessed and exalted is He, to change your hardship to ease, your sorrow to joy, and your difficulty to comfort. Verily He loves His friends and desires for them a joy that neither sorrows nor the contingencies of the world can alter.

Praise be to God! These are days of joy and gladness. We hope that at all times they may drink from the cup of bounty that which is the cause of eternal life throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. Cast off the garments of troubles and sorrows from the temples of love through the name of the Beloved of the worlds. The affairs of the sincere ones and those who profess His unity are with God, exalted be His glory. If He wishes He gives, and if He wills He takes away. All affairs are captive in the grasp of His power, and this indeed is easy and simple. In these days through His infinite bounty and supreme benevolence you have been blessed with that which causes the exaltation of the Word of God and the advancement of His Cause.

My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, my Master, my Helper, my Goal and my Object of worship! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause which Thou didst kindle with the hand of Thy power, and by the pearls which were hidden in the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy generosity, to protect Thy friends through Thy bounty and Thy hosts. Then open before their faces the doors of Thy riches. O Lord! Thou seest them holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clinging to the hem of Thy generosity. Disappoint them not of that which shall establish the signs of Thy

trustworthiness in Thy lands, Thy religion in Thy realms, and the appearance of Thy justice amongst Thy servants.

I testify, O my God, that they have desired naught but Thy mention and praise and the service of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to raise up through them Thy names amidst Thy creation and Thy attributes among those who dwell in Thy heaven and Thy earth. Thou art He Who has testified to Thy power through all created things and to Thy sovereignty through all possible things. Thou doest what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the control of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

God is witness and testifier that the friends have ever been mentioned on the Wronged One's carpet and their purpose has been and is the exaltation of the blessed Word. Assuredly this supreme station and exalted rank has been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of the Lord of all being, and its effects are endless. Soon will the heedless ones witness the greatness of God and His power, and the favors and kindnesses of God. Verily He loves whoever turns to Him, desires whoever seeks Him, and mentions whoever mentions Him with a mention whereby the trees catch fire and proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Chosen.

Peace and glory and praise and blessing be upon you, O friends of God, and His bounty and favor and heavenly table and mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

BH01857: O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! In thy…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! In thy letter which Varqa, upon him be My glory, forwarded, mention was made of Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, and likewise loving mention was made of the chosen ones, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, by the pen of love. Each hath been honored by mention from the Most Exalted Pen, and from the clouds of grace the rain of mercy hath been showered upon hearts and minds. We beseech God that there may spring forth therefrom the flowers of divine realities and utterance. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

O Muhammad, upon thee be the glory of God and His favors! This Wronged One hath dealt with those who claim to love Him with perfect love and supreme kindness. To this testify the earth and its mountains, its trees and fruits, the seas and their waves, the sun and its rays. Yet some have broken their covenant and pledge, and severed its cord, and in the great city committed that which caused the eye of love to weep and the tears of the sincere and unified ones to flow. We beseech God to assist thee to remain firm with such steadfastness as cannot be prevented by the hosts and armies of the earth.

O Nabil, upon thee be the glory of thy Glorious Lord! During nights and days We have commanded the peoples of the world to observe justice, fairness, trustworthiness and piety, and counseled them thereto, yet most have preferred passion over guidance, and transgression and vice over righteousness and fear of God. In these days We have sent a sacred and blessed Tablet containing divine verses and tablets specifically to the Shaykh of the Land of Sad, that is, Ibn Baqir, that perchance the breathings of revelation and the fragrance of the divine presence might restrain him from that which is forbidden and attract him

from that which is with him to that which is with God. Glory be to God! Verses beyond reckoning have been revealed and clear proofs have appeared before all faces. The Hour and its signs, the Resurrection and its mysteries, have become manifest.

We said: O Shaykh, if thou fearest for thy faith, preserve the Tablet in the pocket of thy trust. When God shall question thee at the gathering place about that in which thou hast believed, then bring forth the Tablet and say: By this blessed, mighty and inaccessible Book! Thereupon the hands of all created things shall be raised toward it; they shall take it and place it upon their eyes, and shall find therein the fragrance of divine favors and bounties such as none among the former and latter generations hath known.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My loving-kindness! The Cause hath appeared in such wise that proofs and evidences are humble, submissive and circumambulent. Yet the veil of deeds hath prevented all and deprived them. Beseech God that He may assist all and grant them success, that they may not be deprived in the days of manifestation from the splendors of the lights of the Sun of grace and bounty. Although in these days personal calumnies have secretly kindled the fire of sedition and hatred, God shall soon reveal that which was hidden in the breasts of the opposers.

These are the days of the appearance of that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an, blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "And if there be the weight of a mustard seed and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth."

Likewise it is the day of the manifestation of the treachery of eyes and that which is hidden in breasts. We beseech God to protect His loved ones and preserve them from the evil of heedless souls. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory of God be upon you, O concourse of chosen ones, and upon those who love you for His sake, the dawning, the luminous.

BH11389: O My Most Exalted Pen! Bear thou witness unto…

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

O My Most Exalted Pen! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above the comprehension of all created things. All necks have bowed down before His grandeur and all names have prostrated themselves before His sovereignty. He hath shown the Way unto His loved ones and, through His bounty, grace, favor and generosity, revealed unto them the Proof. He it is Who, ere the creation of the heavens and earth, bore witness unto His own oneness and the singularity of His Being, and testified unto Him Who came with the Truth that He is the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Book, and His irrevocable Decree.

Through Him the Herald raised his call from every direction, the verses were sent down, the clear proofs appeared, the clouds spoke forth and rained upon all peoples. He it is Who hath stood in His place in all things and been established upon the throne of Revelation. Whoso acknowledgeth Him hath

acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and whoso denieth and turneth away is accounted among the wrongdoers in a Book which none but He hath seen. Thus hath He appeared and made manifest His Cause through His sovereignty, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the rivers have flowed and the mysteries been revealed! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets, and to Thy power before which all created things have bowed down, and Thy might which hath encompassed all contingent beings. O my Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon after hearing Thy sweetest call, and who standeth detached from all else but Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy Command through which Thou didst transform the earth into heaven and caused all things to speak forth before the faces of humanity, to make me one of those whom the oppression of the oppressors and the tyranny of the transgressors—they who have cast behind them the choice wine of Thy utterance and the Kawthar of Thy bounty, and seized that which they were forbidden in Thy Book—hath not frightened.

O my Lord! Thou seest the evanescent one desiring the cup of immortality in meeting Thee, the thirsty one Thy choice wine, the poor one the ocean of Thy riches, the weak one the horizon of Thy power, the stranger the pavilions of Thy grandeur, the oppressed one the deep ocean of Thy justice, the weary one the kingdom of Thy remembrance, the sick one the sea of Thy healing, the unlettered one the Mount of Thy knowledge and proof, the sleeping one Thy sweetest call, the naked one the robe of Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Possessor of the kingdom of names, and the sorrowful one the shore of the sea of Thy joy, O Lord of the Throne and earth! By Thy glory, O my God, my Goal and my Beloved! The heart findeth no rest save through the Day-Star of assurance from the direction of Thy grace, nor doth the eye become tranquil except by beholding the horizon of Thy manifestation, nor doth the soul find repose save through the appearances of Thy generosity and bounty.

O my Lord! Thou seest me circling round Thy will and purpose, and submissive unto that which hath appeared from Thee. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heaven of Thy wisdom and the waves of the ocean of Thy grace to make me in all circumstances turned toward the lights of Thy countenance and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity. I testify that this Day is Thy Day, and the Command Thy Command, and the Light Thy Light. I beseech Thee by these to aid me in that which shall cause my remembrance to endure in Thy Book and my station among the people of Thy Kingdom. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, nor can the power of the wicked weaken.

Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest by Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O my Lord! Change Thou the hardship of Thy loved ones into ease, their difficulty into comfort, their abasement into glory, and their sorrow into the greatest joy, O Thou in Whose hand is the reins of mankind! Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them who have recognized Thee!

BH01900: Lawh-i-Husayn 3

In the name of God, the One, the Incomparable!

Today the Daystar of the Word of God is dawning above your horizon. The Pen of Utterance is shining and resplendent, and through but one of its rays the hearts of the peoples of the world are being illumined. Today the enkindling fire of love is manifest and evident in the world. Say: O high priests! The Ocean of bounty is surging before your eyes. Forsake your idle fancies and fix your gaze upon the horizon of the luminary of certitude. Lead them that have gone astray unto the tabernacle of the recognition of Him Who is the Desire of all mankind. Ye have been called into being for the purpose of serving this Day of Victory. All the holy books and scriptures have announced unto all the glad-tidings of this blessed Day and rejoiced at its advent. Through the power of trust and detachment, strive ye to attain this exalted station, and deprive neither yourselves nor mankind from its life-giving water.

O Husayn! Thy letter arrived and was read in Our presence. The Ocean of Grace hath turned towards thee from the direction of the prison, and every wave thereof proclaimeth this exalted word: May the eye of the world and its peoples be illumined, for the preamble is manifest in the conclusion and the light that was hidden from the faces is evident. Every servant during these days must renounce three things in order to attain three things. The three things that must be renounced are covetousness, idle fancy, and selfish desire, and the three things to be attained are recognition, acknowledgement, and certitude. These are the secrets of Him Who is the All-Sufficing, which have been set forth in the heavenly Tablets and guarded and preserved in the treasury of divine infallibility.

Make mention of Bahram of old, the ruler of mankind, and impart unto him the hidden secrets which are being revealed today from the treasuries of the Pen and Inkwell. We beseech God to assist him that through divine power he may suffer the high priests to attain the original intention. Say: Today is the day for service and rising up, not for sitting down and dreaming idle dreams. Tear asunder, then, the veils and dispel the obscuring mists from your midst that the peoples of the world may be informed of the Hidden Secret, discover the one Beloved, and attain His presence.

O Husayn! The call is uplifted at all times. Blessed is the ear that is sanctified from the tales of the peoples of the world and hearkeneth unto the summons of the Lord of all names. Send My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Say: Today, when heaven is adorned with the Sun of God's providence, hasten ye unto the hearts that haply ye may discover and apprehend the reason and purpose for the manifestation of existence. Today all the treasures of the world are not equal to one drop of the Ocean of true understanding.

When thou hast received My Tablet and quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My favor, say: O God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge. Suffer them to enter beneath the shadow of the tabernacle of Thy grandeur and the depths of the ocean of Thy unity. O Lord! Thou seest me turning towards Thee, anticipating the wonders of Thy bounty and Thy grace unto myself and Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Finger, through whose movement all existence, both visible and invisible, hath been set into motion, to unlock before the faces of Thy loved ones the gates of Thy gifts and Thy blessings, Thy exaltation and Thy might. Assist them that

they may take hold of Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, clinging to Thy cord and turning towards the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. No God is there but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH01896: Praise be to God, Who hath fulfilled His promise…

He is Godâ€“exalted be His majesty in grandeur and power.

Praise be to God, Who hath fulfilled His promise, manifested His sovereignty, sent down His verses, made plain His straight path, and proclaimed unto all His mighty Tidings. And blessings and peace be upon the Source of being and the Mystery of the unseen in the world of the visible, and upon His kindred and His companions, through whom the horizons were illumined with the light of divine unity, and through the manifestations of His mighty Name the servants and the lands were subdued, and through whom there appeared the decree of promise and of warningâ€“blessings whose fragrances shall never cease, and whose sweet savors shall never come to an end.

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin, upon thee be the peace of God, Lord of all worlds! What hath befallen thee hath grieved Me to such an extent that for several days I laid down My pen. God knoweth, and thou knowest, that My counseling pen hath never ceased. It hath revealed that which was the cause of the upliftment of existence and the exaltation of souls. From the heaven of every Tablet hath shone forth the Sun of justice, and We have enjoined upon all to observe it and to practice fairness, from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of bounty and favors. Among the people are those who have hearkened to the call of the Wronged One and counseled others through their deeds and character, and among them are those who have cast counsel behind their backs.

Glory be to God! The Pen is bewildered and the Tablet is bewildered as to what to mention and what effect will appear. Great is this Day, the Day whereon the secrets shall be tried. Its witness and testimony are the secrets of hearts and breasts, "the treachery of the eyes and that which the breasts conceal." This is the description of this Day. We beseech God to adorn His servants with the raiment of fairness and to illumine their hearts with the lights of love and fellowship.

In all the Books, both past and future, He hath commanded that the believers and those who have turned towards Him should prefer others over themselves. They should make their paramount concern the vindication of truth and the elimination of falsehood, and should choose for their brethren what they choose for themselves.

In any case, thy grief hath added to Our griefs. However, since bearing hardship and tribulation in these days, and likewise patience and steadfastness under afflictions, are accounted before God as among the most excellent and most praiseworthy of deeds, there is no cause for concern. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee under all conditions, to reinforce thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to ordain for thee that which beseemeth the heaven of His bounty and the ocean of His generosity. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thy verses and prose have been presented and heard. From every letter We have detected the fragrance of thy love, thy steadfastness, and thy patience in what hath befallen thee. Verily, God is the All-Patient, and He hath commanded His servants to observe gracious patience. A bountiful reward for the patient ones hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book.

Today is the day of utterance and exposition, and the day of unity and harmony. Had the loved ones held fast to the counsels recorded in the Tablets, they would now behold the world adorned and illumined with the light of justice and fairness. Some deeds act as barriers and veils. We beseech God to assist all to return and repent, and to arise to make good what hath escaped them. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.

Peace be upon thee, upon thy beginning and thy end, and upon those who have cast away the forbidden and taken hold of the good which they were commanded to observe in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of them that know and the Beloved of the hearts of them that long for Him.

BH01920: Praised be God! In some stations the mention…

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

Praised be God! In some stations the mention of abandonment is sweeter than taking possession, nay, in one station man beholds himself in the ocean of detachment through mention of it. Blessed is this station and joyous is this station, as the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His blessed and exalted words: "I have abandoned the ways of a people who believe not in God and who deny the life to come." In truth this verse is specifically for the sincere ones and those near to God. The meaning of "ways of a people" in the first degree refers to the principles of the ungodly, and in another station refers to the adornments of that people, and likewise their occupations, and in one station all that they had clung to without God's leave is included therein.

Through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, that true Beloved and eternal Friend hath drunk from this ocean. In all conditions they are detached from all else but God and are cleaving and clinging and trusting in Him. When the sun of resignation dawns from the horizon of the words "I resign my affair unto God—He verily is our Guardian and Provider and the One who causes us to die and gives us life and resurrects us, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen."

And blessings and peace be upon Him by whose grasp the seed spoke, and before whose face all things bore witness, and from the wellspring of whose knowledge and wisdom flowed the water of life, and upon His family and companions through whom were opened the gates of generosity in the world and God's Cause was established among the nations—blessings from which those near to God find the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

And then, the letter of that beloved of the heart arrived. It contained firm proofs and likewise conclusive evidence of that beloved one's love and affection and devotion and detachment. And after it was presented before His face, He said:

> "O Muhammad, upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Despair not of God's Spirit and mercy."

From these blessed words flow the Euphrates of mercy and the breezes of loving-kindness waft, and within it is concealed the book of compassion. Blessed is he who preserves its station and raises its standards. In all conditions thou art mentioned before the Wronged One and art present before His face. His grace hath not deprived the ungodly and the opposers, how much less the believers and those who have accepted, how much less those who are detached and sincere. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you with the hosts of grace and bounty and to ordain for you what He hath ordained for His chosen ones. He is verily the Lord of creation. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Most Exalted.

Praise be to God! You are remembered as a daily blessing and are adorned and embellished with the outpouring of utterance. A hundred thousand praises be to the Goal of the world's peoples, that in such days as these He hath made firm the fellowship of His loved ones and hath regarded the connection between them. He is the Composer of hearts and the Promoter of affairs. We beseech Him for that which befitteth His generosity and grace. Verily He is the Generous, the Gracious. Convey my greetings to each of the gentlemen of that land. God is witness and aware that you have ever been and are remembered in my heart, and I seek confirmation for each one that they may arise with utmost outward and inward resolve to set right affairs. Assistance is from God and success from Him and mercy from His presence. He is verily the Strong, the Trustworthy, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

BH01987: O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of them that have turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds. We were seated upon the Throne when We heard the call from the right-hand side saying that Khalil maketh mention of thee. Thereupon did My tongue speak thy praise at this hour wherein the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, as a token of My favor unto thee and unto them that are with thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We have made mention of thee before, and of the days thou didst spend beneath the canopies of grandeur. Verily nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We have answered thee with verses which God hath made the ornament adorning the preamble of the Book of Divine Unity, which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Mother Book in this most exalted station. By My life! There hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen that which nothing in all creation can equal. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful.

We beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee through His Name, and cause thee to drink from the Kawthar of life at all times, and to inscribe for thee from His

Most Exalted Pen that which shall be as a light before thy face in every world of His worlds. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Powerful.

O Khalil! Hearken in the Persian tongue unto the call of the Wronged One. Today that which was hidden in the breasts and concealed in the eyes hath become manifest and visible. In the great city there appeared that which was concealed from all. Verily He hath revealed what He willed, that the people might know the stations of those who denied the Day of Judgment. Every day, through the deception of the Isle, they have attributed and continue to attribute treachery to the dawning-places of trustworthiness and assurance. They have unjustly consumed the substance of the people and have uttered that which none before them had ever uttered.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto the city wherein Thy call was raised, Thy clear tokens were revealed, and Thy verses were sent down. Thanks and glory be unto Thee for having given the glad-tidings unto Thy loved ones of the appearance of Thy mighty Message and Thy Cause that dominateth all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee by Thy light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace, and by the Fire through which Thou didst deliver Thy Cause and manifest the oneness of Thine Essence, to ordain for me that which I have desired from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowals.

O my Lord! Thou seest Khalil clinging fast unto Thy firm and mighty cord, and holding to the hem of Thy mercy, O Lord of all worlds. I beseech Thee to ordain for him that which shall endure as long as Thine own names endure, and shall be immortalized in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. Moreover I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Ordainer of all things and their Sovereign, to assist the heedless to return unto the gate of Thy mercy and to arise before the court of Thy pardon and bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's mercy be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon them that love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning this mighty Cause. At this moment We make mention of him who hath been named ʿAbdu'l-Karim—upon him be the Glory of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise—that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and find assurance through the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Most Generous. We give him the glad-tidings of Our favor unto him and Our remembrance of him from this quarter of Our mighty Prison. Glory be upon him and upon them that are with him and have acknowledged that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

BH02093: Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above…

He is the One Who warbleth upon the loftiest branches.

Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above the mention and description of all the peoples of the world, the Lord of all nations, Who befitteth and deserveth that through His absolute Will and pervading Purpose He hath taken possession of all hearts and souls and guided them to the supreme horizon. Neither the opposition of the world's rulers nor the ascendancy and oppression of the divines of the

nations could hold Him back from His all-conquering and compelling Purpose. Glorified be His majesty, exalted be His dominion, and all-encompassing be His signs. There is no God but Him.

This is a Book which the Lord of all beings hath sent down unto one of His loved ones that He may draw him nigh unto the Most Glorious Horizon and illumine him with the light of the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have remembered thee before and at this time, and have revealed for thee that which hath caused the hearts of them that are nigh to soar. Say: This is the Day wherein God walketh and speaketh, did ye but know it, and this is the Mother Book calling out in the most exalted voice from the horizon of the heaven of the prison of Akka, yet ye perceive it not.

Arise to serve Me through My command, then speak forth that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken amongst My servants and say: O concourse of men! By God, the Lord of destiny hath come and every hidden matter hath been revealed. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Beware lest the veils of the world or the doubts of those who have denied God's proof and evidence and have disputed His signs which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth withhold you. Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the world and with a power that hath encompassed all existence, of the former and latter generations.

O Mirza, before Ta and Qaf! The Lord of the world hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and hath sent down for thee that which hath caused the ocean of knowledge to surge before the faces of the world. Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him and hath held fast unto the cord of God, the Holy, the Mighty, the Sure. By God! The rivers have flowed, the trees have yielded their fruit, the branches have swayed, and the boughs have stretched forth—a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Great. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a grace from Him unto thee and unto those who have arisen and said:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the angels who are nigh."

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and hear My call, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy Manifestation and illumined me with the lights of Thy Name, the All-Forgiving. I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and by that which was hidden in Thy knowledge, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names, to rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy utterance and bounty. Then open before my face the door of Thy generosity and favor, and aid me, O my God, to serve Thee amongst Thy creation, and assist me with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy manifest sovereignty. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Subduing, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

That which thou didst send hath been presented before the Throne and hath been honored with the ornament of acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee in that which He loveth

and is pleased with, and to exalt thee through His Name amongst all beings. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH02092: Praise be to the Lord of the kingdom…

He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer

Praise be to the Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven, Who through His Most Exalted Word drew the hearts of the people of Baha to the Most Glorious Horizon. His Cause is unalterable and His decree is firm. Blessed are they who have drunk from the cups of the love of God and have held fast to the cord of His favor. These are the companions of the Crimson Ark mentioned and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'. Well is it with them and with those who love them and who perceive from them the fragrance of the providence of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Thy letter was delivered to Our presence through Husayn, upon whom be My Glory and favor, by means of the Most Great Branch, and was heard by Us. Blessed be thy tongue which God hath strengthened to mention and praise Him, and thy heart which hath been illumined by the light of recognition. The Most Great Branch recited what thou hadst composed in praise and remembrance of God. This is from God's grace and mercy upon thee. Be grateful and say:

Praise be to Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the visible and invisible, for having enabled me to turn to Thy Most Exalted Horizon and guided me to Thy Most Glorious Path, and made known to me Thy Great Announcement and Thy Most Great Name which overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy Command whereby the Trump was sounded and those in the graves were raised, to make me steadfast in Thee and in Thy signs, and to cause me to cling to the hem of Thy mercy and bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee. I implore Thee to open before my face the doors of Thy grace, favor and blessing. Thou art He Whose power hath been acknowledged by the tongues of all created things and Whose sovereignty hath been confessed by all existing things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Today the ocean of favor is surging and the sun of grace is shining and the light of bounty is radiant. We beseech God to confirm thee in steadfastness in this Most Great Cause and Momentous Announcement. Say: O servants! Today the Sovereign of Revelation is seated upon the throne of 'He doeth what He willeth.' Deprive not yourselves of this most exalted station and most sublime summit. Today the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven are gazing upon you, and from each one appeareth mention of good or a righteous deed. All speak the words "Blessed be God, the Lord of the Throne" and show forth love. O Hasan! Give thanks unto God for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and mentioned thee with verses whereby the hearts of those near unto God and the sincere ones were attracted.

Today every word that proceedeth from the mouth of the Divine Will is immortalized by the command of the Lord of Names in the Crimson Tablet. Its fragrances endure and its perfume is diffused. Blessed is he

who hath perceived it and hath said: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all mankind and King of Glory, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of them that know!” The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, and who have said before all faces “God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Master of the Day of Judgment.”

BH02166: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Wronged One, that it may draw the people near unto God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. O peoples of the earth! Hear the call from the precincts of Akka—verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is the ear that hath attained to hearing it and the eye that hath been honored to behold His verses which hold dominion over all that was and shall be.

O Moses! Hear with the ear of the heart what the tongue of the Wronged One speaketh in this praiseworthy station. He mentioneth thee for the sake of God and guideth thee to His manifest and extended path. When thou hast attained unto My verses and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty, turn thy face toward the Most Great House of God and say:

O Lord of the nations and Manifestation of the world! I testify to Thy unity and the sanctity of Thy Being, and to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, Scriptures and Tablets. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst change fear into tranquility and denial into faith, and by the ocean of Thy utterance and the heaven of Thy bounty, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy Cause, such that neither the hosts of the world nor the oppression of the nations shall hold me back.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanks be unto Thee, O my God, for having awakened me when I was asleep, and guided me when I had turned away, and mentioned me when I was silent, and turned toward me from the direction of the Prison when I was hesitant, and taught me when I was ignorant, and made me aware when I was heedless. By Thy might, O Thou Desire of the world! I find no helper for myself except the hosts of Thy wisdom and utterance, no supporter except the wonders of Thy grace, and no protector except Thee.

I beseech Thee by Thy Word which, were it to be cast upon the mountain it would soar, and upon the heaven it would be cleft asunder, and upon the earth it would be split, and upon the trees they would bear fruit, and upon the rock it would cry out—to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy service, and speaking in Thy praise. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will preserve me from all else save Thee and guide me to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Moreover, write down for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou art He Whom neither the affairs of the world nor the clamor of the nations can hinder. Thou hast appeared and manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy power and sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We desire to mention him who was named Muhammad-Sharif, who was mentioned in thy letter, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

O Muhammad-Sharif! At this moment the Most Great Name hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee, that it may attract thee to the station of steadfastness and detachment. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations, for having remembered me in Thy days and manifested unto me from the treasuries of Thy protection the pearls of Thy wisdom and utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed existence to make me among those who have spoken in Thy remembrance and praise and who have arisen to serve Thy Cause in Thy lands among Thy servants. Enable me to do that which beseemeth Thy days and befitteth Thy manifestation and power. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to grant this prayer.

BH02180: O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness…

He is God, exalted is He in remembrance and faithfulness

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. In these days an eye ailment has appeared, and therefore the Pen has paused in mentioning the friends. His Holiness the Branch Diya'u'llah has repeatedly made mention of you and the travelers, and has beseeched a special mention from the divine Kingdom of utterance. The tongue speaks and the heart bears witness that the friends have ever been and are remembered. We beseech God to give them to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance from the hand of His bounty—a Kawthar that brings joy and dispels grief.

My God, My God! Thou didst plant the saplings of existence with the hand of Thy bounty and watered them with the rain of Thy mercy until they attained the station "Blessed be God, the best of creators." We hope that the fruits of steadfastness, joy, submission and contentment will appear from these trees.

Some time ago these exalted words were revealed and manifested from the Dawning-place of Divine revelation and the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's utterance: O peerless Friend and incomparable Beloved! The blessed trees are surrounded by heedless axe-wielders on one side and shameless cleaver-bearers on the other. No helper is seen who has power to help save Thy grace, generosity and mercy. We testify that they desired naught but that from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure wafted, and turned to none but the direction of Thy loving-kindness and power. I beseech Thee to protect them from the evil of the oppressors among Thy servants and the transgressors among Thy creation.

We convey greetings to each one and have mentioned and continue to mention them. Truly I say that what has appeared is the cause of the exaltation of the Word and the upliftment of the Cause. That honored one and all know that this community holds fast to righteousness and piety and is severed from oppression and corruption. The hope of their hearts has been and is the comfort and freedom of the people. The Supreme Pen has at all times counseled all and commanded them to that which is the cause and means of deliverance.

Soon the hand of divine justice will manifest that which is the cause of awakening. Now slumber of heedlessness has seized all. Soon they shall find themselves in evident abasement and painful chastisement. In these days there has been a pause in sending Tablets, for the oppressors of the world

are intent on seizing them. Be patient as We have been patient until God brings about His decree. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mention each of the travelers on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Be not grieved at anything. Rejoice in what has appeared and manifested that which was hidden and treasured in God's knowledge, the Lord of the worlds. Today the countenance of existence smiles through the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai. All must attain supreme joy, for the lovers of the horizons have aimed at the place of sacrifice and dawned from the horizon of detachment.

Now of the mentioned accounts, some are true and some are otherwise. We beseech God to manifest what He wishes through His grace that overshadows those in the heavens and earth and His mercy that has preceded the first and the last ones.

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BH02174: O My Name, O Jamal! The realm of sanctification…

He is God, the Compassionate, the Answering!

O My Name, O Jamal! The realm of sanctification and detachment, which is adorned with wisdom, has been and ever shall be most exalted, most beloved, most excellent and most manifest for the elevation of the Word of God and the advancement of existence. Fear of God is a mighty host before which nothing can stand firm. Yet for your honor, trust and resignation have ever been and continue to be recorded by the Supreme Pen. Praise be to God that from the beginning of the Cause you have held fast to that which exalteth the station of the Cause. This is the testimony of the Wronged One concerning your honor.

Indeed, at all times whatsoever conduceth to the guidance of the servants is beloved in the sight of God. However, since your honor has now somewhat advanced in age, matters that cause hardship are not permitted except within bearable limits, that the tongues of the gloaters and the deniers may be silenced and the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be exalted thereby. But We conclude this matter with these words—and that is the contentment of the people. We have mentioned it and continue to mention it as a favor from Us, and We make mention of Hubbu'llah who was remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to exalt him through His Name amongst His servants. And We make mention of Aqa Buzurg, whom We mentioned before with words from which wafted the fragrance of loving-kindness and favor. Convey to him My greetings, and to those around you. Thus hath the Pen spoken in this mighty prison.

Regarding what was mentioned about Hubbu'llah, upon him be the glory of God—if your honor would personally undertake this matter, it would be closer to godliness and acceptable in God's sight. God willing, when it appears and is received, We shall send what behooveth that which We have commanded the servants in My mighty Book. In all conditions your honor must hold fast to that which causeth the exaltation and elevation of God's Cause. If outward commerce has been disrupted, it mattereth not, for today all must engage in that commerce which illumineth the world and elevateth the peoples. True and

spiritual commerce taketh precedence over all else, and that commerce hath ever been exalted stations in the sight of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the honored partner. Say: Be not grieved at outward loss, for ere long thou shalt behold the profit of thy deeds as a treasure preserved with God, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Jamal! We desired to make mention of Mahmud Kh-A and console him in what hath befallen him, and comfort him regarding God's irrevocable decree. Verily, he who hath ascended unto God is in the Most Glorious Horizon—to this doth the Tongue of Bounty bear witness in this exalted station. Remember him and his sister from the Wronged One and give them glad tidings of My acceptance and loving-kindness and what hath appeared for them from this luminous Dawning-Place. We beseech God to send down upon him who hath ascended, at all times, mercy from His presence, and upon them both bounty from His side. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory and peace be upon thee and upon Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn and upon the loved ones there, from the Wronged One, the Imprisoned, the Stranger.

BH02156: Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One…

He is the manifest speaker before the faces of all

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance hath laid it before His face. We found therein thy turning to the lights of the Manifestation, thy drawing nigh unto the horizon of grace, and thy holding fast to the cord of God. Through this the ocean of utterance surged and desired to cast upon thee the pearls of wisdom and knowledge that thou mayest see and thank thy Lord, the Lord of the worlds.

We have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which will draw thee to the most exalted horizon and bring thee near unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to assist thee to rend asunder the veils of the world and enable thee to shatter the idols of vain imaginings, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His loved ones who have cast the world behind their backs and taken hold of the Book of God with a strength and power from Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

We beseech God that He may give His servants to drink, through thee, the Kawthar of divine knowledge and make thee a sign of His remembrance in the contingent world. Verily He heareth and seeth and answereth, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Arise in My name to serve My Cause, then attract the servants through My mention and praise. Beware lest the happenings of the world hold thee back from the Most Great Name, or the might of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Say: By God! The rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha hath been raised up in the Most Exalted Paradise. Hasten, O people of the earth, and be not of them that hesitate. Beware lest the barking of dogs or the howling of wolves prevent you. Soon shall the world pass away, and the riches of every oppressor, and the might of every transgressor, and the croaking of those who have

denied the proof of God and His testimony when He came with the kingdom of verses and mighty sovereignty.

Thus hath the sun shone upon thee with its lights that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that arise to serve this Cause, whereby the limbs of the ungodly have quaked. When thou art illumined by the lights of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O Thou Who art the Lord of all existence and the Ruler of the kingdoms! I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, whereby all things were attracted, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the kingdom of names, to make me speak forth Thy remembrance and stand firm in Thy love in such wise that neither the doubts of the doubtful nor the signs of the heedless shall hold me back. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Ordain for me what beseemeth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy bestowal. Thou art, verily, the Most Generous, the Bountiful.

From the heaven of bounty thou didst seek permission to attain His presence. God, exalted be His glory, hath ever turned the gaze of His loving-kindness toward His loved ones and continueth to do so. However, in these days certain oppressors, enkindled with the fire of greed, passion and desire, have raised up the standard of hypocrisy in the Great City and have clung to tyranny and rebellion. Therefore the lights of the Sun of permission have been concealed behind the clouds until such time as God shall lift them away through a power from Him and a sovereignty from His presence. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hearkeneth unto thy words concerning this News whereby the back of every learned one was broken, the limbs of every oppressor quaked, and the hearts of the heedless were troubled.

BH02161: This Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

This Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in the most eloquent Arabic. Now We desire to speak in the luminous tongue, and We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His servants of the Kawthar of wisdom and knowledge that lies hidden and concealed therein.

Mention thou unto David—upon him be My glory—from the Wronged One. Verily We perceived in him a sign of acceptance, We turned toward him from the prison, and revealed for him that which will draw him unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Reflect upon the previous people—despite their seeking and yearning, when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Will of Him Who conversed on Sinai, all arose in opposition and committed that which caused the horizons of the cities of divine knowledge and wisdom to be veiled from sight.

In truth, at the first station and primary rank, those who prevented others were souls who counted themselves as sources of utterance and dawning-places of knowledge. And when the light shone forth they became as veils. These are the greatest veils in the sight of God, the Possessor of Destiny. The

heedlessness of such souls reached such a point that they occupy themselves with cursing and reviling God, exalted be His glory, from pulpits, and they perceive it not.

In these days the lamentations and moaning of pulpits in Iran have been raised high, for they were created and brought into being for the mention and praise of God, but now, we seek refuge in God, they are observed to be the place and station of the opposers and deniers. By the life of God! The sighs of those near unto God are raised up at this time and the tears of the sincere ones are flowing. The party that considered itself the most noble of all parties in the world and the most refined of all peoples is now observed to be the most abject and abased. They have committed that which no party among all parties hath committed.

We hope that thou mayest be aided to rend asunder the veils of all who are on earth. This is not difficult for God. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One and findest the fragrance of the utterance of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Aid this servant of Thine to assist Thy Cause among Thy servants and to establish Thy commandments and ordinances. O my God! Thou art He Who reminded me when I was silent in Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by the breaths of Thy revelation whereby the cities of justice and fairness were perfumed, and by the light shining forth from the horizon of favor and grace, to make me arise to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the Pharaohs of the days and the tyrants of the peoples will not frighten me. Then enable me to rend asunder the veils through Thy power, Thy sovereignty and Thy might, and ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones.

O my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and placed his trust in Thee and committed his affairs unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the waves of the ocean of Thy grace and bounty. O Lord! Adorn my head with the crown of detachment and my temple with the robe of godliness, that I may arise to mention Thee, detached from all else save Thee and severed from whatsoever is besides Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian over what was and what shall be.

BH02220: The dust and smoke of oppression and tyranny hath…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The dust and smoke of oppression and tyranny hath encompassed Iran. Justice, poor and helpless, lies tormented in the claws of rancor and hatred. Glory be to God! Such heedlessness hath seized the people of Iran that they have taken abasement for glory and loss for mighty gain. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds and find for themselves neither helper nor protector.

O Ali, praise be to God that through the effulgences of the lights of the Daystar of divine grace thou didst set thy face toward the Most Glorious Homeland and Supreme Horizon, and didst attain thereunto. God aided thee, the Hands of His Cause took hold of thee, and guided thee to thy furthest goal and highest purpose. We testify that thou didst turn and attain that which was inscribed and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We testify that thou didst enter and arrive and attain the presence before the Face, and didst hear with thine own ear the call of the Wronged One. Thou didst take the

choice wine of reunion from the hand of bounty and drink it in His Name, the One Who dominateth over what was and what shall be.

We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions to do that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God amongst His servants. Blessed art thou for having served thy Lord over successive years and for being entrusted with watering the House for a time. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The recompense of no one hath been nor ever shall be lost with God. Through God's grace—glorified be His majesty—thou must pass through the lands like the breezes of dawn in the divine springtime, giving the glad tidings of true unity to the servants, lest they become like the people of the Furqan who each day set up a new god and took hold of an idol. We hope that in this Most Great Revelation all shall attain to that which is the cause of eternal life and the source of everlasting grace. O Ali, upon thee be My glory. Thou hast ever been and art remembered, and special grace hath encompassed thee and those souls mentioned by God.

O Muhammad Ali, thy son hath attained to serving Me and circumambulated the Kaaba of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. He came before the Face by Our command and departed by leave of his Lord, the All-Bounteous, the Mighty, the Forgiving. That which caused all things and honored servants to lament befell you in the path of God. We have returned thy son to thee that thine eye may be consoled thereby and thou mayest be of those who turned and won that which was inscribed by the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We give thee the glad tidings of God's grace and bounty, and counsel thee with that which rejoiceth hearts and souls.

Say: O people, fear God and be not of those who denied God's proof and evidence and rejected His grace. They verily are among the heedless. We love to mention El-Ha'i in every Tablet. We testify that he attained the presence and won the meeting with God, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

BH02242: O Hakim! The conditions of self and passion have…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

O Hakim! The conditions of self and passion have encompassed the world. Every day from the clouds of the tyrannical ones' glory rain down calamities. The rights of the people have been entirely lost. This Wronged One observed that every year warfare and conflict would arise between the Babi and Shi'ih parties, with many slain on both sides. In the battles of Nayriz, Tabarsi and Zanjan, nearly fifteen thousand souls were consigned to death.

For the protection and preservation of God's servants, this Wronged One, with no helper or assistant save a single pen, aided both government and people, and through loving counsels and wise admonitions removed killing and plunder from their midst. We transformed weapons into instruments of peace. For forty years no one has moved contrary to what God has willed.

Thus in the land of Sad the oppressors of the world perpetrated that which caused the Supreme Pen to lament, and in ʿIshqabad occurred that which brought grief to all the world's different parties. You have surely heard the details. Yet in no instance did the people of God rise in self-defense, but rather held fast

to submission and contentment. Nevertheless the unjust people remained heedless and manifested a wickedness that had and has no equal or likeness. Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of the oppressors.

Praise be to God that the martyrdom of His loved ones in this Most Great Cause transformed rejection and denial into acceptance and recognition, such that this party now associates with all the world's parties in utmost love and fellowship. The hearing and sight of the people have likewise progressed, and wings besmeared with clay have been cleansed and sanctified by the Kawthar of utterance and are now capable of flight. We hope that grace and favor will teach all a new way of soaring, that perchance the helpless people may attain rest and freedom from the vain imaginings of the world's clay-dwellers.

Although the wickedness of the oppressors has reached such a degree that the pens of the world are incapable and powerless to record it, strive, O Hakim, that perhaps your counsels may serve as a barrier between the fire of malicious souls and the helpless servants. Although in truth abundant fruits have appeared, for since the day that strife and conflict were forbidden in the heavenly Books, no more than nineteen souls have perished over forty years.

Say: O servants! We have previously stated that ye are all the fruits of one tree and the leaves of one branch. In the station of love and kindness be as rain-laden clouds, and in seizing the conditions of self and passion be as a blazing flame. Strive to exalt the blessed Most Great Word, that perchance the withered leaves of earth may become fresh and verdant through the spring showers of the mercy of the knowing and accomplished ones. The glory from Us be upon you and upon whoever hearkens to your words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

BH02191: The Light shining and gleaming, dawning from the horizon…

He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous

The Light shining and gleaming, dawning from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon thee, O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon. The mercy that precedeth all, from the Dayspring of the munificence of the Lord of existence, be upon thee, O thou who turned unto God when the people turned away from Him. The manifest glorification from the horizon of the will of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names be upon thee, O dawning-place of faithfulness in the realm of creation. The peace shining forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of utterance be upon thee, O thou who answered thy Lord when the call was raised between earth and heaven. The lights dawning from the Sun of His Most Glorious Name be upon thee, O thou who attained unto the word "yea" whilst thou wert in the hands of the enemies.

Thou art he who broke not God's Covenant and His Testament, and denied not God's proof and His evidence. Thou didst turn with the greatest steadfastness and didst take the Kawthar of eternity from the hand of bounty and drink before all faces in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven. The rapture of the Call seized thee such that thou didst abandon the community of those who believed not in God and His signs, and acknowledged not His grandeur and His sovereignty and His might and His power.

We bear witness that thou didst speak that which the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the contingent world and didst turn with thy heart unto God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of understanding and having held fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Lord

of all mankind. Thou didst attain unto that which most of the servants attained not, and wert steadfast in the love of thy Lord such that obliteration took thee not, and standing such that sitting followed it not, and speaking such that silence overtook it not. Thou art in the Supreme Companion and the Lord of all doth mention thee in the prison of ʿAkka. Thou art he who heard the blame of the blamers in the path of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice.

We beseech God to send down upon thee at all times mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self and a table from His side. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Blessed art thou, O Siyyid-Rida, for having stood firm in the service of God and His loved ones. We bear witness that through thee and thy like were the gates of acceptance opened for the servants and the rains of mercy rained down upon the lands. Blessed is he who turneth toward thy resting-place and visiteth thee through that which was sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of Lords.

It behooveth him who visiteth thee to say before thy tomb:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the clamor of Thy yearning ones and the cry of those who long for Thee, and by the hearts that are entangled in separation from Thee, and by the livers that melted in remoteness from Thee, and by the breasts that faced the arrows in Thy path, and by the spirits that ascended in yearning for meeting Thee, to forgive me and him who visiteth this station which was mentioned by Thy Most Exalted Pen, and ordain for me and for him the good of the hereafter and the former life and what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He to Whose pardon and bounty all created things have testified, and to Whose gifts and favors all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bestowing, the Compassionate, the Generous."

BH02300: O Haydar-ʿAli! Today, which is the third day…

O Haydar-ʿAli! Today, which is the third day of the Islamic Festival, the Greater Branch made mention of you. Therefore, the Supreme Pen desired to make mention of you in such wise as will immortalize your remembrance among all mentions, your spirit among all spirits, and your body among all bodies. Verily, your Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

You mentioned the Afnan, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, they have attained to the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and are adorned with the verses of the Supreme Pen. Time and again they have attained to that which hath no peer or likeness, and that is the Tablet of God in His days. He hath testified that he heard, turned unto and answered his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We were with him and witnessed his deeds in the path of God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon him from the clouds of His mercy and the heaven of His generosity the rains of His grace and blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

In these days mention of him hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen. News hath recently arrived of the presence of the Afnan, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness, together with the honored Amin, upon whom be the glory of God, the True King, the Manifest Justice. They attained the Most Holy

Court and heard with their own ears the call of the Divine Lote-Tree. Blessed are they and blessed is he who hath heard the call of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the glory of God. We testify that thou didst turn and didst attain in the days of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Most of creation hath been prevented from the mention of God, the Creator of heaven, but thou didst attain, and We are among those who bear witness. Take hold of the Book of God with the power granted by Him and the sovereignty bestowed by Him. Verily, He is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

O Musa! Behold and remember the days of Moses. He desired what He desired and heard what He heard, and thou hearest in this hour the call of God, the King, the Just, the Manifest. When thou soarest on the wings of utterance in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the cup of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to assist me, under all conditions, to remain steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Tahir! Praise be to God, the world is illumined with the lights of the manifestation of the Most Great Luminary and hath become manifest. Beseech God to remove the veil that all may attain to that which hath been recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the sacred scrolls and tablets.

O Tahir! Hatred hath erased the white spot from the heart. Beseech God to deliver all from this grievous affliction, that they may turn with purified hearts, steadfast feet, attentive ears and enlightened breasts, and find that for which they were created from nothingness. Glory be from Us upon those whom My Supreme Pen hath mentioned at this time. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02254: Praise be to God Who hath opened, through…

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

Praise be to God Who hath opened, through the Key of His Most Great Name, the doors of the hearts of the world, and made known to them His straight Path and His mighty Command. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of the Prophets, through whom descended the table of knowledge and flowed the valley of Batha, and upon His family and companions, through whom surged the ocean of utterance in creation and the tongue spoke forth in the kingdom of proof. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who hath attained the presence of the Countenance and won the lights of the Luminary of God's Book, the Lord of the worlds. Thy letter was presented before the Face. I truly say that this servant hath, from the earliest days until now, summoned the people of Iran to justice and fairness. In truth, whosoever is not adorned with these two blessed attributes hath not been and is not accounted among men. Mention was made of trustworthiness and detachment. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, will illumine and adorn all with what hath been mentioned. Verily He hath power over all things.

At one time We made mention in the preface of the Book of Detachment of the blessed, decisive Word of the Friend, that perchance its fragrance might perfume the world and make the peoples aware. When the fire of Nimrod's tyranny was aflame and the decree to burn the temple of the Friend of that time—may our soul be a sacrifice for Him—issued forth from that dayspring of misbelief, there appeared from His Holiness that whose fragrance shall never cease from the worlds of inner meanings, utterance, wisdom and knowledge. When they suspended Him in the fire, Gabriel, by God's command, came to Him and asked: "Hast thou any need?" He replied: "No, not of thee." By the life of God, the fragrance of this utterance illumined the realities of existence with the light of detachment. Should any soul attain to the heat of this utterance, he would pass beyond the world and all therein and would hold fast to what God hath willed.

Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to open and keep open the doors of grace and bounty before the faces of His loved ones. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God, thou hast been specially favored and illumined with the light of faith. We beseech God to aid thee and cause thee to attain that which is the cause of eternal salvation. Verily He is the Strong, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. This Wronged One hath ever besought for the loved ones that which hath been the cause of exaltation, ascendancy, grace and bounty. This Tablet doth testify unto that, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those who have said:

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

Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of the hearts of them that know.

BH05706: Details regarding the Tablet revealed on Mount Carmel

Details regarding the Tablet revealed on Mount Carmel:

After the arrival and descent of the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, at that elevated spot, when noon arrived, the food tablecloth was brought and spread in His presence and the meal was served. Suddenly He commanded: "Take up the pen, and with power and grandeur, openly in a clear voice, the verses of God were revealed while the monk of that place stood by listening." When it reached the point that was recorded, since outwardly the meal had been served and those present were waiting, He said: "Let it be for now, we will complete it later." And later when He turned toward Akka from Haifa, He mentioned at the mansion: "The Tablet of Carmel was not completed. Bring it sometime so we may complete it." Outwardly it was this servant's failing that the blessed Tablet remained incomplete, but inwardly—and exalted be His all-encompassing knowledge—He knows for what reason it remained suspended and incomplete, and by what means it should be completed. For there were allusions revealed in the Tablet, and its relationship with God was previously established and verified in the books of the Messengers and in wondrous, sublime verses and God's clear Book. The power is His and the knowledge is with Him.

BH11725: Praise befitteth the Lord of all worlds Who hath…

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

Praise befitteth the Lord of all worlds Who hath ever remembered and continueth to remember His loved ones, and the effulgent rays of His Sun of grace have encompassed all. His is the bounty and the bestowal, His the grace and the exaltation. Blessings and peace be upon His loved ones who have made it their endeavor to serve His Cause, to aid His commandments, to exalt His Word, and to improve whatsoever is associated with His name. He is the Helper in all conditions, for He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

And now, O beloved of my heart, his honor Afnan—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory—hath written that they have acquired a piece of land in that region dedicated to the name of God, exalted be His glory. After being presented at the Most Holy Court, it was honored with acceptance, and They commanded:

> "Write to ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be My glory, that the construction and development of that place rests with you. This is from God's grace upon you. We have instructed the Greater Afnan to write to you whatever he deems advisable. This deed shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Well is it with thee, and blessed art thou!"

We extend greetings and salutations to the friends in that land. Make mention of him who shares the name of the Traveler on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, he hath attained to that which was recorded in the Books and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen.

O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! We counsel thee to that which conduceth to unity and concord. Through harmony, the horizons have been illumined by the light of the one true Sun. Should anyone, God forbid, whosoever and wheresoever they may be, utter a word that causeth discord, they are rejected. We have labored intensely until this Cause became somewhat manifest in the cities and lands, its light resplendent and its radiance evident. All must now, with wisdom and utterance, summon the peoples of the world to the horizon of the All-Merciful. The endeavors of the divine men must be directed to this matter. This is the divine counsel that hath been revealed from the luminous Pen in this darksome night. Glory be upon you from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Some time ago, this servant wrote and sent a detailed letter to that beloved one, and likewise the sacred and blessed Tablets requested by you and he who shares the name of the Intended One were dispatched. God willing, their recipients shall drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings concealed within the divine words and become detached from all else but God. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you in God's Cause, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH02326: Praise be to the Intended One who was not…

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the heaven of bounty!

Praise be to the Intended One who was not prevented by the hatred and malice of the people of tyranny and wickedness, nor by the calumnies of enemies, from His sacred and all-compelling purpose. The clamor of princes and the whisperings of divines did not hold Him back from manifesting His Cause before

the faces of all parties. Before all faces He spoke the blessed word “He doeth what He willeth.” The power of the world did not weaken His might, nor did the oppression of nations prevent His Word from penetrating. In the trials that befell Him and the tribulations that descended, He held fast to the cord of patience, His purpose being to extinguish, through loving counsels and wise admonitions, the fire of hatred between the various peoples, so that the light of the words “on thrones facing one another” might illumine the horizons with the light of unity and concord.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Wronged One. Praise be to God Who aided thee to turn toward the Most Sublime Horizon, Who opened before thy face, with the key of bounty, the door of reunion, and Who protected thee on the path through a company of the exalted Concourse, until thou didst stand before the Door and drink the wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having brought me before the throne of Thy manifestation, caused me to hear Thy call, and shown me the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation and the traces of Thy Pen to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love and standing firm in the service of Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the doings of the servants cannot frustrate. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Speaker, the Commander in the beginning and in the end.

When the honored Afnan, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness and grace, intended to turn toward those regions, this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the Source of Command and Dawning-Place of God’s decree and was sent forth from the sacred heaven, that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the loving-kindness of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. The letter which thou didst send from one of My loved ones hath come before the Wronged One. We heard its cry and answered it with verses that cannot be equaled by the books of the people nor by what the kings and rulers possess. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and preserve thee from His enemies and assist thee in every world of His worlds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Convey to the loved ones of that land the greetings and peace of the Wronged One, and illumine them with the splendors of the Day-Star of utterance of the Intended One of all the worlds. The dear one hath been repeatedly mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and We have sent him that which gladdeneth hearts and delighteth eyes. The trust hath been preserved in the divine fortress of protection, and now the honored Afnan, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful, is its bearer. We beseech God to cause him to attain the honor of meeting with his Tablet. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of God’s mercy be upon My Afnan who hath attained My presence and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty, and upon thee and upon My loved ones there who heard the call from the Most Sublime Horizon and said:

> “We believe in Thee, O Thou the Intended One of all in the heavens and the earth.”

BH02363: O My Nabil! Upon thee be My glory…

He is God, blessed and exalted! To Him be all mercy and faithfulness.

O My Nabil! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art still beneath the glance of favor. Verily We were with thee in all conditions when thou wert traveling through the lands to spread the remembrance and the verses. Blessed art thou, and blessed thy beginning and end, thy outward and inward being.

Thou didst mention His honor Aqa ʿAli-Haydar, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness, who arose to aid My Cause. Blessed is he. We testify that he hath attained unto that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The papers which his honor, who hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, Varqa—upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings—wrote in the words of him who standeth in service to the Cause, have been presented and heard. This Wronged One Himself read them before all. We beseech God to grant him a reward that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world, nor by the seas and what is therein, nor by the mountains and what lieth hidden within them. He is verily the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. We have mentioned him in these days and sent unto him that which every word thereof beareth witness to God's loving-kindness, mercy and grace. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him and strengthen him to preserve what hath been sent down unto him from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Nabil! Write the response to the loved ones, upon them be the glory of God. Remind My chosen ones of My verses and that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Pen, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and that which My tongue hath uttered in this exalted station.

O Nabil! The Supreme Pen beareth witness to the acceptance and devotion of two exalted souls. Blessed are they and blessed is he who hath heard their words concerning the Great News of God.

Mention was made in thy letter of His honor ʿAli, upon him be My glory. Convey unto him My glorification and give him the glad-tidings of My mention of him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him and His loved ones to exalt His Word through wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Helper.

And We desire to end Our words with the mention of him who hath turned to My horizon, heard My call, and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty—he who was named ʿAbdu'llah in My kingdom and in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, for some time he took up residence beneath the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary and on most days partook of the Kawthar of meeting and the Salsabil of reunion. We beseech God to open before his face the gate of steadfastness, bounty, mercy and faithfulness. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and in His grasp are the reins of all affairs of the first and the last.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have heard the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and have said:

> "Yea, yea, O Thou Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

BH02337: He speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

He speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance:

The Day of Return has come, and the factions are in evident turmoil. Among them are those who have denied God's grace and His Manifestation and His mercy and His sovereignty, and among them are those who have heard and hastened and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken in the place which God has made the circling-point of the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the angels brought nigh.

O Javad! The All-Bountiful has come from the horizon of power for the unity of the factions and their agreement in this Cause, whereby the ocean of generosity has surged and the Tree has proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom and the Dominion belong to God, the Lord of the worlds!"

Your name has attained the honor of presence before the Lord of Names, and your call has been heard. Verily your Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Wronged One has heard your call and has answered you from the prison precinct, as a grace from His presence, that you might arise to that which will exalt the Word of God among all else. He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Blessed is the soul that has purified its ear from tales of old and its eyes from beholding the traces of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Say: O people of justice and fairness! The Self-Subsisting has appeared on this Day wherein the Dove has warbled upon the highest branches, and the Rock has cried out before all religions, and the breeze has wafted, and the ocean of grandeur has surged, and the Caller has called from a near place: Fear God, and prevent not yourselves from turning towards Him, nor your eyes from beholding His signs, nor your ears from this Utterance, at whose appearance every remote oppressor was thunderstruck.

Beware, O people of the earth, lest you follow your desires. Follow Him Who has guided you to the Most Great Path and the Mighty News. When you attain the choice wine of My utterance and the intoxication of the Kawthar of My bounty takes hold of you, say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me on a Day wherein the heaven of idle fancy was cleft asunder, and the mountain of knowledge was reduced to dust, and that which was hidden in the fortress of Thy protection was made manifest. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who holdest the reins of the world, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, to make me of those who have aided Thy Cause and spoken Thy praise and turned towards Thy horizon and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have held fast unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the tears of the sincere ones and the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, to aid me to stand firm with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the doubts of the doubters nor the cawing of the crows, and to enable me to serve Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

My God, my God! Thou hearest my cry and beholdest my state. I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed with the Tree, through Whom the Tree of the Manifestation spoke, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and Thou art the Commander, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH02401: This is a remembrance from Us to him who…

In the Name of Him Who speaks, Whom the tongues of the world have not hindered.

This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath attained to turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon, when every heedless and doubtful denier turned away from it. Blessed is he who hath attained unto recognition when the Ancient King was established upon the Most Great Throne with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and earth.

O Hasan! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon: The Kingdom and the Dominion, the Grandeur and the Power belong to the King of Kings, Who has come with a might that the hosts could not prevent and with a power that the ranks could not weaken. He has stood before all faces and said: The door of meeting has been opened and the fragrance of reunion has been diffused. Blessed are they who advance and blessed is he who has advanced and said:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the hearts of the knowers, for having manifested Thy Cause and sent down from the heaven of Thy generosity that which has made known to Thy creation Thy path, taught them Thy way, and guided them to Thy luminous horizon."

O Hasan, after Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! We have turned unto thee and made known to thee what was hidden from the servants, and aided thee with the means of earth and heaven, until thou didst advance and present thyself before a door which was opened to all in the heavens and earth. Thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of the Dawning-Place of Beauty, and didst attain unto that which was inscribed and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. We aided thee to turn and be present for the triumph of the Cause—to this My mighty Book bears witness. Hear My call once again and arise to triumph My firm and mighty Cause.

In Persian, hear the call of the Wronged One, that thou mayest attain to that which is enduring and eternal. God, exalted be His glory, bestowed favor and confirmed with countless means until thou didst enter that place which was and is the point of circumambulation of the Concourse on High and the near angels. Consider this bounty great and preserve it in the name of God, the Preserver, exalted be His glory. Hear the call of the Wronged One and arise to unite hearts and refine souls. Say: O people! Know ye the value of these divine days and hold fast to that which is befitting. Soon will the cry "The departure! The departure!" seize all and summon them from this transient realm to the station of eternal glory.

Blessed is the soul that has turned with a detached heart and firm purpose, and has set course for the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit. He is assuredly among those near to God in His Book. His honor Amin, upon him be My glory, has mentioned thee repeatedly. It is hoped thou wilt arise to serve the Cause and strive to attain enduring stations. Verily God is the Compassionate, the Bestower, the

Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon My friends there who have advanced and said: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.”

BH02448: This is a letter from the Luminary…

He is God, exalted be His glory and mighty His proof!

This is a letter from the Luminary of the horizons to one of the people of the Covenant, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him, My turning toward him, and My directing My face to his direction. Praise sanctified above the mention of the tongue befitteth the Goal of the worlds, Who through the penetrating power of utterance conquered the world of contingent being, and through the sword of knowledge purified and sanctified the cities of the hearts and souls of the sincere ones from idle fancies and vain imaginings. Exalted be His might and great His sovereignty! There is no power except through Him.

O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of submission and contentment! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and hath mentioned thee with that which hath diffused the fragrance of love and affection, that thou mayest be thankful and be of those who attain. Such is the grace that, in the midst of tribulations which have encompassed from every direction, the face hath turned toward thee and the tongue hath uttered thy praise.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! Thou knowest, and God knoweth, that We have commanded all with that which would exalt their stations and manifest what lay hidden in the treasuries of their hearts and temples. Yet they cast behind them what the Wronged One desired and took what they were bidden by every heedless and remote one.

That soul hath ever been and remains illumined by the lights of the Luminary of remembrance. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid that soul to exalt the Word and elevate the station.

Say: My God, my God! The hearts of the lovers have melted from the fire of separation from Thee, and the livers of Thy servants have been consumed by their remoteness and separation from Thee through the decree of Thy judgment. O Lord! Thou seest my condition and hearest my lamentation. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy reunion and the fire of the Tree of Thy nearness to ordain for me that which shall make me known by Thy name and speaking in Thy praise. O Lord! Thou seest how the distant one hath drawn nigh unto the pavilion of Thy glory, and the sightless one unto the Kawthar of life in the precincts of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the hearts of the mystics were set ablaze in Thy love and the hearts of them that are nigh were attracted by the light of Thy knowledge, to make me the cupbearer of the wine of Thy utterance amongst Thy servants.

By Thy glory, O God of existence! The fire of separation from Thee hath consumed me. Where is the light of reunion with Thee? My remoteness from Thy court hath destroyed me. Where are the splendors of the Daystar of meeting with Thee? I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy creation and them that are nigh among Thy servants. Then write down for me, O my God, that which shall make me mighty through Thy might, luminous through Thy light, manifest through Thy name and hidden through Thy Command, that I may recount what Thou hast ordained for

Thy loved ones and speak, acknowledging that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH02495: O Ism-i-Jud, upon you be the peace and care…

He is God, exalted is He.

O Ism-i-Jud, upon you be the peace and care of God. The letter of Haji Shaykh, upon him be God's peace, was read in the presence. His stay in that land is good, and according to what they have written, he has acquitted himself well. However long he remains for the sake of setting affairs right is acceptable. We beseech God to assist him with wisdom and utterance and to expose through him the deeds of the treacherous ones, the calumniators and the liars. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Give news to Sayyalih Barqiyyih that she should stay. We seek divine confirmation for her in all conditions. The friends should not be saddened by the utterances of the ungodly. The one who was expelled from this land due to his vile deeds will surely speak calumnies, and likewise that other soul who intended to consume people's wealth will surely turn away, for no fair and just person has or will confirm the deeds of such souls. From those very calumnies the truth and falsehood become evident to all and the Cause is exalted thereby. Ignorance and foolishness have no good end. The ultimate victory belongs to God's chosen ones and loved ones.

The presence of Afnan A. and H., upon him be peace—their refraining from making claims is beloved and acceptable. The purpose of sending them was so that the people of the Threshold would know they had not fled and were not frightened by the calumnies of the calumniators and the gloating of the liars. His being in that place has worked out very well. And since Haji Shaykh was a partner, there is and was no harm in him making claims after receiving assurance from the authorities. The Observer is also determined. After the arrival of the Observer, if the Afnan sees it advisable for the Trustee to return to Iran, there is no harm. It must happen with their consent.

Write the details [of the Qur'an] also so they may request it. Get a letter from Aqa Husayn-Ali with some seals and [send it] to Mirza Hasan. In any case, what Haji Shaykh Muhammad-Ali has written that they said was appropriate. We seek assistance for him in all conditions. The letter of the Trustee also arrived at this time. He wrote a letter to Muhammad Ibrahim about the calumnies of Muhammad-ʿAli, but it was not given, as his condition is also uncertain and moreover it is unlikely anything will come of him. Outwardly this is what has been mentioned, but inwardly none knows save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily He is with His loved ones in all conditions and He is the Guardian of the sincere ones, the steadfast, the trusting ones.

BH02525: All praise that is sanctified beyond expression and understanding…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the One Who bestows benevolence and favors

All praise that is sanctified beyond expression and understanding belongs to the Goal of all the worlds, Who was not prevented from His purpose by the opposition and objection of His servants, Whose pure hem was not altered by the calumnies of creation, and Whom the clamor of the oppressors and tyranny

of the transgressors did not hold back from mention and praise. Through the power of trust in God, He uttered that which was the cause of the advancement of the community and the exaltation of the Word. Some found the sweetness of the call and turned with heart and soul to the supreme horizon, while others, inflamed with the fire of hatred, exerted mighty efforts to extinguish the divine light. That which appeared from Him is light for the righteous and fire for the wicked. We beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn His servants with the light of justice and fairness and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Possessor of gifts and favors.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! We praise God, blessed and exalted be He, for having aided thee to turn unto Him and enabled thee to make mention of Him and praise Him amongst His servants. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever loves Him and the Helper of whosoever cleaveth to the cord of glory and bounty. His honor M.H., upon him be God's peace, the Lord of all beings, hath repeatedly made mention of thee, and in each instance a word issued from the tongue of the Wronged One wherein was concealed the water of life. When its fragrance was wafted abroad, the Blessed Tree, raised upon the highest ensign, proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the Day of Resurrection."

We beseech God to aid thee in that whose mention and fragrance shall never fade, and to ordain for thee that whereby thy name shall be exalted among all names and thy remembrance among all remembrances. Verily He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the Unconstrained.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest my powerlessness before the manifestations of the Sun of Thy might, my poverty before the waves of the ocean of Thy riches, and my weakness before the evidences of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee, O Quickener of the world and Lord of the nations, by Thy fragrance which was wafted from Thy Beloved in Yathrib and Batha, and by what befell Him in Thy path, O Lord of the kingdom of names, to make me moved by Thy will and speaking in Thy praise. O my Lord! Thou seest the thirsty one making for the ocean of Thy bounty, desiring naught but the wonders of Thy generosity and munificence. Ordain for him from the heaven of Thy power and the sun of Thy might that which beseemeth Thy glory, Thy sovereignty and Thy choice. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all in the heavens and on earth.

BH02543: Say: My God, my God! Thou seest my state…

He is the Hearer and the Speaker

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest my state and hearest my sighing, and what hath befallen me at the hands of the ungodly among Thy creatures and the transgressors among Thy servants. They have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony, and have violated Thy covenant and Thy testament, and have spoken that which the Pharaohs of old spoke not. Thou hearest, O my God, what hath proceeded from their mouths and what their pens have set in motion.

I know not, O my Goal and my Beloved and Ultimate Aim of my hope, what Thou hast ordained for me by the Pen of Thy decree and what the Reed of Thy destiny hath written for me. I was sleeping when the

breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation awakened me, and I was seated when the hands of Thy power raised me up, and I was silent when the wonders of Thy grace and bounty caused me to speak. When I arose, I heard the call from all things in such wise as I cannot mention before the oppressors among Thy creatures and the rebellious among Thy servants.

Then Thou didst command me to call out before the faces of the rulers and the learned ones in the world of creation. When my call was raised, the first servant who sought to shed my blood was my brother, whom I had nurtured over successive years and protected beneath the wing of my favor through the nights and days. Then Thy servants and creatures from all directions sought to harm me, and beyond them the people of the Bayan who denied the right of God and His favor, and the Manifestation of God and His sovereignty. Thou knowest what their false hands have wrought in those vain days and what their lying tongues have spoken.

Thou seest me, O my God, in this station with the hands of my hope raised to the heaven of Thy generosity and my gaze expectant of the wonders of Thy grace. If Thou desirest the exaltation of Thy Word and the manifestation of Thy Cause and the establishment of Thy commandments and laws and the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creatures—and if not, then strengthen them to remain silent in Thy days and to keep quiet among Thy creation and to turn to the mountain peaks lest there appear from them that which would raise the clamor of the ungodly and the croaking of the croakers. Verily Thou art the Almighty whom the affairs of Thy creation cannot frustrate, nor the events of the world and its ornaments in Thy earth.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and the One mentioned in the heart of Baha, to adorn Thy servants with the ornament of justice and fairness that they may read Thy verses and ponder Thy clear proofs and what hath appeared from Thee. I testify that in Thy grasp are the reins of those in the heavens and the earth and the reins of hearts and minds by Thy power and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! Aid me and disappoint me not of what Thou hast ordained for those who have turned to Thee with pure hearts and radiant faces. Verily Thou art the King of the Kingdom of Names and the Creator of heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02598: Ha, Sin. Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is seated upon the Throne.

Ha, Sin. Upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and He maketh mention of thee at this time. Verily the heaven of utterance desired to send down upon thee the stars of wisdom and knowledge, and to make mention unto thee of that which draweth the people nigh unto it. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded and hath said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee!”

Thy letter was present before the Wronged One and the Most Great Branch read it before His face. We have heard with the ear of grace and have answered thee with the tongue of justice, that through thy name the fragrance of My loving-kindness may be diffused amongst My servants and guide them to this

Announcement whereby the ocean of proof hath surged, the Sun of certitude hath shone forth, the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken forth, to the dismay of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from the All-Merciful and disbelieved in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to manifest through thee that which will draw the people nigh unto Him and give them to drink of the Choice Wine sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting, through My binding decree whereby the pillars have trembled, bodies have quaked, and all contingent beings have swooned away save those rescued by the hands of grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O thou who art present before the Face! Hear what the opposers have said. Among them is he who claimed "He hath stolen the verses of the Point and revealed them in His own name." Say: Come forth that thou mayest hear and see that He hath appeared with a sovereignty before which every discerning mystic and every informed scholar hath bowed down. Say: Were the Primal Point Himself to appear before the Throne and write down what hath been revealed from the heaven of God's Will, the Lord of the Mighty Throne… And among them is he who said "He hath altered the Word and fabricated lies against God, the Strong, the Powerful." How base is his station and how great his utterance! The Supreme Paradise and the companions of this glorious Scene have lamented his wrong.

Grieve thou not over anything. Trust in all matters in God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Verily He is with thee and will help thee. Soon will His effects be made manifest through a command from His presence. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Book that none hath comprehended. Thy Lord is verily the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Informed.

Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and illumine their hearts with the lights of My wondrous remembrance. We beseech God to assist them in serving His Cause and to ordain for them what beseemeth His Name, the Most Merciful.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee. Convey unto their faces My greetings from the Wronged One Who hath borne tribulations for the exaltation of the servants and the upliftment of the Word of God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH02621: The world of wisdom and utterance hath changed…

He is God, exalted be His station.

The world of wisdom and utterance hath changed—dust hath turned to gold and gold to dust. Many are the names which, though occupying the most exalted station, have sunk to the depths. The fire hath appeared in the form of light, and the treacherous one hath occupied the station of the trustworthy. Glory be to God! Such hath been the extent of transformation that those endowed with insight and knowledge are bewildered. Differences have encompassed the world.

Blessed is the one who hath sanctified his heart, his sight and his hearing from the world and whatsoever is therein of traces and fruits and stories and reports, and who hath, with his own sight and hearing,

pondered upon that which hath appeared. He is of the people of Baha, mentioned and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Praise be to God, thou hast been and art mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in such wise that men, though they be as mountains, shall not deprive thee of the All-Possessing, the Most High.

Turban and cloak became the cause of the people's destruction. The helpless servants accepted from those heedless souls that which led them astray, and on the Day of Retribution they witnessed and heard its consequences. In the early years all the divines of Persia engaged in cursing the Goal of all creation. They committed that which no group had ever committed and perpetrated that which no soul had ever perpetrated. The lamentation of all things hath been raised, and the sighs of the Concourse on High have ascended. The Pen weepeth and maketh mention, the Tablet weepeth and beareth witness.

Ask thou of God to grant thee sight, to bestow upon thee knowledge, to vouchsafe unto thee awareness.

Thy letter was received and from it wafted the fragrance of humility and submissiveness for the sake of God. We beseech God to assist thee to make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Each of the names mentioned hath been remembered before the Wronged One with perfect bounty and consummate wisdom. Blessed are they and happy are they. We testify that they have attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and have quaffed the choice wine of love from the hands of bounty and bestowal. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist them to preserve the pearls of His love within the shells of hearts. He is verily the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom the pharaohs among the servants have not weakened from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. These are they whom God hath described in His Perspicuous Book, saying—and His Word is the Truth:

> "They speak not until He hath spoken, and they do His bidding."

BH02604: In this auspicous moment the tongue of the favor…

In the Name of the One God

In this auspicous moment the tongue of the favor of the Lord of the Worlds makes mention of the children of Abraham and the heirs Moses, that all may attain to that which is sanctified above likeness and peer.

O My loved ones! Know ye the worth of this exalted and most high station and this supreme bounty. How many were the peoples of the world who, throughout the nights and days, beseeched and supplicated God, glorified be His majesty, for the encounter with this blessed Day. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with the light of the appearance of Him Who conversed with God on Sinai, all turned away save those whom the hand of grace did rescue—the hand of grace did rescue them from the clay of idle fancies and vain imaginings and drew them nigh unto Him.

Glory be to God! Through one exalted Word the reckoning of the peoples of the world was completed, and the blessed word “the most swift of reckoners” was established in its station. In any case, despite their hope and seeking and supplication, most of mankind were seen to be heedless and veiled, while ye are seated upon the thrones of certitude and reclined upon the cushions of knowledge. Were ye to become truly aware as behooveth you, throughout all days would ye verily cry out: “Thine be the glory, O Possessor of names, and Thine be the praise, O Creator of heaven!”

His honor Amin, upon him be My glory, hath made mention of all and hath beseeched for each one that whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world.

O Lalihzar, upon thee be the glory of God, thy Lord, the Chosen One! And O Khudabakhsh, reflect upon the divine bestowal—He raised thee from the sphere of dust by the hand of power to above the heavens, and this is the station of allegiance and certitude which thou hast attained.

O Hakim, O Ibrahim, the hand of wisdom and power of God, glorified be His majesty, took hold of thee and caused thee to attain the light of guidance from the fire of heedlessness.

O Ishaq, when thou didst turn unto Him thou became worthy of divine mention.

O Yusuf, the hand of the favor of the Goal of the worlds delivered thee from prison and drew thee to the arena of mighty glory, and illumined thee with the light of guidance from the station of darkness.

O Yusuf, the friends have ever been and shall ever be beneath the glances of grace.

We make mention of all the children of Abraham from before the Glorious Lord, and We beseech for all that whose fragrance of divine good-pleasure wafteth therefrom. Well is it with you and pleasant it is for you.

The glory be upon you from Us and upon those who have turned and acknowledged that which the Tongue of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath spoken.

BH02685: In My Name, through which the fragrance of love…

In My Name, through which the fragrance of love was stirred and the ocean of unity surged!

Praise befitteth the Self-Subsisting Lord Who, with the hands of bounty, unsealed and bestowed the sealed wine through the key of the Most Great Name. Blessed is he who turned, partook and drank in My Name which We made the Sovereign of names in the Kingdom of creation and the Dawning-Place of grandeur and majesty unto all in the realms of might and bounty. And woe unto him who turned away and denied the grace of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

O thou who drinkest the wine of My utterance from the hands of My bounty! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised on this day when sorrows have encompassed Me from all sides through that which hath befallen My chosen ones in the Land of Ya at the hands of those who have violated God’s Covenant and Testament, denied His proof, shown ingratitude for His favor and disputed His manifest and resplendent evidence.

One must reflect upon the patience and steadfastness of those sanctified and assured souls. In truth, each was a supreme sign. The wrath of the manifestations of fire and the assault of the wicked did not prevent them from remaining steadfast and devoted. They bore in the path of God that which hath no like or equal. Despite the afflictions and tribulations that befell them, they did not rise in self-defense, for those mighty and prevailing hands were bound by the divine chains of restraint. With complete submission and contentment they proceeded to the place of sacrifice and offered their illumined and sanctified spirits as a sacrifice for the Peerless Beloved. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

Thy letter attained the presence and was read. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name and honor thee through His might and to open before thy face the gate of bounty and ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him through the perpetuity of His most excellent names. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The Most Great Glad-Tidings is that thou art ever mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hast attained His special favors. The fruits thereof have appeared and shall continue to appear by the command of God, the Kind, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having turned toward Thy servant and mentioned him in Thy prison in days when the daysprings of misbelief and discord and the sources of infidelity and dissension have appeared. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and detached from all else besides Thee. I beseech Thee to assist me to serve Thy Cause and to arise to aid it through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH02713: O Ahmad, upon thee be the Glory of God…

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

O Ahmad, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and it spoke of the remembrance of God, His praise, His might and His glory. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him when all on earth turned away, save those whom God delivered from the clay of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We have found from thy letter the fragrance of love and affection. We answer thee with that whereby hearts and minds are attracted. Grieve not at the happenings of the world. Be assured of the grace of God, thy Lord, which hath encompassed all existence. We have remembered thee time and again, and have revealed for thee that which gladdeneth the eyes.

Say: O people of the earth, hold fast to the cord of God and turn unto Him. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the Beloved. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in Shin and in Nun and Ya, that they may rejoice in what hath been sent down to them from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O people of God, We counsel you with that which will draw you nigh unto the Supreme Horizon and guide you to His extended path. O people of God! While time remaineth, arise to that which, if missed today, none shall be able to accomplish. Thus hath the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Witnessed, spoken. Hold fast to that which draweth the servants nigh. Time and again in the Tablets mention hath

been made of wisdom, and all have been commanded to observe it. Nevertheless some have acted contrary to wisdom.

O people of God! Recognize ye the station of the Sacred Month, and reflect upon the calamity that befell in that city, and hold fast to that which is befitting. That which causeth remoteness and turning away of the servants is not acceptable before God. This Wronged One, for successive years in Zawra, during Muharram, did Himself make mention of the tribulations of the Prince of Martyrs, may the souls of all else be a sacrifice unto Him, while the Persians were engaged in lamentation. We assist them in what they are engaged in, and We have mentioned what hath befallen the loved ones of God from the hosts and ranks. Set aside that which causeth agitation in the souls of men, and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Possessor of the Promised Day.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon My loved ones there, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every resolute and trustworthy one.

BH02715: O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! Thy…

He is the One speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! Thy petition was presented and attained unto the illuminations of the lights of the Luminous One, being seen and heard. His honor Mirza Musa, upon him be My Glory, was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, by the strength of certitude he shattered the idols of vain imaginings and rent asunder the veils of idle fancies. Blessed is he and joy be unto him, for he hath attained unto My mention, for which God hath ordained no likeness nor similitude—despite every heedless and distant one, and every doubting scholar. We made mention of him before, and at this time as well, as a grace from God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of My loved ones in Dal and Ha, and give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, His grace, His generosity, His bounty and His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O party of the Wronged One! In the midst of tribulations We make mention of you and summon you unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The wolf howleth on My right and on My left, the squealing of swine hath been raised. Calamities have encompassed Me from all directions. Despite all this, I stand before all faces and speak as We spoke before, giving glad tidings to all of My manifestation, My appearance and My establishment upon the throne—a command from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

O loved ones of God! Be not grieved by the clamor of the heedless ones. The wolf desired to extinguish the light of God by his howling, but God preserveth His Cause through His sovereignty and exalteth it through His power. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word.

And We make mention of him who penned his letter which was named Javad, and We ask God to assist him and His loved ones to make mention of Him, to praise Him, and to set down His verses and words. Verily He seeth the deeds of the doers and heareth the call of those who love Him and are sincere. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon them and upon those whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not prevented from God, the Lord of the worlds.

My God, my God! Thou seest the Wronged One making mention of Thy loved ones and acquainting them with that which draweth them nigh unto the court of Thy glory. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy power and the heaven of Thy bounty to aid them to be steadfast in Thy love and to illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. Then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs, and who have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of Thy glory and the dawning-places of Thy revelation and the daysprings of Thy inspiration and the manifestations of Thy Self to lament. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

BH02813: O Zayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

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

O Zayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Worlds! The Most Exalted Pen, and the branches and leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, nay all things, bear witness to the Ocean of Utterance of the True One, glorified be His majesty, and to the Sun of His grace and bounty, in such wise hath He mentioned His loved ones that the fragrance of His words wafteth from every letter. The horizons have been filled with the signs of thy Lord—it behooveth them to render thanks unto the Lord for this manifest bounty. From the clouds of divine grace and the heaven of the Most Glorious Pen, verses descend without interruption like copious rain, nay incomparable to aught else or any mention. Yet the deniers and heedless ones remain opposed. We beseech God to aid all to rend asunder the veils and to stand firm in His mighty and impregnable Cause.

The letter of Ibn-i-Nur (upon him be My Glory) which he sent to thee was presented before the Countenance. Verily We perceived from it the fragrance of his love and steadfastness in the Cause of God. Blessed is he and his father and mother. We have mentioned Nur aforetime in various Tablets with words that when they appeared, the Herald proclaimed: "Utterance belongeth unto God!" O Zayn! The ocean of divine knowledge hath surged through My utterance and the fragrances of the All-Merciful have been stirred by My call, yet most of the people remain heedless. Praise be to God, Marf'u ʿAli (upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness) and his son have drunk from the choice wine of utterance and attained unto the ocean of God's mercy.

O son of Nur! Today He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation and hath mentioned and continueth to mention His loved ones, saying:

> "O people of Baha! Hearken unto My call. It behooveth you to counsel the servants through your deeds and character. Verily He is with you, seeing and hearing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing."

We beseech God to aid you with that which will enable you to do what beseemeth the people of Baha. Verily He is the Counselor, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

O son of Nur! Each one of the souls mentioned in thy letter hath been honored with the mention of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily We have gladdened thy mother with My mention and loving-kindness, and thy nephew with My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God,

they have been mentioned throughout successive years and continue to be so. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who is named Haydar and upon those who are with thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And praise be to God, Who is the Goal of them that know.

BH02729: We give glad tidings to the members…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

We give glad tidings to the members of the assembly, for their deeds are adorned with the ornament of acceptance and illumined with the light of His good pleasure. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you!

At this time when sorrows assail from all directions, mention was made of the loved ones in the Most Holy Court and recorded by the Supreme Pen. I swear by the Sun of Truth, which is sanctified above the comprehension of the peoples of the world, that whosoever ariseth to render assistance, even to the extent of a needle's eye, is accounted before God among those who are nigh and the sincere ones.

Take up the chalices of prosperity in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, and despite the enemies, drink and give others to drink. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath been and will ever be with you. Verily He hath heard your call and hath mentioned you in verses the like of which were not known in God's knowledge. This is the most great bounty which hath in this hour been revealed from the Pen of the Most Great Name. We beseech God to ordain for every assembly a bounty and to bestow a great reward. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to your acceptance and your turning unto the horizon wherefrom the world was debarred, having followed in the footsteps of the heedless. We beseech God to raise through you the standards of His mention and the banners of His praise amongst His servants, and to make you the dawning-places of His light, the daysprings of His virtues, the manifestations of His names and the sources of His bounty which hath encompassed all existence. He, verily, is the Powerful over what He willeth. He is the One, the Single, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Baqir, that he may rejoice in the Kawthar of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful in this mighty Prison. Verily He remembereth him who hath turned unto Him, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

The most great glad tidings are these: that whosoever attaineth unto acceptance, in that very moment his mention appeareth from the Tongue of Grandeur, and thereafter the evidences thereof shine forth from the realm of the Pen. A hundred thousand blessings upon those who have attained and are detached!

We make mention of him who was named Ali-Akbar. We beseech God to assist him and strengthen him in that whereby his name may be exalted among His creation. He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God that the people of the gathering have attained unto that which shall endure eternally in the Kingdom and the Realm of Might through the special Will of God. This most great bounty hath no likeness. The True One, exalted be His glory, is witness and testifier to the excellence of the souls mentioned. Verily He is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing, and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

BH02854: Praise be unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Praise be unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, sanctified from all change and extinction, Who hath illumined the hearts of those who have turned towards Him through the effulgences of the Light of Truth, and hath sealed and adorned them with the seal of "Verily I am God's."

Salutations, peace, praise and glory be upon Him Whom He hath chosen from among His servants and made His vicegerent in His lands. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from Him. This is attested by what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered both in the past and in the future. We bear witness that through Him the pavilion of glory hath been raised to its most exalted station, and that which was hidden from mankind hath been revealed. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto all good, and he who is deprived, verily he is of the companions of the fire, which is a woeful abode.

O thou who hast turned towards the Countenance! Upon thee be My salutation, My praise, My remembrance and My glory. We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour with a mention through which the hearts of those who have turned towards God and the breasts of the mystics have been illumined, and through which the horizons of hearts have been illumined with the light of His Name, the Beloved. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, that He may through thee guide His heedless servants, and ordain for thee that which shall endure throughout the eternity of His mighty and wondrous kingdom.

When thou hast received My letter and read My verses, turn thy face toward the Sacred House and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all days and Commander on the Day of Resurrection! I beseech Thee by Thy pardon which hath preceded Thy wrath, and by Thy mercy which hath preceded Thy vengeance, and by Thy heavenly table around which have gathered those of Thy East and West, and by the river of Thy bounty wherewith Thou hast given drink to the manifestations of existence, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Then write down for me from the Pen of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. Thou seest my condition and knowest what is in my heart. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy Name, the Mighty, the Loving, to open before my face, through the key of Thy grace, the door of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word 'Be' and it is."

May the Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of grace and bounty be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of unity from the hands of bounty from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

BH02864: A mention from Us to him who hath turned…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One

A mention from Us to him who hath turned and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, that the Call may draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon, as a bounty from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O ʿAli! The Trusted One hath made mention of thee, and We make mention of thee time and again. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having rained down upon my heart from the clouds of Thy bounty and for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bestowal, the choice wine of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the Word which, when it shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy knowledge, all the peoples of the earth inhaled therefrom the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness and that which guideth them to Thy Most Great Announcement and Thy firm and mighty Cause, to assist me in that which shall cause me to be mentioned in the precincts of Thy holiness and shall draw me nigh unto the court of Thy glory.

O my Lord! Thou seest this poor servant standing before the door of Thy mercy, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and bounty. Thou art He through Whom every treasure hath appeared and every hidden thing hath been revealed. All things have testified to Thy power, Thy might, Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. Ordain for me from the Pen of Thy decree that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Ancient Bestower, and in 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.

O Ali! We make mention of thy son at this time that the fragrance of his Lord's remembrance may draw him to a station wherein the doubts of the barking ones shall not hinder him. And We make mention of thy other son and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of them that have known. O Ali! I say in truth that that land, namely Usku, is adorned with the mention of him who hath loved Me and spoken in praise of Me, he who was named ʿAli before Asghar. We beseech God that He may assist him to be steadfast with the most great steadfastness and manifest through him that which shall endure forever in the Book of God and remain immortal. Blessed is he and happy is he in that he hath at this time attained unto My manifest remembrance. We make mention of all the friends of that land, both men and women, and We beseech for each one of them everlasting fruits from the blessed Tree. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon you, O friends and loved ones of God, and upon those who in the earliest days attained unto the recognition of His Great Announcement and His Straight Path.

BH02951: O my God, my Adored One, my Worshipped One!

…O my God, my Adored One, my Worshipped One!

Forbid not this handful of dust from being stirred by Thy blessed Word, and deprive it not of the warmth of Thy love. The seas of the world bear witness to Thine all-encompassing mercy, and the heavens confess Thy loftiness and majesty. O Ocean of Bounty! The drop hath turned toward Thee, and O Sun of Generosity! Being itself seeketh Thy munificence. Thy existence is sanctified above all proof and evidence, and Thy settlement upon the throne is exalted beyond all mention and description. The yearning of hearts and souls, and the raising of the hands of all beings, are truthful witnesses and eloquent testimonies to Thy generosity. For were it not for bounty, how could dust learn to raise itself up? What connection hath dust with the knowledge of ascent?

O All-Bountiful One! The Sun of Thy mercy is manifest from the horizon of all things, and the Star of Thy favors shineth from every direction. The needy seek the gate of Thy bestowal, and they that are consumed with love for Thy countenance yearn for Thy presence. Since creation is from Thee and the hope concealed in hearts is from Thee, it beseemeth Thee to adorn those that stand before the faces of strangers—they that are admitted to Thy court—with a new attire and to cause them to attain unto a wondrous name. Thou art He through Whose will the wills of the world have appeared, and through Whose desire the desires of nations have been realized. The hope in the hearts of Thy seekers hath never been cut off, nor shall it ever be. The proof of this is Thy blessed word "Despair not."

O All-Bountiful One! Thy servants are seen to be immersed in the sea of self and desire. They hope for Thy deliverance and beseech Thy ancient bounties. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Helper, the All-Knowing….

BH03039: O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory…

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

O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letter of Samandar which he sent to thee attained the presence, was seen and read.

O Mihdi! His lamentation ascendeth by night and day. None but God is aware of his condition, for his hope was to become the source and center and dawning-place of outward and inward services, and to spend his wealth in the path of the Goal of the worlds. Now something hath occurred from which the fragrance of the delay of this station is diffused.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny. The divine fire of Samandar hath been encompassed by the moisture of the deeds and words of heedless souls in the great city. They have been the cause of loss to those souls. Detailed mention is not permitted, for the Lord of destiny is saddened by Samandar's grief. Although these matters are not worthy of mention, yet his zeal in the Cause of God is great, and the arrival of visitors and guests is numerous. Ask of God to ordain that which is the cause of greatest joy.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of those who claim to love Thee and Thy Cause, whom the ornaments of the world have deluded until they broke Thy covenant and Thy testament, denied Thy proof and Thy evidence, and rejected Thy favor and Thy bounties and Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee by the key of Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thou didst open the doors of grace and generosity to the world, to send down upon him who loveth Thee a mercy from Thee and a blessing from Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou seest him standing firm in the victory of Thy Cause and the service of Thy Self.

I beseech Thee to make him mighty through Thy might and steadfast through Thy self-subsistence, to make him a cupbearer of the wine of Thy love and one who taketh the reins of authority by Thy command and leave. Thou witnesseth, O my God, with the tongue of Thy grandeur, that he turned to Thee in Thy earliest days and sought assistance from Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Ordain for him, O my God, what beseemeth the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy

bestowal. Then aid him in Thy service with what he loveth and is pleased with and what gladdeneth his heart and the hearts of Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03051: The Day of God proclaims: O people, fear God…

In the name of Him Who rules over earth and heaven!

The Day of God proclaims: O people, fear God and follow not the manifestations of conjecture and idle fancy. The Manifestation hath appeared and the Light hath shone forth and the Mount hath called out that the Promised One hath come with power and sovereignty. O people of the earth, fear God and be fair in what hath appeared in truth. He guideth you and draweth you nigh unto God, your Lord, the All-Merciful. This is the Day wherein the stones cry out and the trees speak:

> "The Kingdom and Dominion belong to God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Unconstrained."

Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that which delighteth the eyes. Blessed art thou for having attained the recognition of God in His days and for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of His bounty. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Say: O people of the Bayan, present yourselves before the Divine Countenance that ye may hear the verses at the time of their revelation. Beware lest the ignorant ones among the people who have denied God's verses prevent you from this bounty, the Lord of lords. Come, that We may impart unto you what hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will in the scriptures and tablets. Do ye object to Him through Whom God's Cause and sovereignty have been exalted? Fear God, O followers of error! Thus have We revealed the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord on the Day of Return.

Say: My God, my God, my Lord and my Support! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy face, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and standing before the door of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty in Thy lands to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in the Lord of Days. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I desire naught save what Thou hast desired for me through Thy grace and bounty. Thou art the Almighty before Whose sovereignty all beings have testified and before Whose power all things possible have acknowledged. I beseech Thee to ordain for me by the Pen of bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Compassionate, the Exalted, the All-Forgiving.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon the Dawning-Places of detachment throughout creation and the Day-Springs of piety among mankind, who heard Thy sweetest call and turned to Thee, saying:

> "Thou art our Lord and the Lord of the throne and the dust, and the Sovereign of this Day by Whose light the earth and heaven were illumined. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious."

BH02953: The Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon…

In the Name of the one true God!

The Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of prison, speaking forth, and the light of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of will unto the kingdom of proof. Blessed is he who hath stepped into the world and sought to know the Lord of ancient days.

O Abraham! The promised Day hath appeared and the Mount circleth round the Manifestation, yet the people remain heedless. Today the mysteries of God's Book and the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge are visible before the faces of the high and low, yet the seeker of the Goal is nowhere to be found.

Reflect upon the previous Manifestations that thou mayest become aware of the harm done to this Wronged One. From the earliest days until now He hath been afflicted with endless tribulations. Most of His days were spent in the hands of enemies, chains were His companions and the harm of the tribes His associates. His friends withdrew and His loved ones arose to harm Him out of fear of enemies. His companion was the Tablet and His intimate the pen. Glory be to God! Most of the servants bear witness to what hath befallen Him and are aware of His tribulations.

For some time now this Wronged One hath dwelt in this prison which hath been named the Most Great Prison. Night and day He is occupied with the remembrance of His loved ones and chosen ones. What hath come to pass that the people have shunned the light and turned to darkness upon darkness? Nevertheless, the heart is aflame with the fire of love and the tongue uttereth remembrance and speech. Blessed is the soul that was not prevented by the veils of names nor held back from turning towards Him by the doubts of the servants.

Say: My God, my God! Prevent not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty. If Thou forgivest them, this is of the wonders of Thy grace and bestowal; and if Thou chastiseth them, verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Aid those who deny to turn towards the court of Thy glory and to acknowledge what Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy utterance. Thou art He through Whose name the ocean of forgiveness surgeth throughout creation. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of thy son who was named Ni'matu'llah and give him glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for him at this time from the heaven of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all worlds, that he may rejoice in My favors, speak My praise, hold fast to My cord and cling to My luminous robe. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH03169: In My Name, by which the limbs of all…

In My Name, by which the limbs of all names have trembled!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Isma'il! Do you know Who remembers you in the prison of ʿAkka? Say: Yes, by my Lord, He Who is the Lord of all beings and the Ruler of the kingdom of names remembers me and

continues to remember me. Verily my Lord is the Almighty, the Supreme, the Compassionate, the Generous.

There has befallen the Wronged One that which has caused all things to lament, yet most of the people remain heedless. We have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which draws all beings near to the heaven of glory and faithfulness, yet they have committed that which has caused the hearts of the knowing to melt.

When you hear the call from the direction of ʿAkka, say: Praise be to Thee, O Ruler of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm of Might, for having caused me to hear Thy verses and to witness Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which has encompassed the world and by Thy Most Great Name to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. O my Lord! Ordain for me and my son that which befits the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ibrahim! The All-Knowing remembers thee and reminds thee of this Most Great News, whereby the sun was darkened and the stars fell and the Herald called out from a near place. We have remembered the friends of God with that which cannot be equaled by the wealth of the rich, nor by what exists in the kingdom of names, nor by that in which kings and rulers take pride.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. The Day has come, yet the people are in evident veils. Their possessions have occupied them and their desires have held them back. Verily, they persist in their ancient error.

God has forgiven My handmaiden who ascended unto Him aforetime. Through My remembrance of her the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of loving-kindness wafted from the direction of My Name, the All-Merciful. Blessed is the one who has found and said: Praise be to Thee, O God of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Desire of the knowing ones.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son and thy wife and those with thee, and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of bounty from the hand of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH03165: O Ali, upon thee be the peace of God…

O Ali, upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy!

Death, in one sense, is a door to reunion and a path unto the presence of the Beloved. Blessed is the soul that at the time of its ascension soars upon the wings of longing and yearning and sets out for the Most Exalted Companion. The sanctified spirit, freed from the doubts and troubles of the world, possesses great power, its fragrance is penetrating and its might is manifest. Detachment in this station appears as the wing of divine confirmation and sets one in motion.

O Ali, mention of this ocean is abundant and its pearls beyond reckoning. We beseech God to make manifest unto thee that which will cause the pavilion of His glory to be raised up. Verily, He is powerful

over all things. Ever are the days of attainment remembered and the glances of grace directed to that quarter.

O Ali, His mercy is manifest as the sun and His grace more exalted than the heavens; yet despite this, what the servants have said and continue to say! We beseech God to protect the people of unity from the people of division. In these days, the hypocrites in the cities and regions are again busy stirring up the people of unity. We beseech God to unite the people of unity, that all may speak with one tongue and soar with one wing, and that they may reflect upon the cause and reason for the abasement that hath encompassed them and seek deliverance from God. Verily He will deliver them through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Mention was made of the departed and elevated Haji Ibrahim, upon him be the peace of God and His mercy. We make mention of him at this time and beseech God to spread out for him the carpet of pardon and forgiveness, and to send down upon him at all times mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self. Verily He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. We bear witness that he believed in God and His verses, acknowledged His Books and His Messengers and His chosen ones, and recognized what He hath revealed in His Perspicuous Book. We make mention of the people of unity there and beseech God to assist them and adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness and justice and fairness, and to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Fulfiller of the needs of all who ask.

BH03129: The Book of God, in the most exalted station…

He is the Ever-Abiding without decline.

The Book of God, in the most exalted station of the world, speaks in remembrance of the world and its peoples, and has summoned all to that which leads to the exaltation of His Word and the elevation of their station. Glory be to God! This is a Day whose greatness and grandeur all divine Books have testified to and continue to testify. The sun bears witness and the sea attests. Nevertheless, greed and idle fancy have prevented the servants from the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven.

O Yunis, upon thee be My glory! Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, has mentioned thee, and We have remembered thee in this blessed Tablet with a remembrance whose end cannot be seen. Give thanks to thy Lord for this manifest bounty and say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanks be to Thee, O my Master, and glory be to Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of the people of understanding, for having moved the tongue of Thy grandeur to remember me while I was in prison through what the hands of the heedless among Thy servants had wrought. I beseech Thee by Thy light wherewith Thou hast illumined the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and by the fire of the Tree of Thy utterance whereby the hearts of Thy loved ones were set ablaze, to open, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the doors of bounty and generosity upon the world. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant.

I have turned to Thee when I heard Thy call. I bear witness that through Thee the ocean of utterance has surged in the contingent world and the sun of knowledge has shone forth amidst religions. I beseech

Thee not to withhold Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor to disappoint them from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who were drawn by the attraction of the Call to the Dayspring of sacrifice and who offered up their souls in their longing to meet Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful whose outpourings have never ceased from the world, and the Generous One whose manifestations of generosity have encompassed all peoples. O my Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses and detached from all else besides Thee. Ordain for me what befits Thy glory, Thy grandeur and Thy power. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

At this moment We also remember thy wife and those with thee. We give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. And what thou didst send hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance, as a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH03296: O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and My…

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

O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Praise befitteth Him Who is the Goal of all, Who through the ladder of tribulation guided the people of devotion to the highest horizon, and with the hand of bounty bestowed upon them the choice wine of reunion, and through His all-encompassing will removed the veils that had prevented them, that they might behold the effulgence of the lights of the Beauty of God, and lay down their lives, and through this sacrifice, which is the very essence of influence, bestow upon the dwellers of the cities of love and affection a wondrous, eternal and glorious life, and from this sacrifice a sweet fragrance is wafted abroad. I swear by the Sun of Truth which at this moment shineth from the horizon of this station that the world's understanding falleth short of comprehending the effect and fruit of this spiritual fragrance. Exalted be His wisdom and magnificent His signs! Transcendent be His remembrance and His might and sovereignty! There is no God but Him.

O Khalil! The letter thou didst send was forwarded to the Most Holy Court by His Holiness Husayn, upon him be My glory, and this most mighty and most holy Tablet was revealed in reply. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and His servants in that which beseemeth His days, and to make thee a servant of His Cause and one who speaketh in remembrance of Him and in remembrance of His loved ones whom We have made as proofs that there is no God but Him. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which hath been revealed and hath recognized that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. He is numbered among them that are brought near in My perspicuous Book.

We make mention of all the loved ones in that land. Convey on My behalf to them My greetings and give them the glad-tidings of My turning towards them and My attention to them from this far-distant spot.

At the end, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O Thou Who dost illumine the horizons and Who speaketh on the Day of Meeting! I beseech Thee by the lights that shine forth from the dayspring of Thy mercy and the stars in the heaven of Thy grace, to aid Thy servants to rend asunder that which hath prevented them from turning towards Thee and from attaining unto Thy presence. Thou art He through Whose generosity all created things have testified, and through Whose bounty all contingent beings have been established. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them of that which lieth with Thee and to deliver

them from idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

BH03184: Today the pearls of the Ocean of Utterance…

He is the Guardian over all who are on earth and in heaven!

Today the pearls of the Ocean of Utterance of the Desired One of the worlds appear in the form of words on tablets from the Supreme Pen. The heavenly feast of divine knowledge descends in every moment from the heaven of God's Will. Glory be to God! Despite the fact that verses have encompassed all directions and clear proofs appear manifest before all faces, the unjust servants have begun complaint instead of gratitude, turned away instead of approaching, and denied instead of acknowledging. We testify that they have violated God's covenant and His testament, and denied His proof and His evidence. Thus have their souls enticed them. We testify that they are among the most lost in God's Book, the Master of the Day of Judgment. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My verses, say:

Glory be to Thee, O my God, and glory be to Thee, O my Desired One! Thou seest me turning away from all else save Thee and advancing toward the court of Thy might, clinging to Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the seal of Thy choice sealed wine was opened. I beseech Thee to make me among those whom the ranks of the oppressors have not prevented from turning to the lights of Thy justice, and whom the veils of the people of error have not hindered from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants. I ask of Thee to assist me in that whereby my remembrance will endure throughout the duration of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom.

By Thy glory! The fire of separation from Thee hath consumed me, and remoteness from the precincts of Thy nearness hath caused my death. My God, my God! Deprive me not of the ocean of Thy mercy nor the dawning splendors of the Sun of Thy oneness. Thou art He Who hath testified through Thy generosity to all created things, and through Thy bounty to all existence, both seen and unseen. I beseech Thee not to withhold Thy party from the Euphrates of Thy grace nor from the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy bestowal. 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-Forbearing.

We testify that thou hast drunk the choice wine of meeting from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, and hast attained unto that which was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Books of the Messengers. It behooveth thee to thank thy Lord throughout the duration of His glorious and wondrous kingdom.

BH03295: O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory! If you…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Beneficent, the All-Favoring

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory! If you should proceed to the land of Sh, you must not take up residence in the known dwelling places of the friends. Taking up residence elsewhere would be acceptable and beloved. This is among the requirements of wisdom that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. The known letters mentioned are remembered in the Most Holy Court and have attained

unto grace. Some time ago, each one was favored with a leaf from the leaves of the Tree bearing divine words.

O Haydar-Ali, convey My greetings to the friends. Say to Ali, upon him be My glory: "The Truth hath secretly assisted the one who was occupied with abasement. The world hath changed, the mountain moveth, the sun speaketh, the vibration of the manifestation hath set Mount Sinai in motion. Glory be to God! It is as though the Resurrection is at hand and the Hour hath appeared. The one who led astray hath become a guide." Say: "What have you to do with these errors? God's mercy be upon one who knoweth his station and rank. When names were bestowed upon the world, thou wert not. Fear the Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Speak according to thy measure. Should We will, We could take a handful of dust and manifest from it name after name until names and their kingdoms come to an end." Say: "If thou art thunderstruck by this compelling Word, it mattereth not," for according to the blessed word that appeared from the Dawning-Place of the Primal Point, upon Him be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings, even the people of Sinai are thunderstruck, let alone others—this is clear and evident.

Ask of God that He make manifest from among His servants that which is the cause of preservation and the means of deliverance. O Haydar! The rustling of the Tree is raised high, the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Truth are dawning and manifest, and the light that was hidden in the divine treasury is brilliant and radiant. Yet the people are debarred. What hath been the cause of their being debarred? By God's life! The misleader and his like are but a mote, and whosoever is with him in his vain imaginings. Put thy trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Verily He is with His sincere servants and His near ones who are brought nigh. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH03246: The Divine bounty became embodied and His mercy encompassed…

He is the All-Knowing Herald!

The Divine bounty became embodied and His mercy encompassed all. He aided with the hosts of His providence and generosity, and caused the honored Shaykh, upon him be My glory and favor, to attain unto presence, hearing and witnessing. He arrived several days ago and then took for himself an abode in the shade of the Divine Lote Tree. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn him with the ornament of resignation, trust and detachment. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever turns unto Him and the Helper of whosoever dwelleth within the precincts of His mercy.

He is indeed among those who are secure, as recorded in His Perspicuous Book. In truth, they have been freed and delivered from the hosts of hatred and rancor and from the claws of tyranny and calumny. Well is it with him and with whosoever hath loved him and desired his salvation.

Glory be unto God! Tyranny hath reached such a pass that none save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, is aware thereof. The glory of the Cause, its loftiness, its transcendence, justice and fairness have been put to flight. They regarded the divine counsels and heavenly admonitions as though they had never existed, and they abandoned that which would have brought glory to the Cause and to themselves, clinging instead to that which causeth loss, abasement and degradation.

Glory be unto God! From a certain person in that city there occurred that which caused the heart of this Wronged One to lament and groan. It behooveth Us to conceal what hath befallen Us and to make mention of the loved ones of God in that place, among whom are he who was named Javad and Khalil and Karim, and those who attained My presence and heard the shrill voice of My Pen and beheld the horizon of the heaven of My grace. Upon them be My glory, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The honored Shaykh made mention of Javad, upon him be the grace of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, and hath sought for him and his kin that which leadeth to the exaltation of their station and the elevation of their rank. The glory from Our presence be upon you, O My friends and loved ones, and upon those who have laid hold of the hem of the robe of their Lord's tender mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH03213: Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court…

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the Desired One Who hath descended from the Supreme Horizon with the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." His power hath adorned the world of existence with the ornament of knowledge, and His might hath rolled up the carpet of vain imaginings like the rolling up of a scroll and removed it from their midst. Glorified be His grandeur, exalted be His utterance, and all-encompassing be His sovereignty!

O Muhammad-Taqi! Thy mention was present before Our face in the Most Great Prison, and We have revealed for thee from the Kingdom of utterance that which causeth eyes to be gladdened and breaketh the backs of the wicked. Through My manifestation the mysteries have been revealed, and through My rising the dead have risen. We beseech God to make thee eloquent in His remembrance and mighty through His might. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, through His Name before which all necks have bowed low. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet through which all tablets have been illumined. When thou hearest the call, arise, turn toward the Supreme Horizon and say:

"Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Celestial Dominion and the mysteries of Thy Divine Kingdom and by the waves of the ocean of Thine utterance to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and guide me to the straight path.

> "O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy generosity and grace. I beseech Thee to open before my face, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the doors of Thy pardon and bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, to assist my family in remembering and praising Thee and in remaining steadfast in Thy Cause. Then protect them, O my God,

through Thy bounty which hath encompassed existence and by the light of Thy Cause through which the lands have been illumined. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My loved ones who were not hindered by the power of the world and the might of the nations from turning toward God, the Lord of all Lords."

BH03292: O people of the world! The Ancient Lord Who…

He is the All-Knowing Herald

O people of the world! The Ancient Lord Who hath manifested Himself through the Most Great Name bringeth you glad tidings. By My life! The Day hath come, while the people wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and desire, among those who slumber. Say: O concourse of humanity! God hath revealed His greatest countenance and adorned it with this Name whereby every hidden matter was revealed and the Fire spoke from the trees. The veils have been rent asunder and the Lord of the Day of Return hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all parties. Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened and attained, and woe unto the deniers and those who hesitate. O thou who art present before the Throne and gazest upon the Countenance! Soar on the wings of longing unto the heaven of wisdom and utterance and say:

O peoples of the world! Rejoice and behold on this Day whereon He Who conversed on Sinai hath been established upon the throne of Revelation and hath said: By God! The blessed supreme verse "but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets" hath been fulfilled by the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. This is such a glad tiding that were it to be cast upon the trees, their branches would be seen to rise above the heavens, and were it cast upon the seas, the hidden pearls within their shells would appear, and were it cast upon the mountains, their mines and whatsoever lay concealed and treasured within them would be revealed. Blessed art thou, O thou who standest at the gate time and again, for what We have sent down unto thee whose fragrance hath been diffused throughout the worlds of wisdom and knowledge. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and this most perfect and complete remembrance, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, for having opened before my face, through the key of Thy Most Glorious Name, the treasures of remembrance and praise and the pearls of glory and bounty. I beseech Thee to assist and enable me to achieve that which shall endure through the key of my name among Thy most excellent names. Then cause me, O my God, to be a spreader of Thy signs and attributes among all peoples. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Ancient of Days.

Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of utterance and thy temple with the ornament of My glorious and wondrous remembrance. The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of faithfulness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH03412: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Some time ago…

In the Name of the One Beloved!

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Some time ago mention of thee was made from the Tongue of Grandeur. Today, whosoever attaineth unto a single word of the divine utterances hath attained an everlasting station and an eternal rank in the sight of God. That word is a hidden treasure with the True Trustee. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto this most exalted station, and blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto this most glorious rank, and blessed is the tree and the leaf that hath been adorned with the fruits of His good-pleasure and concerning which the word of His good-pleasure hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Horizon.

O My handmaiden! Mention of thy deed became the cause of the revelation of a second Tablet, that thou mayest know with clear certitude that thy deed hath been accepted and bestowed upon souls who were truly deserving. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath performed in the path of God that which she was bidden in His perspicuous Book. And thou, praise be to God, hast attained, and the word of acceptance hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty addressed to thy name. The first Tablet remaineth preserved with the one who delivered it and is trustworthy.

Convey My greetings to all the leaves of that household. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of steadfastness and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the One Who answereth prayers.

Reflect upon the favors of God. Although outwardly at the time of death the wealthy one did not attain unto faith, yet due to thy connection with him, his cry was answered and a portion of his wealth attained unto acceptance by God. We therefore hope that His all-embracing mercy may take hold of him, and we beseech God to guide the mother, that she may drink from the Salsabil of His bounty. His grace is mighty and His bestowal great. We beseech Him to aid His male and female servants to turn unto Him and to act in accordance with that which they have been bidden. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon all who are in the household, from God, the All-Possessing, the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the All-Generous.

BH03438: He remembereth His loved ones as He pleaseth…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

He remembereth His loved ones as He pleaseth and adorneth them with the ornament of grace and bounty. Verily He doeth what He willeth. Neither the clamor of enemies, nor the might of princes, nor the roaring of hosts and multitudes who have cast the Covenant of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings, can intimidate Him.

O Muhammad-Qabil-Kazim! Thy brother hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with that which the treasuries of the world cannot equal, as doth testify the Most Great Book of God in its most exalted station.

In these days, from the City of Attentiveness, the City of Detachment, and the City of the Lovers, new and wondrous melodies are being raised. Blessed are they who have attained unto hearing them and who have set their faces toward their true homeland. Today the Concourse on High is engaged in preparing to welcome the holy, detached and ascending spirits. A great celebration is underway in the Concourse on High, yet the heart of the Wronged One is saddened by what hath befallen the Cause of God at the hands of those who have exchanged the favor of God for denial and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition.

O loved ones of God! I tell you truly, there hath appeared in the world that which the eye of creation hath never seen the like. Know ye its worth, and with spirit and joy make the ancient world new through mention and praise of the Goal of all the worlds. Quicken the withered and dead hearts. That which floweth from the Most Exalted Pen is the cause of the life of the world—it is the Water of Life. In one place: “Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless!”

We beseech God that Husayn, upon whom be His Glory, and the loved ones of that land not be prevented by the tyranny of oppressors and the rejection of deniers from the warmth of divine love, nor be made cold thereby. The world of a day or two hath no worth or station. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid you, preserve you, make you know, and cause you to speak that by which hearts and minds are attracted. The Command is in God’s hand, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH03425: O Salman! Upon thee be the loving-kindness…

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

O Salman! Upon thee be the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful. Thou hast ever been the recipient of the favors of the Most Exalted Pen. At this time a letter from thee hath been presented to the Wronged One through Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, and the glances of His loving-kindness are directed towards it. We beseech God to aid and assist thee to serve His Cause and His loved ones. Though thy journey this time hath been postponed, yet whatsoever occurreth according to the requirements of God’s consummate wisdom hath been and ever will be well-pleasing.

In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon. Detached from all else, meet the friends of God in every city and region. Give them the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. All have been and are remembered. They must strive for unity and harmony, and not occupy themselves with these fleeting days more than is necessary. Let them sometimes spend their days preparing for the countless worlds to come.

Convey My greetings to Kazim of Nasirabad, upon him be the Glory of God. We have previously mentioned him in terms that nothing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: My God, my God! My liver is melted through Thy love, my joints are severed in separation from Thee, my tears flow in my estrangement from Thee, and my sighs ascend in my remoteness from the court of Thy glory. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Immortality, Who art seated upon the throne of ʻHe doeth whatsoever He willeth,' by the lights of Thy countenance, the manifestations of Thy bounty and generosity, and the waves of the ocean of Thy bestowals, to make me steadfast in Thy service and speaking in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Praise be to Thee, O our Mighty God! I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of meeting Thee and the outpourings of Thy days. Verily Thou art He Who hath named Thyself the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Generous, and verily Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH03315: O prisoner! We beseech God to ordain for thee…

He is God, Exalted is He, the Lord of grandeur and might

O prisoner! We beseech God to ordain for thee, from His Most Exalted Pen, the good of the world to come and of the world that now is, and to strengthen thee to celebrate His praise and glorify Him throughout every one of His worlds. Verily He is the Lord of mankind, and the Sovereign of the throne on high and the dust below.

O God, my God! I yield Thee thanks at all times and render Thee praise under all conditions.

In prosperity, all praise is Thine, O Lord of the Worlds, and in its absence, all gratitude is Thine, O Desire of them that have recognized Thee!

In adversity, all honour is Thine, O Adored One of all who are in heaven and on earth, and in affliction, all glory is Thine, O Enchanter of the hearts of those who yearn after Thee!

In hardship, all praise is Thine, O Thou the Goal of them that seek after Thee, and in comfort, all thanksgiving is Thine, O Thou whose remembrance is treasured in the hearts of those who are nigh unto Thee!

In wealth, all splendour is Thine, O Lord of them that are devoted to Thee, and in poverty, all command is Thine, O Thou the Hope of them that acknowledge Thy unity!

In joy, all glory is Thine, O Thou besides Whom there is none other God, and in sorrow, all beauty is Thine, O Thou besides Whom there is none other God!

In hunger, all justice is Thine, O Thou besides Whom there is none other God, and in satiety, all grace is Thine, O Thou besides Whom there is none other God!

In my homeland, all bounty is Thine, O Thou besides Whom there is none other God, and in exile, all decree is Thine, O Thou besides Whom there is none other God!

Under the sword, all munificence is Thine, O Thou besides Whom there is none other God, and in the safety of home, all perfection is Thine, O Thou besides Whom there is none other God!

In the lofty mansion, all generosity is Thine, O Thou besides Whom there is none other God, and upon the lowly dust, all favour is Thine, O Thou besides Whom there is none other God!

In prison, all fidelity is Thine, O Thou the Bestower of gifts, and in confinement, all eternity is Thine, O Thou Who art the ever-abiding King!

All bounty is Thine, O Thou Who art the Lord of bounty, and the Sovereign of bounty, and the King of bounty! I bear witness that Thou art to be praised in Thy doings, O Thou Source of bounty, and to be obeyed in Thy behests, O Thou Ocean of bounty, He from Whom all bounty doth proceed, He to Whom all bounty doth return!

BH03338: In the Name of Him through Whom the Light…

In the Name of Him through Whom the Light of the Ancient One hath shone forth from the horizon of the world!

Praise sanctified from mention and glorification befitteth the Peerless One Who through His pervading and sovereign Will took possession of the kingdom of earth and heaven and adorned it with a wondrous and new embellishment. He is the King Who through His Creative Word bestowed affection between hearts and illumined sheer nothingness with the light of existence. Exalted be His power and His grandeur, and all-embracing be His grace and bounty! Light and glory, praise and honor be upon the Hands of His Cause, through whom the lights have shone forth from every direction and the signs have appeared in cities and lands.

O Niyaz! Upon thee be the remembrance and praise of God. Thy mention hath been made before the Throne of the Lord of eternity in the Most Great Prison, and We have revealed for thee that which hath caused the hearts of the righteous to soar and the minds of the pure-hearted to be drawn forth. All the peoples of the world have awaited and still await the days of His manifestation, and at all times they have beseeched and implored the Lord of all beings for His presence. Yet when the light of His manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the world, all turned away except whom God willed. Would that they had been content with that! Rather, they committed that which was as a sword cutting down the blessed Tree. This deed was the result of the decree of the ignorant ones—those souls who, though having attained the most exalted station in the name of truth, wrought that which hath caused the Supreme Pen to lament and wail for successive years. Thus did their own selves prompt them, while they perceived not and understood not.

Thou shouldst praise God for having aided thee to recognize Him and adorned thee with the ornament of acceptance in His days, and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge from the hand of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Say: I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03421: O thou who art the fruit of My Tree…

He is the All-Hearing and the All-Seeing

O thou who art the fruit of My Tree and the leaf thereof! On thee be My glory and My mercy.

Let not thine heart grieve over what hath befallen thee. Wert thou to scan the pages of the Book of Life, thou wouldst, most certainly, discover that which would dissipate thy sorrows and dissolve thine anguish.

Know thou, O fruit of My Tree, that the decrees of the Sovereign Ordainer, as related to fate and predestination, are of two kinds. Both are to be obeyed and accepted. The one is irrevocable, the other is, as termed by men, impending. To the former all must unreservedly submit, inasmuch as it is fixed and settled. God, however, is able to alter or repeal it. As the harm that must result from such a change will be greater than if the decree had remained unaltered, all, therefore, should willingly acquiesce in what God hath willed and confidently abide by the same.

The decree that is impending, however, is such that prayer and entreaty can succeed in averting it.

God grant that thou who art the fruit of My Tree, and they that are associated with thee, may be shielded from its evil consequences.

Say: O God, my God! Thou hast committed into mine hands a trust from Thee, and hast now according to the good-pleasure of Thy Will called it back to Thyself. It is not for me, who am a handmaid of Thine, to say, whence is this to me or wherefore hath it happened, inasmuch as Thou art glorified in all Thine acts, and art to be obeyed in Thy decree.

Thine handmaid, O my Lord, hath set her hopes on Thy grace and bounty. Grant that she may obtain that which will draw her nigh unto Thee, and will profit her in every world of Thine. Thou art the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

Vouchsafe Thy blessings, O Lord, my God, unto them that have quaffed the wine of Thy love before the face of men, and, in spite of Thine enemies, have acknowledged Thy unity, testified to Thy oneness, and confessed their belief in that which hath made the limbs of the oppressors among Thy creatures to quake, and the flesh of the proud ones of the earth to tremble. I bear witness that Thy Sovereignty can never perish, not Thy Will be altered. Ordain for them that have set their faces towards Thee, and for Thine handmaids that have held fast by Thy Cord, that which beseemeth the Ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace.

Thou art He, O God, Who hath proclaimed Himself as the Lord of Wealth, and characterized all that serve Him as poor and needy. Even as Thou hast written:

> “O ye that believe! Ye are but paupers in need of God; but God is the All-Possessing, the All-Praised.”

Having acknowledged my poverty, and recognized Thy wealth, suffer me not to be deprived of the glory of Thy riches. Thou art, verily, the Supreme Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03578: O Qanbar! We have desired to make mention…

He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Qanbar! We have desired to make mention of thee with that whereby thy name shall endure in the Book of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Day wherein the Gate of Utterance hath been unlocked by the Key of My Name, the All-Merciful, and the Ocean of Knowledge hath surged before the faces of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Qanbar! The Most Great Scene hath been adorned by My glance and honored by My presence, and God hath exalted it through this Name, which, when established upon the Throne of Utterance, caused all in the realm of possibility to raise an uproar, save those whom the hands of divine power preserved, on the part of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

This is a Day wherein the Willow Tree maketh mention of the favors of its Lord and glorifieth His praise before the face of the Wronged One in this exalted station. Its branches have lengthened and its rustling hath risen out of longing for the presence of its Lord, the Possessor of all existence. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee through His bounty and to open before thy face the gate of His bestowal. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

And We have desired at this time to make mention of him who was named Muhammad-i-Qa’ini. He departed from his homeland, seeking his supreme homeland beneath the canopies of the mercy of his Lord, the Most Glorious. Fate prevented him from attaining the presence of the Lord of all beings, and he ascended on the path to the abode of the Guide, where the mercy of his Lord embraced him, until it caused him to enter the Most Exalted Paradise, as a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the One Whose grace hath encompassed what was and what shall be. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to forgive him through His bounty and to send down upon him, at all times, mercy from His presence. Verily, He is the Possessor of Bounty and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy, and the waves surging from the ocean of My favor, and the light radiating from the horizon of My utterance be upon him and upon those who have offered up their spirits in the path of God, the Lord of the Throne and the dust, and the Master of the Day of Judgment.

BH03543: The Wronged One proclaims: O people of God! Know…

He is the Wise Counselor!

The Wronged One proclaims: O people of God! Know ye the worth and station of this glorious and mighty Day, and arise to redeem that which hath slipped from your grasp. The Day is the Day of deeds, not words. We cherish the hope that ye will aid the Cause of God through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, through goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct.

O Yusif! The Wronged One hath remembered and continueth to remember His loved ones from the prison-chamber. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having sent down unto Thy loved ones Thy verses and manifested unto them Thy clear tokens and illumined their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Ocean of Bounty, by Thy Most Great Signs, to enable me and Thy loved ones to stand firm with supreme steadfastness, and ordain for me and for them that which befitteth the

heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy mercy. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Abu'l-Qasim and remind him of the verses of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O people of God! This day unity and concord are the helpers of the Cause. Blessed is the soul that is occupied with bringing hearts together for the sake of God. God willing, may all be enabled to achieve this mighty deed.

At this moment We make mention of him who hath been named Mirza Baba, that he may hear the call from the Supreme Horizon and be numbered among the successful ones. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and the might that emanateth from His presence. Beware lest the cawing of the ravens or the oppression of the aggressors deter thee from God, the Lord of all worlds.

We make mention of Our loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One. We seal this epistle with mention of him who hath turned toward My horizon and soared in the atmosphere of My love, who hath been named Shafi' in My Mighty Book. The Glory from Us be upon My loved ones and My handmaidens, and upon him who hath been named Ahmad-i-ʿAli, from God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

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BH03509: On the morning of the blessed Friday We proceeded…

He is God, Glorified be He, Grandeur and Might are His!

On the morning of the blessed Friday We proceeded from the mansion and entered the garden. Every tree uttered a word, and every leaf sang a melody. The trees proclaimed: "Behold the evidences of God's Mercy", and the twin streams recited in the eloquent tongue the sacred verse "From us all things were made alive". Glorified be God! Mysteries were voiced by them, which provoked wonderment. Methought: in which school were they educated, and from whose presence had they acquired their learning? Yea! This Wronged One knoweth and He saith: "From God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsistent".

Upon Our being seated, Radiyih, upon her be My glory, attained Our presence on thy behalf, laid the table of God's bounty and in thy name extended hospitality to all present. In truth, all that which stimulateth the appetite and pleaseth the eye was offered, and indeed that which delighteth the ear could also be heard as the leaves were stirred by the Will of God, and from this movement a refreshing voice was raised, as if uttering a blissful call inviting the absent to this Feast. God's power and the perfection of His handiwork could enjoyably be seen in the blossoms, the fruits, the trees, the leaves and the streams. Praised be God Who hath thus confirmed thee and her.

In brief, all in the garden were recipients of the choicest bounties and in the end expressed their thanksgiving unto their Lord. O that all God's beloved had been present on this day!

We beseech God, exalted be He, to cause to descend upon thee at every moment, a blessing and a mercy and a measure of divine grace from His presence. He is the Forgiving, the All-Glorious.

We send greetings to His loved ones, and supplicate for each one of them that which is worthy of mention and is acceptable in His presence. Peace be upon thee, and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to Him, the Lord of all mankind.

BH11756: The Day Star of glad-tidings has dawned, inasmuch…

In the Name of Him Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

The Day Star of glad-tidings has dawned, inasmuch as the branches have been joined with the Blessed Tree, and in the mention of the Tree and its branches are signs for those who possess understanding. Those whom God has related to Him have attained His presence, and then he whom He named Trustworthy among His servants—upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O My loved ones in ʿIshqabad! Rejoice within yourselves that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward you from this Most Great Prison. Know ye that the world, in its inmost essence, hath been set ablaze by the fire of the love of God. Blessed are they that have attained! Ye have been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation before, and are mentioned now as a mercy from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. This is a Day wherein the Fire calleth out in the trees of existence:

> "God, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!"

In the Persian tongue He says: O My loved ones! Your dwelling and abode is now in ʿIshqabad. This name itself is aflame. God willing, the people of Baha in that most exalted place shall be set ablaze with the fire of God and shall set the world aflame. The ocean of grace is surging and the Day Star of utterance is shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Hold fast unto wisdom and turn your attention to the refinement of the souls of men. Let not the events and that which appeareth from the heedless grieve you. By the life of God! All that is seen today on earth of its bounties and its colors shall perish, while ye shall witness throughout all eternity that which God, the Lord of creation, hath ordained for you.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to manifest through you that which shall endure throughout the eternity of His Kingdom. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Strive that ye may become enabled to perform deeds that shall be adorned with the glory of acceptance. Verily your Lord is the All-Giving, the All-Forgiving. Through the arrival and presence of these honored ones, your mention was renewed in the prison. The glory be upon you from God, the Manifestation of clear proofs. He is verily with you, witnessing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH03767: O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto…

He is the Herald between earth and heaven!

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of ʿAkka. Verily, He maketh mention of thee as He mentioned thee before, and relateth unto thee what hath befallen His loved ones in the land of Ya through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The wolves have encompassed the beloved ones. By reason of this hath the Spirit lamented in His exalted station. The fire of tyranny hath been kindled to such degree that the tongues of all pens are powerless to recount it. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this trusted station. The door of reunion hath been opened before the faces of the lovers throughout all regions—blessed are they that are endued with true understanding.

Blood hath been shed, through one drop of which God will raise up servants whose number none can reckon save God, the Lord of all worlds. There hath come before the Wronged One a letter from those who have not broken God's Covenant. We have answered them with that wherewith all things have cried out. By God! The door of utterance hath been opened with the Key of the Most Great Name of God, whereby the limbs of the oppressors have quaked. God shall soon seize them with a justice from His presence. Verily, He is the Almighty, doing whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Powerful. The heedless ones desired to extinguish the light of God through oppression, but God prevented them through His sovereignty which hath encompassed all in the heavens and earth. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom neither the hosts of the earth have frightened nor the might of them that have denied the Day of Judgment hath deterred.

Today is the day of assisting the Cause. You and the friends must, with wisdom and utterance, make the people aware and guide them to the Dawning-Place of divine verses. Take thou the Book of God with a strength from His presence, then recite it amongst His servants, that haply it may attract them to the supreme horizon and the ultimate goal, and draw them nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of this mighty Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of bounty and from which hath wafted the fragrance of the Garment on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

BH03695: Say: O people! This Day hath its own melody…

He is the All-Bountiful, the Lord of Surpassing Grace!

Say: O people! This Day hath its own melody and mysteries. None except God hath ever reckoned or can reckon its excellences. At times it warbleth as the doves of inner meanings; at other times it speaketh as the Perfect Man. Glory be to God! At times it appeareth as a heaven adorned with the sun of utterance, the moon of certitude, and the stars of sciences and arts. In truth, the tongues of the world fall short of mentioning it, for in this Day the One Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation. The world is stirred by His utterance. One ray of His light struck the sea, and it became possessed of the pearls of wisdom and utterance; it struck the mountains, and they became possessed of mines.

Say: O ye who are endowed with insight! The Tree is laden with fruit before your faces, and the palm tree of bounty with its ripe dates is manifest before your eyes. Seek not after vain imaginings, but hold fast unto that which is manifest and visible. Glory be to God! The Tree of the Furthermost Boundary with the fruits of inner meanings and utterance and the produce of proof and evidence is manifest before all

heads, yet the deluded ones have abandoned it and occupy themselves with mention of a tree whose fruits are vain imaginings and whose leaves are idle fancies.

Say: O ye who are endowed with insight! Hold fast unto justice and speak with fairness. Glory be to God! This Day hath another atmosphere, and this sea hath other waves. By the life of God! The ear and eye were created for witnessing and hearing, yet most are deprived and forbidden. They have followed their own desires, turning away from God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and by the waves of the sea of Thy mercy and grace to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to turn away from all else save Thee. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great grace. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH03638: Praise be to the Intended One Who, through His…

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

Praise be to the Intended One Who, through His sacred will, has bestowed perfect fellowship between the hearts and souls of all people, and from this fellowship complete unity is achieved, and this unity is the most mighty door for the tranquility of nations, and through this unity gathering is made manifest, and gathering is the cause and reason for the rectification of all affairs through consultation, whose decree has been sent down with utmost clarity in the [Divine] Book. Blessed is he who has attained unto that which God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, has desired.

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My peace! The loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, have ever been and are those who “speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding.” In the books of the past and future mention hath been made of these men. They are the dawning-places of divine attributes and the manifestations of heavenly characteristics. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect thee and to give thee to drink, in all conditions, from the hands of His bounty, the choice wine of His utterance. By My life! It will attract thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold in all creation naught save the effulgences of the light of His Noble Name.

This Wronged One hath ever mentioned and will continue to mention the loved ones, especially in these days when His Honor M. and H., upon him be God’s remembrance and peace and praise, hath made mention of the friends of that land and hath requested for each one of them Tablets from which the fragrances of bounty are wafted. We beseech God to assist him and thee in that which He desireth. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. We beseech God [to assist them] in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to open before their faces the doors of grace and bounty with the key of His Most Exalted Name. Peace be upon thee and upon God’s righteous servants.

BH03753: O Rustam! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Rustam! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Eternity! Thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in former years. That blessed Tablet is adorned with the ornament of proof. Obliteration shall not seize it, nor shall the oppression of enemies alter it. From each of its words wafts the fragrance of utterance and the mercy of the Goal of all worlds. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions and keep thee steadfast in His Cause. In these days the signs of oppression are manifest from every direction. Soon will the effulgences of the Orb of Justice encompass and illumine the horizons. This is among the irrevocable decrees of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they who are assured. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which will draw them nigh unto Him and to give them to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance from the hands of His bounty. Verily He is powerful over all things.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His favors! Praise be to God that thy intention from the beginning until now hath been and is pure, and thou hast been and art serving the Cause and exalting the Word to the extent possible. God willing, divine assistance will reach thee in all conditions. What taketh precedence over all else today is unity, harmony and rendering unto each his due right. The intent of these words is that there should be no negligence in paying debts. Be thou not sorrowful—after these hardships and constraints will surely come ease. If, God willing, the brethren and you unite to remove that which causeth grief, when this matter is resolved a good reputation will be raised up, and that reputation is itself the key to the doors of goodly things. Hold fast in all conditions to the strong and mighty cord of God. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee among God's steadfast and sincere loved ones.

BH03731: This is the Day whereon Carmel hath, in very…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!

This is the Day whereon Carmel hath, in very truth, drawn nigh unto Him Who is the Lord of all strength and might, and raised its voice to proclaim from every direction: "O Carmel! Prostrate thyself, for the Ancient Beauty hath turned His countenance toward thee from His Most Exalted and Glorious Station. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath made thee His Seat of Throne." Thereupon did Zion cry aloud and say: "O peoples of the earth! Rejoice, for the Hidden One hath appeared—He Who was concealed in the treasuries of God's protection, the Lord of all worlds." Lo, the Sea proclaimeth, saying: "O Ocean! Blessed art thou, for upon thee hath sailed the Ark of God, the Lord of the Most Great Throne," and the dwellers of the Concourse on High were so transported by the rapture of that Call that they arose from their most exalted seats and turned toward the Kaaba of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is the Day wherein the Light hath shone forth and the Mount declareth: "I have attained unto Him Who created me aforetime for this Blessed and Wondrous Day." Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, who hath taken the cup of severance in the name of the Creator of all things, and drunk therefrom in the name of the Beloved, the Mighty.

Grieve not over anything, for thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and that hath been revealed for thee which hath caused the breezes of the Dawn of Revelation to waft over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Having drunk the choice wine of grace from the cup of bounty, say:

> “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Names, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, by the penetrating power of Thy Most Sweet Call and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to make me so steadfast in Thy Cause that the machinations of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs shall not hinder me. O Lord! Thou seest how Thy Call hath so enraptured me that the reins of choice have been taken from my hands by Thy command and will. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and Thy Command, whereby the necks of Thy creation have been subdued, to make me in all conditions one who extols Thy praise among Thy servants and who holdeth fast to Thy firm cord. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.”

BH03818: Praise befitteth the King of the kingdoms of justice…

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

Praise befitteth the King of the kingdoms of justice and grace, Who through His Most Great Word brought forth from nothingness the manifestations of these twin attributes, and made the preservation, tranquility, prosperity and glory of the world dependent upon these two. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His dominion. There is no God but Him. And blessings and peace be upon the Lord of both worlds, the Mercy unto all beings, the Light of both East and West, the Bearer of the Two Seas, through whom appeared the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge before the faces of all religions, and through whom shone forth the luminary of unity from the horizon of possibility, and upon His family and companions, through whom were erased the traces of misbelief and hypocrisy, and was raised the standard of wisdom amidst all possibility. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Abdullah! The peace of God be upon thee. In these days sorrow hath come from every direction. Surely you have heard of the deeds of those who claim to love Us in the great city. They have kindled the fire of greed and covetousness and denied the property of a group. In such days grievous news arrived from that land which added to Our sorrows. Ibn Farid says:

> “My grief—Jacob did not reveal the least of it, and all of Job’s afflictions were but a portion of my tribulation.”

In any case, you must arise to remedy that matter and adorn the temple of the censurable with the robe of the praiseworthy. Strange and wondrous reports have spread from that land to all regions. God willing, you will arise with firm resolve and steadfast purpose to bring about reform. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in that land. We counsel all to perform good deeds and display praiseworthy conduct. Peace be upon you and upon those who act according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03953: O servant of God! Glad tidings, glad tidings…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Merciful, the Most Bountiful!

O servant of God! Glad tidings, glad tidings, that the lovers and they that yearn have sacrificed their most cherished possessions in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. The gazelles in the vast wilderness of

justice are stalked by the wolves of malice. Glory be to God! The beasts of the world pride themselves on bloodthirstiness and the persecution of men. Praise be to God! The sun of steadfastness hath shone forth with such brilliance that none hath any excuse for denial. God, exalted be His glory, hath shown forbearance, and His purpose hath been and is naught but the elimination of weapons for the sake of reform. Yet they denied this everlasting blessing. Now it behooveth God, exalted be His glory, to manifest that which shall serve as a lesson to the peoples of the world and awaken the nations. We testify that He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His firm and mighty command.

O servant of God! Upon thee be My remembrance and My glory. Though thou art not present, thou art mentioned by the tongue of the Wronged One. Thou hast ever been and art with Us. We beseech God to protect thee, to guard thee, and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance from the chalice of His bounty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thy letter arrived. That same day his holiness the Branch presented it. We heard and saw it, and on this day the answer hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance, that thou mayest give thanks and be of those who rejoice. All the loved ones of that place are mentioned, especially the travelers. We beseech God to ordain for them the Kawthar of meeting time and again, and the cup of reunion repeatedly. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

That which thou didst mention caused boundless joy, for thou art prepared to sacrifice thy spirit and carry out the decree. Well is it with thee! This truly is the station of lovers on the Day of the Covenant. We beseech God to record for thee the reward of this Most Exalted Station and to honor thee therewith. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful….

BH03821: Praise and glorification befit the Dawning-Place of the Light…

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

Praise and glorification befit the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness Who bestowed the power of utterance and with it adorned the realms of remembrance and praise. The Wronged One makes mention of Him and glorifies Him, that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained. And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved and Chosen One through Whom were revealed the mysteries of His Book and what lay hidden in His knowledge, and upon His family and companions through whom were manifested God's might and power, His grandeur and dominion. We testify that there is none other God but Him. His is the kingdom of earth and heaven, and the glory and the dominion, and He is the Protector, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon thee be the peace of God, Lord of Power. Thou hast ever been and still art remembered. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen thee through the forces of the heavens and earth, to rain down upon thee from the clouds of generosity the showers of His grace and favors, and to ordain for thee every good thing that He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. In these days Haji Ali, upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness, hath come and made repeated mention of thee. We beseech God to ordain for you both that which will bring solace to your eyes and to the eyes of those who love you. Verily He is the Generous, the All-Bountiful.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land. Some time ago a Tablet was sent especially for Ghulam-Qabli-Husayn, upon him be the peace of God and His grace. God willing, he hath attained unto it. We conclude this epistle with the remembrance of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne and the Master of the exalted Seat. Praise be to God, for He is the Goal of them that know.

BH03848: Glory be to God! The signs of grandeur…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord!

Glory be to God! The signs of grandeur and the brilliant, wondrous verses are witnessed. Today is the day of the manifestation of the kingdom of hearing and sight, for from all trees and seas the fire is witnessed and proclaims: “O people! The Day is come!” And Mount Sinai dances, saying “The Day of Manifestation is come! Glad tidings to you, O people of Baha, and blessed are you, O companions of faithfulness! The Promised Day is come, that Hidden Treasure, that Concealed Mystery is come! Joy be unto you, O people of the Crimson Ark and Dawning-places of the Names!”

Today the breathings of revelation have perfumed the unseen and visible realms—deprive not yourselves thereof. Blessed is the ear sanctified from the tales of the people of creation, for it heareth the call of all things in celebration of this Most Exalted Station and drinketh from the choice wine of reunion and meeting. Such a one is of the people of this Most Great Manifestation. By the life of God, Mount Sinai circleth round him by the command of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne!

Say: O people of God! The Day is the day of love and affection and joy and unity. Arise in the name of the Peerless Friend to teach the people of the human realm and purify the defiled ears and eyes through the blessed name of the Beloved, that perchance ye may hear that which is the cause of the perpetuity of existence and find that which is the source of awareness of the unseen and visible realms.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of names have not prevented from turning unto God, the Lord of all mankind. These are the people of My ark and the companions of the pavilions of My grandeur. Upon them be My mercy and My loving-kindness and the light of My Cause whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. Praise be to God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal!

BH03869: In My Name, the One Who shineth upon…

In My Name, the One Who shineth upon the world!

The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared from the horizon of might with manifest sovereignty. That which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been made manifest.

While We were swimming in the ocean of divine knowledge, Our Most Great Branch entered with thy letter. We heard thy call and have answered thee with this mighty Tablet. We found the fragrance of thy love from thy letter and have mentioned thee with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This is a Day wherein the Mount is illumined with the lights of Revelation and the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out, saying:

> "Blessed am I that I have attained unto Him Who converseth with me! The hand of bounty hath given me to drink the Kawthar of reunion after I was consumed with the fire of separation and remoteness."

I testify that He hath fulfilled His promise and manifested His proof, and He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Aziz! Hear the call from the direction of Akka: "Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great." We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have revealed unto thee from the hidden treasures deposited within Our Most Exalted Pen the pearls of loving-kindness and favor. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thank God for having caused thee to hear what Moses heard on the Mount of Utterance and for having guided thee to His straight path. When the Call attracteth thee from the Most Exalted Horizon, say:

> "O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses, and the pearls hidden in the shells of Thy knowledge, and the mysteries deposited in Thy Book, to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and standing in Thy service. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and will open before my heart the doors of Thy knowledge, that I may assist Thee in Thy land through wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower."

BH03788: Today is the day of the blessed word "We…

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

Today is the day of the blessed word "We have recorded all things in a Book." O Isma'il! It is hoped that you will manifest the detachment of Khalil (Abraham) and hold fast to the Mother Book. When he was suspended in the air, Gabriel the Trusted One came and said: "Have you any need?" He replied: "Not of you." Through these words, the fragrance of detachment has encompassed the world. May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice to his detachment!

Today the Supreme Pen speaks in wondrous and sublime melodies. In the first station and primary rank it has been expressed as the trumpet blast:

> "And We breathed into it by Our command; thereupon all who are in earth and heaven swooned away, save those whom We preserved through Our Name, the Savior, and through Our Name, the Gracious."

Be not grieved by the tyranny of oppressors and the injustice of aggressors. The world has been set in motion by the Word of God and all directions have been perfumed by its fragrances. Say: O people of the schools, deprive not yourselves! O people of the churches, withhold not yourselves! Turn with radiant

faces and illumined hearts, that you may attain to the good-pleasure of God and be freed and detached from the world and all that is therein.

This Wronged One, while swimming in the ocean of sorrows, made mention of His loved ones. In the letter to His Majesty the King of Iran, these words were revealed:

> "I walk, advancing toward the Mighty, the Bestower, while behind Me flow the oceans. Should anyone ask thee about Baha, say: He is in the hands of the wicked ones."

When thou dost catch the fragrance of God's utterance, arise from thy place, turn toward the Kaaba of existence and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy verses and the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy bounty to make me detached from all else but Thee, speaking in Thy praise and standing firm in Thy service. Verily Thou art the Mighty, Thou art the All-Bountiful, there is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Generous."

BH04111: O Ramadan! Upon thee be the Glory…

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

O Ramadan! Upon thee be the Glory of the All-Merciful! In this blessed month the friends in this land have attained to the honor of true fasting, inasmuch as they have, for the sake of God, performed that which was enjoined upon them. They fast during the day and arise for prayer during the night. Blessed are they, for theirs is a goodly beginning and end. We counsel the people of God to perform such deeds as will cause the turning of the servants unto God and draw nigh those who dwell in all lands. This is the purpose of the wisdom that hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings in the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets.

Most of the people of the earth are heedless. They imagine that this party hath turned away from God and His loved ones and hath clung to the dictates of self and passion. Glory be to God! The vain imaginings of men have debarred them and kept them back from the shore of the sea of oneness. This party is occupied day and night with the remembrance of God and is engaged in the reformation of the world. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh the truth, and the hand that hath taken hold of His Book, and the eye that hath beheld His signs, and the ear that hath heard His wondrous and new call.

O Ramadan! Previously ʿAli traversed the ways and attained the Most Holy Court. He made mention of thee and the friends of that land. Therefore hath this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet been revealed in thy name. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Desire of the nations, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy heavenly kingdom shall endure. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to make me so strong through Thy power that the onslaught of Thine enemies may not frighten me, nor the might of the oppressors among Thy creatures weaken me. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

BH04093: O Ibrahim! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O Ibrahim! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the True King, the Just, the All-Knowing! The servant in attendance here hath presented thy letter and read before Our face that which thy tongue hath uttered in remembrance of God, His praise, His loving-kindness and His bounty. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath guided thee to My path, caused thee to hear My call, and shown thee My signs. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee among My servants to take the cup of My loving-kindness from the hand of My grace and to drink therefrom once in My Name and again in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.

His honor Muhammad (Darbaghi), upon him be the grace of God, His mercy, His loving-kindness and His generosity, hath attained unto that which hath no likeness or equal. Night and day he speaketh in remembrance of the Lord of all mankind and holdeth fast to the promotion of His Cause. Blessed be his tongue, his hand, his heart, his hearing and his sight. He is among those who have entrusted their affairs unto their Lord and have placed their reliance in Him under all conditions, who have caused their will to be extinguished in His will and have chosen for themselves what God hath chosen for them. We beseech Him to ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Him, cause him to remember Him, and profit him in all the worlds of God. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thus have We manifested grace from before God, the Powerful, the Mighty. And We counsel thee, O Ibrahim, at the end of Our utterance, with that which will exalt the Cause of God and thy station among His servants. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee for having made me to speak of Thy remembrance, to soar in the atmosphere of Thy love, and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy justice. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere servants and Thy near ones. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

BH04113: O ʿAbdu’l-Mihdi! Upon thee be the peace of God…

He is the Preserver, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful!

O ʿAbdu’l-Mihdi! Upon thee be the peace of God. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have read it and respond to thee with this wondrous Tablet. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support! Thou seest Thy loved ones clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy pardon, grace and forgiveness. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Manifestations of Thy inspiration, and by Him through Whom the light of unity hath shone forth amongst Thy servants and through Whose advent the heavens of Thy power and grandeur have been honored, to preserve them from every affliction and illness and to guard them from the evil of fate and whatsoever might trouble their hearts.

O Lord! Thou knowest that they have chosen no protector other than Thee, no lord besides Thee, and no preserver except Thee. Aid them, then, with the hosts of Thy invisible realm and stay from them the hands of tyranny through Thy power and sovereignty. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and the effulgences of the luminary of Thy bounty and bestowal to ordain for them that which will bring joy to their eyes, expand their breasts, and gladden their hearts.

O Lord! They are Thy servants and in Thy grasp. They have acknowledged Thy oneness and singleness and what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Ordain for them, O my God, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, then have mercy upon them through Thy grace and generosity. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. The might of the world and the power of the nations cannot weaken Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent, the Merciful. O my God! Send down Thy blessings upon the Hands of Thy Cause, whose heads Thou hast adorned with the crowns of detachment and whose temples Thou hast arrayed with the robes of righteousness and fear of God, and whom Thou hast preserved from transgression and immorality. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04124: In My Name, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving

In My Name, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving

O My leaf! Upon thee be the glory of the Kingdom of My favor. Hearken unto My call whereby We guided Moses on the Mount of Knowledge and caused him to hear that which delighted his eyes, ignited his heart, expanded his breast, and illumined his countenance. We sent him forth with the rod of My power and strengthened him with My might which hath conquered all who are on My earth, even unto him who denied My grace and My sovereignty. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Rejoice in that the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison. By My life! My turning toward thee cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor by what hath been witnessed and mentioned among the nations. Verily thy Lord is the Single, the One, the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Praise be to God! In the days of the Blessed Tree thou hast attained unto that which the divines and princes of the earth have not attained, save whom God willeth. Today the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out to its leaves from the direction of the Most Exalted Paradise and relateth the Most Great News. The attraction of its utterance hath seized the realms of dominion and the Kingdom, and this bounty without likeness and grace without end is specially reserved for those men and women who have turned toward God. Take thou the Tablet of God and its traces with the hand of submission and contentment, and say:

> “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance and for having acquainted me with the ocean of Thy verses. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy standing before all faces and by Thy power over the seen and unseen, to ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and

holding fast to the cord of Thy loving care. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Dominant, the Glorious, the All-Praised."

BH04090: This is the Day whereon the Ancient Beauty hath…

He is the Manifest Book!

This is the Day whereon the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, and hath called all unto the most exalted Horizon—the Station wherein the atoms proclaim: "Dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!" This is a Book that speaketh the truth and guideth all unto a path that proclaimeth before all faces: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Praised!"

Blessed is he whose ear hath heard the call of God, and whose eye hath beheld the Most Glorious Vision, and whose face hath turned toward the Crimson Handle, through whose movement were moved the heavens and the earth. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained unto the mysteries of God in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God, and follow not every remote clamourer who hath cast away righteousness and taken up passion in following the imaginings of the heedless. This is the Day wherein the gate of utterance hath been opened before the faces of all religions, and wherein the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of God, the Lord of this mighty station, hath been wafted.

Say: O people of the Furqan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of the wrongdoers. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the branch of knowledge that there is none other God but Him, the One Who, through His word, hath power over all things, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath cast away passion and taken up guidance, and hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken.

O people! This is the Day of God—recognize ye its station and be not of the ignorant. This is the Day wherein the lips of existence have smiled at the surging of the ocean of bounty by the command of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus hath My Pen moved after My Tongue, and My Will appeared before My Purpose, and I am, verily, powerful over what I will. There is none other God but I, the Manifest, the All-Wise.

BH04098: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The son of Attar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath attained unto mention. Some time ago, manifest verses from the horizon of the Supreme Pen's heaven dawned forth specifically for them. We made mention of him with such remembrance as illumined the horizons of wisdom and utterance. He is among those who have attained unto that which was revealed in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And We desire at this time to make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest Justice—he

who was named Mihdi in the Kingdom of Names and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. He is among those who witnessed, saw and heard from the Tongue of Grandeur His greatest signs, and who drank the choice wine of mystical knowledge from the hands of bounty and bestowal. He departed from his dwelling, advancing toward the supreme heights, and the attraction of the Call seized him in such wise that he cast aside the tales of old, turning toward Baghdad, until he arrived and attained unto that which brought solace to the eyes of those near unto God and the sincere ones.

Blessed art thou, O Mihdi, and joy be unto thee, O Mihdi! The Pen hath borne witness unto thee from the presence of the Ancient King and hath made mention of thee in such wise as caused the breezes of grace and generosity to waft over the world. I testify that the veils hindered thee not, nor did the clamor raised from every direction frighten thee, and thou didst turn unto the Intended One when the people were in manifest rejection. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give thee to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of mercy and the Salsabil of utterance, and to send down upon thee the fragrances of His loving-kindness and mercy from His presence and grace from before Him, and to make thee associate with His chosen ones in the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Merciful, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH04115: O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Thy petition…

In the Name of the One God

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Thy petition was mentioned before the Wronged One, and from it wafted the sweet savors of certitude, knowledge and love. Thou hast ever been remembered on this plane. We have mentioned thee aforetime with verses that neither the tyranny of Pharaohs nor the oppression of tyrants can alter, and whose fragrance will endure as long as Our Most Beautiful Names endure. Give thanks and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones, and illumine all with the light of the utterance of the Goal of all worlds. Whatsoever appeareth on earth that conduceth to the exaltation of the Word and the advancement of the Cause hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book—that which will inspire the detached and the insightful to serve the Cause.

Say: O people of God! This is the Day for assisting the Cause. Hold fast unto wisdom and occupy yourselves with that which is befitting. Beware lest the clamor of the heedless or the doubts of the suspicious prevent you. In all conditions We beseech the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, for that which will cause the appearance of glory, bounty and wealth for His loved ones. I say in truth: whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall assuredly come to pass, and if it be delayed due to the requirements of consummate wisdom, there is no harm. God will soon manifest what He hath promised in His Tablets. He, verily, is the True One, the Trustworthy. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who have cast away all else, turning toward the Supreme Horizon, and upon every steadfast, firm one and every trustworthy, resolute one.

BH04071: The Kingdom of utterance, in the midst of sorrows…

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

The Kingdom of utterance, in the midst of sorrows, is occupied with the remembrance of the friends, that perchance the calumnies of the calumniators and the clamor of the croakers may not withhold the servants from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. This is the Day wherein the dawn of inner meanings hath broken above the horizon of utterance, and that which was concealed from eyes and hidden in the knowledge of God, Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. By the life of God! The Wronged One is in evident wrong. We have created the servants and sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs as a grace from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath turned towards God, whom neither the doubts of the doubtful nor the signs of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, have deterred. Take thou the chalice of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom in the name of thy Lord and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy arising to promote the Cause and Thy exalting the word of justice, and by Thy most great signs at whose descent all things proclaimed sovereignty and dominion, might and power unto Thy most exalted Self and Thy most glorious Name, to make me one who speaketh of Thy remembrance, who gazeth toward Thy horizon, and who acteth according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and that which lieth treasured with Thee. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the lights of Thy loved ones who offered up their spirits and their hopes and their possessions and all they possessed in Thy path in the Land of Ya, to open before my face that which will aid me in serving Thee and serving Thy Cause. Then ordain for me the reward of those who circled round Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH04217: This is a mention from Baha to the one…

He is the One Who speaks with truth and remembers with justice

This is a mention from Baha to the one who attained the presence and drank, in My Name the Self-Subsisting, My sealed wine, and who left the earthly homeland seeking the true homeland, and was surrounded by the manifestations of gifts and favors until he presented himself before the gate that was opened to all who are on earth and in heaven, and heard My sweetest call and beheld My most glorious horizon. Thus did the Pen speak when the Lord of Eternity was in His mighty prison.

O Sad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of creation. This is the day of steadfastness and service. We beseech God to confirm thee in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God amongst the people.

O Dal! The All-Sufficient, the Most High, hath remembered thee with verses that neither centuries and ages can change, nor can the might of those who denied God’s proof and evidence and disbelieved in His signs which encompassed the heavens and earths alter them.

O Qaf! Arise to serve My Cause with a steadfastness that the hosts of the oppressors cannot prevent. Convey to all the family the greetings of the Wronged One. All are mentioned before the Countenance and have attained special favors. Convey to the kindred of Mishkin the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One. Your attention to their affairs is necessary. We have commanded Mishkin, upon him be the Glory of God, Lord of the worlds, to present himself before the Countenance through you and to visit Him Who hath spoken and speaketh:

> "Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy two brothers and thy sister who turned to God, the Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

BH04343: O Ali, upon thee be the peace of God…

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

O Ali, upon thee be the peace of God and His grace! Each of thy letters hath been seen and heard. Praise be to God, thou art illumined with the light of divine unity and adorned with the ornament of heavenly knowledge. The whole world hath been brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of the Ancient King, yet the pomp and vanities of the world have occupied all and prevented them from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. However, thou art among those serene and well-pleasing souls who have attained to that which is the cause of eternal salvation and everlasting bounty. No sin hath been or shall be attributed to thee in writing letters. This blessed Tablet beareth witness to this Wronged One's favor towards thee. Say:

My God, my God, my Lord and my Support! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and illumined my heart with the light of certitude. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones, and by Him through Whom Thou didst open the door of Thy mercy unto the faces of Thy servants and through Whom the Sun of Unity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Cause, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy love. Then open, O my God, before my face the door of Thy bounty and bestowal. 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. Thou art, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

All the loved ones in that land are remembered before the Wronged One, and for each we seek and beseech that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause, glorified be His majesty. Peace be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

BH04196: O Jinab-i-Aqa Kazim, upon him be the Glory…

In the Name of Him Who is manifest before the faces of the world

O Jinab-i-Aqa Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God! Praise be to the King of the Kingdom of utterance, Who in every moment causeth the pearls of proof to rain down and pour forth from the clouds of His grace like unto rain. O Kazim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and sanctify thyself through the grace of the Most Great Name from the idle fancies and vain imaginings of the world, that thou mayest

perceive with the ear of thine heart the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and behold thyself detached from the world and all who dwell therein. Say: O servants! The Day is His Day and the Cause is His Cause, and this is that News wherewith the Prophets and Chosen Ones gave glad tidings unto the servants.

Today grace hath encompassed the world and the ocean of proof surgeth before all faces and the voice of Him Who conversed on Sinai is raised. Deprive not yourselves and withhold not yourselves from this matchless and peerless bounty. With the power of certitude and the light of proof, aim ye for the ultimate goal and loftiest summit, in such wise that the people of the world shall be powerless to hinder you. Today the matter which, in the sight of God, is foremost and most preeminent above all matters is steadfastness, inasmuch as the world and its peoples are seen to be scattered and at variance. The loved ones must hold fast unto patience and long-suffering, and must shun whatsoever giveth off the odor of mischief.

Thus hath God commanded at the beginning of the Revelation. Verily He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God in this mighty Revelation and this great Announcement.

BH04334: O Ja'far, upon thee be My Glory! O Sign…

In the Name of God, the One, the Bountiful!

O Ja'far, upon thee be My Glory! O Sign of Life, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Revealer of Verses! In this hour when the Wronged One is seated and established upon the Throne of Silence, the blessed leaf appeared and mention was made of you. At the moment when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in remembrance of thee, the ocean of divine forgiveness appeared with its wondrous and sublime waves from the right, while from the left flowed the Euphrates of mercy. Praise be to God! In this moment thou hast attained unto lights which no veil can conceal and no clouds of the world can obscure. These lights have ever shone and will continue to shine from the horizon of the heaven of bounty of the Lord of existence. This is a time for joy and gladness, not for sorrow and grief. Verily, We give thee the glad-tidings of this mercy which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen for thy purification, thy sanctification and thy holiness. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and be of those who are thankful.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Bounty, Sovereign of existence, and Lord of the seen and unseen, for having sent down unto me that which hath caused me to attain unto Thy great mercy, Thy mighty favors, and Thy gifts which have encompassed all things. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by that which lay hidden in the treasury of Thy grace, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names, to cause me to circle round Thee in every world of Thy worlds, and to hold fast unto Thy most beautiful names and Thy most exalted attributes. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee and turning unto that Spot whereon the Throne of Thy majesty is established. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of Thy bounty and Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Most Kind. There is no God but Thee, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

BH04133: Praise be to God Who has manifested His Cause…

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

Praise be to God Who has manifested His Cause, fulfilled His promise, and sent down the Criterion for the guidance of all in creation, whereby He has distinguished between those who have turned towards Him and those who have turned away, between the people of misbelief and the people of divine unity. He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And then, your petition was received and its contents noted. The answer is what is now set forth: First, occupation with such matters and attention to development and gardens and roses and nightingales and hyacinths keeps one from building spiritual houses and true mansions. Although the cultivation and development of the earth has been and continues to be ordained by God, yet since the location is distant, great trouble and hardship would need to be endured. In any case, if you can obtain anything from Haji ʿAli—whether cattle or other things—for developing what you intend, that would be good. And if anyone wishes to create a new garden, they should adhere to whatever is customary and known among the people in such matters. And if the return journey is delayed beyond measure, that would be best and most fitting. We beseech God to assist you in that which will leave lasting traces and effects throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to Haji Ali, upon him be God's peace, and to the Shaykh, that is Haji Rida. We likewise make mention of Haji Khavar and Aqa Ali. Praise be to God, all are remembered before the Face and have attained mention.

BH04326: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art present before the Throne! Hearken unto the Call from this most exalted, most holy and most glorious Quarter. God, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee time and again, for thy Lord is verily the True, the Faithful Speaker. We give thee glad tidings at this hour of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, and We beseech Him to ordain for thee that which shall bring solace to thine eyes and the eyes of thy loved ones, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of bounty a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His side. He is verily the Hearer, the Answerer. By the life of God! That which none save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed hath knowledge of hath been ordained for thee. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its trace, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world, for having guided me unto Thy path and the court of Thy chosen ones and the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration, and for having given me to drink of the choice wine of Thy utterance from the cup of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Bountiful Name, and by Thy Most Generous Name, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast illumined the world and guided the peoples, and by the rustling of the Tree of Thy utterance on the Mount, and by the manifestations of the lights of the Lord of Revelation, to open before my face the door of Thy munificence and Thy generosity.

O my Lord! Thou seest me in all conditions clinging fast unto Thee, turning unto Thee, and turning away from all else besides Thee. Thou hast verily strengthened me to shatter the idols through Thy power and might and to rend asunder the veils through the finger of power by Thy command and Thy will. Ordain for me that which will exalt me amongst Thy servants and make me mighty through Thy Name and willing through Thy Will. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH04517: In My Name, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid!

In My Name, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid!

This is a Book which the Lord of all beings hath caused to speak in the other world, that it may testify before the faces of the world to the Manifestation of God, His sovereignty, His glory and His power, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

Thy letter attained unto Our presence and audience, and from each of its letters wafted the fragrance of God's love. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee through His Name, and make thee a helper of His Cause and one who standeth at the gate through His glory and bounty. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His firm and mighty command.

When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance which hath flowed from My Pen in My Name, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the hidden mysteries in the Mother Book, and by Thy settlement upon the throne of manifestation in the return, and by Thy manifest and hidden mystery, and by Thy Name that holdeth sway over what hath been and what shall be, to aid me in that which beseemeth Thy days. O my Lord! Thou beholdest the Wronged One hastening unto the throne of Thy justice and the tabernacle of Thy glory. I beseech Thee to ordain for him, through Thy bounty which hath encompassed all existence and through the light of Thy Name, the Forgiving, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. O my Lord! Aid me to discharge the rights of Thy servants and Thy creation. By Thy glory, O God of all beings! I love naught except what Thou lovest and desire naught except what Thou desirest. Ordain for me that whereby the sanctity of Thy Cause may be uplifted amongst Thy creation and the holiness of Thy Self may be manifested amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

BH04590: Lawh-i-Ahbab-i-Isfahan

He is God, exalted is He!

O Muhammad, upon you be the peace of God and His favors! Several days ago, permission to return was granted to the travelers and emigrants. We beseech God that He may enable all to reach their homes and destinations with the utmost joy and fragrance. It behooveth each one of them to say:

O God of all names and Ruler of earth and heaven! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy love and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Him through Whom Thy sovereignty was manifested and Thy verses were sent down and Thy clear proofs were revealed, and

through Whom the pavilion of Thy glory was raised amongst Thy servants and the banners of Thy might and triumph were planted in Thy lands, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. O my Lord! Make all my deeds a remembrance from Thee and a single melody, then number me among those whose deeds Thou hast accepted through Thy bounty and generosity and whose hearts Thou hast illumined with the lights of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Let Ibrahim Effendi, upon him be God's peace, proceed if funds are found to ease their difficulties—this would be most fitting and appropriate. There would be no harm if Muhammad were to tarry for a few days after them, but a lengthy delay would be unwise. We shall summon ʿAli-Akbar later. For now, in view of the gathering, his departure has been postponed. And obtain sugar and tea from Aqa Faraj. We end these words with Thy remembrance and the remembrance of the friends of God, the Lord of all worlds. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH04600: O Nabil, son of Nabil, upon you be…

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

O Nabil, son of Nabil, upon you be the peace of God, the Glorious King! Your name hath been mentioned before the face of the Wronged One and you are remembered. The growth of the world of the Bayan and its adornment lie in this blessed and exalted word: "Whoso is Mine, I shall be his." Divine confirmation took hold, power was bestowed, insight was granted, the way was shown and guidance was vouchsafed. From the earliest days until now thou hast been illumined by the light of unity and engaged in mention and praise. We beseech God by Him through Whom the breezes of grace wafted, the fragrances of revelation were diffused, the Hijaz was illumined by His light, and the parties were humbled by His power, that He may aid thee and assist thee in all conditions, and manifest through thee that which will gladden hearts and console eyes. Grieve not over anything, but in all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of Lords. Whoso trusteth in Him, nothing shall harm him—to this do bear witness the learned and mystics of the earth.

The letter of S.M., upon whom be My peace, arrived in the name of bounty. He mentioned the friends of that land. Jinab-i-Darbaghi and Khalil and Yahya and other friends were gathered in a feast and were engaged in the mention and praise of the Goal of the world. This Wronged One beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation and success for all. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and He is the All-Bestowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We make mention of ʿAbdu'l-Husayn and counsel him to act with goodness. We make mention of Jinab-i-Ahmad and entrust him to God. Verily He is the Protector of those who do good and the Answerer of the prayers of the sincere ones.

BH04626: My God, my God! I know not what Thou…

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

My God, my God! I know not what Thou hast wrought within me. The intoxication of the wine of Thy utterance hath so seized me that it hath stripped me of all that I possessed, and hath made me to hasten

toward Thee, heedless of whatsoever is in Thy earth and in Thy heaven. O Lord! Withhold me not from the ocean of Thy bounty, and from that which Thou hast ordained for Thine elect. I am he who hath prostrated himself upon every speck of dust, as an outward token of my lowliness before Thy loved ones.

I beseech Thee, O Possessor of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm of Might, by Thy Name wherewith Thou hast unlocked the doors of hearts, to confirm Thy company in steadfastness in Thy Cause, and in turning their gaze toward Thine exalted Horizon. O Thou Lord of all mankind, and Possessor of the throne and the dust! O Lord, this is but a temple among the temples of Thy servants. I ask Thee to decree for him the best of all that is in Thy Book. Thou art He Whom no hosts can hinder from doing what Thou pleasest, and from ordaining what Thou desirest. Thou, verily, art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And bless, O God, the Hands of Thy Cause who have attained unto this mighty tidings. Praise be to Thee, inasmuch as Thou art, in truth, the God of the worlds and the Desire of them that truly know.

BH04752: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is established upon the throne of utterance.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come from the horizon of power is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol. Through Him the ocean of knowledge hath surged in the world and the luminary of proof hath shone forth amidst the peoples. He, verily, is God's balance among His servants and His path amongst His creation. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and held fast, and woe betide him who hath turned away and denied.

O thou who gazeth upon the countenance! We have observed thy turning unto Us, and We have turned unto thee, and have answered thy call with this perspicuous Tablet, each letter of which proclaimeth sovereignty and dominion, grandeur and might unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the revelations of the Sun of Bounty from the heaven of Thy bestowals, and Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby Thou hast illumined Thy earth and Thy heaven, and by Thy hand which when raised up did raise up the hands of all created things toward the heaven of Thy gifts and favors, to make me one of those who have not hesitated in Thy Cause and who answered Thy call when it was raised up in Thy days. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen, to ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and destined for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH04925: O Muhammad-Quli! Ismi Mihdi, upon whom be My glory…

He is the Hearer, the Witness, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad-Quli! Ismi Mihdi, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court. Verily he attained the presence, and the reading and the hearing. From every word We perceived the fragrance of thy love and thy steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty

Throne. Praise be to God, thou didst aim for the ultimate goal and didst attain it, and from the hands of bounty thou didst drink that which hath had and hath no likeness or parallel.

Last year, on one of the days, as a token of grace We donned the cloak that was sent, and a Tablet was revealed in the Most Glorious Handwriting and dispatched.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the court of Thy might and caused me to enter the spot round which circle they who are near unto Thee and they who are sincere in Thy Cause, and for having given me to drink, from the cup of Thy bounty, the wine of Thy utterance, and for having made me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Lamp of Thy Cause which findeth itself amidst tempestuous winds, to make me steadfast in Thy service and in Thy remembrance and praise, in such wise that neither princes nor divines may hinder me from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all men and Master of the throne above and the earth below. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have placed my trust in Thee and have committed my affairs unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are near unto Thee from among Thy servants. Then forgive me and those with me, through Thy grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

BH04911: In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Andalib! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto service, assistance, mention and praise. Thou hast been mentioned by the Supreme Pen in such wise as cannot be equaled by all the praises of the world nor by what hath been uttered by the tongues of nations. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest bounty. O Andalib! We have heard thy melodies in succession. Well is it with thee and with that which thy tongue hath uttered in praise of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have heard what thou hast composed and have found therein the fragrance of thy turning, thy sincerity and thy orientation towards God, the Lord of the heavens and earths. That which thou didst send hath attained Our presence and been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. We beseech God to aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to ordain for thee every good thing which He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and illumine their hearts with the lights of My guidance, and say:

My God, my God! Accept from us that which our tongues utter in prayer before Thy face and in communion with Thee. O Lord! Aid us to hold fast unto Thee and unto that which hath been sent down from Thee, and assist this Thy servant to guide Thy creatures and direct them to Thy path. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy bounty, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace for Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them of that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, He through one word from Whom the seas surge, the winds blow, and the lights shine forth. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH04699: In My Name, the Manifest, Who speaketh before…

In My Name, the Manifest, Who speaketh before the faces of all!

Praise be to the Ancient Beauty Who hath illumined the worlds of remembrance and utterance with the lights of His Most Great Name, and through His Most Exalted Word hath guided the people of the realm of creation to the supreme horizon. Glorified be His grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and exalted be His mercy that hath preceded existence itself, from the first to the last.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Thy mention hath been heard, and the Lord of all being, with supreme benevolence, hath remembered thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. This is a day wherein the veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come with manifest sovereignty.

Look not upon the people and their veils, for their vain desires have withheld them—verily they are in grievous error. They have cast guidance behind their backs—verily they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest the doubts of the people hold thee back from My Self-Subsisting Name, or the might of the oppressors frighten thee.

When thou hast attained unto My remembrance and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty, turn thy face toward God and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all humanity, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the kingdom of names, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. I beseech Thee by this Promised One, through Whom Thou hast fulfilled Thy promise, manifested Thy sovereignty, and revealed that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge, to aid me to serve Thy Cause and to arise in service to Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art powerful to do as Thou willest through Thy mighty and wondrous Word."

BH04696: Noah came and with lamentation, helplessness and supplication called…

He is the All-Knowing Expositor.

Noah came and with lamentation, helplessness and supplication called the servants to the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. They rejected Him and brought about that which caused the eyes of understanding to weep and the temple of justice to cry out. Then Hud came and called the people of the earth to the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and seen. They denied Him and arose in opposition, although that Holy One gave the people glad tidings of the name of the Self-Subsisting and promised them the days of God. Then Salih came and with perfect joy and fragrance guided the people of earth to the horizon of the favor of the Desired One of the worlds. They deemed the pure waters of divine counsel to be error. Finally they hamstrung the she-camel and went unto the infernal fire.

O Baqir, the sight and hearing of the servants are prevented from witnessing and hearkening. The veils of idle fancies have intervened and deprived creation from the Truth. Blessed is the soul who with clear certitude held fast to the mighty cord and freed itself from the world and all therein. We beseech God

that He may confirm thee and guide thee to the clear and straight path, in such wise that the cawing of the crows, the clamor of the transgressors and the might of the ungodly may not prevent or deprive thee from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of true divine unity. Verily thy Lord is powerful over all things and ready to answer.

BH04898: He dawns from the horizon of eternity!

He dawns from the horizon of eternity!

O Radi! The Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—came with divine proof and heavenly evidence from the Dayspring of power with boundless favors, having no purpose save to exalt the blessed Word of Divine Unity and guide the servants to that which would benefit and preserve them. Yet the ungodly denied Him and called Him a sorcerer, even though He was the Bearer of Glad Tidings from God—glorified be His majesty—and gave all people the glad tidings of the Days of God. All turned away and issued verdicts for the shedding of His most pure blood. The Primal Point appeared from the Dawning Place of God's Will with divine majesty from the unseen realm into the visible world, and gave tidings of this blessed and wondrous Day. Yet they denied Him and arose in opposition, and finally martyred Him through the verdict of the abominable Shi'ih divines. By the life of God! The deniers among the people of the Bayan are seen to be even more debased and rebellious.

Convey My greetings to the people of Baha and say: O people of God! Hold fast to that which befits the Day of God and deprive not yourselves of the Kawthar of utterance that flows from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Every party is afflicted with vain imaginings and every people is deprived by their suspicions. You must thank God your Lord that He remembered you while you were among the heedless. Glory be upon the people of Baha, male and female, young and old.

BH04932: He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and He…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the Helper, the Mighty, the Great

O Niyaz! Upon thee be the glory of the Luminary of Hijaz, through Whom the Truth was made manifest and the traces of metaphor were erased. We were walking in the house and hearing the tale of the earth when suddenly a call was raised from the Most Exalted Paradise: "O people of Baha who are settled upon the Crimson Ark! Rejoice and be glad at the arrival of His Honor, the Trusted One, at a manifest station and mighty prison in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds." Today in the city of love there is a melody for the lovers. Then another call was raised from the direction of the Supreme Paradise: "O concourse of lovers!

Rejoice that ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar has arrived at the spot which God has made the Most Luminous Scene, where before him the Wronged One was imprisoned in the land of Ta, and attained to reunion and meeting. For We dwelt in cities with chains and shackles in that place and places like it. In truth, the homeland of those near to God has been and is the prison of the oppressors. Glory be to God! The wolves of the earth pride themselves on bloodthirstiness and have defiled the seat of judgment. We beseech

God to purify it for the establishment of the throne of justice upon it. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. By My life! This seizing and torment in the path of the Peerless Friend is sweeter than the Kawthar in the taste of the lovers.

To this beareth witness the Lord of the Day of the Covenant. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of grace and bounty, as a favor from God, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH04609: That ignorant one objected to the presence of Jamal…

…That ignorant one objected to the presence of Jamal on account of His having been seated upon two couches, with fruits placed on one side and drinks arranged on the other, while at the entrance a samovar and other implements were set. Glory be to God! Until now the hearts remain defiled with the corruptions of deeds and remembrances of the past, and the cause of ascendancy and exaltation remaineth unknown to that party. Say: O heedless one! The Beauty of God was in that place by invitation, and the place belonged not to Him. Whatsoever the host had prepared was out of his love for God, and every soul and every party prepareth for their friends whatsoever their means and capacity permit. Moreover, the Herald—may our spirits be a sacrifice for all else but Him—hath decreed in the Kitab-i-Jaza that it is permissible to prepare for the believers varied delicacies and diverse bounties to the number of Mustagath. He hath likewise enjoined the wearing of silk and whatsoever is close to nature, refined and desirable, whether in attire or household furnishings. This is what the Herald hath pronounced in His perspicuous Book….

BH04878: O My handmaiden! This Wronged One, while encompassed…

In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest One before the Kingdom of Utterance

O My handmaiden! This Wronged One, while encompassed by sorrows from all directions, is occupied with the remembrance of the loved ones and the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it will raise thee up and draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Take heed lest the happenings of the world sadden thee, or the power of those who have denied the Day of Judgment weaken thee. Gladden My leaves on My behalf with that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of My bounty, the kingdom of My utterance, and the dominion of My will, which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee with that which hath attracted the hearts of them who are nigh unto God.

Today the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree must be engaged in the mention and praise of the Lord of Oneness. The life of this world and its duration are not worthy of mention. It is hoped that they who have turned towards God, both men and women, may in all conditions fix their gaze upon the horizon of the manifestation of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and be detached from all else besides Him.

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy grace and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, to assist this handmaiden of Thine in that which will draw her nigh unto Thee. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause and the ark of Thy power to aid me in that which will exalt me through Thy name. Then ordain for me, O my God, the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy pervading and irresistible command.

BH04887: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and who…

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

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and who hast held fast to the cord of grace! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee in His Most Great Prison with that which no thing among all things, nor any treasure among all treasures, can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. He hath ordained for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which no eye of creation hath ever beheld the like thereof. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed upon Sinai, Who hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation, and by the Call that hath been raised from the Blessed Tree, to open before my face the door of Thy mercy, then to rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity the showers of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Ali-Akbar! We have remembered thee before, and at this hour, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness and be amongst those who have attained in His perspicuous Book. And We make mention of thy son who hath attained unto My days and whom thou didst mention in thy letter. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for him what He hath ordained for His chosen ones and trusted ones, and to illumine his heart at all times with the lights of His knowledge. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth and the Ruler over what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Qaysar! Rejoice in that the Lord of Destiny hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and hath remembered thee with that from which the near ones inhale the fragrance of their Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Wise. We have adorned the heavens of existence with the lights of My utterance, the suns of My wisdom and the moons of My knowledge, and I am the Powerful over what I will, and I am the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those who have heeded the Call and answered their Lord, the Gracious Summoner.

BH05242: O leaf Aqa Shahzadih, upon thee be the Glory…

In the Name of the One True God

O leaf Aqa Shahzadih, upon thee be the Glory of God! Praise be to God, in these divine days thou hast been sprinkled by the infinite rain of mercy, thou hast drunk from the cup of recognition and turned thy

face to the highest horizon. Mention of this station is eternal and everlasting in the Book of God. Soon all worldly conditions and whatsoever exists therein shall return to nothingness, for they were not and are not worthy of permanence. Through the grace of God—exalted be His glory—thou hast attained unto a station which is the pride and glory of the queens of the world. The Queen of London goes daily to church in the name of God and, in her own imagination, is occupied with the remembrance of God, yet God hath testified and doth testify to her heedlessness, for she is deprived of His recognition and is clinging merely to His name.

And likewise are the other empresses of the world. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy leaves and Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy most exalted Throne and Thy high and glorious station. Praise be unto Thee under all conditions, O God of the worlds, Goal of the nations, and Beloved of the hearts of them that know Thee!

BH04946: Praise be to God Who hath, through His sovereignty…

He is the Expositor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

Praise be to God Who hath, through His sovereignty, revealed that which is hidden in the breasts and the treachery of the eyes, even as He revealed in the Qur'an to the son of Luqman:

> "O my son! verily, if there be but the weight of a mustard-seed, and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth."

Wondrous is this Day! Both the hidden treasures of truth and mystical knowledge are made manifest, and that which lay concealed in the breasts of the ungodly hath become clear and evident. From the rocks of hearts hath appeared that which causeth the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Heaven to weep and lament.

O Muhammad-Quli! Upon thee be the everlasting glory of God! A few days ago, a Most Sublime Tablet was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in thy name and that of the loved ones, and its bearer was Jinab-i-Dahaji. God willing, they will drink from the hidden oceans within the revealed verses and hold fast unto the peerless Friend, unlike the former people who each day took a different god, carved an idol, and worshipped it. True unity is to fix one's gaze upon the horizon of the One Manifestation and to be detached and free from all else. In this most exalted station, thou and the other friends must beseech God for that which preserveth the people of God from diverse paths and ways devoid of light and guidance.

Husayn, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness, forwarded thy letter through His Holiness the Most Great Branch to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and after it was heard, there was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Lords that which exalteth the Word of God and elevateth the stations of His loved ones. Especially for the loved ones of those regions have holy and prevailing verses

been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, that all may attain to that which beseemeth the Days of God, exalted be His glory.

BH05006: This Day is most great, yet the people are…

In the name of the one true God

This Day is most great, yet the people are deprived of it. Glory be to God! The Luminous Beauty has turned toward the Mount of knowledge, and upon reaching its highest station spoke these words:

> "O concourse of humanity! Fear God, the Lord of destiny. He Who was hidden from all eyes and concealed in all hearts has appeared. This is the Day wherein all things and the Concourse on High rejoice at the appearance of Him Who was recorded in the Books and inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets. O My handmaiden! He Who loved Me has mentioned you, and We make mention of you. Give thanks to your Lord for this most great favor and glorify with praise your Lord, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily He sends down His verses and inspires whomsoever He wishes among His servants. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous."

Praise the Goal of all worlds Who enabled you to turn to Him in days when most women of the earth are veiled and forbidden from Him. Say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Ocean of faithfulness, and glory be to Thee, O Light of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll and what was revealed therein by Thy Most Exalted Pen to assist Thy handmaiden to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause. And ordain for her, O Lord of all beings, the best in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and within Thy grasp is the destiny of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

BH05197: O My handmaiden and My leaf! We have desired…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My handmaiden and My leaf! We have desired to remember thee and console thee regarding what hath befallen thee through the irrevocable decree and ordained destiny from God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. Recite what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "Every soul shall taste of death. We are God's and to Him shall we return."

In the Persian tongue We make mention, that thou mayest comprehend the purpose and attain unto it. Life itself giveth tidings of death, and likewise cultivation announceth ruin. Death, for those who are assured and nigh unto God, is the gate of mercy, for they advance from the limitations of the world to a station which is the dawning-place of joy and sanctified above the comprehension of those who comprehend.

Praise be to God, through the light of faith and the glory of certitude, which are each a wing of moist crimson ruby, he hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion. Well is it with him and with whosoever remembereth him through what hath been revealed for him from My Most Exalted Pen. In truth, this world is the supreme prison for souls that are confident, content and well-pleasing. Say: O my God, my God! Aid this handmaiden of Thine unto that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, then pour forth upon her patience. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land. Verily, We have mentioned them before and at this time, as a grace from Me, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH05329: O my handmaiden and daughter of my handmaiden!...

In the name of the One God!

O my handmaiden and daughter of my handmaiden! The ocean of divine knowledge has appeared before the faces of religions, and from its waves the blessed word "The All-Merciful has come with power and sovereignty" has been and continues to be heard. The company of men are deprived of the Most Sublime Vision and have turned away from the Lord of Destiny. The vain imaginings of the servants prevented them from the Sovereign [of mankind], and their suppositions deprived them of the sealed wine.

Give praise to the Purpose of the world Who, in this darksome night in the Most Great Prison, made mention of you and caused you to attain that which has been and ever shall be the ultimate desire of devoted women.

If you have attained unto the wine of knowledge that is concealed within this Tablet and have drunk from the Kawthar of recognition of the Beloved of all worlds, then say: O my God, my Adored One, my Worshipped One! Thou art that Sovereign Who with a single command adorned sheer nothingness with the ornament of existence, and with one word assigned the poor ones of the earth to thrones of wealth. O Generous One! Drive not Thy supplicant from the court of Thy glory. Verily the thirsty one seeks the Kawthar of Thy presence, and the dead one the river of life through Thy bounty and favor. O One God! Drive not Thy handmaiden from the Kingdom of nearness. Thou art the Lord of bounty and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of names. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05419: God testifieth that there is none other God but...

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come from the horizon of power is indeed the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God, and whoso turneth away is accounted among the transgressors in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Husayn-ʿAli! This is the Day whereon the gate of divine generosity hath been opened before all peoples, and the Most Great Name hath spoken before the faces of rulers and divines. To this testifieth every seeing soul. Hearken unto the Call from the Most Glorious Horizon, set aside what the people possess, and take hold of that which hath been sent down in this Revelation from God, the All-Knowing,

the All-Informed. Beware lest the doubts of the nations hinder thee or the oppression of the tyrants frighten thee.

When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and quaffed the choice wine of My revelation from the chalice of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, and glory be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, to aid us to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, the Most Great, the Most Holy […] the Most Exalted. Then open before my face, O my God, the door of [Thy grace], and protect me from the evil of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs, and have rejected that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH05263: Praise be to God Who hath sent down His…

In the Name of Him Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down His verses and manifested His evidences and caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty. This is the Day wherein the Banner of Revelation hath been raised upon the highest standards, and the Ensign of Guidance hath been hoisted in the most exalted station. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of guidance, and woe unto them that turn away.

O thou who gazeth toward the horizon of Revelation! Hear what the Speaker of the Mount uttereth, through Whom the mysteries were revealed and the rivers flowed and the trees gave utterance: The Kingdom and the Dominion belong unto God, the One, the Chosen. We have observed thy turning unto Us and have made mention of thee with that which attracteth the hearts of the righteous. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath believed in God, the Lord of all beings. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My words, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Great Announcement and Thy Manifest Book and by the revelations of the lights of Thy Mighty Name, to make me steadfast in Thy love and speaking forth Thy praise. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon and turning away from those who have denied the Dawning-Place of Thy Most Beautiful Names. Open before my face the door of Thy mercy. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

BH05262: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

In His Name, exalted be His glory, the Bestower of gifts and favors!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and subdued the clear proofs and caused all who are in earth and heaven to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein the Herald hath called out:

> “O concourse of the parties! Draw nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon, clinging to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Extended.”

O ʿAli-Muhammad! We have mentioned thee before and We mention thee at this time with that which will draw thee nigh unto Paradise and attract thee to God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him. Grieve thou not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. We desire for thee that which We have desired for whosoever hath clung to righteousness and hath done that which he was bidden in a perspicuous Book. We desire thy unity with Ha and Sin, and We beseech God that He may thereby open before your faces the gate of His loving-kindness and cause to descend from the clouds of His generosity the rains of His bounty. He, verily, is the Most Generous of the generous ones, and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

We had written thee permission before, but today therein behooveth restraint and stillness until such time as God shall purify the earth and air through His power which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thy letter hath come before Us. We found from it the fragrance of thy love and thy turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Most Great Branch hath appeared and mentioned thee. We have mentioned thee. This is a bounty whereunto no other bounty can compare, as attesteth He Who speaketh in every state that He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great. The glory be upon thee and upon God’s sincere servants.

BH05397: In My Name, the All-Subduing over what was…

In My Name, the All-Subduing over what was and what shall be!

Glorified be God! The Day is the Day of God, and the lights of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai have illumined the realm of inner meanings and utterance. Nevertheless, the servants are seen to be heedless, veiled and debarred, for they have turned away from the Truth and circle round falsehood.

Say: O people! The One Goal calleth you from the most exalted horizon, that while time remaineth ye may not deprive and withhold yourselves. Turn with radiant faces toward the horizon from which hath dawned the Day-Star of the favors of the Lord of all beings, and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given us to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and for having rained down upon us from the clouds of Thy mercy the showers of Thy favors and Thy verses.

I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for those near unto Thee in Thy most exalted Paradise and Thy most sublime Garden. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest.

Then I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH05270: My God, my God! All praise be to Thee…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

My God, my God! All praise be to Thee for having caused me to acknowledge Thy oneness and confess Thy singleness, and to submit to that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book, whereby Thou didst distinguish between truth and falsehood through Thy command and Thy power. And all thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desired One and my Worshipped One, my Hope and my Quest and my Desire, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of faith from the hand of Thy bounty, and guided me to Thy straight path through Thy grace and generosity. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Subduer of the Winds, by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, whom Thou hast made the emblems of Thy guidance amidst Thy creation and the banners of Thy triumph throughout Thy lands, and by the light that shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz, and whose radiance illuminated both Yathrib and Batha, and all that dwell in the world of creation, to assist Thy servants to remember and praise Thee and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book.

My God, my God! Thou seest the weak one seeking the dawning-place of Thy strength and the dayspring of Thy power, the sick one the Kawthar of Thy healing, the weary one the kingdom of Thy utterance, and the poor one the heaven of Thy wealth and bounty. Ordain for him through Thy grace and generosity that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions, strengthen him to do what is right, and protect him from those who have denied the beginning and the end. Verily Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH05470: Say: O company of the heedless ones, be fair…

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

Say: O company of the heedless ones, be fair in the Cause of God and His Manifestation. He hath come with verses that no fair-minded person nor any just and discerning one can deny. The ocean of utterance hath been made to surge throughout creation, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Bayan was revealed for My remembrance and praise, yet the wrongdoers persist in obvious delusion. Say: Were it not for the Glory (Baha), who would make manifest the Cause before the faces of all peoples? Fear ye God, and be not among the deniers. All things bear witness to His Manifestation, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power, were ye of those who deny. Say: Open your eyes—He standeth before your faces and summoneth you unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The heedless one hath said that He hath stolen the verses of the Bayan. By God! At this the verses themselves have wept, yet they hear not. Come ye, come ye before the Face with your thoughts and whatever ye possess, that ye may witness the signs of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. He hath come with the truth, supported by the hosts of divine revelation and inspiration. Be fair, O people, in the Cause of God, your Lord, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Can that which was revealed aforetime be compared with His verses? Nay, by God's very Self, if ye would but perceive it. Thus have We sprinkled from the vessels of proof the sprinklings of utterance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the

Wronged One, the Stranger. The Glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath kept back from the Truth, the Knower of all secrets.

BH05574: In My Name, the One Manifest in the Kingdom…

In My Name, the One Manifest in the Kingdom of Names!

O My handmaiden! We have repeatedly heard thy call. He is the Hearer of every mention by every mentioner and the call of every caller, and likewise He heareth the breath of every soul. He is the All-Seeing—He beholdeth the deeds of all. Bear thou witness to God's hearing and sight, and that He is the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God that He may aid thee to be sanctified and detached to such a degree that the handmaidens of the earth may turn to the Most Great Ocean through thy goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed is the soul that hath become lowly before God's Cause and content and active in carrying out His decree. O My handmaiden!

Lowliness is the cause of elevation and justice is the source of power. Consider the lowliness of dust—from it pure jewels appear, and from the earth the Manifestations of the names of the Lord of Lords become manifest and evident. Out of pure bounty and grace have We turned toward thee on this night and make mention of thee, and We ask for thee that which is befitting. God willing, thou shalt be illumined by the light of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds to such extent that the tongues of the people of Baha will speak thy praise and bear witness to thy sanctity. We make mention of the handmaidens of that land and ask for each one that which is everlasting and eternal.

BH05964: O daughter of Asdaq, upon thee be the Most…

In the name of God, the Almighty.

O daughter of Asdaq, upon thee be the Most Holy Glory of God. In these days We have made mention of the handmaidens of God in that city and have sought for all that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Cause and the upliftment of the blessed Word. Today the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree must fix their gaze upon those matters which win divine acceptance. In these days this Wronged One hath been afflicted between the fangs of the serpent and the fire of greed and avarice of those who claim to love. In the great city there occurred that which caused the Pen to lament. Say:

O my God, my God! Thou didst desire for Thy servants that which would exalt them in Thy lands, yet they have wrought that which hath rent asunder the veil of Thy sanctity. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy Revelation to aid them to return unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land and gladden and illumine them with the splendors of the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness. God willing, may all attain everlasting mention and eternal name. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's favor be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My leaves and handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH05758: Praise be to Him Who hath sent down…

He is the Speaker before all faces

Praise be to Him Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and caused all things to speak that there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

By Thy might, O Lord of all beings, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names and heaven—grievous to me is my remoteness after my nearness to Thee, and my separation after meeting Thee, and my thirst after Thou didst give me to drink from the Kawthar of reunion with Thee. I was attracted and set ablaze by Thy verses before hearing them in Thy presence—how then is my state after meeting Thee! By Thy might, things cannot comprehend my secret and my heart and my essence and what hath befallen me in separation and parting from Thee, else they would wail and weep. I know not, O my God, by what name I should hold fast that it might benefit me, and to what hem I should cling that it might calm the burning of my heart and the thirst of my soul.

Would that my mother had not given birth to me and had not nurtured me! How can separation and parting be easy for this poor one, and how can he be patient in exile after drinking the pure wine of reunion? My God, my God! Thou seest the poor one at the gate of Thy riches, and the remote one before the gate of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the feet of the nations have slipped, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

BH05851: Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye…

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

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not the dawning-places of idle fancies who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest […] the people from God, the Mighty, the Praised. Present yourselves before the Wronged One, that ye may hear what descendeth from the heaven of the Will of God, the Powerful, the Almighty. It behooveth you to be present and to behold that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's Will, the Goal of them that have known Him. O people of the Bayan! This is He round Whom circled the Point of the First and with Him the Concourse on High. Fear ye the Lord of all beings, and be not of the transgressors.

Say: Come with your cords and your staves. Verily He hath appeared with the truth with such sovereignty as no hosts of the heavens and earth can withstand. Say: The ocean is before your faces—whither do ye flee? And the Goal is above your heads—whither do ye wander? Be fair in your judgment concerning that which hath appeared with the truth, and be not of them who hear and deny. Verily the ocean speaketh and the heaven proclaimeth, yet ye perceive not. Rend ye the veils in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all men, then behold what hath appeared from this visible horizon. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in His Most Great Prison, and hath mentioned thee with that which no treasures or riches can equal. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whoso hath heard the call of God, the Lord of existence.

BH05954: To be typed

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BH06036: In this day the rustling of the Divine Lote…

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

In this day the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree is raised high, giving glad tidings to the people of earth and summoning them to the horizon of the Manifestation, the One Who conversed on Sinai. Blessed is the soul that has attained to hearing it and has become detached and free from all else.

O my Leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We beseech God to assist thee in that which is worthy of His days.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was in the hands of the heedless. O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I beseech Thee by the Mother Book and what lies hidden therein by Thy command and will, and by the Tablets stored within it by Thy decree and permission, to preserve me from the doubts of the deniers and the insinuations of the heedless. O my Lord! Open before my face the doors of Thy generosity and bounty, then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the affairs of the first and the last.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon My handmaidens there who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH06151: In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom…

In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed, and hath turned towards the Heart of the world and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken—the Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Verily, Baha doth make mention of thee at a time when His heart hath grieved and the moaning of His innermost being hath been raised up by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought.

Verily the crier hath cried out and the oppressor hath risen in tyranny—to this doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness. It informeth you of that which hath befallen the Ancient Beauty from the hosts of the ungodly who outwardly and inwardly circle round about Him—the knowledge whereof is with God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. By God's life! The Book lamenteth and the Most Exalted Pen weepeth and saith: "O people! Fear ye God and deny not Him Who hath come from the heaven of bounty with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth." When thou hearest the call, turn and say: "Unto Thee be glory, O Lord of all men, for having remembered me in the prison of ʿAkka when Thou wert in the hands of those who cast behind their backs Thy Covenant and Testament and denied

Thy signs which have encompassed all existence, of those of old and of latter times." Glory be upon thee and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

BH06355: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Upon thee…

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Upon thee be My peace and My glory! If in that land the means of livelihood become available, it would be most excellent. We beseech God that He may assist thee and cause suitable means to appear. The eye of God is watchful and the knowledge of God encompasses all. We beseech Him to deliver thee through His mighty arm and to open before thy face the door of success on this morn wherein all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all the worlds!"

Siyyid ʿAli, upon whom be My peace, arrived and mentioned the Afnan, upon whom be the loving-kindness and mercy of God. His mention brought joy and gladness. In these days of sorrow, the unseemly deeds of the servants have clouded the world of justice and fairness. In truth, the actions in that land have been and continue to be without parallel, for manifest favors were bestowed upon it and all are witnesses thereto. Nevertheless, day and night they consort and are intimate with the enemy of God, engaged in schemes and craftiness. The other degrees of wickedness of these souls are evident and manifest to that honored one. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from their evil. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH06856: O Ghulam-i-Qabil-Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

In the name of the All-Knowing One.

O Ghulam-i-Qabil-Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and the Supreme Pen at this hour calleth out to thee from the precincts of the Prison. Thou hast borne in the path of God that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to in this exalted station. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the Tablet and attain to what hath been revealed therein, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and caused me to attain unto Thy days and enabled me to turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee by the House wherein Thy call was raised, and by the Book which Thou didst send down from the heaven of Thy Will for the protection of Thy servants and the guidance of Thy creation, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which beseemeth Thy generosity and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. Then write down for my son from Thy Supreme Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH06508: The reality and essence of praise and thanksgiving befit…

The reality and essence of praise and thanksgiving befit the Most Glorious and Most Holy Court of the Beloved One, Who hath not deprived His loved ones of His eternal bounties and everlasting gifts. He

bestowed a heart that it might turn to His horizon, and granted a countenance that it might direct itself toward His direction. He vouchsafed a tongue that it might mention His praise, and gave the gift of hearing that it might hearken unto the Call which is raised betwixt earth and heaven in this Day. He bestowed sight that it might be adorned with the vision of His signs.

His power is visible in all things, and His grace pervadeth and existeth in all. Through a single word from His sublime utterances the kingdom of utterance appeared and was adorned, and through a single will infinite worlds were manifested. Exalted be His grandeur, elevated be His power, and all-encompassing be His dominion! Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Exalted be His majesty and universal be His bounty! He hath made each of His loved ones an ocean of life, caused it to flow from the channel of the tongue, and bestowed it upon all the peoples of the world, that they might attain unto everlasting life and eternal existence….

BH06506: O Hasan, upon thee be the peace and loving-kindness…

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

O Hasan, upon thee be the peace and loving-kindness of God. We testify that thou hast heard and turned thyself, and hast attained unto that which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing above all names. Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which necks were humbled. Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy will and purpose, to ordain for me that which shall cause me in all conditions to cling fast unto Thee and hold to the hem of Thy bounty and generosity.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, acknowledging Thy oneness and assured of that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to make me one of those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning to the light of Thy countenance and drawing nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace. O my Lord! Aid me in that which shall cause the fragrances of Thy acceptance and good-pleasure to be diffused. Then ordain for me the good of every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH06569: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name…

He is the One Who hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of divine proof….

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Knowing, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Most Bountiful, and by Thy Most Great Name, through which Thou hast subdued the nations, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones, and Thy loved ones. O my God! Thou art He Who hath guided me through Thy bounty and aided me through Thy grace, until I departed from my home, seeking the ultimate goal and the supreme summit—the Station wherein was raised the screech of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha—until I attained Thy presence and heard and beheld that which was inscribed in Thy Book, recorded in Thy Scrolls, and treasured within the hearts of Thy Prophets. O my Lord! Ordain for me that

which shall preserve me from all else save Thee, and strengthen me to make mention of Thee amongst Thy creation and to praise Thee amidst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent Whom the affairs of the world cannot frustrate, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

BH06845: O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! Upon thee be the peace of God…

He is the Giver, the Beneficent, the Mighty, the Bestower

O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Give thanks unto God, the Lord of all worlds and the Manifestation of His evident Cause, Who hath sent down from the heaven of His bounty His servant Fakhru'd-Din. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined me with the light of unity and guided me through Thy grace and bounty to Thy straight path. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, circling round Thy will and gazing upon Thy signs which have encompassed the horizons through Thy power and sovereignty. I thank Thee, O my God, and praise Thee, O my Heart's Desire, for this new bounty which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace and revealed through Thy generosity and bounty, and which Thou hast named Fakhru'd-Din in Thy perspicuous Book. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who precedeth all bounties and Who showeth mercy unto all peoples, by Thy Most Great Name, to make the footsteps of this newborn blessed and a blessing from Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Effulgent, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And We make mention of My handmaiden and give her the glad-tidings of the mercy of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me to Thy path and granted me a bounty through Thy grace and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

BH06787: Art thou able in this Day to detach thyself…

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

Art thou able in this Day to detach thyself from what the people possess, turning with thy face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian? And art thou able to abandon vain imaginings, directing thyself to the horizon of certitude in this Day wherein the Caller proclaimeth: "The Kingdom and Dominion belong to God, the Possessor of all existence"?

Say: No, by Thy glory, except through Thy might and power and Thy confirmation and bounty! O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one hastening toward the horizon of Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy strength which hath encompassed all created things, to make me steadfast in the service of Thy Cause and acting according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Scriptures and Tablets.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou seest me taking refuge at Thy threshold and assured of Thy forgiveness and bounty. I beseech Thee to make me among those who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and for whom Thou hast ordained the best of all Thy worlds.

There is no God but Thee, the Possessor of existence and the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and earths. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06610: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Speaker from the Most Exalted Summit

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the Command and Creation. He giveth life and causeth death, and He is the Ever-Living Who dieth not. Within His grasp lieth the Kingdom of Command and Creation, and in His right hand the reins of all created things. Nothing moveth save by His command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The ornaments of the world have occupied the peoples and kept them back from the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. By ornaments is meant at times the love of the world, and at other times its trappings and adornments, and in one station all that preventeth men from drawing nigh unto God. However, in the highest degree and the first station, it is the divines of Persia who have prevented the hapless souls from the Truth. These are the veils and barriers. Beseech God that He may adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness, that all may attain unto that which is the cause of salvation. Say: Today the gate of grace is opened wide—strive ye that ye may not remain deprived. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

BH06753: What is the meaning of the Book and what…

He is the One Who ruleth over all names!

What is the meaning of the Book and what is intended thereby? In one sense, all things are Books, speaking forth the Most Great Name. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "We have recorded all things in a Book." And in each one is inscribed by the Divine Pen this most exalted Word: "The King hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!" And in another sense what is meant by the Book are the Sacred Scriptures which are sent down from the heaven of the Purpose of the worlds' Creator. Their purpose hath been and still is the guidance of mankind. Whatsoever is the cause of preservation of the servants and the exaltation of their stations is recorded in the Books. Blessed are they that understand and that act accordingly!

However, today the Most Great Book is made manifest. He is the Mother Book and the Mother of Utterance. In each of its letters an ocean of meanings lies concealed. Blessed is he who hath attained and drunk therefrom, and woe unto the heedless! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Mother Book hath made mention of thee while seated upon the throne of His Name, the Most Generous. Be grateful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

BH06817: O My loved ones and My friends! The Sun…

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

O My loved ones and My friends! The Sun of Justice hath dawned, inasmuch as the Praiseworthy One, aided by God, hath been established upon the throne of equity. Through his justice the fragrances of tranquility have wafted over all who dwell within the realm of possibility. We bear witness that he hath

confined affairs to such means as bring rest to the people and the citizenry. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, by Him through Whom mysteries were revealed and fruits brought forth, and through Whom the light of unity shone forth amongst the servants, to preserve His Majesty the Sultan from the evil of enemies. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Hearing, the Answerer.

O Abbas! My Branch Diya hath at this moment come into Our presence and made mention of thee. We have therefore remembered thee in this Perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to guard thee with His hosts and to rain down upon thee from the clouds of His mercy the showers of His bounty. Verily, He hath power over all things.

And We make mention of the loved ones there who have cast behind them the Shi'ite faction, holding fast to that which God loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Peace be upon thee and upon those whose hearts God hath illumined with the light of His unity and caused them to hold fast to the cord of His grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH07333: O my handmaiden! The Mother Book called all…

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

O my handmaiden! The Mother Book called all with a mighty voice on the Day of Return to the divine horizon of manifestation, and the light of the Cause shone forth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of will. Yet the tales of old and the doubts and allusions of the divines have deprived all. Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, for having shattered the idols in My Name. Verily, He is with thee, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. That which hath appeared from the treasury of love in praise of God hath attained the ear of acceptance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty. Men and heroes were deprived, while thou didst attain. This glory sufficeth thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me, illumined my heart, and accepted that which flowed from the treasury of my remembrance. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My handmaidens there who have drunk the choice wine of revelation in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH07427: O Nazir! Upon you be the peace of God…

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

O Nazir! Upon you be the peace of God and His favors! Your letter attained the presence and as it indicated the great divine bounty and the most great heavenly sustenance, which is the health of being, it brought joy and gladness. However, no opportunity arose to send replies to some of the petitions. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants in what He loves and is pleased with.

And regarding what you mentioned about staying in Egypt, it is best and most fitting that you hold fast to and act according to what was previously ordained, which is to stay in Port Said. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you and to open before your face the door of His grace. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Mirza Habibullah, upon him be God's peace, and likewise to the handmaiden of God. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH07418: O Muhammad-Quli! I bear witness unto…

He is the One manifest above all things!

O Muhammad-Quli! I bear witness unto that which the Wronged One hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Then I bear witness unto that which My Herald—upon Him be the kingdom of My glory—hath testified: "Verily, I am the first of them that worship."

Then know thou that what thou didst send in these days hath attained, and We have worn it as a token of Our favor and accepted it as a mercy from Our presence. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and adorned what I sent through contact with Thy mighty and luminous Temple. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the mysteries of Thy Books and Tablets to assist me to perform such deeds as shall diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

For several days We have worn thy cloak and gone forth, that is, from Our residence to the countryside, and have made mention of the friends with such mention as hath raised high the pavilions of glory and the tabernacle of grace, and hath caused the banner of revelation to be unfurled upon the Mount, whereupon the Tree did proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!"

BH07436: O Leaf! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the Answerer from the precincts of the Most Great Prison

O Leaf! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His grace and His mercy and His bounty. Thou wert mentioned before the Wronged One. Praise be to God that He confirmed thee and granted thee success. My Most Exalted Pen testifieth that thou hast attained unto the companion of the love of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, and hast taken from the hand of bounty the Kawthar of divine knowledge and drunk thereof in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We beseech God that He may confirm His Honor Afnan who arose to serve the Cause in the early days through the means of heaven and earth, that He may assist thee in what thou hast desired in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Be not grieved. His grace hath encompassed the Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree, and its leaves have been and are beneath the glance of His favor. Say: Praise be to Thee for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy love and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens and leaves who circle round Thy throne by night and day. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH07215: Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee…

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

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy path, and glory be unto Thee for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, from the Kawthar of Thy love. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the signs of Thy greatness, and by those who, at Thy bidding, advanced to the seat of sacrifice in Thy path, to open before the faces of Thy sincere loved ones the gates of Thy grace, Thy forgiveness and Thy bounty.

O Lord! Aid me to serve Thee and to champion Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And blessings and peace be upon the Hands of Thy Cause, the pathways of Thy guidance, the oceans of Thy knowledge, and the suns of Thy gifts and favors. I beseech Thee to ordain for them that which will gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH06998: This is a letter from this Wronged One…

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

This is a letter from this Wronged One to one of the friends of God, exalted be His glory. He beareth witness unto that which the Wronged One hath witnessed, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter was received and attained the honor of being seen and heard. Praise be to God, the fragrance of confession to the word of unity was wafted therefrom. Today it behooveth all to beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect the community of the merciful and to guard those who believe in His unity, through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, from the evil of the ungodly. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. The cause of weakness among the people of unity hath been discord. Now all must hold fast to the cord of unity and concord, that perchance the hidden glory may be made manifest and weakness be transformed into strength.

O my God! O my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, then preserve them from the wolves of the earth through Thy command and will. Through Thy Name the banner “There is none other God but Him” hath been raised aloft. The powers of the world cannot weaken Thee, nor can the might of the nations frighten Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH07214: Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy…

He is the Dawning from the horizon of the heaven of proof!

Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge Thy power and Thy might, Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. I testify that Thou didst create me for the recognition of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Self, and Thou hast revealed unto Thy servants that which draweth them nigh unto the court of Thy glory, and

taught them the oneness of Thy Being and Thy sanctification from all peers and likenesses, and made them to know Thy straight path and Thy firm and mighty command.

I beseech Thee, O God of existence and King of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name which Thou hast made the sovereign of all names and ruler over all who are in earth and heaven, and by the revelations of the lights of the Sun of Thy bounty, that Thou wilt aid me in all conditions to be steadfast in Thy Cause and submissive before the manifestations of Thy sovereignty.

O Lord! Thou seest the poor one clinging to the cord of Thy generosity and the needy holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him from that which shall profit him in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH07232: The Most Great Book, throughout nights and days, summons…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

The Most Great Book, throughout nights and days, summons the peoples to the supreme horizon and loftiest heights, yet none are found to hear and no seeker exists. The intoxication of worldly ornaments has seized the servants and deprived them of eternal and everlasting blessings. Blessed is the soul whom veils have not prevented from drawing nigh and have not held back from turning towards God.

O people of God! Hold fast to the sure handle and cling to the hem of the mercy of the Ancient Lord. Soon shall the manifestations, appearances, wealth and riches of the world return to nothingness. By God's life! This Wronged One has had and has no purpose save the extinguishing of the fire of hatred and animosity. To this bear witness the Manifestations of God's attributes and the Daysprings of His firm and evident Command. When thou receivest My Tablet, give thanks unto God thy Lord, for He hath remembered thee in His mighty prison. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have not violated God's Covenant and Testament and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His evident Book.

BH07408: O Pen! The irrevocable Command hath come…

In the Name of God, the Speaker, the All-Knowing

O Pen! The irrevocable Command hath come from the presence of the Ancient Lord. Write upon the Tablet that which hath been ordained by God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Know thou with certitude that through this Tablet We have desired to make mention of one of Our Afnans who hath circumambulated the Spot round which circle the Concourse on High, and hath attained unto that which was inscribed by the Pen of Destiny upon the Crimson Scroll from God, the Lord of all men. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and by the breaths of Thy Revelation amidst the nations, and by Thy hidden mysteries within Thy knowledge, and by Thy manifest signs before the faces of Thy creation, to aid me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the doubts of the heedless and the gestures of the clamorous may not prevent me from turning toward the horizon of Thy

Manifestation and drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory. O my Lord! Assist me to detach myself from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon God's sincere servants.

BH07923: O thou who hast attained the presence! At this…

O thou who hast attained the presence! At this moment the Greater Branch arrived and read thy letter before Us. We perceived from it the fragrances of thy love. We beseech God to exalt thee through His Name and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty that which beseemeth His might and His grandeur. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Almighty. Thou hast ever been remembered in the Most Holy Court. Arise to serve for the sake of God, but with wisdom and utterance, that the loved ones may be adorned with the ornament of detachment and piety, and be sanctified from unseemly conduct. Convey to all the greetings of the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt through them His Cause among His servants. And We send Our greetings to My handmaiden and My leaf, and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. The glory of God be upon thee and upon her and upon thy son, from God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07894: O Ismail! The All-Glorious hath turned toward thee…

He is the One by Whom all things were attracted

O Ismail! The All-Glorious hath turned toward thee from this Prison and mentioned thee in such wise as to set ablaze the hearts of them that are near unto God. The verses have been sent down and the clear tokens have appeared, yet the people remain in evident veiling. Grieve thou not over anything, but put thy trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Verily He will assist His loved ones and aid them through hosts of angels brought nigh. The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter before the Face. We have answered thee through this clear Book. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its traces, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto me that which shall cause my remembrance to endure in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the breath whereby Thou didst quicken the hearts of them that have known Thee, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, and to cause me to hold fast unto Thee and unto Thy verses in all conditions. Verily Thou art the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful."

BH07656: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy knowledge whereby the hearts of Thy servants were illumined, and by Thy Call whereby the realities of meaning and utterance in all creation were attracted, and by the manifestation of Thy Most Great Name whereby the horizons of the cities of justice and fairness were illumined, to make me in all conditions to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty and to abide beneath the shade of the pavilions of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou givest and Thou withholdest. Verily Thou art the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Bountiful, the Mighty, the Supreme.

Ordain for me, O my Best-Beloved, the reward of attaining Thy presence and meeting with Thee. Thou seest and knowest that I have arisen among Thy servants to serve Thy Cause and to unite the hearts of Thy creation. Assist me, O my God, and enable me, O my Best-Beloved, to mention Thee and praise Thee and to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH07933: O Jalal, upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

O Jalal, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High! Praise be to God! The will of God, exalted be His glory, hath been made manifest, and the forces of heaven and earth have aided, that the path of attainment and meeting might become clear and evident. The seekers have attained to the ocean of the grace of the Desired One, have drunk from the cup of reunion, and have reached the station of nearness and meeting. His bountiful hand took hold of them and guided them, and the burning fire of separation was quenched by the Kawthar of reunion.

He is the Powerful One Whom neither the authority of princes nor the clamor of the ignorant could hold back from His purpose. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praised One.

We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee and to open before thy face the doors of blessings. Verily He is the Revealer of verses and the Manifester of clear proofs. There is no God but Him, the Lord of earth and heaven.

BH07472: My God, my God! The Wronged One beareth witness…

He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous!

My God, my God! The Wronged One beareth witness to Thy unity and oneness, and to that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath sent down in Thy Books and Tablets. Thou seest, O my God, how Thy Afnan have turned toward Thee from all regions, desiring naught save to attain Thy presence and good-pleasure. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the breezes of Thy Revelation, and by the Most Great Name whereby Thou hast subdued the world, to aid them to stand firm in Thy Cause, and to open before their faces the doors of Thy grace, Thy blessing and Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Ordain for Thy Leaves that which will exalt them through Thy name amongst Thy handmaidens. Then write down for them the reward of attaining Thy presence

and standing before Thy face. Then write down for the Leaf whom Thou hast named Tuba in the Crimson Book that which will preserve her through Thy bounty and Thy hosts, and will guard her through Thy grace and loving-kindness, and through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily, Thou art the Lord of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

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BH07921: O thou who hast turned toward the Most Exalted…

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

O thou who hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of My bounty, say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, the God of all names, and O my Desire and the Desire of all created things, and my Beloved and the Beloved of all contingent beings! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Word through which the cities of wisdom and utterance were illumined, and by Thy Name through which the ocean of knowledge surged in the contingent world, to render my deeds adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. Thy call hath awakened me and Thy verses have attracted me and the hands of Thy grace have delivered me. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the pearls of the ocean of Thy mercy to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy circling handmaidens. Then assist me, O my Creator and my King, in that which causeth the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure to be diffused. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07448: His honor Nabil Ibn-i-Nabil hath been the recipient…

His honor Nabil Ibn-i-Nabil hath been the recipient of favors and engaged in service from the earliest days until now, but 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 the sorrows that have come upon him into supreme joy, and We ask Him, exalted be He, to draw him nigh and ordain for him to attain the presence of the face of the Wronged One. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Nabil-i-Qabli-Ali! His honor Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath mentioned thee repeatedly. He hath been faithful to the Covenant and hath made mention of the friends of the All-Merciful in a scroll which he sent to the Wronged One. We have answered him at this time with this perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to assist His loved ones at all times to that which shall conduce to the reformation of the world and the tranquillity of the nations. By My life! There shall appear from them that which God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath purposed.

BH07929: In My Name which speaketh before the faces…

In My Name which speaketh before the faces of the world!

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! A mighty sacrifice hath appeared in the earth the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld.

The horsemen in the arena of detachment were torn asunder by the wolves of the earth, inasmuch as the blessed powerful hands of the chosen ones were bound by the divine chain of restraint. There appeared from those souls that which caused the denizens of the Supreme Concourse, the Most Glorious Paradise and the Most Exalted Garden to cry out "Blessed be God!" They freely sacrificed their lives and deemed it impermissible to transgress the command of the True Ordainer. Therefore they held fast with beautiful patience, sublime steadfastness, submission and contentment. Unto such holy, pure and detached souls belong remembrance and praise, glory and splendor.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His trusted ones and chosen ones. Verily He is the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07704: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the hidden Command and the treasured Mystery. Through Him were raised the standards of divine knowledge among all religions, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken that which caused the limbs of the idols to tremble—those who have prevented the servants from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Sea, each wave of which proclaimeth before the faces of the nations:

> "O people! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestower hath come with manifest sovereignty."

Blessed art thou for having heard My call and turned toward My horizon and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and make thee steadfast in this Great Announcement. Thy portrait hath been presented before the Countenance and hath attained the honor of meeting. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest grace. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded to their Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

BH07907: O my handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O my handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken with thy soul's ear to the Voice of the Wronged One. This is the Voice wherewith the Interlocutor attained on the Mount of Knowledge, and after hearkening unto which the Prophets cried out "Here am I, here am I!", and the chosen ones proclaimed "Our souls be a sacrifice for Thy days!" O my leaf! In the path of the Friend thou hast been afflicted with tribulations and the taunts of enemies. In truth I say, tribulations in the path of love of the Beloved of the worlds are a supreme mercy and a mighty bounty, a bounty that neither passion can alter nor the passing of centuries and ages make old. It endureth as long as the divine names endure, and lasteth through the infinite divine attributes. We enjoin all who are related to thee to serve thee and seek thy good-pleasure. Blessed is he

who hath heard the Call and acted in accordance with that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07566: This Wronged One hath remembered and continueth to remember…

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

This Wronged One hath remembered and continueth to remember the loved ones of God in the midst of tribulations. The calumnies of the calumniators and the croaking of the ravens prevented Him not from proclaiming the Cause, nor held Him back from mentioning His friends. O leaf! We beseech God—glorified be His majesty—to assist the leaves of the Tree to achieve that which beseemeth His days. The whole world cannot be compared to a single word from the divine utterances. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great bounty and this supreme favor. When thou attainest unto the traces of My Pen, say:

My God, my God! Aid me to remain firm in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure with the greatest steadfastness, and grant me the water of everlasting life from the hand of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I am a leaf among Thy leaves and a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens. I have turned unto Thee, and I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the ocean of Thy generosity, the heaven of Thy munificence, and the sun of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH07639: Praised be He Who hath revealed that which was…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Praised be He Who hath revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have heard thy call and make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the mercy of thy Lord, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy Cause, and made known unto me Thy path, and shown me Thy signs, and taught me Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy might and dominion and by the mysteries of Thy Manifestation that Thou write down for me, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the recompense of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy face. O Lord! Thou seest the ocean of disobedience seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and generosity not to disappoint it. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH07695: O God, O Generous One, O Merciful One! I…

In the Name of the one God!

O God, O Generous One, O Merciful One! I testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou hast neither peer nor likeness. Thy bounty brought the world of being into existence, and Thy generosity guided the peoples through Thy Most Great Name. Some, through the whisperings of the Evil One, were deprived of the ocean of Thy mercy, while others were illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. O

Generous One, I beseech Thy ancient forgiveness and seek Thy all-encompassing mercy. Protect this servant from the doubts of those souls who have turned away and are barred from the ocean of Thy knowledge. My God, my God! Protect Thy servant, through Thy bounty and generosity, from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament. O Lord! Withhold me not from Thy sealed wine, then aid me to remain steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness, lest the turbans of Thy servants prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee. 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.

BH07927: O thou who art immersed in the ocean…

In the Name of Him Who standeth before all faces!

O thou who art immersed in the ocean of utterance! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He draweth thee nigh unto the horizon whence hath shone forth the Sun of God's grace, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. There hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors that which hath caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament and the Faithful Spirit to cry out. The people have perpetrated that which hath rent asunder the vitals of existence and caused the tears of the sincere ones to flow. Be thou not grieved at this. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs, and for having caused me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy servants turned away. I beseech Thee, by the appearance of divine knowledge and by the waves of the ocean of Thine utterance, to ordain that I may, in all conditions, be moved to celebrate Thy praise and arise to serve Thy Cause with the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy Manifestation, and disappoint them not of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH08050: Verily My Most Exalted Pen desireth to make mention…

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

Verily My Most Exalted Pen desireth to make mention of one of the Afnan who hath chosen for himself a station beneath the shade of his Lord and hath attained to the presence and meeting, through the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. O Abu'l-Hasan! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord. Verily He hath aided thee to turn unto Him and guided thee to the Path wherefrom the feet of the heedless have slipped. We have mentioned thee aforetime in perspicuous verses and We make mention of thee at this time in this Clear Tablet. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to know Thee and mentioned me and guided me to Thy station and honored me with Thy presence. I beseech Thee to open before my face the gates of blessing and bounties and favors. Then preserve me, O my God, from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy verses and denied Thy right. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH08526: O thou who journeyest through the lands to serve…

O thou who journeyest through the lands to serve thy Lord, the Possessor of all creation! Praise be to God, thou art confirmed and successful. Thou hast spent thy precious life in service. This testimony of the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee is better and more desirable than a hundred thousand treasures, for from this Word the fragrance of His eternal and everlasting favor is diffused. Rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who loveth thee, and blessed is he who hath hearkened unto thy words concerning this manifest News. Remember on behalf of the Wronged One Jinab-i-Faraj, upon whom rest My glory and My peace. We beseech God to assist him, to grant him success, and to make him one of those through whom God hath aided His Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who love you and upon every hearing, seeing one.

BH08171: God, exalted be His glory, has counseled all…

In the name of the One Incomparable Speaker!

God, exalted be His glory, has counseled all to gaze with their own eyes toward the horizon of Revelation and hear with their own ears the divine call. Yet the servants have done that which caused the very essence of justice to weep and the liver of equity to melt. Instead of acknowledging, they denied Him, and in place of confession they rejected. The signs have encompassed the world and the evidences are more manifest than the sun—it is not known by what proof they believed in the Point of the Bayan and to what testimony they cling.

It behooveth Us at this point to mention what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputations."

Blessed art thou for having turned and believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to confirm thee even as He confirmed thy father, and through you both to open the doors of hearts. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH08172: Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world…

He is the One Warbling upon the Branches

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world of the kingdom and of the realm above with His brilliant and resplendent light, and from the chalice of bounty hath bestowed a sufficient portion upon the dwellers of earth and heaven. Blessed is the soul that hath detached itself from the world and all that dwell therein, and hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. He is the Guide of the Way and the Master of the Proof. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O ʿAziz Big! Thy letter of love was sent unto the Most Holy and Exalted Court, and this Most Wondrous and Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed in reply. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! And glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee! At this

moment the ocean of forgiveness hath surged before the faces of all religions and hath encompassed thy father and mother, as a grace from God, the True One, the Manifest. Praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty throne!

BH08025: Today the proof crieth out, and the evidence proclaimeth…

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

Today the proof crieth out, and the evidence proclaimeth "the All-Merciful hath come," and reason pointeth the way. Yet no one with sight can be found, nor any with hearing discovered. Praise be to the Object of all desire, Who aided thee to recognize the Most Great Name in days when the divines and mystics of Persia rose up in opposition and issued decrees for the shedding of the blood of the sincere ones and those drawn nigh. O My handmaiden, upon thee be My glory! Thy name hath been mentioned and thou hast been rendered victorious through this Tablet. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Desired One of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Worshipped One of the nations! I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of every handmaiden who hath circled round Thee, hearkened unto Thy call, and attained unto Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH08384: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I…

He is God, blessed and exalted!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I bear witness to Thy power and Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty, and that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee. From everlasting Thou hast been sanctified beyond the comprehension and understanding of all beings, and the birds of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee and of the sincere ones have never soared into the atmosphere of Thy knowledge. Thou shalt ever be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers through whom Thy commandments and Thy laws were manifested, and by Him through Whom Thou didst raise the standard of unity among Thy servants and the banner of remembrance and praise amidst Thy creation, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind and the Ruler of the kingdoms of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

BH08227: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs. He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, He taketh and giveth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. O Qurban-Ali! Hear the call from this Lofty Tree raised up in the luminous spot: Verily, there is no God but Him, the Commander, the All-Wise. He hath created creation for His knowledge and ordained

for them that which draweth them nigh unto Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. When thou hearest the call from the Prison of Akka, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear proofs, and for having guided me unto Him Whose advent Thou didst herald in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the pearls of wisdom and utterance which Thou hast caused to appear from the treasuries of the Supreme Pen, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

BH08621: O Yusif! There hath befallen the Wronged One…

He is the Speaker and He is the Hearer.

O Yusif! There hath befallen the Wronged One that which no eye in the world hath ever seen. He brought forth proofs, yet they rejected them. He manifested clear evidence, yet they denied it. And when the fire of hatred and malice was kindled in their hearts and souls, His friends delivered Him to His enemies. He who We desired his life rose up against the Wronged One, and when he failed, he cried out and proclaimed his own oppression. We beseech God to adorn His servants with the ornament of justice and fairness, that they may see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. He, verily, is the Helper, the All-Bountiful. The splendor from Us be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever, nor the oppression of the wicked ones, could deter—they turned unto God and said: "We believe in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day."

BH08246: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I bear witness…

He is the One Who standeth before all faces!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I bear witness to that whereunto the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified before the appearance of Thy creation, that Thou art God, no God is there but Thee. Thou hast ever been One, Single, Alone, Self-Subsisting. Thou hast taken unto Thyself neither peer nor partner nor helper, and Thou wilt ever be as Thou hast been from all eternity. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones and Thy branches in that which beseemeth them in Thy days, then write down for them the reward of those who have circled round Thy Will and quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty.

O Lord! Thou seest how the wolves have seized Thy sheep, through whom the rain of Thy mercy hath poured forth from the clouds of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to assist Thy party through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily Thou art God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

BH08259: Glorified art Thou, O my God! O Thou…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God! O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all names and by Whose will all things are moved! I beseech Thee by Thy Word through which Thou didst quicken Thy servants and illumine Thy lands, and by which the gate of utterance was opened unto all who are in the realm of creation, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them unto Thee and preserve them from all else besides Thee—those who consumed the bounty and denied it, who attained unto the heavenly table and rejected it. O Lord! Thou seest how the wayward have encompassed Thy chosen ones from among Thy pure ones and have risen against them with an oppression at which the dwellers of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion have lamented. I beseech Thee by the Daysprings of Thy verses and the Sources of Thy commandments and laws to make the deeds of those who have turned unto Thee adorned with the ornament of Thy acceptance, and ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come through Thy will and purpose. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08521: O My leaves and My handmaidens! Today the divine…

In the Name of the One Utterance

O My leaves and My handmaidens! Today the divine breeze is passing by and the Spirit of God is in motion and manifestation. All things, with utmost joy and excitement, are delighted by the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai. A mighty celebration is established. Blessed are the leaves who have clung to the Sacred Tree and who move by Its movement. Glory be to God! The fragrances of revelation of the Lord of Names and Attributes have perfumed the worlds of the unseen and the visible, yet most remain heedless and veiled. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days, and for having heard My Revelation and My establishment upon the throne of My utterance. We beseech God to preserve thee from the harm of every heedless one and the oppression of every oppressor. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint Thy handmaiden from that which is with Thee and from that which Thou hast ordained for those who have believed in Thee and Thy verses and who have circled round the throne of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH09112: In My Name through which the light of utterance…

In My Name through which the light of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of existence

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art mentioned before the Throne! Today the tongue of proof in the Kingdom of utterance speaketh this most blessed and exalted word:

> “O God! I beseech Thee by Thy Splendor at its most splendid, and all Thy Splendor is indeed splendid. This is the Most Great Name of God concerning which God’s Proof and Evidence gave tidings. By My life! No mention nor utterance hath appeared more explicit than this. Blessed are the fair-minded. This is the Name at which the limbs of the ungodly trembled and the

hearts of them that are nigh unto God found peace. Draw nigh and say: The dominion and the kingdom are within the grasp of God's power, the Lord of all worlds, Whom neither the ranks nor the mightiest armies of the world can withstand. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

BH08655: Today the attraction of the deeds of the lovers…

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise.

Today the attraction of the deeds of the lovers hath seized all regions, and all things speak in praise and remembrance of them who are detached. In the City of Love there are melodies and voices. Blessed is he who hath attained unto hearing and hath been illumined with the light of piety and detachment.

The Most Great Glad-Tidings which hath been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen is that "but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets" hath been fulfilled by the blessed words "the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds."

O friends of God and His party! Let not the might of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the aggressors grieve you. Soon shall pass away all that is seen and witnessed, and there shall remain for you what hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in Haifa. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who loveth you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH09077: O Ustad Isma'il! Rejoice that the Pen of thy…

He is established upon the throne of utterance

O Ustad Isma'il! Rejoice that the Pen of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath moved to make mention of thee. Verily He remembereth him who remembereth Him and aideth him in a manner befitting this Revelation from which the lights have shone forth. We have sent down the Book as a mercy from Our presence and a bounty from Our side, and verily We are the Powerful, the Chosen One. We make mention of thy son who was named ʿAbdu's-Samad in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. We make mention at this time of Ar-Rahim in such wise as will draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Blessed are ye for having turned to the Dawning-Place of grace and for having attained unto the days wherewith We gave the glad-tidings in the Scriptures and Tablets. The glory from Our presence be upon you and upon those whom the might of the wicked ones hath not prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all men.

BH09139: O ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Bestower of gifts and favors!

O ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Praise be to God, His loving-kindness hath encompassed thee, His mercy hath preceded thee, and His grace hath been vouchsafed unto thy honor. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the gate of His bounty and generosity. We thank Him for His new gift and His wondrous favor. When We heard of his arrival and

news, We named him Hasan in the Book of Names. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make his footsteps blessed upon thee and upon My handmaiden and leaf, and to open unto thee and unto her the gate of wealth. Verily, He is the Lord of bounty, grace and generosity, and within His grasp is the reins of glory and eternity. There is no God but Him, the Lord of names and attributes, the Manifestor of clear proofs and the Revealer of verses.

BH08654: Today the utterance is speaking, and the stations…

He is God, exalted be His station.

Today the utterance is speaking, and the stations of the lovers are, in God's sight, above the stations of all the people of the visible world. Attraction and fervor have appeared from the lovers in the City of Detachment. Glory be to God! the ungodly cling to oppression, knowing and believing it to be the means of extinguishing the Light. Yet they are heedless of the fact that the Hand of Divine Power will transform it into oil and thereby increase the brightness of the Lamp. Glorified be the Generous One, the Possessor of Great Resolve, Who does what He pleases through His firm and mighty Command. O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad! My Branch has mentioned you before My face. We have remembered you in this clear Book. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions to serve the Cause and to serve the Branches. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH09179: This day is the day of joy and gladness…

In His Name, the Most Holy above all names!

This day is the day of joy and gladness. All things proclaim "The Promised One is come!" Blessed is the soul whom the promptings of self have not kept back from the Lord of Names. O ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which hath no likeness or equal. Thou hast drunk from the hand of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, the sealed wine, and hast achieved that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. Say: Beware lest ye take for yourselves any helper other than Him. We beseech God to preserve you and to rain down upon you from the clouds of His mercy the rains of His bounty and loving-kindness. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Great.

BH08636: My Afnan—upon him be My glory! He…

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

My Afnan—upon him be My glory! He has attained unto Our presence and been illumined by hearing the verses. From the earliest days, he and his family have, for the sake of God, drunk from the cup of tribulation. Verily, We love him and beseech God to assist him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible world. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Wise. O Karim! Upon thee be My glory! We beseech God to aid thee in that which will cause thy remembrance to endure in the world among the peoples. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And We beseech Him to unite the hearts of His loved ones and strengthen them through the handle of love and unity. He, verily, is the Strong, the Triumphant, the

Almighty. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those with thee and upon the loved ones of God who are there, who have not violated My perspicuous Covenant and My firm Testament.

BH09180: Day by day victory and triumph advance. We hope…

He is the Hearer and the Answerer!

Day by day victory and triumph advance. We hope that through the hosts of wisdom and utterance His loved ones may conquer hearts and minds. O people of unity! This Wronged One has, from the earliest days until now, openly and without any veil or concealment, summoned all peoples according to the Book's decree. Some have accepted while others have arisen in rejection. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings, turning to God's Most Great Announcement. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist His loved ones to love and unity, and to unite their hearts through His grace and mercy. Verily He is the Mighty, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard and said:

> "Here am I, O God of all in the heavens and earths!"

BH09157: O Muhammad! Convey unto ʿAli the everlasting greetings…

He is God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad! Convey unto ʿAli the everlasting greetings of God. Hadrat Rida—upon him be My salutations—hath remembered thee, and hath made mention of the degrees of longing and yearning, of attraction and burning, which were recounted by the lights of the Blessed Lote-Tree.

We beseech God to preserve thee through His bounty and to guard thee by His hosts. We, verily, bear witness to thine acceptance in the first days, to thine affirmation of the oneness of God and His greatness, and to thine acknowledgment of His power and His sovereignty. Blessed art thou, and joyful the tidings unto thee, in that thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bestowals of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. We ask Him to confirm thee and to grant thee success in whatsoever will draw thee nigh unto Him, in all conditions. Verily He is the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

Peace and glory be upon thee, and upon those with thee, and upon whoso loveth thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH08990: A Book sent down by the Wronged One…

He is the Compassionate, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

A Book sent down by the Wronged One to one of His maidservants and a leaf among His leaves, that the breezes of revelation might attract her and draw her nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. He hath aided thee to turn towards Him and hath sent down for thee that whereby thy mention shall be immortalized in His mighty and wondrous Book. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Bounty, and by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, and by the power of Thy Most Exalted Word, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine the good of this world and of the world to come. O my Lord! Thou seest how Thy handmaiden hath turned unto Thee and clung to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH08890: Blessed art thou, O Leaf, in that thou hast…

He is God, exalted be He in greatness and power!

Blessed art thou, O Leaf, in that thou hast sought out the Divine Lote-Tree and won to its presence and dwelt in its vicinity and beneath its shade and heard its rustling. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and ordain for thee the good of both this world and the next. Verily He is the Protector of all names, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath subdued all created things, and by Thy mercy which hath preceded all contingent beings, to assist Thy leaves and handmaidens to remember and praise Thee. I testify, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy Books and Scriptures and Tablets. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH08652: My God, my God, my Lord and my Support!…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

My God, my God, my Lord and my Support! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy Revelation, after most of the men of Thy earth turned away. I beseech Thee by the Treasure which Thou hast manifested through Thy power, and by the Horizon which Thou hast illumined with the light of Thy grace and bounty, and by the Sun that hath shone forth from the heaven of Thy wisdom, to aid her to remain steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, to Whose bounty all created things have testified, and to Whose mercy all contingent beings bear witness. O Lord! Ordain for her from the Pen of Destiny what Thou hast ordained for the leaves of the Tree of Thy Utterance, then write down for her what Thou hast written for Thy leaves who circle round Thy good-pleasure and hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all women and men. And verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08845: Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Lord…

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

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Prison, and by what Thou didst suffer at the hands of the deniers who rejected Thee and Thy signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur and power, and by Thy clear proofs which have encompassed Thy

dominion, and by the lights of Thy countenance which have illumined the horizons of the hearts of Thy loved ones, to assist him who hath turned toward the heaven of Thy grace, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest him assured of Thy oneness and singleness, and acknowledging that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to illumine his deeds with the light of acceptance and to make him one of those who have attained to Thy service in Thy days, and ordain for him the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men, 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.

BH09102: O friends of God! That which you sent has…

He is the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O friends of God! That which you sent has attained unto My presence and hearing. We beseech God to send down upon you a blessing from the heaven of His bounty and a table from the atmosphere of His grace. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Lord of great favor. We indeed perceived from your letter the fragrance of love and unity. We beseech God to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to aid you in that which will cause your names to be exalted among His servants, through His Name, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have answered what you asked Us regarding the name. We have named it “Spiritual Company” and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to manifest through you that which will spread His traces throughout the lands and His signs among the servants. Verily He is the Powerful over what He wills, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Peace be upon you from Us, and upon the sincere servants of God, the near ones, the knowing ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09394: Glorified art Thou, O God of existence, and glorified…

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

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence, and glorified art Thou, O Beloved! Bewilderment hath seized me in Thy days. I testify that the Fire hath been kindled and appeared in the Sacred Trees of the Paradise of Thy presence, and that the Celestial Stream hath flowed from the tongue of Thy grandeur. Yet despite this supreme bounty and this most great mercy, I observe that most of Thy servants are deprived thereof and forbidden from it, inasmuch as they have clung to the dictates of self and passion. O Lord! Thou beholdest in such days as these the burning ardor of them that love Thee in Thy path, and the radiance of their hearts in their love for Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, to ordain for whomsoever hath succeeded in carrying out Thy laws in Thy days that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, in the beginning and in the end.

BH09578: We give thanks to God, the Lord…

He is the Helper!

We give thanks to God, the Lord of the Most Exalted Horizon, of the Throne and earth, for having united the hearts of His loved ones who, on this blessed and wondrous Day, have quaffed the choice wine of

bounty from the hands of grace. An Afnan, upon him be My glory, came into Our presence and mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this glorious and luminous Tablet. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones, and to unite hearts with a unity that shall neither be affected by separation nor altered by the doubts of the suspicious ones. The Glory from the Wronged One be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants. We make mention of thy son and thy family with a remembrance through which the realm of possibility is illumined. We beseech God to draw them nigh unto Him and to adorn them with the ornament of joy after sorrow. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH09678: O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Beneficent, the Bestowing

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it beareth unto thee glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee from God, the Kind, the Generous. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, and by Thy chosen ones and Thy Prophets, to assist me to perform that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and that which will cause the fragrances of Thy good-pleasure to be diffused. Then ordain for my brother who is named Ali the best of the hereafter and of the former life. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy utterance and the manifestations of the Tree of Thy Revelation on the Mount of Thy knowledge, to open before our faces the doors of Thy bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. That which thou didst send hath been received and hath attained acceptance.

BH09607: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be the peace of God…

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

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be the peace of God, the King, the Mighty, the Loving. For some time no news has been received from the Afnan, upon him be the peace of God and His mercy and His grace. You should certainly inquire in each instance about his circumstances. Although through divine bounty and infinite mercy he is safe and protected, yet to inquire and seek information is beloved. Verily We love him and We love his traces. We beseech God to assist him and strengthen him and ordain for him that which will bring joy to all eyes. In the letters that were sent there was no mention of him, nor any mention of the son, upon him be My peace. In any case, negligence in seeking news is not permissible. Peace be upon them from the One Who heareth and answereth.

BH09671: O dear one! Upon thee be My glory…

O dear one! Upon thee be My glory and My salutation! Trees are of two kinds: those that bear fruit and those that are barren. The fruit-bearing tree is transformed into light and shineth forth from the horizon of posterity. The barren one hath ever been and will continue to be fit for the fire. Praise be to God that thou hast attained and hast been illumined with the lights of the Word of Divine Unity. The children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Time and again have they been remembered by both the Pen and the Tongue. We beseech God to aid them all to achieve that which is conducive to the reformation of the world and the tranquility of

souls. We beseech God to aid thee, make thee successful, protect thee and assist thee with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Helper.

BH09695: O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be the everlasting peace…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be the everlasting peace of God. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and for having confirmed me in acknowledging that which Thou hast revealed in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers, and for having inspired me with the Word of Unity, whereby the limbs of the ungodly have trembled. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names, to aid me to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, by Thy Name, the All-Subduing over those who are in the heavens and on the earth.

All travelers are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to make you guides unto His creation and servants of His Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH09696: O Muhammad-ʿAli! Although sorrows have encompassed Us from every…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Pardoning, the Bestowing

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Although sorrows have encompassed Us from every direction and the cawing of the ravens has been raised, yet the Wronged One, with complete steadfastness, continues to utter the blessed words “I have placed my trust in God and have committed all affairs unto Him.” Be not grieved at anything. Verily God is with us, and we beseech Him to ordain for us all the good that He hath sent down in His Book. The oppression of Iran hath caused the people of justice and fairness to despair. We beseech God to protect His sheep from the wolves of the earth. Verily He is the Powerful, the Strong, the Preserver, the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to His service and art illumined with the light of His divine love. Preserve this sacred, mighty and wondrous station.

BH09615: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the One Who speaketh the truth and commandeth justice!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory from the Kingdom and the Realm of Might, and the glory of those who dwell in the heavens and earth. We have remembered thee before, and have revealed for thee that which hath transported the hearts of the holy ones in the Most Exalted Paradise and the realities of the pure ones in the Supreme Paradise. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath loved thee in the path of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Grieve not because of the people and their clamor. God shall soon erase their traces and elevate your station. Verily, He is the True One, the Trusted One. The Light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the Tablet of God be upon thee and upon those whom the ranks of the oppressors have not frightened, nor the hosts of the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09670: O servant of Baha! Upon thee be the peace…

O servant of Baha! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Outwardly thou art absent but inwardly present. We beseech God to make thy remembrance enduring among remembrances and thy name among names. Honor and nobility lie in steadfastness. In these days there hath befallen this Wronged One that which hath caused the Tablet and the Pen to weep. The fire of abasement hath assailed the glory of the Cause of God. That unjust one hath committed in the great city that which no heedless one hath ever committed. He united with the enemy of God and became known for treachery and lack of chastity. We beseech God to cause him to return unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH09717: O my leaf, upon thee be My glory! Thy…

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

O my leaf, upon thee be My glory! Thy mention hath been made amongst the holy countenances of the Most Exalted Paradise. Thou must, throughout all days and nights, praise the Goal of all worlds, Who hath aided thee in days when those possessed of sciences and arts are veiled from Him. Throughout ages and centuries they spoke of His appearance, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with His light, all turned away save whom God wished. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who guided thee to the straight path of God and caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Rising-Point of His verses. We beseech God to assist him and thee in supreme steadfastness in this Most Great Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09323: The fruit was from the tree, but now it…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The fruit was from the tree, but now it is witnessed from the Word. The light was from the sun, but now it is mentioned in the verse. Glory be to God! The utterance causes the mountain to crumble. Change and transformation have overtaken the world.

BH09611: In My Name, the Speaker before the faces…

In My Name, the Speaker before the faces of the parties

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. O thou who speakest My mention amongst My servants, O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of the heaven of My grace! By My life, I have been saddened by that which hath appeared from My loved ones whom We raised up through My remembrance amongst My creation, and to whom We made known My path, and whom We guided unto My announcement, and for whom We sent down that which diffused the fragrance of My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. His Holiness, My Branch, hath presented thy letter. We have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled, and glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by those who have quaffed the wine of supreme steadfastness before the faces of all peoples, to assist me in all conditions to help Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word and to manifest that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Tablets with wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09633: O handmaiden of God! We have heard thy call…

In the Name of Him Who overshadoweth all names.

O handmaiden of God! We have heard thy call, and in this hour when the sorrows of the world have turned toward this Wronged One, We make mention of thee. We have counseled and continue to counsel all to be characterized by religiosity, trustworthiness, chastity and fidelity. Those who speak and acknowledge the word of unity must purify and sanctify their hearts from corruption, conflict, rancor and hatred, that they may be adorned with the imprint of the seal "The Kingdom is God's." If they hold fast to goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct, divine favor will encompass them, for every tongue hath testified to His generosity and every ear hath witnessed His bounty. Verily He is the Forgiver of sins, and He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

BH09847: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech…

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

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy splendor which hath encompassed Thy Kingdom and Thy dominion, and by which the hearts of Thy sincere servants among Thy creatures have been attracted, to ordain for Thy Afnan and one of Thy leaves the reward of every leaf that hath held fast to the Tree of Thy utterance and been illumined by the light of Thy knowledge, and whom the oppression of Thine enemies who violated Thy Covenant and Testament did not deter. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy Most Great Name through which were consumed the hearts of those who denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and disbelieved in Thy Manifestation and Thy signs, to ordain for Thy leaves that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. Thou doest what Thou pleasest through Thy Name, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH10121: O leaf! Praise be to the Desired One…

He is the One Who calleth amongst His servants.

O leaf! Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who assisted thee through the means of heaven and earth and guided thee to the Dawning-place of verses. Thou didst arrive and hear and see. We beseech God to grant that which is the cause of the Most Great Steadfastness. Be thou not saddened by the events of the world. Verily, He is with thee under all conditions. Convey My greetings to the leaves and handmaidens on behalf of the Wronged One and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of Truth. Verily, He is the Helper of His branches and leaves, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH10087: O ʿAbbas! Your letter has attained unto the honor…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

O ʿAbbas! Your letter has attained unto the honor of being seen and your call unto that of being heard. Praise be to God that He confirmed and guided thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon the Countenance! Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and caused me to hear and remember Thee in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the realms of hearts and souls, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

BH09859: Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Thou at…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Thou at whose name the ocean of divine knowledge surged throughout creation and the nightingale of proof warbled upon the branches with that which the tongue of Thy grandeur had spoken before the creation of Thy earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by the Sun of Thy Cause and the heaven of Thy grace, and by Thy loved ones who have circled round Thee and sacrificed their spirits in Thy days, to aid Thy loved ones with patience from Thee and steadfastness from Thy presence. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O Lord! Ordain for those who have desired Thee and turned to Thee in Thy days every good thing that was in Thy Book. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09962: In the Name of Him through Whom the ocean…

In the Name of Him through Whom the ocean of utterance surgeth and the fragrances of the All-Merciful wafteth!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord, O Master of all beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name. And glory be unto Thee, O Lord, O Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by the radiant, gleaming, resplendent Light that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Name, the All-Subduing Lord of Names, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the world to come and of this world. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the sun of Thy grace, nor from the heaven of Thy generosity which hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH10029: The mystery of the world hath become manifest…

In the Name of the Self-Sufficing Lord!

The mystery of the world hath become manifest, and the secrets of the Book are evident without any veil or concealment. The Path of God with its proof is clear and hath been sent down from the Truth. We beseech Him to raise up those possessed of acute hearing and keen sight who may, through witnessing, observing and hearkening, attain, and may enlighten the people on behalf of God, glorified be His majesty, so that all may gain access to the ocean of utterance and remain not deprived of the horizon of manifestation. Thy call was heard, and the response hath been sent down from the Source of Command in the Most Exalted Horizon:

> "Drink thou the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Commander, the Ancient of Days."

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10126: This is the Day of God, and the Speaker…

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

This is the Day of God, and the Speaker of the Bayan hath mounted the pulpit of glory in the City of Love, crying aloud: O people of God! The Day is come, yet the people are in grievous stupor. Soon shall the might of the oppressors and the calumnies of the infidels be erased by God's prevailing Will, and there shall remain for you that which hath been ordained by the Supreme Pen in this exalted station. Praise be to God that thou hast at all times been blessed with remembrance of the Lord. Well is it with thee and with them that have held fast to the cord of godliness on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

BH10498: O My leaf! I bear witness that thou didst…

He is the Witness, the All-Informed.

O My leaf! I bear witness that thou didst leave thy homeland out of love for God, the Possessor of the Hidden and the Manifest, and didst turn toward the Dawning-Place of verses and the Rising-Point of clear proofs, and didst attain unto the presence of the Kaaba of God, the Lord of all the worlds. Praise be to God Who bestowed His grace and granted His confirmation, such that thou didst turn toward and enter into a place that hath been the point of circumambulation of the Concourse on High. Well is it with thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf and fruit of My divine Lote-Tree! We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of all His worlds. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH10445: O Hasan, upon thee be the Glory of God…

O Hasan, upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of the hidden and manifest! Thou art present and mentioned before His face. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty. We made mention of thee before in such wise as did perfume the cities of wisdom and utterance. We beseech God to aid thee and assist thee in that which shall cause thy mention to endure, even as He assisted thee and enabled thee to make mention of Him and to praise Him and to serve His manifest Cause. Praise and glory from the Wronged One be upon thee and upon thy family and those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10470: O Ali-Akbar! In this moment thy name was present…

He is God, exalted is He!

O Ali-Akbar! In this moment thy name was present before the Wronged One and was favored with the glance of loving-kindness. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. And We make mention in this Most Exalted Spot of My handmaiden who hath been named Gawhar Sultan. We beseech God to assist her in His remembrance and praise, and to ordain for her that which He hath ordained for the denizens of the highest Paradise. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon her and upon My handmaiden who hath been named Ata'iyyih and upon every handmaiden who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH10432: O Amin! We beseech God, the Lord of all…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Wise, the Eloquent

O Amin! We beseech God, the Lord of all worlds, to aid thee through His sovereignty and to guard thee with His hosts, and to ordain for thee every good thing that He hath sent down in His Book, and to enable thee to act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded by His firm and mighty wisdom. The Branch hath appeared before Our face and asked for thy presence. We have answered him with this perspicuous Book and decreed what he desired through the bounty of the Wronged One. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of the world and the Object of desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH10414: O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory and My…

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! The Greater Branch was present and mentioned thee with utmost love. We too joined in mentioning thee, and We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for that which is conducive to the exaltation of thy station and honor among the people. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy power to raise me up, and by Thy sovereignty to assist me, and to send down upon me the signs of Thy grace, Thy loving-kindness, Thy mercy and Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH10361: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most firm Command, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the hearts of the nations were attracted, to open before my face, through the key of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, the gates of Thy mercy and Thy blessing and Thy bounty. Then cause to rain down upon me from the clouds of Thy grace the showers of Thy generosity and munificence. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins

of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful.

BH10480: O Qasim, upon thee be My glory! Hibatu'llah, upon…

He is God, exalted is He!

O Qasim, upon thee be My glory! Hibatu'llah, upon him be My glory, made mention of thee. We have made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Word of God in His days and hath quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of His bounty. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And We make mention of My handmaiden Fatimih and remind her of My verses and give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness. I am, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon her and upon My handmaiden Ridvaniyyih and upon those women who have heard the call and turned unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10457: O Rahim! Your letter reached the presence…

He is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor.

O Rahim! Your letter reached the presence in the Most Great Prison. This Wronged One counsels the friends and enjoins upon them goodly deeds and praiseworthy character which attract hearts and minds. Blessed is the one who hath held fast unto the divine virtues and is detached and free from all else. Praise be to God, from thy words waft the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. Put away what the people possess of wickedness and evil, holding fast unto righteousness and the fear of God. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, as a command from the presence of the Wise Commander.

BH10248: O Lord my God, my King! Praise and thanksgiving…

O Lord my God, my King! Praise and thanksgiving beseem Thee, for Thou didst create mankind from a handful of clay and didst bestow upon them the gem of insight and knowledge. O Generous One! We beseech of Thee that which leadeth to eternal life and everlasting existence. Deprive us not, we pray Thee. Being exists through Thy bounty—withhold not from it the adorning grace of Thy favor, and illumine all with the effulgent rays of the Day-Star of Thy unity. Thine is the command at the beginning and the end, and Thine is the decree, O Lord of creation and Master of all servants.

BH10409: We have come and sent down…

He is the All-Knowing!

We have come and sent down that from which the fragrance of remembrance and utterance has been wafted from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who has found! By My life, none shall find save he who has cast away all that is with the Shi'ites except the Two Remembrances and what was sent down in the Book of God which was called the Furqan, whereby truth was distinguished from falsehood,

whereby the light shone forth from the horizon of manifestation, whereby all created things were gladdened and all beings rejoiced. Command and wisdom and might and power belong to God, the Sender of verses and the Lord of names and attributes.

BH10648: He hath power over whatsoever He willeth

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Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which hath been the cause of joy to the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed is thy deed, in that it hath been accepted before God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to perform a deed from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure hath been wafted. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who dispelleth sorrows, by Thy Name which is sanctified above all creation, to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones that which shall gladden hearts. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

BH11906: O Badi'! Upon thee be My glory and My…

He is the Victorious

O Badi'! Upon thee be My glory and My salutation! Thy meaningful letter was presented before the Face of the Wronged One by Diya, upon him be My glory, and was honored to be heard. Praise be unto Him! We beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve thee through His sovereignty and guard thee through His bounty, to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance from the chalice of His bestowal, and to ordain for thee the best of what He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Peace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who love thee and serve thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10917: 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! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the Luminary of utterance of the Object of all the worlds and art adorned with His mention. We beseech God to assist thee and make thee a standard of His name in His lands and a remembrance from Him in His realms. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who was named Faraju'llah and upon those who are with thee among the sincere servants of God.

BH10771: We make mention of Asad, upon him be My…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving

We make mention of Asad, upon him be My glory, and give him the glad-tidings of the mercy which hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have named her Farahangiz and We beseech the Mighty One to protect her and make her blessed. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The peace from Us be upon those who dwell in that house. This is yet another bounty from the presence of the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH10945: O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory. The days…

O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory. The days of thy presence have not been forgotten and will not be forgotten. Thou art remembered before this Wronged One. Verily, He seeth thee and remembereth thee, and He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Peace be upon thee from Us, and upon thy family, and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of the Bayan in My days, the gift of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH10919: O Javad! O rememberer! Your remembrance was mentioned before…

He is God, exalted be He!

O Javad! O rememberer! Your remembrance was mentioned before the Wronged One, and this most exalted Word was revealed from the highest horizon in your name: Give thanks to your Lord for this great bounty. We also remember My handmaiden Sakinih Sultan and give her the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful. The splendor from Us be upon you and upon her and upon My other handmaiden who was named Bahiyyih in this clear Tablet.

BH10927: O Khalil! Thou hast attained unto the pure wine…

He is God!

O Khalil! Thou hast attained unto the pure wine of revelation and drunk from the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of bounty. Thou hast been mentioned time and again. We counsel thee and those who have believed to serve the Cause of God, your Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and this world. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He commandeth His servants to do that which draweth them nigh unto Him and maketh them to be of those who fear not neither shall they grieve.

BH10968: O Muhammad qabl-Mihdi! We have heard thy call…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Muhammad qabl-Mihdi! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which causeth to spring forth from the soil of hearts the roses of Thy knowledge and the flowers of Thy love. I beseech Thee by the penetrating influence of Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, and by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy bounty, to ordain for me that which shall make me independent of all else save Thee and detached from whatsoever hath prevented Thy servants from drawing nigh unto Thee. Thou knowest, O my God, that this is a plant which hath grown in the soil of Thy acceptance—withhold not from it the rain from the clouds of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity. Illumine its outer and inner being, and the inner depths of its inner being, with the light of Thy Cause whereby Thy earth and heaven were illumined. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH10894: O son of the martyr! Upon thee be…

O son of the martyr! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised! There hath befallen you from the oppressor of the land of Sad that which hath caused every seeing one to weep. We beseech God to grant you your rights from him. Verily He is the Just, the Mighty, the All-Powerful. Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, to this beareth witness He Who hath acknowledged the unity of God and His grandeur and hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH11157: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

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

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath rent asunder the veils of vain imaginings on a Day when servants who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, who have disputed His verses, denied His proof, and rejected His evidence which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, have clung fast unto them. The dawn hath appeared and the breezes of God have 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. Soon shall they 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 responded to thee with a Tablet, through every word of which God quickeneth those who have believed in Him and in that which hath been sent down from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. From every letter of thy letter We have inhaled 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 hath 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 that caused all who are in the heavens and on earth to soar. He hath stood before the faces of the world and summoned all unto the All-Informed One. He chose not silence for Himself nor did He veil His face for less than a moment. He appeared and made manifest what He desired, despite the company of divines who violated God's Covenant and His 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, 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 wafted, 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 creation, and the gates of bounty, knowledge and giving 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. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O my Lord! Disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for the chosen ones among Thy servants who were so inebriated by the wine of Thy utterance that they hastened to 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. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing.

BH11137: O sister of Amir! Your mention has been…

He is God, exalted be His Might

O sister of Amir! Your mention has been and continues to be in the Most Holy Court. On this day Amir attained the presence and made mention of you and the loved ones of that land. Each one has been blessed with the lights of the Luminary of Utterance which has shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Goal of all the worlds. Happy are they, blessed are they, and joy be unto them!

BH11040: O thou who gazest toward the horizon! At this…

He is God!

O thou who gazest toward the horizon! At this time, the Branch of the Divine Lote-Tree was present and made mention of thee. Therefore We make mention of thee with a mention whose fragrance has diffused the sweet-scents of love and affection among the servants. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to achieve that whereby thy name may be exalted throughout the land.

BH11293: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy signs, and the sun of Thy bounty, and by the hearts that have melted in their separation from Thee, and by the souls that have been kindled with the fire of Thy love, to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy perspicuous Book. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

BH11402: Wisdom is the lord of the world…

He is the Most Great

Wisdom is the lord of the world and the master of nations. It is the first teacher in the school of existence. It shows the way and brings seekers to their quest and pursuers to their goal. It is the protector, the helper and the assistant.

BH11539: O Hudhud! We make mention of thee through remembering…

…O Hudhud! We make mention of thee through remembering Our sister, and her days, and how her heart was ablaze with the fire of her Lord's love…

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BH01209: Praise be unto the Desired One, Who befitteth distinction…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the most great!

Praise be unto the Desired One, Who befitteth distinction through His most exalted Word between the loved ones and the enemies, and Who hath made manifest both the treachery of wandering eyes and the secrets concealed in hearts. This is the Day of this blessed verse, blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "O my son! If there be the weight of a mustard-seed and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth."

Praise be unto Him, then praise be unto Him, Who hath distinguished the holy and sanctified garments from the garments of treacherous and lying souls, that the possessors of vision, justice and fairness might witness the deeds and actions of those endowed with trustworthiness and godliness, and those who are lost and immoral. Truth and righteousness remain not concealed but shine forth like unto the sun. How great is the loss of those souls who, for the baubles of this world, have forsaken trustworthiness, truth and sincerity, and have clung to falsehood and calumny.

Prayers and peace be upon the Lord of Messengers and Guide of Ways, through Whom God's signs and ordinances were spread among His creation, and upon His family and companions, through whom the mysteries of the Book were made manifest and that which was hidden from those possessed of understanding was brought forth.

The letters of that beloved of the heart arrived. Praise be to God, whatsoever was recorded therein was illumined and adorned with the light of truth and sincerity. Divine power hath made manifest the wickedness of treacherous souls. Though they imagined they had concealed it, yet those very assembled souls themselves and others bear witness to the lies and treachery of those repositories of rancor, hatred and calumny. The servant beseecheth his Lord to reveal unto all their deeds and actions. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning the presence of my beloved, Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, as soon as they wrote, they were summoned by telegraph to proceed in that direction. Regarding what was written about Aqa Muhammad-Javad of the people of Sad, upon him be God's peace, who sent a letter to Siyyid Mustafa about the actions of certain known individuals—the aforementioned Siyyid wrote a letter to Aqa Muhammad-Javad, and according to reports, they too have written him a reply. What they mentioned in their reply consisted of things they had heard from the companions and related, for whoever arrives becomes aware of those souls' misdeeds before meeting this servant. However, these

matters need not cause distress. The falsehood of those souls is clear and evident to your honor. They have committed that which hath no likeness or parallel.

The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist you with the hosts of the seen and unseen, and to protect you from the evil of the liars and calumniators. Praise be to God that just as the lies and calumnies of those souls were exposed, so too was made manifest and evident the truth of the honored master, his honor the Afnan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, and that beloved one. The purpose of the honored Afnan's visit to that land was to engage in commerce. At present, prudence in affairs is necessary until the government is assured. After presenting these matters, they said:

> "You have been and are with the truth. With complete confidence and joy, and trusting in God, hold fast to that which will set things aright. This decree is manifest, and in His grasp is the Kingdom of all things. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth."

O Trustee! Be not disturbed, fear not. God willing, you shall attain to that which is good. Move forward with perfect joy, delight and strength. We beseech Him to assist you with His means, power and sovereignty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, truth shall be made manifest and shall not remain concealed. Yet one is astonished at souls who, without cause and merely out of greed, avarice and passion, cling to all manner of evil and emerge thus. Glory be to God! Love of transient ornaments hath so seized them that they have become utterly deprived of human qualities. We seek refuge in God! O my Lord! Protect us and Thy servants through Thy generosity and bounty. Verily, Thou art the most powerful of the powerful and the most generous of the generous.

Regarding what you wrote about staying or returning to Iran or proceeding to the intended destination, they said:

> "At present you must remain in that land. Movement is not permitted. This is better for thee and a treasure for thee with God, the Lord of the mighty throne."

All the friends are occupied day and night in remembrance of that beloved one. News of the treachery and turning away of the unfaithful hath reached various regions. Some have become greatly enkindled. It is hoped that the final outcome of matters will end in the greatest joy. Verily, God is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

The Branches of the Blessed Tree, each one of them, make mention of your honor, as do the people of the pavilion of chastity and the loved ones of the prison land. Praise be to God, you have been and are mentioned by all. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you, upon those who love you, and upon God's sincere servants.

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BH01158: Praise be to God, your well-being, patience, steadfastness, ecstasy…

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

Praise be to God, your well-being, patience, steadfastness, ecstasy, attraction and spiritual rapture have given rise to a joy and delight without parallel. The tongues of all those present, of the pilgrims and travelers, are engaged in offering praise and thanksgiving to that luminous point of the heart. This is a great bounty, a mighty feast and a momentous glad-tiding. This servant, clinging to the hem of His mercy and holding fast to the cord of His grace, beseecheth his Lord to open before your face the gates of all good things. Verily He is the Fulfiller of needs, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs. There is no God but Him, the Lord of all names and attributes.

I beseech Him, exalted be He, by His Prophets and Messengers, and by Him through Whom God united the hearts of His servants, revealed His sovereignty, made Himself known to all and taught them the word of His oneness, whereby the foundation of religion and God's mighty Cause were made firm—and by His family and companions, the lions of warfare among mankind and the daysprings of His power and sovereignty in the realm of creation, through whom His straight path was made manifest and the gate of grace and bounty was opened to all in the heavens and on earth—to assist His Afnan in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to aid him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen.

Verily He is the Lord of creation, there is no God but Him, the One Who through His exalted Word hath power over all things, and He is the Commander of whatsoever He willeth and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

The blessed Tablet which in truth was a crown upon the brow of the receptive and fair-minded ones arrived and opened the gates of joy, delight and gladness before the face of this evanescent servant—an opening that shall know no closing nor reach an end. After its reading and perusal, I approached the Presence and attained the honor of His hearing. He said:

> "Praise be to God that in these days when grief over the deeds and words of the claimants to love hath encompassed all, mention of the Afnan, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, is the cause of joy, delight and gladness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to guide His servants thereby and to give to drink therefrom the Living Waters to all in His lands, and through it to spread abroad His traces."

O Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness. The smoke mentioned in the Book of God hath seemingly appeared in these days. The fire of greed, lust, passion and calumny hath so seized the oppressive and slanderous souls that its smoke hath darkened the realm of justice and truthfulness. God shall soon seize them through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the severest of avengers. Convey My remembrances to the son who hath ever been and still is remembered. God willing, may they engage with joy and fragrance in that which is accounted as worship. May not the tribulations of exile sadden him, for he dwelleth nearby and thus the ruling of homeland applieth to him. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land. Each one is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Thus endeth what was revealed. His is the praise, the bounty, the grace and the glory. In all conditions the honored Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, is mentioned in the Presence and is the

recipient of special favors. If the false claimants would not cause distress and would not commit that which grieveth him—I beseech Him to protect your honor from their evil and their schemes. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. His Will hath prevailed over the wills of His creation, and His Purpose hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

As for the matter of the tea, it arrived in accordance with the blessed letter and truly it was good and desirable and attained the honor of acceptance. For some time tea of such excellence had not been seen. At the time of its use, they mentioned concerning the honored Afnan of China, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God], that which the treasures of the world cannot equal. In truth, it is the Most Great Favor and the Supreme Grace—the confirmation of the Purpose of all worlds—that He hath aided him in a service whose reward and fruit are lasting and eternal, having no end. For from such matters as these the fragrance of love and devotion is diffused, and thus it was and is worthy of mention and fitting to be declared. His honor had also from the early days of the Cause turned towards it and attained the honor of the presence and meeting. They have acknowledged and confessed that which hath shone forth and risen from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the worlds. This servant beseecheth his Lord to preserve his honor and aid them. Verily He is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I convey greetings to those present, especially to the honored Afnan and the son—upon them be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. For each one I seek the waters of the All-Merciful's mercy and heavenly sustenance. Verily He fulfilleth the needs of all who ask. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon the son and upon those who love you and upon God's unified servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH03452: The Book proclaims: O peoples of the various sects!...

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

The Book proclaims: O peoples of the various sects! By the life of the All-Bestowing One, the Day of Return has come! Cast aside what you possess and take what you are commanded by God, the Lord of all men. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you or the might of the people of error frighten you. Turn with radiant faces, trusting in God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in judging God's proof and His evidence, His glory and His grandeur and His sovereignty. Beware lest you follow those who have violated God's covenant and testament and denied what has been sent down from the heaven of His grace upon His servants.

Fear the All-Merciful and be not of the people of error. Thus warbles the dove of knowledge upon the branches, as a grace from God, the Lord of all beings. When you attain unto God's tablet and its influence, say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I am Thy servant, who has turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy grace which has encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen, and by Thy supreme favor through which the ocean of names has surged, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the hearts of all in the kingdom of creation, to make me one of those whom the attraction of Thy call has so seized that they arose before all faces and said:

> “We have heard the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and have turned unto it. We testify that this Day is His Day and this Revelation His Revelation. He is the One Who was treasured from all eternity and concealed from all eyes. When the promise came to pass, He manifested Himself with the truth. The servants denied Him and turned away from Him and opposed Him with such injustice as caused the mountains to crumble. Blessed is the servant who has attained to the knowledge of God and the Manifestation of His Self, and woe to every heedless doubter.”

God has heard your call and answered you with a tablet that has shone forth from its horizon the light of your Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom neither the doubts of the Pharaohs nor the hints of the tyrants prevented—they heard and believed in God, the Lord of the beginning and the return.

BH07357: O thou who hast held fast to the cord…

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

O thou who hast held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to the hem of My mercy! Hear My call from the precincts of the Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letters were received and each attained unto a hearing. Praise be to God, thou hast been blessed with the bounty of recognizing God—exalted be His glory—which is the greatest bounty in the world, and thou art steadfast in serving His Cause. The Fiery Phoenix hath delivered what thou didst send unto him, and it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast power over all things, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent Names and most exalted Attributes to make me a servant of Thy Cause and one who acteth according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and one who maketh mention of Thy Name until my days end with attaining Thy presence and meeting Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH01016: The Books, Psalms, Scriptures and Tablets have testified…

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

The Books, Psalms, Scriptures and Tablets have testified to God’s oneness and singleness, and to the sanctification of His Essence and the exaltation of His Being above all else. The servant acknowledgeth what God hath sent down from before and after, and what hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book, and confesseth what hath been uttered by the tongues of His Messengers and His near-favored ones. And prayers and peace be upon His Beloved and His Chosen One, through Whom He hath manifested His power and His sovereignty, and sent down His verses and revealed His clear proofs, and upon His family and companions, through whom He subdued the world and drew the hearts of the nations—prayers that

are everlasting, through which the fragrance of His utterance is wafted amongst His servants and the sweet perfume of His bounty throughout His lands.

The beloved letter arrived and gladdened the sorrowful heart with news of the health, wellbeing and steadfastness of the honored Mr. Afnan, upon him be the peace of the All-Merciful, and that blessed being. The One God is witness that mention of the friends and loved ones brings joy and delight. After being informed, I approached the Presence and presented it. He said:

> "It is clear and evident to every fair-minded and insightful person and every knowledgeable and informed one that there has been and is no purpose except the betterment, love, harmony, kindness and unity of hearts and souls. We have ever counseled all to trustworthiness, religious devotion, truthfulness and sincerity. Some accepted, while others were prevented from the word of truth by the fire of greed, passion, avarice and transgression. Praise be to God, the deeds of every soul bear witness to it. The secrets of hearts and their hidden thoughts, as well as the treachery of eyes, are all manifest and visible. This Wronged One beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for that which leads to success and prosperity. Assuredly, whatever has appeared and will appear stems from the requirements of consummate wisdom. However, victory and triumph in all conditions belong to His assured servants, those who have no fear nor are they grieved."

The honored Afnan, upon him be God's care and grace, was present and mentioned before Him. We beseech God to strengthen him, make him successful, assist him, protect him and ordain for him what benefits him. Verily He knows him better than he knows himself and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Amin, grieve not over anything or what has passed of ornaments. Praise be to God, your truthfulness, trustworthiness and honesty are clear and evident to all, and the condition of those who have clung to lies, calumny and treachery is also apparent and visible. Every fair one is aware and every just one bears witness—indeed those souls themselves are aware of each other's state, but the fire of greed and avarice has intervened and deprived them of trustworthiness and truth. What you mentioned was heard with acceptance. God willing, mention of those souls will flow from the Pen and be sent. We beseech God in all conditions to assist you and not withhold from you His grace, mercy, generosity and bestowal. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be to God! Souls who have so clearly betrayed the property of the servants and who speak calumnies still claim truthfulness, sincerity and righteousness. The leader of that people is Shaykh Muhammad, than whom there exists none more wicked in the world. The cause of these matters and the unity of those souls has been and is the wrongful consumption of people's property. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to judge with justice, and He is the Commander, the Wise.

Regarding what was written about Ardikan, it was seen and according to your beloved request it shall be done. They mentioned Mr. Muhammad Isma'il, upon him be God's peace, who has arrived in that land. They were with him for some time. Praise be to God, they are aware of some of that heedless one's affairs. The servant asks his Lord to strengthen and assist him that he may make known to the people the calumnies of that heedless and remote one, and his deeds and conditions. Verily He has power over all

things. This servant conveys greetings to them and asks God to make them successful in that which causes the exaltation of being.

As for the letter from the honored brother Master Ali Akbar, upon him be God's peace, which was sent—it has been seen. A reply to him will be written and dispatched. Whatever that beloved one wrote is being considered. God willing, he shall succeed in accordance with what He loves and is pleased with. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that all may be enabled to perform good deeds and manifest praiseworthy conduct, that their names may endure in goodness forever. Permission has also been granted for that mentioned person—write and inform him. However, the details of the treacheries of the unfaithful ones must also be mentioned so that one who intends to turn toward [the Cause] may be aware.

O my God, my Aim, my Object of Worship! Protect Thy sheep from the wolves of the earth, and adorn praiseworthy conduct with its finest ornament, that all may find their station and become aware of its fruits. For if Thou grant awareness, treachery will be transformed into trustworthiness, falsehood into truthfulness, and oppression into justice. O Generous One! Thy mercy hath preceded all and Thy generosity hath encompassed all. Let not the daysprings of darkness prevail over the dawning-places of justice. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Strong, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

All the loved ones send their greetings, and likewise do others. In truth, they make mention with perfect love and affection. We beseech God to create an effect in the remembrances of His chosen ones and His loved ones. Verily He is the Fulfiller of the needs of all who ask, and praise be to God, for He is the Lord of all the worlds. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you, and upon God's righteous servants.

The servant 20 Muharram 1307

BH01375: Praise be to God Who hath adorned these lands…

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

Praise be to God Who hath adorned these lands with His Most Great Remembrance in His Book, which He hath made a light, an honor and a guidance for all peoples. These lands have been designated by the Most Exalted Pen as the Holy Land, and God hath exalted them through this remembrance among His cities and domains. He hath manifested from them His bounties and favors, which hearts and minds are powerless to reckon. Exalted is the Generous One, the Revealer of this mighty grace!

And blessings and peace be upon His unlettered Prophet, the Eternal Light and Everlasting Manifestation, through Whom the ocean of knowledge surged and the nightingale of remembrance warbled upon the highest branches. And upon His family and companions, whom God made the manifestations of His most beautiful names and the dawning-places of His most exalted attributes. Through them appeared God's might, and His all-encompassing power and everlasting sovereignty held sway. Through them the countenance of knowledge smiled and the manifestations of Satan wailed—blessings that are sanctified from all else and befitting the court of His chosen ones.

And thereafter, your letters and writings—those pages of love and joy—were received, and each was a key to unlock the gates of gladness, delight, happiness and elation, for they were adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise embellished with glad tidings of the health and well-being of the friends in that land and of your honor. In all conditions, it behooveth man to render, with a hundred thousand tongues, a hundred thousand thanks and praises.

You mentioned some of the outward bounties, such as the power of hearing and sight and other physical senses. Yet even this outward sight hath an inner sight, and that sight hath yet another sight. Were the bounties of God and the signs that evidence His outward favor to reveal their true stations, man would observe with clear certainty that even if all the atoms of the universe were to become tongues and attempt to render thanks for His bounties bestowed in but a single moment, they would fail to do so. Shaykh Saadi, may God's mercy rest upon him, hath well said—yet it is evident that the hidden, established stations are far beyond what the bird of utterance can reach in its flight or what the faculty of comprehension can grasp and know. He said that in every breath that goeth in, life is sustained, and when it cometh out, it refresheth the soul. Thus in every breath lie two bounties, and for every bounty thanksgiving is due […] Yet in truth, in every breath a hundred thousand bounties exist and are manifest, and each bounty deserveth a hundred thousand praises and thanks. Who can soar in this atmosphere or open his tongue in His mention and praise?

In all conditions, the fair-minded observe themselves to be powerless and wanting. Yet this hath yielded one great blessing, namely that the Intended One hath accepted these expressions of powerlessness and confession of shortcoming, and hath reckoned them as worship. This bounty itself requireth a hundred thousand million thanks. The knowledge is with God.

In any case, the letter of that beloved of the heart, your verbal and written mentions, and other remembrances—all were repeatedly read and mentioned, and the palate of hope was sweetened. God willing, may the sweetness of these repetitions take hold of all. It was said before that whatever is repeated becomes more fragrant. Indeed, each of your mentions was like repeated sugar, Indian sugar, Egyptian candy, and royal grapes. Nay, your grapes, which are your mentions, excel those grapes a hundred thousand times. God willing, may they be aided in all conditions and assisted in that which causeth the manifestation of the stations of truth, purity, generosity and bounty. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Helper, the Supporter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to your mention of His Eminence Effendi, may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him, and your recording of his known virtues—this was noted. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He will aid each one to preserve the resplendent Law and the glory of the station of "were it not for thee," concerning which was revealed "were it not for thee, I would not have created the celestial spheres." In any case, that land is blessed. Surely divine treasures have appeared and will appear from it, and it has been and is the repository of God's friends. We beseech God to make the people of divine unity the standards of His guidance and […]Praised be His remembrance among His lands and His servants. Verily He heareth and seeth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The relatives of that beloved of hearts—praise be to God—are well and safe. The blessed Branches and the people of the pavilion of infallibility all send their greetings, make mention of you, and express their loving-kindness. Peace and mercy and glory rest upon you and upon the righteous servants of God.

The servant 15 Muharram 1307

BH04620: Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through…

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through His illuminating Name unto all created things. When the sun of the outward and the inward rose from the highest horizon, the world was adorned through the power of His grace and nurture with trees, fruits, leaves, branches and boughs. He caused to spring forth from the earth that which was treasured within it, entrusted to its mines, mountains, pillars and seas. Exalted is the All-Wise Who hath ordered the world through the manifestations that have appeared from the horizons of divine gifts and favors, and through another Sun—the Sun of Truth, the Light of Divinity, the Eternal Mystery, and the Ancient Essence. Through it He hath caused to grow from hearts the anemones of wisdom, the realities of knowledge, the mysteries of love and affection, and the brilliant, illuminating, radiant jewels.

Exalted is the All-Wise Who hath manifested the mysteries of the Kingdom and the Realm of Might in the world of creation as a token of His power and sovereignty, and as an evidence of His grandeur and might. He hath placed the reins of existence, both seen and unseen, in the grasp of Him Whom He hath established in His own place, making Him the Dawning-Place of His Cause, the Dayspring of His wisdom, the Repository of His knowledge, and the Manifestation of His Self. Through Him His Will and Purpose have become manifest, the ocean of His knowledge hath surged amongst His servants, and the breezes of His grace have wafted to quicken His creation and His servants.

Through Him the mystery of the letter K and N was revealed, and the secret of the blessed words “Verily we are God’s, and to Him shall we return” was made manifest. Through Him the stations of the monotheists were elevated and the ranks of the polytheists were brought low. He it is Whose head God hath adorned with the crown of the exalted Word: “But for Thee, I would not have created the spheres.” May peace and blessings rest upon Him and upon the Hands of His Cause, the guardians of His station, the helpers of His Faith, and the watchers of His horizon—those servants through whom God hath subdued the cities of hearts. He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved….

Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered in the gathering of them that remember God and in the arena of them that profess His unity. Thy remembrance brought to mind the days of thy presence and renewed the covenant of faithfulness. How excellent are the words: “The remembrance of friends is auspicious to the Friend.” I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to open before thy face the doors of joy and gladness, of bounty and blessing, with the key of the Most Great Name. Verily God is the Hearing, the Answering, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing….

BH01778: A Book which the Wronged One hath sent down…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

A Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that He might transform his sorrow into joy and acquaint him with that which beseemeth him in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. There hath befallen Us that which hath caused all things to lament, as attesteth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. I bear witness that thou hast migrated unto God and hast attained unto that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We desire to console thee and comfort thee in what hath befallen thee, that thou mayest be content with what hath appeared from God's decree and destiny, and be of the patient ones. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer—all are commanded by Him—and He is the All-Patient—all are bidden to manifest beautiful patience.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He, verily, will aid thee to be patient and forbearing, and will open before thy face the gates of submission and contentment. The vicissitudes of the world, its changes, and the evanescence of all things are each a manifest counselor for them that possess sight and gaze toward the Most Sublime Vision.

Where are the Pharaohs of the earth and its mighty ones? Where are the tyrants of the lands and their men? Where are they who confined all matters to harming the servants? Where are they through whose tyranny the standard of justice was reversed and the people of the cities of virtue and unity did lament? Where are their current commands and their operative decrees? Where are the treasures amassed through greed and passion, in which the people of iniquity and lewdness rejoiced? God hath turned their hopes into affliction and their wealth into punishment. Where are their lofty palaces and their elevated, adorned houses? Where are they whom wealth and children occupied, keeping them from a goodly end and final outcome? God hath brought them down from palaces to graves. Take heed, O ye who possess vision!

Reflect upon the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. He had five male children who ascended, whereupon the idolaters began to gloat. And when He remained without issue, they called Him—God forbid—"abtar" (cut off). Then this verse was revealed: "Verily, it is thy enemy who is cut off." At that same time this blessed verse was revealed: "Wealth and children are an adornment of the life of this world, but the things that endure, good deeds, are better in thy Lord's sight for reward, and better for hope."

Today, whosoever hath attained unto a single word from the words of the Most Exalted Pen is independent of all that hath been limited by names. The love of children is for the sake of perpetuating one's name and mention, and this is contingent upon their being righteous, not wicked. And a good end is unknown and uncertain, and even that, according to outward appearances, hath not been and is not lasting, by virtue of the blessed words "Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return." However, divine verses revealed in the name of any soul are immortalized in the Book—they do not change or alter, they have been and ever shall be eternal and everlasting. Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly attained unto verses and been honored by the traces of the Most Exalted Pen.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by Thy Will that hath encompassed all existence both seen and unseen, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued hearts and minds, and by the waves of

the ocean of Thy bounty and the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy grace, to make me content with what is with Thee, nay rather, grateful for what hath been sent down from Thy decree. By Thy might, O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I love naught but what Thou lovest and desire naught but what Thou desirest. Ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the world to come and of this world. There is no God but Thee, the Most Mighty, the Most High.

BH02192: Today the world of the seen and unseen…

In His Name, Who ruleth over the Kingdom of Utterance!

Today the world of the seen and unseen, and the realms of might and dominion, of revelation and mystic knowledge, are illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. At all times do all created things call out to the servants and summon them to the highest horizon. Blessed are they who, aided by divine assistance and heavenly resolve, arise to serve and guide humanity to the straight path of God.

O Muhammad-Shafi'! The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to thy turning and devotion. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One—it will draw thee nigh unto the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We beseech God to assist thee at all times, that through the hosts of wisdom and utterance thou mayest guide the wayward to the everlasting Law and direct the wanderers to their divine homeland.

O Ahmad-ʿAli, upon thee be My glory! Praise and gratitude be to God that thou hast attained unto the heavenly feast and the infinite, eternal bounty. Despite the divines, thou hast drunk from the cup of immortality. Neither the doubts of the people nor the might of men could prevent thee from drawing nigh unto the Lord of creation. In the days and nights thou must arise with complete dedication to teach the people. Verily thy Helper is with thee—He heareth, seeth and aideth, and He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones. We make mention at this time of him who is named Aqa Baba and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to assist him to serve His Cause and to ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of humanity and the Lord of this glorious station.

O Ahmad-ʿAli! We make mention of thy children and counsel them with that which will exalt their stations among the servants, and We give them glad-tidings of that which God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath ordained for them. Convey My greetings unto them and remind them of the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God in that land. Praise be to God, each hath attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Gladden all thy relatives with the loving-kindness of God, glorified be His majesty. All are mentioned and specially favored in His presence. From the heaven of loving-kindness there hath been sent down for each one that which is lasting and enduring.

Then make mention, on My behalf, of thy mother and thy wife and her mother. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to draw them nigh unto Him and enable them to do what He loveth and pleaseth, and

to open before the face of each one the door of grace and bounty. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

At the end of this epistle We make mention of him who is named Karbala'i Husayn, that rapture may seize him and he may be among the successful ones. O Husayn! God willing, mayest thou be successful through God's loving-kindness, speaking His praise and arising to serve His loved ones. He Who loved Me hath mentioned thee; We have remembered thee in this clear Book. Glory be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH04062: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling over all who are in earth and heaven

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down from the heaven of His bounty to one of His loved ones, that He might give him to drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the direction of His name, the Most Merciful, and draw him nigh unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God. We have sent down for thee that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. By My life! There hath been sent down for thee that which cannot be equalled by riches and sons, and which shall endure as long as the names of God, the Lord of Lords, shall endure. That which thou beholdest today shall change and perish, but that which hath been sent down for thee shall not be altered by centuries and ages.

O ʿAli! Sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions, and there hath befallen Me that which hath caused the people of the cities of justice and equity to lament. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning toward thee from this Spot which hath attained unto the presence of God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Be not grieved at that which hath befallen thee. There hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen that by whose light the horizons have been illumined. Give thou the glad-tidings from Me unto thy wife and remind her of the verses of God and illumine her with the light of loving-kindness and knowledge.

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder and the earth of vain imaginings was split, and through the power of Whose exalted Word all things were set in motion. I beseech Thee to make this handmaiden of Thine steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy handmaidens. O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. Ordain for me from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity that which shall solace mine eyes and the eyes of Thy handmaidens. Then send down upon us from the heaven of Thy grace a mercy from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving.

BH05227: O Muhammad-Qabli-Ja'far! Thy name hath been mentioned before…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of proof

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ja'far! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and thou hast been favored with the supreme bounty. The ocean of divine grace surgeth and waveth before the faces of all, and the Sun of divine loving-kindness shineth and gleameth amidst all souls. Today the Tree uttereth without veil, and the Light manifesteth without covering. That which was hidden in hearts and minds hath been revealed. The carpet of idle fancies and vain imaginings hath been rolled up through that which hath shone forth from the Daystar of certitude from the horizon of the heaven of My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Yet all remain veiled and deprived save those souls who, through His Name, the All-Powerful, have shattered the idols, rent asunder the veils, and with their hearts have sought the divine station. These are the people of Baha, mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed is the being who hath today received his portion and share from the divine ocean of generosity. We beseech God that He may assist thee in that which shall cause the veils of the idolaters and the heedless to be rent asunder. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and illumine them with the effulgences of the Daystar of His mention, and say:

O my Lord! O my Lord! O my Lord! Aid me and Thy servants to witness Thy signs, to hearken unto Thy call, to arise to serve Thee, and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Kind, the Forgiver, the Merciful.

BH07987: O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Praise…

He is the All-Patient, the All-Concealing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the hand of bounty the wine of everlasting life, and hast attained unto that which hath been the hope of them that are near unto God and of the sincere ones. The hands of divine grace and mercy have revealed from the Mother Book, in thy name, that which is adorned with eternal life. Every word that hath been revealed from the Mother Book is better than a hundred thousand children, both high and beloved. These children require no sustenance or clothing, existing as they do in the cities of praise and glorification, mentioned by thy name. Events affect them not. They have endured and shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty remembrance, this manifest grace, and this exalted Word from God, the Lord of all mankind. The glory from Us be upon thee, O My handmaiden, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH10279: 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 Thy proof hath vanquished the proofs of the past, and Thy evidence hath appeared with justice, and Thy signs have encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, and Thy clear tokens have been manifested before all faces. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree to confirm him who hath turned unto Thee and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Ordain for him that which will gladden his eyes and rejoice his heart. Then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy generosity a blessing from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH01086: At the outset, this servant beseeches his Lord…

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

At the outset, this servant beseeches his Lord to make your station at the Sacred Threshold an impregnable fortress and to protect you thereby from the evil of every barking dog, every rebel, every transgressor, and every slanderer who have made it their nature to wrongfully consume the wealth of the people and their habit to calumniate the servants by following the misguider.

Glory be to Thee, O God, Lord of all beings and Educator of all created things! Thou seest Thy righteous loved ones in the hands of the wicked, and there hath befallen them, through their evil deeds, that which hath caused the very rocks to cry out. I beseech Thee by the Light whereby the darkness was illumined, and by the Drop whereby Thou didst manifest the seas, and by the Point whereby Thou didst expound the Books and the mysteries of Revelation, and by Thy Beloved through Whom Thou didst create existence and made Him the Guardian over the unseen and the seen, and through Whom Thou didst perfect Thy religion amongst Thy servants and manifest Thy Cause throughout the lands—to assist Thy servants in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O Lord! Illumine the world with the light of knowledge and trustworthiness, and send down upon Thy servants that which will purify them from the defilement of self and passion, and draw them nigh unto Thy glorious station and Thy mighty court. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest.

That beloved spiritual one's letter arrived. Praise be to God, from it wafted the fragrance of resignation, reliance, steadfastness, trustworthiness and power. I beseech the Most High to exalt you through His Name and honor you through His mention and manifest through you His virtues and attributes, that through you the signs of steadfastness and religion may spread among all creatures, and the truth may be realized through your deeds and actions. Verily, He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. After reading it repeatedly, he proceeded to the Sacred Spot and it was presented before His presence. He—may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake—said: "Praise be to God Who hath aided the Afnan to manifest the truth and that which beseemeth him in such days wherein the oppressors desired to veil the beauty of trustworthiness with their own treachery and the beauty of truthfulness with the veils of their lies.

Praise be to God, thou wast assisted to deliver eloquent words and didst mention that which was a light shining from the supreme horizon of the heart. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth in such wise that the clamor of the people of greed and passion and the howling of the people of tyranny and wickedness did not prevent thee from mentioning the truth. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid you with the hosts of the seen and unseen, to preserve you through His sovereignty and guard you through His power. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

O Amin! We have heard thy call. Praise be to God for having enabled thee to achieve that which hath won the glory of acceptance. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest us in the hands of the heedless and the transgressors. We beseech Thee to assist us to hold fast unto that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and unto deeds from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure may be wafted. Thou knowest that we desire naught save trustworthiness and religiousness and truthfulness and purity. Ordain for us that

which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as act and such of Thy creation as are sincere. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

In truth, His honor the esteemed gentleman (upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious) hath uttered a word that leaveth no room for denial by anyone, and that word hath testified and doth testify to truth and righteousness, for the station of attribution is established and all are aware. In any case, they stated that they had uttered a blessed word—blessed be he! And that which was forbidden is different from this. Praise be to God, they have uttered a complete blessed word, and in truth it hath been sanctified from both acceptance and denial. No acceptance hath been or is more conclusive than this. The heedless and the opponents have said many things. Praise be to God, arrival in that land proved that His honor was not and is not among those who flee, for after departing from that land they wrote to their own kind that the others had fled. Glory be to God! Every person of understanding is bewildered by what they have said and done. I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon them the recompense of their deeds. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Praise be to God, the favors of Truth are evident from every direction, and refraining from discussion regarding the claim hath itself been a form of divine assistance. The beloved of the heart, the Observer (upon him be God's peace), hath arrived and is headed in that direction. It became known that Sayyalih had made a mistake regarding the Name, and no new command reached them afterwards, thus the delay. God willing, after the assurances of His Excellency the Ambassador (may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him)—that is, the assurance regarding collecting the claim and its receipt—if it is requested there is no harm. Verily God is the Self-Sufficient, the Praiseworthy. If they judge with justice and are successful, they must give recompense for the calumnies of those people so that the lies and slanders of those base people become evident to all.

And regarding what they said that Muhammad-ʿAli himself would bring and give our dues—this statement too was among the distinguished utterances. We beseech the Most High to assist His loved ones in that which will cause trustworthiness, religiosity, chastity and faithfulness to be exalted. God willing, let there be loving conduct with all people. The association of some may be intended to hear words which they can use as a pretext. What was said at first should be mentioned exactly as it was, without addition or subtraction. In that land there are many investigators and mischief-makers. The first single word was and is sufficient. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon the Afnan, and upon you, and upon those who love you, and upon God's sincere servants.

The servant 3 Safar 1307

BH02932: Today the Mother Book calls out before the faces…

He is the One Who speaks the Truth!

Today the Mother Book calls out before the faces of all parties and gives glad-tidings to the people of the world through the grace of the Most Great Name. The Kawthar of utterance flows at all times from the Pen of the All-Merciful, and the Salsabil of divine knowledge courses through the will of the Desired One

of all worlds. Blessed is the soul whom the veils and doubts of the objectors and transgressors did not prevent or deprive from turning to the Manifest Truth.

O Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. Give thanks to thy Lord, for He hath aided thee and caused thee to know Him, and hath ordained for thee in the Book of Names that which hath brought joy to the eyes of those who have attained to the recognition of the Beginning and the End. The fire of greed and avarice hath consumed the oppressors and prevented them from the station of holy nearness. But God will seize the wrongdoers with His wrath and will punish them with an unquenchable fire and a torment without end. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

We make mention at this time of the handmaiden who hath ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We have ordained for her from Our Most Exalted Pen that which bringeth joy to all eyes, and have sent down for her that which attracteth the hearts of the righteous. Through My remembrance the gates of grace and bounty were opened before her face. To this beareth witness the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

A blessed Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings, specifically for the friends. Obtain a copy thereof and send it forth, that the fragrances of revelation may attract them and draw them nigh unto God, the Goal of the mystics.

The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon the Alif and Ha, whom the affairs of the world did not prevent from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Name. He heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, attaining that which was inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen in the Crimson Tablet. And upon thee, and upon those related to thee by God, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every faithful and trusted one.

Permission for attainment of presence hath been delayed these days due to consummate wisdom and that which is with God. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH03806: In these days the mystery of what the All-Merciful…

He is established upon the throne of Revelation

In these days the mystery of what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an is made manifest, His blessed and exalted Word: "Though it be but the weight of a mustard seed and though it be hidden in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it to light." The tongue of grandeur in the kingdom of power speaks this most exalted word: "The Day has come and that which was hidden in the hearts of the people has appeared." It is the Day whereon the secrets shall be searched out. The hidden things of the breasts and the treachery of the eyes are manifest and evident.

Perfect bounty was shown toward Satan from the divine ocean of grace and celestial generosity, to such extent that he counted himself nearer than the denizens of the Kingdom, and afterward appeared that which you have heard. The new heedless one united with his like, and for wealth they disregarded the ultimate end. They changed God's religion for gold. In the Hidden Words We said:

> “O Son of Being! Busy not thyself with this world, for with fire We test the gold, and with gold We test Our servants.”

On the day of reckoning they were occupied with riches and remained heedless and veiled from the wealthy and self-subsisting Lord.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days, heard My call, turned toward My countenance and taken My Book through the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto His days, His recognition, His presence and His meeting. This is a great bounty from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Grieve not over anything. You are in the fortress of My protection and under the shadow of My grace. Rejoice in this supreme bounty and say: Unto Thee be praise and glory and thanks and bounty, there is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon you and upon your first and your last, and your outward and your inward.

BH07430: In My Name, the Sorrowful, the Stranger

In My Name, the Sorrowful, the Stranger

O Varqa! By My life, My heart hath grieved for thy sorrow and what hath befallen thee, and the Temple of My loving-kindness and the people of the cities of justice and fairness have lamented over what hath come to pass upon the Wronged One at the hands of those who denied My right, violated My Covenant, and devoured the property of others through falsehood. The fire of greed, passion, avarice and immorality hath been kindled in the Great City, whereby the veil of propriety hath been rent asunder among the people and the light of fairness hath been extinguished through the appearance of tyranny. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist all to return unto justice, for verily He is the Ever-Forgiving.

O Varqa! We bear witness that thou hast been faithful to God’s Covenant and His Testament and hast aided His Cause. We counsel the loved ones of God to love thee and hearken unto thy call in this Cause, the exalted, the mighty, the wondrous. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy two sons and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is Forgiving, Generous.

BH00461: O thou who gazest toward My horizon and soarest…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker!

O thou who gazest toward My horizon and soarest in Mine atmosphere! Hear My call which hath been raised at this time and which addresseth before the faces of the world a resonant sermon and a decisive word. Say: O people of the world! The Wronged One from the precinct of the prison calleth you unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and biddeth you to be present that ye may hear that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will and the atmosphere of His All-Compelling Purpose which dominateth the unseen and the seen.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Say to those who turn away: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who guideth you to His extended and manifest path and draweth you nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Today it is imperative for those who turn away to come and be present that they may with their own ears and eyes behold and hearken unto the waves of the ocean of knowledge and the revealed verses. Say: O people! Fear God and be not the cause of going astray. The divine verses have been revealed in such wise that none hath been or is capable of reckoning them, and now numerous books exist. Glory be to God! The Primal Point declared "I am the foremost of worshippers," yet they have become heedless of the Creator and Revealer of that Name and know not Who bestowed and Who created the Name. Say: While time remaineth, strive that perchance ye may pass beyond that which ye possess and your vain imaginings and fix your gaze upon that which is with God.

Thy letter was received and was granted a hearing. Whatsoever hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning Hadi-i-Dawlatabadi, both before and after, ye should write and send to all regions that all may discover that which is the cause of protection and salvation for all. There is a certain Shaykh Muhammad in Constantinople who is among Mirza Yahya's followers. Through his and his master's decree, the horizon of treachery hath appeared and the dawning-place of falsehood and calumny hath become manifest. Among other things he hath said that someone went to Akka and returned saying "Praise be to God, I am relieved." He said "I asked what this enigmatic statement meant." The man related "I went to Akka and attained the presence.

For four hours they attempted to write two lines but could not." In short, the field of falsehood hath become vast. Surely ye have heard the details thereof. Beseech ye God to grant justice, and let some of the deniers be present while ye guarantee that they shall observe the equivalent of the previous heavenly Books, nay rather more, and likewise be present at the time of revelation. Say: O Hadi! Forsake not justice. By the life of God! The verses cry out in His Kingdom and weep because of the oppression of the ungodly. They cling to a drop that neither nourishes nor satisfies, while remaining heedless of the ocean. The Most Great Talisman hath appeared, yet it hath blinded their eyes and prevented their ears from hearing.

Ye mentioned Siyyid Mustafa, upon him be the glory of God. Praise be to God, he hath attained to the mention of the Wronged One. Regarding the question of Huquq, whenever any amount is available with Ali-Haydar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, let them send a portion to him (Aqa Ali-Haydar) and mention him on behalf of the Wronged One and convey greetings to him. By the life of God! We found him worthy of acceptance and steadfastness. We beseech God to raise through him the standards of His Cause among His servants and the banners of His remembrance in His lands. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who are with him. Some time ago, Tablets specifically for the people of Kirman were requested by your honor and were sent, but no news of their receipt hath come.

O Haydar Qabli-ʿAli! Some of the friends are serving with their whole being and are ready with life and possessions. Well is it with them and blessed are they! God will soon make manifest their stations among His servants. Verily, He does not suffer to be lost the reward of those who are steadfast.

For Kerman, His Holiness Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, would be excellent, but at present his presence there must be delayed. If another soul can be found and you deem it advisable, mention this before the Wronged One and send him forth. However, he must hold fast to wisdom and be adorned with goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct.

O thou who gazest upon My countenance! Endless complaints have arrived from various quarters about certain ones, causing boundless grief. My grief is not from My enemies, but from those who attribute themselves to My Cause. O what sorrow for the servants who follow their desires while claiming to follow My ways and commandments! Had they been fair-minded and held fast to that which God commanded them, all of Iran would now be adorned with the ornament of faith. We beseech God to assist all to return and make good what hath escaped them in My days.

Mention was made of His Holiness Siyyid A. and L., upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, he is illumined with the light of recognition and enkindled with the fire of love. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to attract through his mention those who have turned unto Him and to raise through him the standards of the Faith amongst the ungodly and the believers. His mention and deeds are witnessed and heard. Remember him from Me and give him the glad-tidings of what hath been revealed for him from My Pen.

Say: O Safar Qabli-ʿAli Kh. A., thy name was present before the Wronged One. We have mentioned thee before and at this time. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Some time ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will especially for thee and was sent. God willing, thou shalt drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds and be illumined at all times with the lights of the Luminary of Truth.

O Siyyid Qabli-Muhammad! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have remembered those who have turned toward the Countenance with verses that have entranced the hearts of those near unto God. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause in such wise that names shall not keep thee back from their Creator nor created things from their Maker. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Generous.

O Husayn! Hear the call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, which calleth before the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Nothing whatsoever hath prevented it from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all beings. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the Wronged One at this manifest time. Give thanks unto God for having assisted thee on a day wherein the Caller called from a near place, and made thee recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and guided thee to His straight path.

O Abul-Qasim! The Supreme Pen moveth at morn and at eventide in remembrance of the friends. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the remembrance of God. The first commandment is to believe in God and to act in accordance with that which He hath revealed in His Book. We counsel Our loved ones to perform goodly deeds and to manifest praiseworthy conduct. O friends! The hosts that can render this Cause victorious have ever been and are goodly character and virtuous deeds. Strive ye that ye may be enabled to achieve victory. He, verily, is the Protector of the doers of good and of them that act aright.

O Muhammad-Qablih-Hashim! Reflect upon the Shi'ih sect and their deeds, and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect His servants from the evil of such souls. By night and by day they besought the appearance of the Truth, yet when He was made manifest they pronounced His death-warrant. The deniers of the Bayan follow in their footsteps. Glory be to God! It is not known why they departed from the Shi'ih sect and turned towards the Point, only to abandon the Truth at the word of Hadi-i-Dawlat-Abadi and his followers and guides, remaining occupied with the same vain imaginings as before. Say: Purify your hearts from that which profiteth you not, then turn with pure hearts unto God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. This is the Day of God, glorified be His grandeur. Believe in Him and be not of the heedless.

O Haqq-Nazar! Thy mention hath been made in the Most Great Scene and thou hast attained unto the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Say: O people of the Torah and the Gospel! He Who revealeth the verses hath come with manifest sovereignty. Today the Mount of Sinai circleth round the Manifestation, and the Blessed Tree hath attained to the fragrance of reunion, and all atoms in those regions cry out "He Who revealeth the verses hath come!" Rapture and mighty ecstasy have seized all. Heaven saith unto earth: "Blessed art thou in that God hath made thee the seat of His mighty throne, honored thee with His presence and adorned thee with His signs." Trees embrace one another, and rivers flow in utmost joy and delight. The rapture of His Revelation hath overtaken all the worlds of the seen and the unseen, yet most of the people are heedless, asleep and as ones dead.

O Yehudah! Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of the Torah! By God! The Ten Words have been revealed in a single Word, and all things do speak forth this day:

> "Blessed be the Lord of Names Who hath revealed Himself among His people and in His realm, and honored Moses with His presence and appearance before His countenance."

Blessed be the city wherein the call of the Beloved was raised, and the synagogue wherein His glorious Name was mentioned. Verily, Zion crieth out and announceth unto all things the meeting with the Lord. Jerusalem hath stirred from its place and giveth the glad-tidings of God, its Lord and the Lord of the exalted Throne. O Yehudah! Take hold of the Book with the strength that proceedeth from Him. He, verily, will aid thee, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Isaac! Praise be to God that the horizons are illumined with the light of His Manifestation. We beseech God for the unity and harmony of hearts and souls, that all may unite and arise to aid His Cause. By the life of God! Its victory is dependent upon goodly utterance and righteous deeds. Should anyone speak otherwise, know ye that he is a lying impostor. We are God's and unto Him shall we return. We have made mention of thee with that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds, shall endure.

O Ghulam-Qablih-ʿAli! Thy mention hath ever been made and thou hast attained unto His grace. We beseech God to strengthen thee with the hosts of the unseen and enable thee to spread His signs, even as He aided thee before. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Helper.

O Haydar-ʿAli! The souls mentioned from Shah-Abad and elsewhere have each attained the grace of God. In these days, verses are being revealed without limitation or cessation, and evidences are being manifested without delay. Nevertheless, mention of many matters remains in abeyance. Repeatedly convey the remembrances of the Wronged One to the friends of Shah-Abad and those regions, and extend greetings to them. Say: O friends of God in His lands and His chosen ones in His realms! He hath remembered you and ordained for you in the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven that which shall bring delight to all eyes and vision. Give thanks unto your Lord, the Most Merciful, for He hath manifested Himself, caused you to hear His call, shown you His signs, and sent down unto you that whereby your names shall endure throughout the eternity of His mighty and wondrous Kingdom.

Counsel all to perform goodly deeds and guide them to praiseworthy character, that they may attain to that which shall cause the exaltation of His Word and the turning of the servants unto Him. Deeds that are not pleasing are the cause of the dissipation of God's Cause amongst His creation. To this beareth witness every fair-minded one, every just one, every hearing one, every seeing one, and every informed one. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them, and upon those who love thee and will love thee, and who hearken unto thy words concerning this mighty Cause and momentous News.

BH01093: Praise be to the One God, Who is worthy…

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

Praise be to the One God, Who is worthy and befitting, Who in every day unites through His Most Exalted Word and separates through His decree. In truth, He has manifested the hidden mysteries within the hearts and breasts of His servants. The effects of His blessed Word aforetime have appeared—His exalted Word: "A party in Paradise and a party in the Blaze." The people of the right hand are manifest and illumined with the lights of the Kingdom, while the companions of the left hand are tormented by the fire of greed, avarice and desire. No word was revealed aforetime except that its effects became manifest and its cause evident. Verily, the ungodly play with their vain imaginings and desire to extinguish it as did the peoples before them. Far, far be it! No power or might can prevent the influence of the Supreme Pen and the Most Exalted Word. The Lord—may our spirits be sacrificed for Him—hath said in the Tablet to the Sultan: "God hath made tribulation as morning dew upon His green pasture, and as a wick for His lamp through which earth and heaven are illumined."

Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed existence, and by the light of Thy Cause which hath illumined the hearts and souls, to aid the deniers to acknowledge, the heedless to turn, and the ungodly to recognize Thy unity, and enable them to return unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant who desired to make mention of Thine Afnan who detached himself from all else but Thee and chose for himself a station near Thy mercy after he attained Thy presence, circumambulated Thy House, and achieved that which was ordained in Thy Books. O Lord! Thou seest him standing, speaking, remembering Thy mention, Thy praise and Thy service. O Lord! Strengthen him through Thy sovereignty, then assist him with the hosts of utterance throughout all possibility. Verily,

Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Protector over what shall be and what has been.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance, steadfastness and love! The blessed letter, which truly gladdened the heart and brought joy to the soul, perfumed the earth like spiritual musk. Its fragrance testified to that which befits this Day. After the expansion of body and exhilaration of spirit, it was brought before His presence and attained the honor of being heard. The Lord, may our spirits be His sacrifice, said:

> "O Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God, His grace, His glory and His mercy. Thy mention in these days brought joy. Although the unseemly deeds of the servants have darkened the world, yet the Ancient Beauty, being in Himself luminous, remains unchanged and bestows without receiving. O Afnan! The deniers have appeared with calumnies unprecedented, and despite their greed, avarice, vain desire, and betrayal of people's wealth, they still claim truthfulness. They have joined the lying Shaykh Muhammad. That heedless one has imagined those two liars to be people of faith and devotion. Nay, by God! Soon their falsehood, infidelity and hypocrisy will be revealed. We beseech God to grant His servants new life through the Kawthar of thy love and remembrance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory from Us be upon thee, upon the son, upon those with you, and upon God's righteous and sincere servants."

Glory be to God! Despite people's awareness of their own condition and the cause of their abasement among the people, they commit that which will forever remain recorded in the pages of time. Soon they shall see the recompense of their deeds. Verily God is the Just, the Ruler, the Avenger, the Mighty, the Powerful.

I convey greetings to the friends of that land, especially to his honor the beloved of spirit and heart, the honored Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. I offer greetings and praise, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for eternal bounty and everlasting sustenance for him. Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent. May the apple of the eye of Ibn-i-Jinab-i-Nazir, Jinab-i-Aqa Nuru'llah, Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAli-Akbar, Aqa Muhammad and Rif'at, upon them be the Glory of God, be adorned with the ornament of health and engaged in remembrance and praise. Each is mentioned and blessed with the favors of the Desired One. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist them in all conditions in that which befits His Cause and them. Verily He is the Helper, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

Jinab-i-Darvish, upon him be God's peace, praise be to God, arrived in perfect health and attained the presence. Blessed and joyous be he! We beseech God to assist him in all conditions to serve His Cause, to mention Him among His servants, to remain steadfast in His lands, and to make him among those who shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve.

As for the account of Ishqabad, praise be to God, the late and elevated Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the oceans of God's favors and mercy, attained martyrdom. Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abdu'l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God, has sent a letter regarding this matter. His honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, will send a copy which will reach the blessed vision. The Glory, the Remembrance, the

Mercy and the Praise be upon you all and upon those with you, and those who love you and hear your words for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 21st of Safar 1307

BH01599: O thou who gazest upon His countenance! In thy…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O thou who gazest upon His countenance! In thy letter mention was made of the Chief Secretary. After perusal, We desired to make mention of him, inasmuch as in the Most Holy Book this blessed verse hath been revealed: “Consort with the followers of all religions with joy and fragrance.” Therefore, whosoever maketh mention of this Wronged One, whether in truth or otherwise, the Supreme Pen hath revealed the utmost favor concerning him.

This Wronged One hath ever sought justice and fairness from the servants of God, but vain imaginings have become a veil, and have prevented most from witnessing and hearkening. All know that from the earliest days until now, this servant hath been in the hands of his enemies, and despite the afflictions that befell him, and imprisonment in the land of Ta and the land of Mim, and captivity and exile, the Pen hath not ceased for a moment, until in every place the Word was raised and the light of the Cause shone forth. Those souls who have arisen in opposition today were each in hiding and occupied with preserving their own lives. In any case, praise be to God, the Cause hath been exalted. Now whoever wishes may come forth to the field and say what he desires.

Glory be to God! These mentioned souls were not with Us and were unaware of the root of the Cause, and now some have clung to calumnies that have no likeness or reality. But beautiful is patience, and God is the Helper against what they describe. I do not complain of My grief and sorrow for all that hath come to pass and will come to pass in the path of God, for it is beloved. I do not fear the afflictions in His path, nor the calamities in His Cause. To this testifieth every fair-minded one who is informed, and every knower who is endowed with vision.

If deemed advisable, convey the greetings and praise of this Wronged One to the Secretary. We ask of him, purely for the sake of God, to make an effort and turn his attention to these regions for some days. There have been and are many benefits in travel. The purpose is that he might honor Cyprus with his presence for some days near my brother, but he must see with his own eyes and hear with his own ears. It will become clear and evident to him with whom the Cause was in the beginning, and from whom the revealed verses came. If governmental affairs prevent him, let him send a representative, but not like Shaykh Muhammad. Let him appoint a person of insight and fairness, possessed of justice and hearing, to turn towards that direction, that perchance after observation he might speak with justice and fairness.

In these days the honored Mirza Abu’l-Qasim Nasir arrived in the great city from ʿIshqabad and met with Shaykh Muhammad several times. God is Most Great! All his statements were lies and calumnies. Afterwards, the honored Nasir wrote a response to his calumnies and sent it. We asked for a copy to be brought to send to thee, that thou might observe to what degree the calumnies have ascended.

O Ha! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Say: My God, my God! Adorn the heads of Thy servants with the crown of truthfulness and detachment, and their temples with the ornament of godliness. Then aid them to return unto Thee and to enter beneath the gate of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Generous, verily Thou art the Forgiver, the Merciful. I beseech Thee, O my God, my Lord and my King, by the rain of Thy mercy wherewith Thou hast adorned Thine earth, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge whereby Thou hast manifested Thy favor and bounty, to confirm them in trustworthiness and godliness, lest they exchange their religion for gold and their destiny for wealth.

Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. O Lord! Send forth, through Thy power and sovereignty, servants who will aid Thee through wisdom and utterance, and who will spread Thy signs among the religions. Thou seest, O my God, what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of Thine enemies who have been consumed by the fire of greed and passion, and who have wrongfully devoured the wealth of Thy servants. O Lord of all being, Master of the throne on high and of earth below! O Lord, stay the hands of evil from those who have turned to Thee and entered beneath the shadow of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

If deemed advisable, let him read it to the Secretary, and let the letter remain with thee.

BH01664: This is the Day whereon the Trumpet hath been…

He is the Dawning from the Horizon of the Heaven of Utterance

This is the Day whereon the Trumpet hath been blown, and it is My Most Exalted Pen, whereby those who lay buried have arisen, despite those who disbelieved in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet most of the people remain behind an evident veil. Hearken unto the Call from the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing, raised up in the Most Exalted Paradise: O concourse of earth and heaven! The Lord of all beings hath come, with the standards of His signs to His right, and to His left the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Blessed be the ear that hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

As I was walking in the House and meditating on God's mysteries that lay hidden in the realities of all things, there entered one of My Branches, who in the Kingdom of Names is called by the name of Light, bearing thy letter which he read before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's loving kindness. We have found from every word of the words of thy letter the fragrance of love and affection. We have turned to thee and revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as God's kingdom endureth, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This is the Day wherein the Hour hath appeared with its signs, and the Resurrection with its mysteries, and the Caller hath called from a near place. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee and grant thee success in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the hereafter and of the former life, and within His grasp lieth the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Face and acknowledged the oneness of God and that which He revealed in His ancient Book.

When the breezes of the dawn of His Revelation stirred thee and the melodies of Him Who conversed on Sinai took hold of thee, say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and glory, and unto Thee be might and splendor. I beseech Thee by the Point through which the Books of the world were distinguished, and by the Light whereby the hearts of the nations were illumined, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and the manifestations of the sun of Thy proof, to make me one of those whom the might of the world deterred not when the Day Star of Thy Most Great Name appeared, and whom the clamor of those who broke Thy Covenant and Testament, denied Thy proof, and disputed Thy signs, did not prevent. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by the fragrances of Thy Revelation and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the heaven of Thy grace and the clouds of Thy mercy, nor from the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Generous, the Lord of supreme bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

As to what was asked concerning the blessed Surih of Unity, its stations have been repeatedly revealed. Let his honor look into the Tablets; he will attain unto the ocean of divine utterance and the manifestations of the Sun of true unity. Today the Book of Unity, meaning the Book that comprehendeth the stations of unity, singleness, and detachment, is this most mighty, most holy, most glorious Tablet.

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

True belief in the unity of God [tawhid-i-haqiqi] consists in acknowledging and confessing the unity of God, exalted be His glory, sanctifying His Essence from all likeness and purifying His Being from all similitudes. This has ever been and shall ever be the case. The Shi'ih sect, however, failed to attain this most exalted station, this most glorious rank, this ultimate purpose and this most resplendent summit. For it is evident and proven to those immersed in the ocean of truth and them who hold fast to the cords of knowledge and wisdom that God, exalted be His glory, has ever been and shall ever be the Unknowable, the Inaccessible. The birds of the hearts of them who are nigh unto God are powerless to soar in the atmosphere of His knowledge, and the highest understanding of the knowers is limited and falls short.

After establishing this lofty station and this glorious seat, true oneness refers to His Vicegerent amongst His servants. He is the Dawning-Place of revelation, the Dayspring of inspiration, the Manifestation of His Self and the Repository of knowledge. He is the Treasury of names and attributes. Whoso hath known Him hath known God, and whoso hath clung unto Him hath clung unto God. Should anyone accept for Him in His station any peer or likeness, or should anyone confess to such, that soul is deprived and forbidden from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of true oneness. The proof of faith has ever been and shall ever be the acknowledgment of the Dawning-Place of Revelation alone. Whosoever attaineth unto faith in Him is accounted among the people of unity in the sight of God.

Without this, the sanctification of His Essence from aught else and the purification of His Being from all others can never be established. Blessed is the soul who in this day beholdeth with his own eyes the waves of the Divine ocean of utterance and heareth with his own ears His call. The call is loud, but the channels of the ears are narrow. The realm and atmosphere of the servants' understanding is limited, and this arena cannot contain the Horseman of the court of oneness. Blessed are they that know.

The Shi'ih sect hath set up many partners for God, exalted be His glory, and yet they count themselves among the people of unity. By God! They have not even caught its fragrance, for their station was made clear and evident to all from the recompense of their deeds on the Day of Judgment—clear, that is, to them possessed of insight, not to every ignorant one who followeth vain imaginings. Their deeds were such that on the Day of Judgment they denied the Truth and pronounced sentence upon His martyrdom. And now all the divines of Persia are engaged in cursing and reviling Him from their pulpits. Beseech God that no group like unto that group might ever appear in the world, and that He may raise up servants who, through His power and might, shall pass beyond the gulf of names and attain unto the Most Great Ocean, and who shall preserve the servants from the pit of previous suspicions and vain imaginings. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

It is incumbent upon all to preserve this station, and it is hoped that you and all who have turned towards God will not be deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of true unity, will regard all else but God as non-existent, and will cling unto Him. Verily He is the One Who speaketh in every condition:

> "Verily He is God; there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon you and upon those who have cast away all else but God, turning unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH02811: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and who…

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

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and who hast clung to the cord of grace! Verily the Most Great Sea hath desired to manifest the pearls that lie concealed within it and to cast forth the shells of wisdom and utterance unto the peoples of contingent being. And the Tree hath desired to make mention of one of its fruits, and the Sun of one of its effulgences, that joy and gladness may take hold of thee, that thou mayest hear the call of the Wronged One and witness that which hath in truth appeared from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds.

By the life of God! There hath appeared and shone forth and become manifest from the horizon of the Divine Will that which hath attracted unto itself the Concourse on High, the dwellers of Paradise, and the people of the cities of justice and fairness who have turned away from the world, advancing toward God, the Incomparable, the All-Informed.

In these days there hath come upon Us that which hath caused the hearts of those near unto God to melt. The fires of greed and passion and lust and lewdness have been kindled in the Great City. They have consumed the properties of the Afnan and have raised their voices amongst the people with manifest tyranny. Thus have their souls prompted them to that which hath caused the countenance of trustworthiness and justice to be sullied. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, saying: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous." They have committed that which was forbidden them in the Book of God and have perpetrated that which causeth the people of chastity

and godliness to lament, and every man of learning whom knowledge hath not withheld from the Known, and every mystic who hath wholly advanced toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The Wronged One, in the midst of tribulation, calleth thee and maketh mention of thee with that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that remember. Thy letter hath come into the presence of the Wronged One and hath attained to being seen and read. We have perused it and have answered thee with My manifest Tablet. He hath, verily, exalted thee through His bounty. Soon shall there be made manifest unto thee that which hath been ordained by the Powerful, the Ancient of Days. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to guide His servants through thee and through thy love and thy remembrance unto His Momentous Announcement.

Say: "My God, my God! Adorn the heads of Thy servants with the crown of trustworthiness and the fear of God, and their temples with the ornament of truthfulness and guidance, and illumine their hearts, O my God, with the lights of Thy knowledge and their faces with the effulgences of the Daystar of Thy Revelation."

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those who are with thee and upon those whom the censure of the censurers hath not prevented from turning toward God, the Beloved of the knowing ones and the Goal of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH08294: Blessed is the soul that purifieth itself…

…Blessed is the soul that purifieth itself from the dust of greed and desire with the water of detachment and setteth its face toward the most exalted horizon. I swear by the Sun of Truth that before the light of praiseworthy character and goodly deeds, the radiance of the suns and moons of the heavens hath no splendor. Say: Fear God, O people! Take hold of that which exalteth and ennobleth you, and set aside that which ye have been forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My peace and loving-kindness. Had the accepted souls attained unto that which they were commanded and achieved unity, the horizons of cities and lands would now be illumined. For We counseled all with that which would exalt their station and refine their souls. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto the heedless ones….

BH00313: Although at the beginning of every letter it…

Section 1: "Although at the beginning of every letter it…"

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

Although at the beginning of every letter it is needful—nay, incumbent upon every soul—to make mention of the one Friend, the one Beloved, the one Desire, and to set forth, to the extent possible, His all-embracing favours, His prevenient mercies, and His encompassing loving-kindnesses which have compassed every atom of existence, yet, by reason of the strange events that have occurred and the

reprehensible and unworthy deeds of certain persons, one findeth himself so bewildered and astonied that he chooseth silence and stillness rather than utterance and speech.

O Beloved of my heart! Thou Thyself art witness and testament that the Pen of counsel of the Blessed Beauty hath moved by night and day, commanding all to goodly deeds and praiseworthy character through utterances that have enkindled the hearts of the fair-minded and through remembrances wherein every word concealed an ocean of counsel. Nevertheless, from some who claim to love Him there hath appeared that which hath caused the Cause to be wasted among the servants. They have shown no mercy to themselves, nor to the Cause, nor have they acted upon the counsels; rather they have done what was prompted by self and passion. They have cast aside righteousness and embraced tyranny and wickedness. God is witness and testament that this servant desireth to cry out and raise his voice, perchance some ear might hearken or some eye might see, that they might hear and behold that which is the good of existence. In any case, now that from certain deeds the greatest despair hath become manifest, we must wait to see what divine forgiveness and grace shall reveal. Well was it said of old:

> "Woe unto me, and again woe unto me, should I come before Thee while Thou art displeased with me."

It is hoped and expected that the loved ones will shine forth among the servants with the light of sanctity and detachment, in such wise that all shall acknowledge the loftiness and elevation of the true people of divine unity and the companions of spiritual detachment. I conclude these words at this time with these utterances, saying:

My God, my God! Thou seest some of Thy loved ones in the darkness of their deeds which Thou didst forbid them in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Educator of the nations, by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers and Thy Chosen Ones and Thy trustees, and by Him through Whom the Sun of Unity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace and the Moon of Sanctity appeared from the horizon of Thy Will, and by His family and His companions whom Thou didst make mighty against the infidels, to assist those who have gone astray to return unto Thee and to turn to the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Merciful.

O Beloved of my heart! O Beloved of my heart! What can I say regarding what transpired after reading the letter of that Beloved? Sorrows encompassed me to such a degree that the response to the letter was long delayed, and the pen was prevented from inscription. If, God forbid, a wrong should appear from someone, it must be concealed and dealt with forbearingly. All discord, conflict, disputation and that which causes grief have been forbidden. All have been commanded to love and fellowship. Nevertheless, each day a new flame appears and corruption manifests. In the great city, Muhammad-ʿAli Isfahani, despite being shown the utmost love, was so consumed by the fire of greed and passion that he abandoned all trustworthiness and religion, and joining with another like himself, denied possession of considerable funds belonging to others, including those of His Holiness the Afnan, upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah].

In his greed for wealth he accused some of theft and resorted to various calumnies. Likewise, whenever anyone claims their portion of the believers' funds, he says they were stolen and taken away. He has manifested such opposition as has had and has no equal. One is bewildered, the pen is bewildered, the page is bewildered at how a person can abandon that which is the cause of his honor and elevation, and cling to that which degrades, abases and humiliates him.

In any case, after reading that Beloved's letter, I proceeded to the Most Great Shrine and it was presented before His countenance. He said:

> "O thou who gazest upon the Face! In all conditions this Wronged One hath mentioned that which conduceth to the glory, exaltation and tranquility of humanity, and hath counseled all toward that which draweth them nigh unto God. Were anyone to question all things regarding what this Wronged One hath intended, all would proclaim at the top of their voices: 'Verily, He hath enjoined what is right and forbidden what is wrong.' We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to unite the hearts of His servants and to acquaint them with that which profiteth them in all the worlds of His worlds."

The signs of thy grief have affected this Wronged One as well. Despair not of God's grace and mercy, and grieve not over the evil deeds of His servants. Ask God to adorn all with the ornament of justice and fairness. Verily, He hath power over all things.

This land hath been named the Most Great Prison, and in this are signs for those who perceive and evidences for those who see. We beseech Him to open before thy face and those with thee the gates of grace and bounty, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of generosity a mercy from His presence and a favor from His own Self. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace be upon thee and upon thy son. We beseech God, exalted be He, to cause the fountain of His utterance to flow through him for the irrigation of His servants, and upon those with thee among the sincere, devoted, and righteous ones who profess His unity.

God willing, through his presence may differences be transformed into unity, corruption into righteousness, discord into harmony, and sadness into joy. This is not difficult for God, our Lord and your Lord. O beloved of my heart! Truly the world and its events are the cause of great sorrow. Although it has been said "tribulation is for those near to God, then for the Prophets, then for the chosen ones," and in light of these words one remains patient and content when afflictions befall oneself—yet the grief of God's loved ones and what befalls them melts the liver and burns the heart.

Among these is the harm that befell the beloved of my heart, His Holiness Mirza. This sorrow is beyond sorrows, for despite the failing health, overwhelming weakness, and the burning separation, there arose the sighs of the sincere and tears of the fair-minded. What became of mercy? Where did compassion go? What effect did the counsels and advice in the Tablets have? In any case, after presenting these matters before His presence, there appeared outwardly that which this ephemeral one is unable to describe. These are days when the loved ones must soar with a single wing and gather in one place, dealing with each other with the utmost kindness and compassion, so that through their love the people of the world may be illumined by its light and enkindled by its fire.

Good manners are part of human nature, and honor and respect are among its characteristics. The young must show reverence to the elder, and the lesser must recognize the station of the greater. This matter caused the greatest sorrow. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that those who committed these acts may return and arise to make amends for what was lost, so that sorrows may not exceed their measure and cause destruction. It is better that we now grasp the hem of His generosity and say:

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servants and Thy creation, and Thou knowest them better than they know themselves. Transform their evil into good and their injustice into justice. Then, O my God, extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity with the Kawthar of Thy mercy and the water of Thy grace. O Lord! Aid them in what Thou lovest and art pleased with, through Thy bounty and generosity, and assist them to achieve love and unity through Thy power and dominion. O Lord! Illumine their outer and inner beings with the lights of Thy virtues. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Section 2: "Beyond these matters, what befell that beloved one…"

Beyond these matters, what befell that beloved one caused countless sorrows, and what can I say about what occurred after learning of it, to such an extent that the paper fell from my hand as if the power to hold and grasp had been taken from it. In any case, in complete wonderment and engaged in praise, prayer and supplication, I approached the Presence and made my submission. He said:

O thou who gazeth upon the Face and art immersed in the ocean of remembrance and praise! What befell thee hath grieved Me. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, by the waves of the ocean of His utterance and the lights of the sun of His grace, to protect thee through His care and guard thee with His hosts and heal thee through His bounty and purify thee from every disease and illness and from all that would trouble thy heart. Verily, He is the Healer, the Sufficient, the Powerful, the Almighty.

Praise be to God, repeatedly you have attained to His mention. Truly, what befell you produced mighty effects and caused many sorrows, but we hope that God will transform it into health and safety and joy and gladness. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning what you wrote about the attention, steadfastness and service of Mirza, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, after presenting it He said: "Whosoever is for God, God is for him." Deeds in God's path are never lost, like a sapling in blessed and goodly soil that ever grows, nourished by the water of God's grace—exalted be His glory. Soon its signs, leaves and fruits will become manifest. One pure deed performed for the sake of the Lord will lead one to the highest paradise. Verily He does not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. We beseech God to adorn souls who have turned to Him with the ornament of steadfastness and wisdom.

O my God! O my God! Thou seest Thy servants who have turned unto Thee. Adorn them with the robe of steadfastness and godliness, and assist them in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Deny them not the ocean of Thy bounty nor the lights of the Sun of Thy giving. Ordain for them that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are near unto Thee and for the sincere ones among Thy creation. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

That soul should assist all to perform deeds that cause the elevation and progress of souls. The deeds and actions that appeared from some in the early days caused both the wicked and the righteous to withdraw, distance themselves and flee. And the Shi'ih party—may God abandon them—attributed as many calumnies as they could to these servants, and the divines of that heedless group strove to spread them. Thus befell what befell. We hope that the loved ones in that land will hold fast to the Law and to good deeds. A human being without deeds and fruits is like a dried-up tree. This Wronged One, during His sojourn in that land, would go to the mosque and likewise visit the holy and purified shrines. Nevertheless, after this Wronged One they did that which was contrary to all parties. We beseech God to aid all to do what He loves and is pleased with, and to assist His loved ones to perform deeds that draw people near unto Him. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayer. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Throne and the Possessor of the exalted Seat.

We hope that all may attain to deeds that cause the drawing near and attraction of the servants. God willing, may they be assisted in matters that cause the exaltation of the people of unity and the turning of all. In this land, some weak souls and children, out of their love for good deeds, despite the length of days, fast during the blessed month of Ramadan and stand in prayer throughout the night, all holding fast to God's laws and clinging to the hem of His grace and generosity. Deeds have been and are the cause of nearness, exaltation and propagation. Blessed are they that act and blessed are they that understand.

At one time He uttered this blessed word:

> "There hath come upon that Wronged One what hath come upon this Wronged One. We beseech God to assist the heedless to return. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Generous, the Pardoner, the Merciful."

Another submission: No one's word concerning that beloved one has been or is acceptable. In previous years He would repeatedly utter these words—may our spirits be sacrificed for Him:

> "Let no one speak aught but good concerning Mirza M., upon him be God's peace, care and mercy. Leave him to Us."

This servant has repeatedly heard similar words and written them to various regions. God is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Witness. As they have again mentioned the loved ones, for each one a special mention has been made. The word of the Lord—may our spirits be sacrificed for Him:

O Muhammad-Qabil-Shuja'! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to illumine thee with the lights of His most excellent names and His most exalted attributes, and to adorn thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We counsel thee to be trustworthy, to be religious, to be truthful and pure, and We ask for thee divine confirmation and assistance. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee that thy heart might rejoice thereby. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, and say:

> "My God, my God! Protect Thy unified servants from the evil of the idolaters who have encompassed their homes and lands. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, to guard them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, and enable me to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy acceptance. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful."

O Abdul-Nabi! Sorrows have encompassed Me from those who claim to be of Mine own Self yet perpetrate that which causeth My sighs to ascend and My tears to fall. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, the Lord of the Hereafter and of this world, to assist the heedless to turn unto Him and seek forgiveness for their deeds. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Praise be to the Purpose of the world and the Beloved of nations, Whose grace hath encompassed the earth and its people. His manifest and hidden bounties are ever-present and descending at all times. Who is able to describe Him as He deserves to be described, or praise Him as He deserves to be praised? This is especially true of those servants who reap without having sown and take without having given. The servant beareth witness that grace is from Him, bounty is from His presence, the verses are by His command, and the laws are in the grasp of His power. He is the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

Three assured souls are mentioned, praise be to God, and have attained to such mention as leadeth to attention, supplication and trust. This lowly one conveyeth greetings to each one and beseecheth the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted for bounty, blessing and steadfastness for each. Verily, God is the Provider, the Lord of Strength, the Firm. And specifically for the apple of the eye of His Honour Ibn, upon him be God's peace, a special tablet was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it.

As to what thou didst write regarding certain matters, after presenting them He said:

> "We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to manifest for him that which will profit him and to send down upon him from the heaven of generosity that which will exalt him. Verily, He is with His trusting servants."

That which now causeth the manifestations of grace is association with the servants in a spirit of fellowship and fragrance, and likewise unity, harmony and love. Verily, God is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH00748: Though I acknowledge that He cannot be remembered…

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

Though I acknowledge that He cannot be remembered by any remembrance save His own, and confess that He cannot be described by any description but His, I make mention of Him in accordance with what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. In truth, the world of the heart hath no joy save His remembrance, and the grief and sorrow of hearts and souls find no relief except in His memory. His remembrance is the source of gladness and His praise the dayspring of delight. Praise be unto Him, again praise be unto Him, for having made us know His remembrance and guided us to His path. I testify that He is the All-Bountiful, possessed of ancient grace. And peace and blessings be upon the Dayspring of His mighty signs and His all-encompassing and manifest evidences, through Whom knowledge was spread

abroad and the arts appeared and the hidden was revealed, and upon His family and companions, the arks of guidance and the dawning-places of knowledge and wisdom—blessings befitting their glorious station and their exalted rank.

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter, which was adorned with the praise and remembrance of the Lord of all being and His chosen ones and pure ones, transformed the ocean of sorrow into a sea of joy and changed the carpet of grief into one of gladness. After it was read and perused, it was taken to the Most Great Spot and presented before His face, attaining the honor of His attention. He said:

> "O Amin, upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds! Praise be to God, thou art successful through His bounty and illumined by the lights of the Sun of His remembrance. Through the loftiness of the learned and the wise, the baseness of the ignorant and heedless is made manifest. From the honor of the righteous in the sight of the Unconstrained One, the abasement of the wicked becometh apparent. Thy letter was mentioned before the Wronged One. The fragrance of steadfastness and love was wafted therefrom. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to raise up through His Afnan and through thee and His loved ones the standards of trustworthiness and godliness, of truthfulness and sincerity amongst all men, and to strengthen you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Helper."

And We beseech Him to make manifest through your existence the trustworthiness of the people of truth and the treachery of the faithless and the false ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Whatsoever hath appeared from the Afnan—upon him be My peace and loving-kindness—hath been fitting and appropriate. Were it not for divine inspiration, specific instructions would certainly have been given outwardly. The reins of hearts are within His mighty grasp, and the reins of understanding are in the right hand of His will. We beseech Him to aid and assist you in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

In these days, once again a detailed letter has arrived from those friends, urgently requesting the presence of the Afnan, and from their words lamentation and mourning can be heard. Therefore, We have approved their attention to that direction. This matter was also mentioned before. Letters are continuously arriving, requesting him with utmost humility and lowliness. The Overseer, upon him be God's peace, has given his attention. God willing, through the light of justice and the power of truth, their innocence shall be proven and established. We have previously mentioned before the authorities that the heaven of divine wisdom is illumined by two luminaries: consultation and kindness, and the pavilion of world order is raised upon two pillars: reward and punishment. God willing, may his honor the Assistant be confirmed in the execution of justice. This is a mighty station with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have mentioned and continue to mention the friends. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the honored Nabil-Ibn-i-Nabil and those with him and those with you. For each one We ask that which is everlasting and enduring. Verily, God is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O beloved of my heart! A group of the honored Afnans, upon them be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Glory, have with utmost diligence and effort sought out the honored Afnan, upon him be Baha'u'llah and His

favors. According to what is known, most have signed this matter and have beseeched God. Therefore, permission has been granted. This servant begs his Lord to make the end of all matters good. This evanescent servant offers greetings and praise to the honored Afnan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Glory, and in all conditions beseeches victory and triumph for him. Verily God is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And likewise, he conveys greetings and praise to each of the friends, upon them be Baha'u'llah and His favors. The One God is witness that all are remembered in the heart—a remembrance that, through God's favor, glorified be His majesty, will neither be forgotten nor fall behind. In these days a letter arrived from the beloved of the heart, the honored Haji Mirza Haydar-Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Glory. He was in the land of Ha and Mim and wrote details about the lack of moderation of some in that land. Glory be to God! From other directions—from Ayntab and Kurdistan, as well as the people of Ha and Mim—they have mentioned reprehensible deeds of Dervish Gh-l. Until now no response has been given regarding this matter. Indeed, the mentioned deeds have caused the Cause of God to be wasted. In any case, countless complaints have been made about him and another soul. Such matters have been and continue to be the cause of great sorrow.

However, they have written very well about the acceptance of the servants and the exaltation of the Cause, and they have written about that beloved one that which is the cause of greatest joy. Among other things, they have written that in every land where he has gone, the people there, upon mentioning that beloved one, exclaim "O what longing!" and they have written that all mention him with the most wondrous utterance and have sought from God to meet that beloved one again. Were it not for your good deeds, they would have been consumed by the fire of the heedless ones' misdeeds. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist His servants to be trustworthy and religious, and to act according to what He has revealed in His Book.

From the land of Ta also, a detailed letter has arrived from the spiritual beloved ʿAli-Qabli-Haydar, upon him be Baha'u'llah. Praise be to God, the friends of that land, through the favor of the Sultan, may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him, are all at ease and occupied with divine thanksgiving. Indeed, they have expended and continue to expend great effort in serving and improving the affairs of the friends. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect him from the evil of his enemies and to perpetuate the days of his mention and praise and service.

This evanescent servant takes God, exalted be His glory, and all the Prophets and Messengers as witness that he has ever besought and continues to beseech from the heaven of grace and the ocean of bounty, protection, exaltation, mercy, glory and blessing for His servants, as well as assistance in deeds and virtues that are the cause of nearness and the means of salvation. Nevertheless, I am greatly perplexed by the actions of some who, despite counsels and exhortations, have caused their own stations to be wasted.

This year, from every quarter, complaints have been received concerning certain souls; and likewise, in one of the cities of these regions, a shameful deed hath been perpetrated. Have they not heard, and have they not understood, the stations of righteousness and piety as set forth in the Book of God? Gracious God! Some act upon that which hath been clearly and evidently forbidden in the Book of God, while they

have abandoned that which hath been commanded more manifest than the sun itself. We beseech God to assist all to return unto Him. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Ever-Relenting, the Merciful. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto justice and equity and unto that which they have been bidden by the All-Knowing Commander.

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BH00218: O thou who soarest in My atmosphere and gazest…

Section 1: "O thou who soarest in My atmosphere…"

He is the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere and gazest toward My horizon! Hear My testimony that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. Nothing escapeth His knowledge and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We make mention of the loved ones of God and seek for each one the Kawthar of utterance from the chalice of the bounty of the Lord of all creation. The steadfast ones shall soon behold the effulgences of the light of their Lord's gracious favors. Each of thy requests hath been heard. Convey My greetings and glorification to those souls who have set their faces toward the Most Exalted Homeland and the Supreme Summit, and illumine them with the effulgences of the mention of the Most Great Luminary.

Praise be to God that steadfast and firm souls have been raised up. God is My witness that this Wronged One hath loved to meet His loved ones, but for some time the oppressors and calumniators have arisen to subvert the Cause of God and have striven to harm His loved ones. One whom We protected for forty years hath been ignited with the fire of hatred—he is the cause of the seduction of the calumniators, the treacherous ones and the oppressors. Praise be to God that whatsoever was hidden in their hearts hath been made manifest, that the servants of God might distinguish truth from falsehood. This is the most great bounty that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance of the Lord of destiny. Blessed are they that hear! Therefore have We paused in granting permission. If they act in accordance with what was previously mentioned in this regard, the reward of attainment unto His presence shall be fully recorded for them. This is among God's irrevocable promises, there is no doubt in this. It hath been recorded in confirmation in My Perspicuous Book. Illumine the loved ones of that land and its surroundings with the effulgences of the light of God's bounty. We beseech God to aid all to champion His Cause.

O my God, O Thou Who art Gracious, Merciful, Beloved, and the Ultimate Goal! I testify that Thou hast, with the finger of power, broken the seal of the Choice Wine and, through the sovereignty of the Name of the Self-Subsisting, hast granted eternal life to the realm of hearts and souls. This Wine is the utterance that hath flowed and appeared from the Tongue of Grandeur. Blessed is the soul that hath taken and drunk this most pure Wine from the hand of Thy bounty. O Gracious One! Withhold not Thy servants in these days from the breezes of revelation and the fragrances of divine inspiration. Grant them power, bestow upon them success in such wise that neither the hosts of doubts may prevent them nor the ranks of allusions drive them away.

Aid them in that which beseemeth Thy Revelation and Thy establishment upon the throne of Thine utterance. O my Lord! Through clear evidence hath been established Thy wealth and Thy power, and our poverty and our helplessness before the manifestations of Thy grandeur. O my Lord! Thou knowest and seest that one of Thy servants, who hath been named Samandar in Thy most pure Presence and Most Luminous Station, hath desired to make mention of Thy loved ones through the tongue of Thy grace in the kingdom of Thine utterance, that their hearts may rejoice thereby and their faces be illumined. O my Lord! Ordain for him from the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty that which he hath desired, and disappoint him not of the effulgences of the Sun of Thy grace.

Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

O Party of God! Be not grieved. The vicissitudes of the world have ever been and shall ever be. Hearts adorned with the ornament of divine love shall not be seized by sorrow, nor shall life and possessions preoccupy them. What behooveth steadfast souls today is to cling to wisdom and utterance in guiding the heedless and hesitant, and to give all a share of the most pure and luminous wine. Reflect upon what hath befallen this Wronged One from the first days until now—at times under the blows of the misguided, at times in chains and fetters. I swear by the lights of the Sun of Truth that illumineth the seen and unseen realms that We have borne afflictions the like of which no ear hath heard, yet since they were in God's path they were sweet and beloved. By the life of God, to them that are in love, colocynth is as sweet as honey. Strive that ye may not, through names, be deprived of their Creator and Revealer. Act towards all as ye would wish others to act towards you.

My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones in that which befitteth Thy Manifestation and Revelation, then enable them to assist Thy Cause through the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Books, Scriptures and Tablets. O Lord! All things testify to Thy grace and bounty, and to Thy might and power. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention in this place of him who was named Javad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. We testify that he arose to serve My Cause with such steadfastness as no love of anything could deter. He responded when the Call was raised, saying:

> "Here am I, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of earth below."

We bear witness to his acceptance, his turning toward God, and his steadfastness in this Announcement which caused every oppressor to lament and made the countenances of the sincere to smile. We beseech God to adorn him with the crown of utterance and illumine him with the ornament of My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory be upon him, upon his family, upon those in his household, and upon all who hear mention of him in this Most Great Announcement and love him for the sake of My sanctified and luminous countenance.

O Ahmad! We have mentioned thee before and at this time. Soon shalt thou witness what hath been ordained for thee by the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and friends.

We make mention of My handmaiden who attained Our presence and of My handmaidens who have heard and believed in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My handmaiden, O Aziziyyih! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and hath attained His presence and hearing. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee detached from all else save Him and to cause thee to hold fast unto His firm and mighty cord.

O S.M.! We have willed to mention thy submitted matters and grant answers to each one individually. Give glad tidings from Me to him who was named Muhammad-Qabil-Javad of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We have mentioned him before and at this time, by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Soon shall the world pass away, and there shall endure what We have ordained for him, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. What thou didst send with him hath attained Our presence and been accepted, as a grace from God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him to open before his face the door of His bounty and to make him among the helpers of His Cause.

O Tahmasb Kh.A.! Thou didst desire to attain Our presence and hearing, and to witness the signs of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath so desired. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have accepted thy presence and thy standing before the gate that hath been opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Rejoice and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Thou through Whose command every wise decree is manifested!"

O Siyyid Taqi! Upon thee be My everlasting glory! Thou didst desire to attain My presence and meet Me, but the calumniators have come between thee and Me. We beseech God to adorn thy intention with the ornament of His good-pleasure and to render thy deeds acceptable through His all-pervading grace. Had people known the excellence of every word that hath proceeded from the tongue of My grandeur, they would have sacrificed their lives in My path. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the Enlightener.

O Mashhadi Taqi Salmani! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having aided me to turn towards Thee and for having remembered me through Thy never-failing verses. I beseech Thee, by the lights of Thy throne, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for those who have attained Thy presence and have quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the cup of Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Hasan, son of Ustad Ali! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with that which the treasures of the world cannot equal. Say: O my God! Withhold me not from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the Kawthar of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to ordain for this servant that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones. Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O Karbila'i Muhammad-Rida! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning towards Us. We have remembered thee with that which hath caused the fragrances of the All-Merciful to waft throughout all existence. Blessed art thou for having heard, turned towards Us, and attained unto this wondrous utterance.

O Mashhadi Hasan! Thou hast attained unto the Day of God, wherein the Tongue of Grandeur maketh mention of thee with that which the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Aim and Desire of those in the heavens and on earth! I beseech Thee to record for me, with the Pen of Thy bounty, the reward of attaining Thy presence. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Darvish! The tranquility of the world and its peoples lieth in purification from defilement. We beseech God to sanctify His servants from whatsoever hath prevented them from drawing nigh unto Him. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my temple with the ornament of Thy love. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be," and it is.

O Samandar! We have made mention of those souls who have desired to turn towards the Most Great Ocean, and each one hath been favored with manifest verses and sublime words. Blessed and welcome be unto him. We have desired at this time to make mention of Our loved ones in Ra and Shin.

O Karbila'i Qasim, O Attar! Thou hast attained unto the mention of God in this spot which He hath made the circling-place of the Concourse on High and the pavilioned maidens of the Most Glorious Paradise. Be thou thankful and among those who praise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and to ordain for thee all the good that He hath ordained for His sincere servants.

O Yahya! Thy mention hath been honored by being heard and thy name by attaining His presence. We make mention of thee with that which shall never perish, as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, endureth. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee and those in Ha and Mim among the children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God, among the guardians of His sanctified House and the protectors of His holy City. The Trustworthy One, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath mentioned them time and again, and before him Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be My grace and mercy. We beseech God that there may appear through thee and through them that which beseemeth His days. By the life of God! The Mount rejoiceth at your presence and the Tree calleth out your name, and in the revelation of Kudak there appeared that which none can deny save he who disbelieveth in God, the Single, the One, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing.

O heirs of Him Who conversed with God! Hear ye My call. It draweth you to My horizon and bringeth you near unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath aided you to turn towards Him and guided you unto His straight path. Say: He Who speaketh from the Most Exalted Horizon is indeed the path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O heirs of Him Who conversed with God! The Torah crieth out this day in My Name, saying: O people of the earth! Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. The Sun of Justice hath shone forth and that which was promised in the Books and recorded in the Scrolls hath appeared. Turn ye with radiant faces and be not of the heedless. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in this holy, exalted, mighty and impregnable station.

Section 2: “My God, my God! Thou knowest that Himmat…”

My God, my God! Thou knowest that Himmat hath attained unto permission. Aid him, O my God, in that which beseemeth Thy days, then preserve him through the hosts of Thy power, then ordain for him the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have heard Thy sweetest call from the Prison of ʿAkka and have witnessed that which was hidden from mankind. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory! Indeed, from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them and Jinab-i-Yunus Khan, upon them both be the glory of the All-Merciful, the reward of attaining His presence and meeting Him hath been recorded. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Samandar! Thou didst make mention of Muhammad from the land of Za and Nun. He hath attained unto the mention of God. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen him in supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My loving-kindness and hath appeared from the depths of the ocean of My bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

We wish to make mention at this time of him who is named Haji Ghulam, who traversed land and sea in his longing to attain the presence of his Lord, the Lord of all days. We accepted thy presence as proxy on his behalf. We beseech God to ordain for him the reward of those who soared in My atmosphere and spent their wealth in My path, the manifest, the straight.

And We love to make mention of him who turned unto My face and drank the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty and arose to serve My Cause in My days—he whom We named Jamal in My mighty and glorious Book. O Jim! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Samandar mentioned thee before thy Lord. We make mention of thee with a mention which God hath made the sovereign of all mentions. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

O Jamal! Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to Hubbu’llah. In thy previous petition thou didst mention thy satisfaction with him. Verily, this mention hath attained acceptance and good-pleasure in the presence of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. And We make mention of the son of him who was named Shaykh Ahmad, who ascended unto the Supreme Companion out of love for God, the Lord of all creation, and tasted the sword’s venom in his longing to attain the presence of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. There is no harm in delay in Ra and Shin. If journey and movement be acceptable and desired in the land of Mim, it is approved.

O Samandar! The pledge is from you and faithfulness from your Lord, the Generous. We make mention of him who hath been named Hasan from the land of Ta, and give him glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We testify that thou hast fulfilled thy covenant and pledge, and mentioned his name in this noble station. We counsel him and those in Ba and Dal with the wisdom We have sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. It behooveth man to hold fast unto that which draweth people nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Say: Act, O servants of God, according to that which We have counseled you before and after. Lay hold on righteousness and the fear of God, as commanded by the Wise Ordainer.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Isma'il! Thy name was present before the Wronged One, brought by Samandar, the fire of My love. We have made mention of thee as a token of Our grace and mercy. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: My God, my God! Ordain for me that which profiteth me and draweth me nigh unto Thee in all Thy worlds. I testify that Thou knowest me better than I know myself. With Thee is the knowledge of all things in Thy perspicuous Book. O Lord! Purify me from all that is unseemly in Thy days and adorn me with the ornament of Thy love, the Mighty. Then write down for me what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have cast aside all else but Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy mercy which hath preceded all in the heavens and the earth.

O Samandar! Every fire in the world is extinguished by the waters of the objections of the calumniators and perverters, yet this Fire is observed to increase with each passing moment. The seas of hatred and animosity have failed to quench it. Each day it appeareth with a new light, a new flame, and a new utterance, though from every direction an arrow is aimed and from every side a sword is drawn. He Whom We preserved through successive years hath been taken by the manifestations of idle fancies as a lord for themselves besides God. Moreover, thou hast heard of the deeds of the followers in the Great City. God, exalted be His glory, through His complete power hath revealed the true nature of those souls that all might, after hearing and witnessing, become aware and return unto the truth.

It behooveth Us to leave off mention of them and make mention of him who soared in My atmosphere and held fast to the cord of certitude in My days and acted according to what was revealed in My Book. He was named ʿAziz Kha in the Book of Names. We testify that he turned, was present, and attained unto that which was inscribed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech the Most High to strengthen him each day in His remembrance and praise and to confirm him in such steadfastness as neither the ranks of princes nor the hosts of divines can shake. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Hearer, the Answerer. Convey My glory unto him and give him the glad tidings of My verses and illumine him with the lights of My wondrous remembrance.

My God, my God! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of Thy loved ones in Ra and Shin, upon whom there hath descended in Thy love that which hath caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy grandeur and the inhabitants of Thy most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven to lament. O Lord! Aid Thine enemies to return unto Thee and to turn repentant unto the door of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. We have made mention of Our loved ones there and have sent down for them in the Crimson Book that which shall endure as long as Our most beautiful names endure. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Giving. We have made mention of ʿAli ibn Nasir—upon them both be My glory—before and at this time with a Tablet that no other tablets can equal. We beseech God to make him a treasure unto Himself. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

The loved ones in that land have all attained to the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and are present before His face. Blessed are they and happy are they! We beseech God, the Most High, to make them the standards of His guidance amongst His servants and to aid them to serve His mighty Cause. The Wronged One desires to make mention of His loved ones in Qaf and its surroundings, that they may rejoice and be transported by the rapture of the call to the Most Exalted Horizon. O My loved ones! The glance of favor hath ever been directed towards you. That which none save God, the All-Forgiving, the

Most Merciful, can reckon hath been ordained for you. They who have turned unto Him and have attained possess such a station that were less than a needle's eye thereof to be revealed, the dwellers of the earth would be thunderstruck. The Mother Book beareth witness unto this at this manifest time. Convey My glorification unto them and give them the glad-tidings of the ocean of My mercy and the heaven of My loving-kindness and My grace that hath encompassed both worlds.

O Samandar! The honored teacher has stood before the Countenance. Verily God has forgiven him and those whom He wishes to forgive from among His servants—He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. O teacher! You have attained to the presence and meeting, and to that which was announced in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to rain down upon you from the heaven of His bounty the showers of His gifts. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. We testify that you turned towards Him, attained His presence, and heard the call of the Wronged One in His mighty prison. This is a deed that cannot be equaled by the deeds of the world. Soon shall the doers behold the recompense ordained for them from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Samandar! The loved ones of that land have ever been and continue to be before Our sight. The Tongue of Grandeur hath moved to make mention of them by night and by day. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! They have attained to that which none hath attained save those whom their Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, hath willed.

A Tablet hath once again been revealed specifically for Abdul-Baqi, upon him be My Glory, and another Tablet for Abdul-Ali, upon him be My Glory, and those souls mentioned in his petition. We beseech God that He may aid them all to perform such deeds and display such character as would cause the servants to turn towards God, the Single, the All-Informed.

In most Tablets We have commanded all to observe wisdom. Nevertheless, in some cities and villages there appeared that which caused the near ones to be struck with terror and the sincere ones with dismay. The first sedition appeared in Iraq, for on the first day of Ashura, in place of sorrow there appeared joy, and in place of silence there arose the sound of singing. In brief, this action caused the word of malicious souls to be exalted, although the intention of those who performed these acts was to celebrate the appearance of the Primal Point, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him—that is, His blessed birth on the first day of Muharram—and likewise their belief that all the Imams, the blessings of God be upon them, had returned and emerged from their graves.

Yes, this matter is true, but the people of the world have not yet recognized the appearance of the Promised One, save for a few. Therefore, the requirements of God's loving-kindness and favor—exalted be His glory—are that, as in the past, all should occupy themselves during the days of Ashura with commemorating the tribulation of the Prince of Martyrs, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him, until such time as God shall unveil to His servants the mysteries of His Manifestation and what He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book.

This Wronged One, in the land of Ta [Tehran], would fast on the eve of Ashura, and on the following day would partake of tea and bread after noon. This was the practice of the Wronged One, and some of the souls present are aware of this and know it. In Iraq too, during the days of Ashura, one should be

occupied with commemorating the tribulation. The loved ones should fix their gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast to and act according to such practices as are customarily observed. The tribulation of His Holiness is most great. Blessed are they who understand.

The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whose names have flowed from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, we are God's and unto Him shall we return.

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He is the One Who hath appeared in the Kingdom of Proof in the midst of creation!

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through His Most Great Name unto the world, whereupon the Books were made manifest, the Scrolls were expounded, the Psalms came forth, the Tablets were revealed, and the Mother Book spoke forth at the final goal above the heads of the factions. By God the Truth! The Dawning-Place of God's Cause, your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, hath come. Light and revelation and glory be upon the faithful ones whom neither the former tales nor the latter have prevented, who have turned with radiant faces unto the divine traces and have heard with their own ears the verses of God, the Supreme, the Chosen One.

O friends of God in Kaf and Ra! Hearken unto the call of God from the precincts of the Prison. He verily guideth you unto His Most Straight Path and His Most Great Announcement, whereby the limbs of the nations have quaked—those who changed God's bounty into disbelief and led their people to the abode of perdition. Leave the opposers behind you, then turn towards the horizon whence hath shone the Sun of Utterance from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Say: O concourse of the opposers! Come with your ropes and your staves. By the life of God! Ye have no escape nor any place of refuge. Fear ye God and follow not every sinful denier who hath taken vain imaginings as lords besides God and hath committed that which hath caused the Supreme Paradise, the Most Exalted Garden, and this Pen whereby God hath subdued the hearts of His servants to lament. Hear ye the call of the Wronged One, then judge with fairness in this Cause which, when it dawned from the horizon of utterance, caused the Proof to cry out, "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having manifested me through Thy Most Exalted Pen," and the Evidence to say, "Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having granted me victory in Thy days." Woe unto him who hath denied Thy Cause and hath not attained unto the glory of Thy acceptance when the standards of Thy manifestation were unfurled. I beseech Thee to aid Thy servants to hold fast unto Thy cord and to be detached from all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Ali-Qabl-i-Askar! The supplication hath attained the presence of the All-Bountiful, through Whom the banner of Reality was raised and the standard of metaphor was lowered on this Day wherein they that are nigh unto God have soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the Lord of the Final End. We

have mentioned thee and have revealed for thee that which attracteth the hearts and brighteneth the eyes. Soon shall that which thou seest today be changed, and there shall remain for thee what hath been inscribed by My Pen in this Tablet, before which all other tablets have bowed down in submission when it appeared. Beware lest the doubts of the suspicious ones or the oppression of the wrongdoers prevent thee from turning unto the Dawning-Place of verses. Cast aside what the people possess, by My Self-Subsisting Name, and take hold of this Book through which the fragrance of grace and favors hath been wafted.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Today the Sun of Truth is manifest, visible, dawning and shining before all faces, yet the people are heedless thereof and are attracted, oriented and clinging to vain imaginings and idle fancies. By the life of God! That which had never appeared in creation hath been made manifest, and at its appearance the Dawning-Places of knowledge and wisdom have bowed down in submission. To this testifieth every tongue that doubts have not held back from mention and utterance. Say: O people! Fear God, then return unto His traces. They verily guide you unto His path and make you independent of all else besides Him. He verily needeth not the mention of any other to prove His Cause. To this bear witness the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, were ye of them that hear.

Today the people of Baha are souls whom tales have not debarred from the holy Kingdom of God. They behold His signs with their own eyes and hearken with their own ears unto His verses. Strive ye, that perchance ye may achieve some deed and be adorned with the ornament of acceptance and the light of His good-pleasure. His honor Niyaz, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath verily chosen for himself a station beneath the shade of My mercy, and at all times hath been blessed with remembrance, praise and attainment unto His presence. We beseech God that through him His verses may be spread among His servants there. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The servant in attendance before My face hath made mention of you on your behalf, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of Will especially for you, that you may give thanks unto your Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and say: This is the Day which He had aforetime announced and foretold, and His Cause hath been recorded by the Pen of Grace in the divine Books. This is the Day of this blessed verse wherein He hath said: “Say: God; then leave them to entertain themselves with their cavilings.” And it is the Day of another verse wherein all must arise before God’s Kaaba and utter these words: “I have abandoned a people who believe not in God and who are disbelievers in the Hereafter.”

Apart from what hath been mentioned, none hath attained or shall attain unto true knowledge. Had the Shiite faction turned even slightly toward the Dayspring of Revelation with their sight and hearing, they would surely have attained unto that for which they were created to know. Glory be to God! Him Whose presence they sought by night and day and Whose remembrance they uttered, they now curse and revile from their pulpits. Such is the recompense of their deeds, manifested from the true, overwhelming Justice.

A certain person in those regions from among the Sunnis claimed to be the Qa’im, and now nearly a hundred thousand souls have accepted him, while the people of Iran attained unto the true Qa’im and

martyred Him. Thus hath God made the lowest among the servants highest, and the highest lowest. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. At this moment a book from someone is present before My face wherein he hath mentioned the Afnan in unseemly terms. Say: God hath made his seclusion in this place his glory, and he would not exchange this glory for the glory of all the worlds. Say: Know with certain knowledge that their pride is not in commerce and amassing of wealth and that wherewith people occupy themselves, but rather in propagating this Most Great Announcement and this Manifest Cause. We beseech God to guide the speaker to recant. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ali-Qabl-i-Askar! Say: O my God, my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal and my Beloved! Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, and glory and radiance be upon Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast made Thyself known unto me, revealed unto me Thy path, and shown me from among Thy signs the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and from Thy remembrance the effulgences of the sun of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Quickener of moldering bones, by Thy Most Great Name through which the dwellers of the graves arose when the One Who conversed on Sinai spoke forth, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in wisdom and utterance in the promotion of Thy Cause. O my Lord! Aid me to fulfill what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book concerning righteousness and piety, and what Thou hast forbidden me regarding corruption, contention, tyranny and wickedness.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, standing at the door of Thy bounty and beseeching the wonders of Thy generosity and grace. Would the All-Bountiful withhold the suppliant from His door which He hath opened to all who are in His heaven and His earth? Nay, by Thy Self! This is not what the people of Baha expect of Thee, O Thou Lord of all men, Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below, and Ruler of the Hereafter and of the world of old. Ordain for me through Thy grace that which shall make me independent of all else save Thee, and occupied with Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who was martyred in the path of God in the early days, who was named Sultan-ʿAli and who attained the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. I testify that he believed in God and acknowledged His Manifestation on a day wherein every remote scholar denied Him. Blessed art thou, O Sultan, inasmuch as the All-Merciful hath made mention of thee from His glorious station. Glory be upon thee, radiance be upon thee, and exaltation be upon thee, O thou who didst hold fast to the cord of God, the Firm! The ocean of bounty surgeth in thy remembrance, the fragrance of mercy is wafted, and the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds, are sent down. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send thee at all times a noble Book through the hands of them that are nigh unto Him, to shower upon thee mercy from His presence, and to provide thee with His wondrous eternal bounties and His everlasting paradisial feast. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

My God, my God! Thou hearest the cry of the sincere ones, the lament of them that are nigh unto Thee, and the sighing of them that know Thee, when Thine enemies have encompassed them from every direction and there hath befallen them that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of names to wail. I beseech Thee, O my God, by them and by those who have offered up their lives in Thy path and have expended all they possessed in their longing to meet Thee, to assist Thy loved ones with the hosts of the

unseen and of the visible realm. Then protect them from the evil of every oppressive enemy and every wicked transgressor.

O Lord! Deprive them not of the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor of the effulgences of the daystar of Thy grace. Thou seest them, O my God, holding fast unto Thee and acknowledging that which hath been revealed from Thee. Verily Thou art with them, witnessing and beholding their deeds and their confession of Thy oneness, their acknowledgment of Thy unity, and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Thou art He, O my God, from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and the oppression of Thine enemies and the tyranny of the wrongdoers among Thy creatures cannot frustrate Thee. Thou art He through Whose name the standard of power was planted amidst all creatures and the banner of guidance was raised amongst all creation. I beseech Thee not to disappoint those who hope in Thee from the treasury of Thy bounty and the repository of Thy generosity. Then preserve them through Thy protection and Thy guardianship. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Humbler of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

BH01056: Praise, sanctified from knowledge and understanding, beseemeth and befitteth…

He is the One Who sendeth down from the heaven of utterance whatsoever He willeth

Praise, sanctified from knowledge and understanding, beseemeth and befitteth the Desired One of the worlds, Who from a single drop from the ocean of His generosity brought the world of existence into being, and adorned absolute nothingness with the ornament of being. He is the Omnipotent One Whose Word's influence hath encompassed the world, and the effulgences of Whose Will's Luminary have illumined the realms of earth and heaven. The clamor of the world held not back His cloud of light from its outpouring, nor did the tumult of the world prevent its effusion. His might was not weakened by all created things, nor was His Will prevented from its dominion and power by the hatred of the opposers and deniers. Glorified be His greatness, exalted His dominion, and mighty His proof!

And then, thy letter which thou didst send in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, reached the Most Holy Court, and this response hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all men: O thou who hast turned toward My horizon! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before, and hath sent down that whereby bodies have taken flight and mountains have passed away like the passing of clouds, and the Herald proclaimeth: The Kingdom and the Dominion, then the Greatness and the Might belong to God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower! We have heard thy call and whatsoever was manifested from thy tongue, both outwardly and inwardly.

We have answered thee through this Book whereby the idols have been thunderstruck and the hearts of the worshippers of vain imaginings have been shaken, and every misbeliever who denied the beginning and the return hath lamented. Give glad tidings to My loved ones on My behalf and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My utterance, that it may attract them to a station wherein the desires of men shall not change them, nor their might, nor shall that which is with the people prevent them from that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the divine call. Some time ago thy letter arrived and attained unto presence and hearing, and this time too the letter which thou didst send in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, was brought to the presence and presented by one of the Branches who is named Diya', and this response hath been sent down from the Dayspring of divine revelation and the Dawning-Place of His Cause, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that render thanks.

In these days countless sorrows have arrived from all directions. Certain treacherous souls in the great city, inflamed with the fire of greed and avarice, have committed that which hath caused the people of the cities of justice and fairness to lament, and likewise the actions of some in various regions have become the cause of great sorrow. Today the people of Baha must attract through righteous deeds and guide to the highest horizon. We have previously said:

> "My affliction is not My imprisonment, nor that which hath come upon Me from Mine enemies, but rather the deeds of My loved ones who associate themselves with Me yet commit that which causeth My heart and My pen to lament."

Verses like this have repeatedly been sent down. Glory be to God! The people of Baha should recognize every soul at their first meeting.

By the life of God! The companions of self and passion are evident and manifest from the people of righteousness and godliness. These two groups have been and are distinct from each other. O companions of the right hand! Strive that perchance the servants may be sanctified from the taint of tyranny and immorality and may purpose to attain the most exalted summit. We beseech God to grant attentive ears and penetrating vision. Convey to all the loved ones of that land greetings from the Wronged One, and gladden them with the splendors of the Sun of meanings and utterance. We make mention of the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, both male and female, and We beseech God to aid them all in that which is befitting of His days.

Haydar-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, has ever been and continues to be favored by the Will of God, steadfast in service, speaking in remembrance, and turning with his heart in acceptance. Blessed is he who hearkens unto his word concerning this momentous Announcement.

Convey My greetings to Yehuda on behalf of the Wronged One. We make mention of him and beseech God the Exalted to kindle him with the fire of His love, to adorn him with the ornament of service to the Mighty, the Inaccessible, and to enable him to act in accordance with what hath been ordained in His perspicuous Book. God willing, thou shalt be aided in that which conduceth to the sanctification and detachment of the servants.

Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be My glory, hath done what was meet and seemly for him. He is indeed among the sincere ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We make mention of him who hath turned with his eyes through a remembrance that shall endure throughout the permanence of God's kingdom, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of him who is named Aqa Khan and counsel him with that which shall

exalt the station of man—and I am the True Counsellor. We beseech God to ordain for thee and for those who have believed the good of the hereafter and of this world. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

As to their intention to journey forth in these days, wisdom doth not permit it. We beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones. He is verily the All-Hearing, the Responsive.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Baqir! Praise be to God, thou art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and the gaze of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee and the steadfast souls of that land. The petitions of the distinguished traveler have repeatedly reached the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to protect him and to send down unto him that which shall abide with him in all the worlds of His worlds. He is, verily, powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy sons and upon those with thee, those whom the doubts of the barking ones have not prevented from God, the Lord of the worlds.

ʿAli-Qabli-Haydar, upon him be My glory, hath made mention of what ye sent. He hath arisen to serve My Cause and hath spoken in My beautiful praise. We beseech God to strengthen him, to aid him, and to ordain for him every good that He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God Who is the Object of the mystics and the Beloved of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Him.

BH01511: In My Name, through which light shone forth before…

In My Name, through which light shone forth before the creation of earth and heaven!

How excellent are the tribulations that have befallen the Wronged One in the path of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. In truth, tribulation in the path of the Peerless Beloved has been and ever will be beloved. The word of Jacob appeared after tribulation, and the Tongue of Grandeur gave it utterance. Glory be to God! Greed and avarice have reached such a state that pen and tongue are powerless and incapable of describing it. What was mentioned in Akhtar bears witness to the falsehood of its speaker, for he wrote that they had taken from me a document stating that all I possess belongs to the Afnan. This is his confession, yet afterward he says that document is now void and invalid. This second statement, being without proof or evidence, is and has ever been invalid in the eyes of the just. They have sold the Joseph of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, for a few dirhams. They have strayed from the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Your letters sent in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, were perused. Tablets were specifically revealed and dispatched for some. Ask of God to transform the Most Great Prison. Glory be to God! The love of the friends and loved ones for Muhammad-ʿAli is evident and clear, and most are aware of it. Nevertheless, he has united with one like himself and they have fabricated calumnies for the sake of the possessions of the servants. And now they cry out that the wealth has been stolen and they have set about to subvert the Cause of God.

Say: My God, my God! Through Thy loftiness, Thy transcendence, Thy glory and Thy power, transform the harm that hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of Thine enemies. Thou seest and knowest, O my God, what they have done and what they have said. They have cast behind them Thy commandments and Thy laws, and have taken what was forbidden them in Thy Book, out of love for earthly ornaments, both

ancient and new. O Lord! Seize them through Thy might and power that they may awaken and return unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in all lands. Say: The Day of deeds hath come, the Day of victory, the Day of steadfastness. Beware lest the utterances of the idolaters or the words of the misguided grieve you. Every year a certain person from Kaf has written a book repudiating the Blessed and Goodly Tree, and likewise other heedless souls from every quarter have produced books of rejection and pages of repudiation, clear and evident. However, in the eyes of those endowed with insight, these matters have been and continue to be the cause of the spread of the Cause of God. Do the calumnies of the people hinder it? Nay, by His very Self! Do the threats of today frighten it? Nay, by His light through which earth and heaven were illumined!

It is hoped that they may be like the surging ocean and the radiant sun. Let them ponder the blessed verse revealed aforetime and hold fast unto it: Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputations. A most mighty and holy Tablet specifically for Mirza Hasan, in the handwriting of the Most Great Branch, which thou didst request, was sent. If, after perusing it, it remains with ʿAli, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, this is most beloved.

Before the faces of princes and divines, We have, with the pen of justice and utterance, struck at the swords of tyranny and rebellion, and We have been and continue to be like a brilliant and manifest light. Should the entire world unite and rise up to harm the Truth, it would be and is absolute nothingness. Verily, We fear no one. We proclaim with the most exalted call: The appointed time hath come, and the Lord of Names and Attributes hath come from the heaven of the Command with the banners of signs.

Today they must drink, with perfect certitude and assurance, from the choice wine of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds. This hallowed wine has been and ever will be free from intoxication, and bestows eternal joy and everlasting delight. Take it in My name and for love of Me, despite My enemies who denied God's proof and evidence after their confession, and whom earthly ornaments so deluded as to prevent them from turning to the splendors of the Countenance, from holding fast to the Most Great Announcement, and from turning toward the Straight Path of God.

The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of God's Tablet be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy words concerning this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01741: O Sad! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Sad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of creation. Thy letter which thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud after Asad—upon both of them be the Glory of God, the One, the Self-Subsisting—hath been received, and one of My Branches who was named the Light in My perspicuous Book presented it. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of bounty from God, the Lord of all beings, that thou mayest read it and thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Powerful. Grieve not over

anything, for He is with thee and will aid thee through His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

We have previously sent down that which diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout creation, and at this time that which hath spread abroad the sweet scent of thy Lord's garment, the One Who dominates over all, whether small or great. Behold, then remember those days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst hear His call with thine own ears, and didst drink the choice wine of revelation and attainment from the cup of God's bounty, the Lord of those near unto Him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee in that which befitteth His days and to exalt thee among His servants. He is the Guardian of those who turn unto Him.Hear thou the divine call in the Persian tongue.

Convey My greetings to all the family members from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. They have always been and continue to be in My sight. By the life of God, that hath been ordained for them which no hearts have comprehended and no eyes have witnessed the like thereof.

Concerning what thou didst mention about his honor Muzaffar, upon him be My glory, a most mighty and holy Tablet hath been revealed and sent specifically for him. Should he read it, the doors of grace and favor shall be opened before his face. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

His honor Nasr hath been and continues to be remembered before the Face. We have previously revealed for him that whereby his name and mention shall endure as long as God's kingdom endureth. He verily witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to him from the Wronged One and give him the glad-tidings of God's grace and favor. Say: Hold fast unto wisdom, then guide the people through utterance to the horizon of the All-Merciful. This is what My Most Exalted Pen hath pronounced in this lofty station.

Say: We have counseled all to act with kindness. Among the people are those who have acted upon Our counsel and those who have followed evil and taken vain imaginings as their lord without any proof. Thus have their fancies seduced them. How far is he from the announcement of God, the Mighty, the Wise! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to attract him through His verses and to aid him with the standards of His clear proofs and to strengthen him with the hosts of His knowledge. He verily hath power over all things.

And as for what was mentioned concerning him who was named Muhammad Javad, We have previously remembered him and sent him that which hath diffused the fragrances of utterance throughout creation. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him with His hosts and to open before his face the gates of utterance and to draw near all who are in creation to His glory's court and His holy carpet. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have remembered him before and this is yet another time, that the fragrance of remembrance might attract him to a station wherein he will soar on wings of longing in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds can be heard "The Promise hath come and the Promised One calleth out before the faces of kings and subjects: He Who was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Books, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, hath come!" The Glory from Us be upon him and upon those whom neither the doubts of the people in the past have

caused to slip nor will they be caused to slip by what shall occur in the future. He verily is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We counsel all to fear God and to that whereby their stations shall be elevated among the parties. Verily thy Lord guideth whom He willeth unto His extended path. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace and bounty be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH11751: O Haydar, upon thee be My glory! A letter…

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

O Haydar, upon thee be My glory! A letter from the honored Sayyah hath reached this Servant wherein he hath expressed his repudiation of former statements. An answer was written and sent to him. We beseech God to purify him from the thoughts of every corrupt traitor and every tyrannical deceiver. Despite that person's claim to assist the oppressed, when his corrupt intention was not accepted, he arose in wrath and martyred His Holiness Ashraf. By the life of God! Even if the entire world should rise up to harm this Wronged One, He hath not and will not collaborate with the corrupt.

Glory be to God! From the cruelty of that infernal tree, that honored one knew and knoweth his thoughts. Say: We have said before,

> "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor do I walk in your ways."

From any matter or deed from which the fragrance of corruption, conflict and contention can be detected, the people of Baha are sanctified, holy and pure therefrom. One who intendeth harm against his father and brother will surely show no fidelity to others. His denial of the Wronged One caused his selfish promptings to rise in enmity, and the fire of hatred was kindled in his heart.

In the presence of Sayyah We said that such souls have not had and do not have faithfulness. Trust not in him. Purify the hem of thy heart from his evil deeds, thoughts and intentions, and place thy trust in God. Verily, He provideth for whomsoever He willeth without measure.

In any case, according to what he hath written, by God's grace and favor he hath now freed and liberated himself from the ocean of oppression and corruption. Therefore We seek his contentment, that he be not troubled, for from the earliest days he had shown love towards Us. We have loved and continue to love faithfulness. We beseech God to assist him to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, to make him sincere for His sake, and to cause him to hold fast to His cord. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH04845: He is the One through Whom were opened…

He is the One through Whom were opened the gates of wisdom and utterance to all who are in the realm of creation.

This is a Book from Us to the peoples of the earth, wherein We counsel them with that which will elevate their stations before God, the Lord of the worlds. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, then look upon the evidences with the eye of fairness. Verily they will guide thee to a station from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of them that know.

We have counseled all to be trustworthy, religious, and God-fearing, yet the people have committed that which hath caused My heart and My Pen to lament before the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of loving-kindness from My verses, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, by Him Who conversed with Thee on Sinai, Who through Thy power and sovereignty was established upon the throne of Revelation, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then manifest unto me that which will set aright my affairs in this world and in the next. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from what is with Thee. I testify that within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH04913: O Ghulam qabl-ʿAli, hear My call once again…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Ghulam qabl-ʿAli, hear My call once again from the direction of My prison. Verily it will draw thee near to My court, give thee to drink of the Kawthar of My favor, show thee the Luminary of My bounty, and kindle thee with the fire of My love. Thy Lord, verily, is the One manifest in grace, the Ruler with justice, and He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy service, thy remembrance, and thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of idols have trembled. Neither the doubts of the deniers nor the allusions of those heedless of God, the Lord of the Final Return, have deterred thee.

Counsel My servants to cultivate goodly character and praiseworthy deeds, and that whereby their stations may be elevated among the peoples. They who have cast away righteousness and committed unseemly acts—these have no portion of this ocean which surgeth before the faces of religions.

O concourse of My loved ones! Aid your Lord through deeds from which the fragrance of divine acceptance may be wafted. They who claim to love Me must needs adorn their heads with the crowns of detachment and their temples with the raiment of righteousness. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in most of the Tablets.

My concern is not with My enemies, but rather with those who claim belief yet commit that from which people flee. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee, that thou mayest rejoice and remind the people of that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen of God in the most sublime station. The glory from Us be upon thee, upon thy father, and upon those who hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Revealer of verses.

BH05236: O Mihdi, upon thee be My glory! In this…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of proof.

O Mihdi, upon thee be My glory! In this divine springtime and luminous day, the friends of God must, with love and kindness and mercy and wisdom and utterance, make the people of the world aware and summon them to the Most Exalted Horizon. The first cause which led to the exaltation of the Blessed Word has been the unity and harmony of the friends. That honored one must hold fast, with both outer and inner tongue, to that which was mentioned, and must cling to unity, which is the greatest cause for the reformation of the world and the refinement of the nations.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that with Thee is the knowledge of all things in a Book that none has comprehended save Thee. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace to aid me in serving Thy Cause and in that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure and will endure through the endurance of Thy Kingdom. Thou seest me, O my God, wholly turned toward Thee. I beseech Thee to confirm me in that which befits Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

Make mention of the brethren and friends on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid them and enable them to draw nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The Glory be upon you from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH06818: O thou who hast turned thy face toward…

He is the Hearer and the Answerer

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! We have desired to send thee a remembrance from the Mother Book, that it may draw thee to God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. Hearken unto the call from the Divine Lote-Tree—verily He remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison with that whereby thy mention shall endure amongst the peoples. Thy Lord is indeed the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Recite the verses of thy Lord by night and by day, at eventide and at dawn. He hath turned toward thee and revealed for thee that which causeth hearts to be attracted and mountains to pass away. When thou art blessed with the breezes of revelation, say:

> “Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the power that hath subdued all things, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast made the names to be submissive, to aid me in serving Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. Then make me to be of those whom Thou hast adorned with the ornament of Thy loving-kindness and preferred above most of Thy creation. O my Lord! Thou seest this poor one standing at the door of Thy sanctuary, seeking from Thee that which will elevate his station among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word ‘Be,’ and it is.”

BH06831: O Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God…

In the name of the One God

O Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne! Mention of thee hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and Haydar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly expressed thy love and thy being set ablaze with the fire of affection. It is hoped that thou wilt occupy thyself with service to the Cause with utmost eagerness and yearning, attraction and rapture. This Wronged One hath from the earliest days until now been afflicted in the hands of enemies, especially in these days when the fire of malice and hatred hath been kindled in their breasts without any cause. Nevertheless, the Most Exalted Pen hath not been prevented from mention and praise, and night and day summoneth the peoples of the earth to the Most Exalted Horizon. No authority hath restrained Him and no fear hath seized Him. He hath spoken and continueth to speak before all faces:

> "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Counselor, the All-Knowing."

Convey My greetings to the loved ones. Blessed is the servant whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06863: In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Muhammad, hear the call from this far-off spot. It summons thee to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Nothing whatever escapeth His knowledge, and He, verily, is cognizant of all things. The tyranny of the oppressors and the rejection of the deniers have not hindered Him from that which He desireth. We beseech God to assist thee to serve His Cause in such wise that the clamor of them that have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment shall not deter thee. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and follow not every sinful infidel. Judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared through the truth, and be not of them that deny. O people! The ocean of utterance surgeth before your faces, and the sun of knowledge shineth above your heads, and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the furthermost boundary is heard in your midst.

Cast aside that which the people possess on this Day whereon the breeze of God, the Lord of the mighty throne, hath wafted. O Muhammad! We made mention of thee before, that thou mayest arise to celebrate My praise and glory amongst My servants. And I, verily, am the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon them that have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My name, the All-Merciful. We bear witness that they are among the faithful.

BH08297: Blessed art thou, O Rida, for thou hast held…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Blessed art thou, O Rida, for thou hast held fast to thy craft. The craft of carpentry hath been practiced by those nigh unto God and His Messengers. Today the craftsman of a praiseworthy craft is loved in the sight of God and attaineth unto the glory of acceptance. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and there was revealed for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the soul that is engaged in a craft or profession. By the

life of God! The practitioners of crafts have been and continue to be remembered before His countenance. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me when I was among the heedless. I beseech Thee by Thy Fig which was raised up in the Most Exalted Paradise, and by the Olive Tree which stood tall before the crimson chambers, and by Thy binding command which subdued the world, to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

BH04417: This servant has ever remembered the friends and summoned…

He is the One Who has dominion over all names.

This servant has ever remembered the friends and summoned all to the supreme horizon, yet most have remained deprived of the fragrances of these days, for they have fixed their gaze upon the manifestations of fancy and idle imaginings. Glory be to God! The Sun of Revelation has dawned from the horizon of Sinai in such wise that none has any excuse to hesitate or delay. We beseech God to erase the traces of heedlessness and not to deprive His loved ones of the fruits of the Tree of Knowledge.

O Ha' before Shin! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books. We hope that on this Day of God the loved ones will not be held back from the depths of the ocean of oneness and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, and will remain protected from the barking ones, the doubtful, and the deniers.

The world is bewildered, for it is observed that the servants, out of love for two fleeting days, have closed and continue to close their eyes to everlasting, eternal blessings. Thus it is that the intoxication of heedlessness hath seized most of them.

Say: My God, my God! Aid me in Thy days to truly witness and hearken, lest the idle fancies and vain imaginings of the people hold me back from drawing nigh unto the gate of Thy mercy, which Thou hast opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will make me powerful through Thy power and willing through Thy Will. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Commanding, the All-Wise.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this mighty cord.

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BH11696: Praise be to the Lord of all desire, Who…

He is God, exalted be His station in grandeur and power!

Praise be to the Lord of all desire, Who hath adorned cities and lands with the lights of the Sun of Truth and the radiance of recognition, and hath confirmed pure and holy ears to hearken unto the Call. Whoso attaineth unto true hearing attaineth unto steadfastness. The purpose of hearing hath ever been true hearing, as witnessed aforetime when they heard yet turned away, and hear yet object. Blessing and

peace be upon His Beloved and Chosen One, Whom He chose for the manifestation of His Cause and the promulgation of His laws and ordinances, and upon His family and companions, through whom God's proof was perfected unto His creation and His might was made manifest among His servants.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance and your steadfastness! The blessed letter arrived and was indeed the bearer of glad tidings, for it conveyed news of your good health and well-being, and likewise was an informed herald of the degrees and stations of detachment, severance, adherence and devotion—a knower who was knowing, and a pure one who was eloquent and able. After its perusal and review, it was taken to the Sacred Presence and presented. He said:

> "We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him in that which is befitting, to open before his face the gates of blessing and bounty, and to manifest through him that which will guide people to His path and adorn them with the ornament of trustworthiness and chastity. Verily, He is powerful over all things."

We make mention of an Afnan from among the faithful who is named Siyyid Aqa, and We give glad tidings unto him who is named Muhammad-Rida. We beseech God, exalted be He, to inscribe for them from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall never be exhausted and shall endure as long as His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes endure. We make mention of Our loved ones there and beseech for them blessing and well-being from God, the Lord of all creation, and We say:

> "My God, my God! Make the end of their affairs to be good."

End quote.

This evanescent servant hath ever besought from God, exalted be His glory, for each of the Afnan that which is the cause of the greatest bounty for all peoples. Verily, He is the Lord of the world and the Guide of His servants to His Most Ancient and Most Noble Name. Likewise, he hath besought for the loved ones, upon them be God's peace, whatsoever is worthy of His generosity. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

Mention was made of the spiritual beloved, Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise of the spiritual beloved Aqa Mirza Abdu'l-Karim and the loved ones of that land, namely Ishqabad. After presentation, He spoke words that were as the spring rains of bounty for the saplings of existence, and as the breeze of generosity for receptive souls both seen and unseen. Previously, two pages of utterances, from each word of which wafted the fragrance of grace, mercy and bounty, were sent to that land through the honored Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. And secondly, when that eminent one intended mention, the command was given to send a telegram. The servant beseecheth his Lord to confirm all in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to aid them in that which will elevate their stations among the parties. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Commanding, the All-Wise.

As regards Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli (Tafti), upon him be the Glory of God [Baha'u'llah], after presentation They stated that upon his arrival in prison he sent whatever he had, and permission was given to accept it, but until now We have not used it. And now, considering that he has again intended to

send an amount, We will accept this sum provided that he also accepts this second amount from Us. This is a bounty from Us. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and give him the glad tidings of boundless favors. The Afnan know and are aware that this Wronged One's acceptance of the previous sum was purely out of love for them. Until now We have not accepted from most, but from him it was accepted the first time that it may reach Us a second time. We beseech God to open before his face the gates of His grace, His bounty and His blessing, and to make him among those who have attained to His mention in His lands and to the assistance of His Cause among His servants through wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Again, mentioning the loved ones of the land of ʿAyn and Shin, They said: O My loved ones in that place! You are the keys to the gates of steadfastness among creation and the banners of guidance among all beings. Through you the unity of His Being and the sanctity of His Essence are established. We counsel you, O loved ones of God, to wisdom and to that whereby your stations and conditions may be exalted. Blessed are you and blessed is he who loves you purely for the sake of God, the Lord of earth and heaven and the Lord of the mighty throne. Beware lest the clamor of the people who have cast justice behind their backs, clinging to oppression, frighten you. Verily they are in grievous torment. They have no helper nor supporter. Soon will the breezes of chastisement seize them from all directions. Verily He is the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

What is needed is unity and harmony and wisdom and moderation in all matters. Blessed are they who have held fast to the cord of unity and acted in accordance with what they were commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

As regards separation—it is in no wise permissible. Separation in that land causes the fire of hatred to be kindled. In all the lands of Iran, as that land belongs to another government, the means of freedom are obtained. However, this freedom becomes the cause of bondage for other friends in the lands of Iran. In any case, in all circumstances one must hold fast to moderation and to means that cause the attraction and drawing near of hearts, and this matter depends upon goodly deeds and praiseworthy character which are the cause of guidance and the drawing near of souls. Verily He is with you, witnessing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Regarding Jinab-i-Mir Muhammad-Husayn Beg, upon him be the Glory of God, and certain petitions from those parts which you wrote about—some time ago there was specifically revealed for him that which is an enduring proof for the world and its people, and it was sent. The servant beseeches his Lord that He may cause eyes to be gladdened by beholding it and ears by hearing it. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Wise. My beloved Mir and the loved ones of those parts, both men and women, have ever been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Their station is evident and clear from the divine Tablets. Blessed are they. Your honor should write replies to their letters and express the bounties from before the True One.

Regarding the exalted matters you wrote about—in all conditions We beseech and implore the True One for the exaltation of His Cause in the cities and regions and for the victory of the honored Afnan. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers.

Regarding the Qur'an, it should be obtained from Aqa Husayn-Ali, or a credible document bearing the seal of several people should be prepared with all details mentioned therein, and sent to His Holiness Haji Mirza Hasan (upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]) in the Land of Ta. This matter is most important, for much has been said and many calumnies have been attributed. However, they should request this from Aqa Husayn-Ali in a spirit of friendship, and they should not enter into confrontation with anyone. Love and kindness for the sake of God is required towards every soul, except those who turn away—this commandment hath been sent down from the heaven of the divine decree in the Most Holy Book. Well is it with them that act accordingly. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you and hearken unto your words.

BH00953: Hallowed praise, sanctified above the vain imaginings…

He is God, exalted be His majesty in grandeur and power.

Hallowed praise, sanctified above the vain imaginings of the peoples of creation, beseemeth and befitteth that Self-Subsisting One Who was not withheld, nor turned aside from His purpose, by the aversion of the froward, the denial of the faithless, the violence of the aggressors, or the malice of the ungodly. The onrushing potency of His blessed Word was not stayed by the opposition of the mighty, nor barred by the repudiation of the Pharaohs. Glorified be His majesty, and all-embracing His bounty. Out of the dust, by pure grace and bestowal, He caused a pure gem to appear, that His counsel might take effect, His Word bear fruit, and this by reason of His wisdom: that the peoples of the earth might not be seized with fear, but might attain His presence and be privileged to hearken. In the certainty of truth, the Sun of the blessed utterance, "His mercy hath surpassed all created things," shineth forth and dawneth from the horizons of hearts. Who is there that can praise Him for His gifts with praise worthy of Him? And who is able to thank Him as true thanksgiving demandeth? We beseech Him to aid His loved ones and His chosen ones in whatsoever He loveth and is well pleased withal.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto Your presence, unto your steadfastness be a sacrifice, and unto your utterance be a sacrifice. The letter of Your Excellency—which was indeed a sign of the glad-tidings of the Lord—even as a radiant morn illumined the darkness of the sorrows that had descended. In truth, whatsoever hath come, and cometh, from that august personage bringeth joy. This servant beseecheth his Lord to raise up Your Excellency for the promulgation of His Cause and the exaltation of His Word. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. And after it had been read and its contents made known, I repaired unto His presence, and after presentation He said:

He is the Help in Peril, the Almighty.

O My Afnan! Upon you be the peace of God, His grace, His bounty and His gifts! Thou art ever mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, nay rather thou art ever in His presence and art illumined by the splendors of the Sun of loving-kindness. The sorrows that have befallen are known and evident to you, yet worldly events leave no trace upon the tablet of the heart. We are occupied with God and are engaged in His praise and utterance. These two days are not worthy of attention. Praise be to God, most of the transgressors have been and are being recognized. All who possess hearing, sight and heart bear witness to their lies and calumnies. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make you a door for

the entrance of those who enter, and a key wherewith the hearts of those who turn to Him may be unlocked, to assist you with the hosts of utterance at all times, and to exalt you through His Name amongst all religions. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Peace and glory and splendor be upon you and upon your son and upon those who love you and hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the One, the All-Informed.

In these days it hath become clear and evident what manner of calumnies were spread in the past. The one who reported the existence of the Qa'im was a woman. When they asked the revered Ja'far whether the honored ʿAskari had any male offspring, that wronged one refused and said that there had been a child two years before who had died. Those with ulterior motives rejected and cursed him and called him a liar, but the word of that lying woman, since it accorded with the desires and base interests of heedless souls, they accepted and proclaimed. In brief, the servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His servants from the calumnies, conjectures and imaginings of the people, and to either assist the heedless to return unto Him or to seize them with a compelling force from His presence. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

The spiritual friend His Holiness Haji Niyaz, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, came and attained the presence repeatedly, and hosted feasts repeatedly, and all was accepted with honor. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will through his presence make the heedless aware and guide the seekers. He was repeatedly the recipient of kindness and favor. Blessed and congratulations be unto him.

As for the matter of the honored beloved His Holiness Haji Ha Qabla S, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, right was with him. Before his mention and news, emphasis was given to His Holiness Ism-i-Jud, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, to write to my beloved His Holiness Nazir, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, that the mention [writing] and mention of His Holiness Haji at the Threshold is in no way permissible. However, protection has been and is in the grasp of divine power. He will protect them and there has been ordained for them that which is the cause of exaltation and ascendancy. It is hoped they will, with utmost joy and expansion and steadfastness, hold fast to that which God has willed, that there may appear from him that which shall endure with the endurance of names and attributes. May his honor beseech God to enable all to achieve that which is the cause of the exaltation of His Word.

From all directions complaints have come about Muhammad-ʿAli. From every direction money has come to him and out of pure greed and avarice he has wrongfully appropriated people's property and denied their rights. He and his companion have no equal in the world. It was not imagined such souls would appear in the world, but what was decreed was decreed. A person who considers himself a well-wisher of the world and counts himself a patriot, for a few dirhams has written that which he himself knows to be false, thinking these matters are harmful to the Cause. Nay, by the Self of God! Karim-i-Kirmani has written a book of refutation every year regarding the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, and likewise other divines of Iran have been and are engaged in cursing and execration from pulpits, and Mirza-yi-Sipihr has written in his history regarding His Holiness that which has caused all things to lament. In any case, I beseech God to aid His servants to truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness, religious devotion and faithfulness. Verily He has power over all things.

To the Star risen from the horizon of His Holiness the Afnan, His Honor Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Glory, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on his behalf for that which befits His generosity and bestowal. And likewise I send greetings to other friends in that land. All are mentioned in the presence and are recipients of favor. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you and hear your word.

The servant 21 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1307

BH00085: One manifestation of the Name "the Most Generous" cast…

Section 1: "One manifestation of the Name "the Most Generous…"

He is the Manifest, the Resplendent, the Self-Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

One manifestation of the Name "the Most Generous" cast its radiance upon the earth—bounty became manifest, the heavenly feast descended, and the ocean of generosity surged forth. And one manifestation of the Name "the All-Knowing" shed its effulgence upon the world—all were adorned with the raiment of knowledge, and the Herald of Glory from the right hand of the Throne of Grandeur proclaimed the blessed words "We have recorded all things in a clear Book." O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which hath been raised from the direction of the Most Sublime Vision of God. By God! This is the Day wherein every hidden thing hath been revealed, wherein the Hour hath come and the moon hath been cleft asunder. Beware lest the veils of them that have turned away and disbelieved prevent you, or the might of the denizens of hell-fire who have changed God's bounty into ingratitude and turned away from the choice wine and the Kawthar.

O people! Fear God and oppose not Him through Whose light the earth and heaven were illumined and through Whom the decree of destiny was manifested. He hath come for your salvation and to draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat. Were He to will to adorn all things with the ornament of names at this moment and take it from them at another, He verily hath power to do so. None can say "Why?" or "Wherefore?" He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: O Hadi! Hearken unto the divine call. This Wronged One hath mentioned thee, and continueth to mention thee, for the sake of God, that thou mayest perchance find a way unto Him. Reflect upon thine acts, and likewise upon that which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of divine knowledge and power, that thou mayest haply return from the rivulet to the ocean, from tyranny to justice, and from oppression to equity. O Hadi! Forget not God's favor unto thee. Turn thy face toward God, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious. End.

Say: My God! I have forsaken what is with the factions who believed not in Thee and in Thy signs, and I have turned toward Thee. Take my hand through Thy power and sovereignty, then deliver me through Thy favors and bounties. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge my heedlessness and error before the manifestations of the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge, and my wrongdoing before the dawning of the Luminary of Thy justice. How many a day did the light of Thy

bounty turn toward me from the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace, and I turned away from it. Alas! Alas! My vain imaginings prevented me from drawing nigh unto the Luminary of certitude which shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Will, and doubts veiled me at the appearance of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy signs, and the standards of Thy Manifestation and Thy power, and by Thy Most Exalted Word whereby the realities of all things were attracted, and by Thy most sweet call and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to forgive my grievous sins. I testify that by Thy command the ocean of forgiveness surged in the contingent world and the fragrance of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, was diffused amongst all religions.

O thou who art attracted by My verses and soaring in the atmosphere of My love! We have repeatedly made mention of Hadi Dawlat-Abadi and summoned him to the most exalted horizon, yet that heedless one hath until now remained unaware and hath not attained unto the blessed word "I believe in God." He hath cast aside acceptance and chosen denial, manifesting an oppression unmatched and unparalleled. For he hath denied a station which, from the earliest days until now, hath stood manifest before the faces of the heedless, the believers and the ungodly, calling all with the most exalted call to the straight path and heralding the advent of the Great News.

Say: O Hadi! Great is the Cause this day. The Primal Point uttereth "I am the foremost of them that worship." Fear God. Consider that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will. Beware lest thou follow the ways of the ignorant. If thou seekest verses, they have indeed filled the horizons, and if thou seekest proofs, turn to the sacred writings. O thou who art devoid of justice! He declareth that if anyone should utter but a single verse, ye should not oppose him, and yet now there existeth and is manifest the equivalent of all the books of the first and the last. Come and behold! Train not the people of the Bayan as the Shi'ih sect was trained, and bar them not by their names from the Lord of all creation.

Reflect upon the deeds and words of that sect; perchance thou mayest turn from doubt to certitude and from the left hand to the right. For the sake of God it is said, for the sake of God hear it: how many souls in that land, despite their glory, exaltation, wealth and power, have forsaken all before thy face and freely sacrificed their lives at the feet of the Best-Beloved of the worlds.

> "Take heed, O ye whose darkness hath taken the place of admonition! Take heed, O ye whose whiteness hath appeared upon your cheeks!"

The black spot of the heart's fancy hath prevailed over its radiance and obliterated its traces. At the mere mention of the Bab, fear seized thy limbs, to such extent that thou didst mount the pulpit and utter that which caused the people of the cities of justice and fairness to weep. Reflect upon thine own deeds and the deeds of the detached souls, that thou mayest not remain deprived of the ocean of grace, bounty and bestowal. Ponder upon that which thou didst utter from the pulpit. The martyrdom of His Holiness Ashraf, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, had newly come to pass. Some reflection was needed concerning his protection and his sacrifice, that perchance thou mightest succeed and attain to confession after denial. His sacrifice testifieth to his truthfulness and steadfastness, while thy life beareth witness to thy falsehood, repudiation and calumny. Glory be to God! Love for the fleeting life of two days

hath deprived thee of eternal grace and divine mercy. Thou didst satisfy Ibn-i-Dhi'b. I was present in the gathering of the divines when Ibn-i-Dhi'b spoke, saying:

> "O people! The renunciation, repudiation and denial of Hadi, who was among the leaders of the Babi party, and his cursing and execration, sufficeth us. He hath left no further proof for us to require. Therefore we consider him a believer in the Divine Book, namely the Qur'an, and according to the outward law we cannot associate him with any but the party of salvation."

In brief, he did that which caused the liver of them that are nigh unto God to melt. I know not by what proof he believed in God, and by what evidence he turned away from Him. We beseech God to aid him to return and repent. Verily He is the Oft-Returning, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We desire to behold him ascending to the heaven of knowledge and mysteries, and rising to the summit of truth, while he desired for himself the lusts of passion, turning away from what the Lord of all beings, the Possessor of the Hereafter and the First, desired for him.

One of the friends has been seen saying: "What has happened that Azal has become rejected?" Say: O thou who art devoid of justice, fear God! One through whose Word a thousand Azals have been and are being created—from Him thou hast turned away and hast uttered calumnies such that all things have cried out. Apart from this, thou knowest not from what source names have appeared. Ye have committed that which no oppressor hath ever committed.

Ye have called the Dayyan Father of Evil' and the Friend of the All-Merciful Father of Calamities', and ye have passed judgment on and martyred many of the oppressed ones of the world, and like unto the Shi'ih sect ye have done that which causeth loss in this world and the next. This name which thou hast mentioned—from whom is it and who hath bestowed it? If thou sayest it is from the Source of the Bayan, the Bayan itself with loudest voice rejecteth thee and saith: "Silence thy tongue, O heedless one!" For it declareth: "Through the Bayan and its letters be not deprived of its Source and Manifestation." And if that name hath appeared from the Most Exalted Station, which is the station of the manifestation of the Most Great News, verily He doeth what He willeth. He giveth and He taketh away. He is praiseworthy in His acts and obeyed in His command.

O heedless one! The banner "He doeth what He willeth" is unfurled before His face, despite thee and those who cast behind them God's Covenant and His Testament and disputed His verses. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One: Leave the gulf of names, then make for the ocean of meanings and utterance. This is what thou art commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. By God's life! Neither a name from among names, nor anything from among things shall profit thee except through this manifest Cause and this mighty News. Leave names and turn to the evidences that there may become clear and known to thee that which today is hidden from most. If thou possessest sight and hearing, ponder this word of the Primal Point—exalted be His glory: "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance, which is that He shall not be known through any reference nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan." After such a perfect and decisive word, is it possible to cling to the Bayan and be deprived of its Source? Nay, by His true Self! From this blessed word, argument through the Bayan is forbidden, and in the Most Great Manifestation mention of aught else was not and is not acceptable.

Today the Point of the Bayan uttereth “Verily, I am the first of them that worship,” while ye are occupied with that which is unworthy of mention, although that same Point sacrificed His life in the path of this Most Great News and at all times spoke in remembrance of Him and was mindful and grieved for what would befall Him. The lamentation of the Bayan is raised on account of the oppressors’ tyranny, but hearing ears are lacking and penetrating vision is not to be found. Where were ye in the days when this Wronged One was beneath chains and fetters—at times in stocks and under judgment, and at times in the hands of the heedless? In the land of Mim there befell this Wronged One that which hath befallen no one before or since.

Were it not for the Glory, who would have spoken before all faces? And were it not for Him, who would have manifested the Cause of God, the Lord of existence? Say: Be fair, by God! He it is through Whom was hoisted the banner of ʿHe is God’ upon the highest standards, and before the faces of all peoples surged the ocean of divine knowledge. In times of hardship they are the first to deny God, and in times of ease they are the first to claim belief in Him. The Pen is bewildered and the Tablet is bewildered as to what to recount. Although this Most Great Revelation hath never needed mention of aught else to establish its Cause, yet in consideration of the people’s weakness, that which was recorded may guide the fair-minded to the horizon of the Cause and direct the seekers to the true Ka’bah. For four months in the presence of the Sultan, We endured such torments that pen and ink are powerless to describe, and the tongue is unable to recount.

Say: O company of the heedless! Today proofs and evidences circle round, yet veils of fancy and idle imagination have prevented eyes from beholding. Throughout all those grievous days, Mirza Yahya remained secure and protected beneath pavilions of grandeur, along with his wives and children, in utmost comfort. Every fair-minded and informed person beareth witness to this. On the day of separation, We left him with his wives and children in perfect health and well-being, and departed. The reason for this is clear and evident to the fair-minded. Not a single blow befell him or those with him. The truthful witnesses are those souls who are now present and visible in Cyprus. Say: O concourse of the heedless! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and deprive not yourselves of the effulgent rays of the Orb of justice, equity, truthfulness and sincerity.

If the fault of this Wronged One be the verses of God and the manifestation of His clear tokens, this matter hath ever been within the grasp of His might. Verily, He raised Me up when I was seated, the hand of His loving-kindness stirred Me when I was asleep, and He caused Me to speak forth amongst His servants when I was silent. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. He commanded Me to raise a call betwixt earth and heaven. My proof is that which hath appeared and shall appear through Me, and My evidence is My rising up to proclaim this Cause and to reveal that which I have been bidden by Him, in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the clamor of the nations hath deterred Me.

Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the Wronged One, through Whom God’s sovereignty, power, grandeur and might have been made manifest. He hath revealed the Cause before the faces of the princes and kings, and hath delivered unto them the messages of God, His laws, His commandments; and in this He desired naught save the reformation of the world and the extinguishing of the fire of hatred and animosity in the hearts of the peoples. If the heedless ones would observe with justice, they would

comprehend from Whose presence came the Tablets that were sent to the Primal Point. Verily, today this Wronged One declareth the Cause through that which hath been sent down from Him and revealed from His presence, and calleth all unto the Truth. Blessed are the just, blessed are the discerning, and joy be to them that have attained.

Section 2: "By the life of God! The deniers…"

By the life of God! The deniers of the Bayan, be they Hadi or others, are not aware of the root of the Cause, for they were not with Us. Would that they had been vouchsafed but one drop from the ocean of knowledge! They cling to names while remaining deprived of Him Who raised them up and gave them life. Say: The names shall profit you not, nor that which ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. By the Truth of God! The Possessor hath come with manifest sovereignty. Take ye what hath appeared from the Truth, and leave what the people possess. This is what ye have been commanded by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Cast away what ye possess of idle fancies. By God! The Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of your Lord's Will, He Who hath power over all that was and shall be.

Behold the Tree and its fruits with your own eyes, and the Light and its radiance, and the Sun and its rays. Beware lest ye cast behind your backs the counsel of God. Take hold of it with the power granted by Him and the sovereignty conferred by Him. Verily, He aideth whom He willeth through His command "Be, and it is!" We have sent down from the heaven of grace that which hath illumined the kingdom of wisdom and utterance, and whereby eyes have been solaced. Blessed is he who hath clung to the verses of God, which have filled all regions. Say: Read ye what hath been sent down from the heaven of your Lord's Will to the princes and divines. Should anyone desire to witness with his own eyes the sovereignty and power of God, let him purify himself from the mention of all else and present himself before the Divine Countenance, that he might hear and see that for which the Manifestations of Justice and Daysprings of Knowledge died in their yearning.

I know not by what path he who hath turned away hath directed himself, by what proof he hath established his claims, or by what evidence he denieth Him Who from the earliest days hath been calling out in the name of God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Say: Fear God, and follow not the ways of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. By the life of God! When the verses were sent down from the heaven of Will, the Primal Point prostrated himself and said: "I believe in Thee, O Sovereign of existence!" Say: This is a Revelation to which none before or after can comprehend except to a prescribed measure. Say: Hear what the tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Bayan: "He Whom God shall make manifest hath the right to reject him who is not above anyone on earth." Beware lest thou deny Him through Whose mention the Books of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen, have been adorned.

Although it beseemeth not one like Me to adduce proof of His Cause through mention of aught else, yet when We perceived the weakness and frailty of the servants, We mentioned that which was revealed aforetime as a mercy from Us unto them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Say: Fear God, O opposer, and be not of those who violated God's Covenant and His Testament by following every veiled barking one. Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from the Most Sublime Horizon in this Prison which hath been named the Most Great Prison by the Lord of eternity. He calleth thee for the sake of God and counseleth thee since He seeth thee wandering in the wilderness of passion.

Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We make mention of thee and guide thee for the sake of God and desire from thee no recompense. We have opened before thy face the door of grace that thou mayest enter and behold with thine own eyes the Sun of knowledge and justice from God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm.

Hear once again in the Persian tongue the call of the Blessed Tree, perchance thou mayest turn towards the House of God and sanctify thyself from idle fancies, vain imaginings and ancient tales. Throughout the ages, the Shi'ih sect engaged in disputation amongst themselves until finally they pronounced each other infidels. Now consider: what was the glory of that sect, and what became their recompense on the Day of God? Reflect with fairness: By My life! Until this time the true meaning of divine unity hath not been understood, nor hath anyone previously attained unto it. If thou desirest to understand, sanctify thyself from all thou hast heard, then ask God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the earth, and the Lord of the last and the first, that He may cast upon thee that which shall deliver thee from the chains of self and passion, and guide thee to His straight path.

O people of the Bayan! Cleave ye unto the Book of the Temples which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto His Name, the Judge. Verily, it is the hidden knowledge, the treasured secret, and the preserved symbol which God hath deposited in the heart of him whom He named the Judge in the kingdom of the Bayan. Every soul must look into that Book, for He hath named it the hidden and treasured knowledge. One must ponder upon the cause of its revelation and the reason for its appearance, that haply they may attain unto that which God intended for His servants.

Glory be to God! Despite the entreaty of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—and His testament enjoining all to oppose not the Most Great Revelation, yet some, styling themselves mirrors, others claiming to be successors, and yet others calling themselves guardians, remain deprived of the Truth. Soon, like the sect before them, titles such as Chief and Noble will emerge, and perchance even a fourth pillar will be found.

Say: O ye who turn aside! Hearken unto the Wronged One. Let not the Bayan keep you from the Purpose of all worlds. Say: By the life of God! Neither the Bayan nor what the people possess will profit you except through the Mother Book which speaketh at the final return. The Owner hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

If any soul fail to comprehend the purpose of the Book of the Temples, he should present himself before Us and become acquainted with its meaning, that he may enlighten the people of the Bayan, perchance they might find a way unto the Truth. In this Day, the Bayan and all else are contingent upon acceptance. Some, through the word Mustaghath, remain deprived of the river of divine mercy and the ocean of heavenly wisdom. Say: O heedless ones of the world! This word too was from the Bayan; by the words of the Point it is not permissible to cite it as proof. His exalted Word declares: Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by what was revealed in the Bayan. Repeatedly hath He said: Let not the Bayan and what is therein deprive you from the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen.

After the mention of Mustaghath He declareth: Should He appear at this very moment, I would be the first to worship Him. And in another place He saith: None knoweth the time of the Revelation save God.

Whenever it cometh to pass, all must acknowledge the Point of Truth and render thanks unto God. Some were and are unaware. Say: O servants! While time remaineth, strive that ye may attain unto that for which ye were created from nothingness.

Reflect upon the ignorance of the Guide at a time when the Ocean of divine utterance is manifest and visible, and the Sun of evidence is dawning from the horizon of the heaven of Will, manifest and apparent. Yet His followers have been commanded to reject Him, and now they are consumed by the fire of hatred and rancor, and perceive it not. Say: O heedless one! Again and again have We proclaimed that the Divine Lote-Tree hath appeared with innumerable fruits, and the Sun of Truth hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. Behold with thine own eyes and hearken with thine own ears. If this Cause be denied, then by My life, no cause would be worthy of acceptance.

To this testifieth every seeing one and every just and knowing soul. Were the Point of the Bayan (may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake) present in these days, He would be engaged in writing before His face. Say: Cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take what hath come to you from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. For the sake of God, let the possessors of justice and fairness—namely those souls who possess hearing and sight and are endowed with heart and mind—journey to the island and then to this land, that perchance they may be adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness and may speak the truth.

The deniers are deprived of the eyes of sincerity, purity, justice and fairness, and are occupied with former lies and calumnies. The Book of Certitude was specifically revealed in the presence of the Uncle (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God), and therein is mentioned the circumstances of this Wronged One's imprisonment and journey. Yet they have attributed it to another. Say: O heedless one! Ask of the Afnan, that it may become clear and evident unto thee.

One of the kinsmen who was named Muhammad-Hasan came to this land and upon his return was bearing seventy Tablets for the servants of God. After arriving in the land of Ta, they imprisoned him and then sent him to a known village where he ascended. Those Tablets were stolen by one of the women of that land and sent to her sister who resided in the land of Ta. God alone knoweth what she did with them—whether she gave them out in her own name or in the name of Mirza Yahya.

By God's life! He was not with Us and was unaware of this matter. A grave error appeared from him in that he sent a leaf that was from the Friend and attributed to Him to the house of the enemy for the sake of worldly glory, and then he turned away and clung to another. His actions are known and evident to most. He is unable to read a single Tablet, yet he hath so added to the imaginings of the deluded ones that none but God is aware of it. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He was not with Us and was unaware; they were elsewhere. In any case, he became disappointed in his deed and turned to another.

Glory be to God! Sixty years of his life have passed, and until now he hath not attained to what is befitting. Love of the world and station induced him to commit that which caused the sighs of those near unto God to rise and the tears of the sincere ones to flow. It is reported that he was also in search of the Book of Certitude to obtain it. It is not known what scheme he had devised for it and what he intended.

We beseech God to assist him to return, to repent, and to submit. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful, the Most Generous. And He is the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Kind.

Say: O concourse of the heedless! The Point crieth out at this moment and saith: Have mercy, O people of the Bayan! By God! He hath appeared for Whose sake I sacrificed My life. I exhort you, counsel you, and enjoin upon you to behold His signs with your own eyes and to hearken with your own ears unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His will. Fear God, and reject not the truth by virtue of what ye possess. Reflect by what proof ye believed and by what evidence ye turned unto My countenance and took hold of My Book. By My life! The pavilion of glory hath been raised, and the tabernacle of grandeur pitched. Ye have attained unto a Day the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. Know ye His station. Do ye not see the Banner of the Bayan exalted upon the most sublime horizon? Do ye not behold the Standard of "There is no God but Him" amidst all religions?

Cast aside what ye possess. By the life of God! A single word of that which hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of His grace cannot be equaled. Ascend ye the steps of names that ye may perchance attain unto the heaven of inner meanings.

This is not the day of names. O people of Baha! The Wronged One hath become a victim of injustice, for the unjust ones of the world have transgressed beyond all bounds and have clung to iniquity. Today all must aid the Cause of God through purity and detachment. The penetration and influence of the Word dependeth upon the piety and detachment of its speaker. Some souls content themselves with words alone, yet the truthfulness of words is conditional upon deeds. Through deeds is one's station and rank made manifest. Words too must accord with that which hath proceeded from the mouth of God's Will in His Tablets. Were some souls to ponder upon what hath outwardly transpired, they would not have deprived the essence of their hearing from what behooveth them by heeding the words of certain liars and calumniators.

Section 3: "This Wronged One, by order of His Majesty…"

This Wronged One, by order of His Majesty the Sultan, journeyed from the Land of Ta to Iraq, accompanied by representatives from both the Persian and Russian embassies. Some time after Our arrival, Mirza Yahya appeared. Consider: had there been any place of safety other than the shadow of God, he would surely have turned to it. Furthermore, when We migrated from Zawra to the Great City, after informing the Vali, We proceeded in accordance with the ordinances of the Sublime State. At the time of departure, We summoned Yahya and bade him proceed to Persia, that he might safeguard the Writings of the Point which had been collected with great difficulty from various quarters. After Our departure, he abandoned the Writings and proceeded to Mosul with an Arab, where he awaited the arrival of the exiles from the Land. When We arrived, he joined Us.

Judge ye fairly by God! Had he observed a place of greater security and comfort than the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree, he would surely have turned thereunto. Say: O people of the Bayan! Reflect upon that which hath appeared in truth, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath befallen this Wronged One in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Despite these clear indications and manifest signs, they have said what the oppressors never said and done what the idolaters never did. During that migration

seventy souls were present, and he was with that company day and night. Nevertheless, he wrote to some that he had not been with the group, and those embodiments of vain imaginings accepted this. In brief, whithersoever We turned, he came and joined Us. Were they to ponder upon that which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen and that which hath outwardly come to pass, all would turn from oppression and tyranny unto justice and fairness. Say:

O Hadi! Fear God, fear God, and follow not thy desires, nor the calumnies of those who have broken God's covenant and testament. Observe, observe: the ocean is before thy face. Hearken, hearken: the call hath been raised between earth and heaven. Return unto the signs of God and His mercy, that perchance they may draw thee to the horizon of glory and thou mayest find thyself seated upon the throne of justice from God, the Lord of bounty and grace.

Some time ago We revealed a prayer from the Supreme Pen and sent it to the Land of Sad, that Hadi might recite it, detached from all save God, that he might attain unto return. However, the deaf rock was not moved by the breezes of the utterance of the Lord of Names, and received no portion from the waves of the ocean of bounty. We have commanded that prayer to be written in this Tablet and sent forth, for its recitation is most efficacious. We beseech God to aid all to do what He loveth and approveth.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who turnest toward the lights of My countenance, and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! Hear My call: verily there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Commander, the All-Wise. Some time ago thy letter arrived, and an answer was revealed and sent forth from the divine Kingdom of utterance. The friends in the cities and regions were each illumined by the splendors of the Sun of Providence. By the life of God, they attained unto that which hath no like nor equal. We beseech Him to grant all the most great steadfastness.

O Nabil, O Nabil! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Through divine power and celestial sovereignty We have arisen before the faces of all. Chains did not prevent Us, imprisonment did not hinder Us, events did not cause Us fear, might and clamor and ranks and hosts did not impede Us, until the Sun of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of every city, and through the power of the Supreme Pen and the influence of the Most Exalted Word, in every land the signs became manifest and the fragrances of utterance were diffused. Now from behind the veil a band hath emerged and committed that which made the very essence of truth to weep. O thou who clingest to the cord of My bounty! Despite the waves of the ocean of utterance and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, the deniers did not turn, nor did they attain unto what was befitting.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having sent down Thy verses and manifested Thy clear tokens, and for having illumined the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee with the light of Thy knowledge, and of the sincere ones with the radiance of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity, and by that which was treasured in Thy knowledge and hidden in the stronghold of Thy protection, and by the pearls concealed in the treasuries of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust beneath, to aid the deniers to turn, and the rejecters to acknowledge, and the heedless to return unto the court of Thy mercy and to repent before the gate of Thy pardon and

forgiveness. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Hearing, the Answering

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I turn to Thee in repentance, for verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Glory be to Thee, O my God! I testify that I have committed that which hath rent asunder the heavens of justice and split the earth of equity. Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty, for Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.

I am he through whose tyranny the sighs of Thy sincere ones have ascended, and the tears of Thy trusted ones have fallen. I am he whose disobedience hath torn the veil of Thy sanctity and caused the people of the cities of Thy knowledge and grace to lament. I testify that in transgression I have surpassed the wicked among Thy creatures and have wrought that which hath caused the hearts of Thy chosen ones to melt. Have mercy upon me, O my Lord and my King, then forgive me through Thy grace, for Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

I testify that I have committed that which hath caused the radiant faces in the highest Paradise to pale, and the leaves of the loftiest Garden to fall. I beseech Thee, O Shelter of the fearful, Refuge of the distressed, and Ultimate Hope of the mystics, to blot out my misdeeds which have prevented me from entering the depths of the ocean of Thy bounty and favor, and from stepping upon the carpet of Thy glory and bestowals.

Alas! Alas! With the sword of my faithlessness I have cut down the tree of my hope, and with the fire of my rebellion I have burned the veil of my chastity and station. Where is the face, O my God, wherewith I may turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, and where is the worthiness whereby I may draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy pardon and mercy? Thou didst create me to exalt and elevate Thy Word, yet I have abased and brought it low. I am he who, O my God, hath denied Thy favor, disputed Thy signs, and rejected Thy proof and Thy testimony.

Thou seest, O my God, how my tears prevent me from the wonders of Thy remembrance and praise, and my sighs bear witness to my heedlessness and error before Thy knowledge. I am he who hath not been ashamed before the Dayspring of Thy verses, the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens, the Repository of Thy knowledge, and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances. Alas! Alas! for my transgressions which have kept me far from the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness, and my sins which have prevented me from standing before the door of Thy grace.

Wilt Thou, O my God, deprive one who hath confessed his tyranny and acknowledged his sins, and hath testified to Thy abundant generosity and great bounty? Alas! Alas! The ocean of error turneth toward the ocean of Thy bestowal, and the sea of heedlessness and waywardness seeketh the ocean of Thy pardon and mercy.

By Thy might, O Desired One of the world and Beloved of the nations, I wish to weep and lament over myself throughout the duration of Thy dominion and kingdom. How can I not weep? I weep for my tyranny in days wherein the Sun of Thy justice hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy

will. How can I not weep? I weep for my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness, my error at the descent of Thy bestowal, and my denial at the manifestations of Thy favor and blessings.

I am he who, O my God, hath fled from the shadow of Thy mercy and taken for himself a station among Thy enemies. Would that I had been content with that! But I uttered that which caused the hearts of the people of the pavilion of Thy glory and majesty to tremble, and blood to flow from the eyes of the people of the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom.

Glory be to Thee, O my God and my Lord! How many a day didst Thou turn toward this servant and mention him through Thy bounty and call him to the ocean of Thy mercy and the horizon of Thy grace, while he turned away from Thee and Thy will and denied the wonders of Thy favors and gifts. O Lord! Have mercy upon him who hath no one to show him mercy except Thee, no refuge save Thee, no deliverance except through Thy bounty, and no escape save through Thy power.

I testify, O my God, that through my tyranny the fruits of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary have changed, and the leaves of the highest Paradise have yellowed. Thou seest me, O my God, turning unto Thee, remorseful for that which my hands, my tongue, my heart, my pen have wrought. I beseech bounty, O Lord of existence, and generosity, O Bestower of blessings. I testify, O my God, to Thy grace and favor, and to my wrongdoing and misbelief among Thy chosen ones and trustees.

Alas, alas! Through my wrongdoing, earthquakes have seized the tribes of the cities of justice and equity, and then those who circled round Thy throne, O Lord of all beings and Master of the throne and dust. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty, Thy majesty and Thy power which have encompassed Thy earth and Thy heaven, and by Thy ancient pardon and Thy all-pervading grace, to ordain for me that which will purify me from the defilement of my deeds which have prevented me from drawing nigh unto Thy most holy court and Thy sacred station.

I testify that I was among the worshippers of vain imaginings while supposing myself to be of the assured ones, and was an idolater while deeming myself among the believers. Alas, alas! My deeds have blackened my face in Thy presence, and my transgressions have barred me from the door of Thy bounty which was opened to all in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Alas, alas! The arrows of my idle fancies have pierced the body of Thy Cause, and the swords of my disobedience have fallen upon the temple of Thy Will. Alas, alas! Through the fire of my heedlessness the hearts of the near ones have been consumed, and through my wrongdoing all things have lamented.

Will returning unto Thee bring me nigh unto the court of Thy glory, and will turning toward Thy gate deliver me from my self and its rebellion, and free me from the evil of its deeds, its wrongdoing and its heedlessness? Nay, by Thy might and Thy glory! The things created in the kingdom of creation profit me not except through Thy command and judgment. O Lord! I testify at this moment to the sanctification of Thy Being from all similitudes and the exaltation of Thy Essence above mention and utterance. Thou art the All-Glorious, the Most High, in the beginning and in the end.

My God, my God! Save me by the arm of Thy power from the pit of self and passion, and deliver me from the fire of tyranny and transgression. I know not, O my God, with what countenance to turn to Thee, after

knowing that my trespasses and errors have come between me and Thy good-pleasure and nearness, and have prevented me from appearing before the throne of Thy justice.

I remember Thee, O my God, in the evening, and I call upon Thee, O my Beloved, at daybreak, and I supplicate Thee, O my Master, at dawn, by Thy name the All-Bountiful, by Thy name the Ever-Flowing, and by Thy name the All-Giving. By Thy might and the penetrating influence of the breaths of Thy revelation and the power of Thy Will, my hope hath well-nigh been cut off because of my evil deeds and actions.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have hastened to the ocean of forgiveness with a sin greater than the mountains and vaster than the field of imagination. I beseech Thee, O Most High and Self-Sufficing, by the wonders of Thy bounty and grace and mercy which have preceded the earth and the heavens, and by Thy pardon which hath encompassed all contingent beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of names and attributes.

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Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath perfumed…"

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

Praise be to God Who hath perfumed the world with the fragrances of His revelation and illumined the hearts of the sincere with the light of His knowledge. Blessings, peace, glory and splendor be upon His loved ones and chosen ones who have arisen to serve His Cause, whom neither the swords of His enemies nor the power of the wayward among His servants could deter. They have arisen with the power of detachment and aided God, the Lord of creation. No might or power could weaken them. These are servants through whom the decree of unity was established, the banners of detachment were raised, and the light of proof shone forth through the manifestation of His glorious and wondrous Name.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, and my Support! Purify the ears of Thy servants with the waters of Thy bounty that they may hearken unto Thy call, and illumine their eyes to behold the horizon of Thy Revelation. O Lord! Thou seest how the Shi'ih party boasted of their knowledge and learning, yet when the promise was fulfilled and the light of the Cause shone forth, they denied Thy truth and disputed Thy signs, until they pronounced death upon the Dayspring of Thy grace, the Source of Thy clear tokens, and the Fountainhead of Thy commandments and ordinances. O Lord! Sanctify the hearts of Thy sincere ones from their tales and remembrances, then adorn them with the ornament of that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy justice and the Reed of Thy utterance. O Lord! Thy favor hath encompassed and preceded all, and Thy mercy hath encompassed and preceded all. Ordain for those who seek Thee among Thy loved ones and those who are nigh unto Thee among Thy creation that which will cause them to be detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayer.

And further: the letters of that honored brother arrived, each one a clear testament and faithful witness to his orientation, adherence and devotion to God, our Lord, the Self-Subsisting. After their reading, they were taken to His presence and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining the

honor of His attention. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke forth in the Kingdom of knowledge. These are His mighty words and His glorious proof:

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

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of earth and Creator of heaven. The servant in attendance before the Wronged One hath presented thy letter before His face. We have heard it and answer thee with clear verses that will draw thee near unto God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a Day wherein the Herald calleth out at every moment:

> "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!"

This is a Day in which every steadfast one hath attained, every ear hath heard, and every seeing one hath witnessed that which hath appeared, shone forth, become manifest and radiant from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the mighty throne. He desireth naught save the sanctification of His servants and their purification from tyranny, indecency, wickedness and transgression. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create Thy servants for none other than the recognition of the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens, and didst fashion ears but to hearken to the shrill voice of Thy Pen, and eyes but to behold the lights of the horizon of Thy Revelation, and hands but to grasp Thy Book through Thy power and sovereignty, and hearts but to turn toward the Kaaba of Thy knowledge, might and command, and feet but to tread Thy path. I beseech Thee by the faces that were reddened with blood in Thy path, and by the breasts that were pierced by the arrows of the enemy in exaltation of Thy Word, and by the hearts that were not deterred by the oppressors' might nor frightened by the cannons of the idolaters, who turned to the Manifestation of Thy Self in Thy Name and circled round His will in their longing to attain Thy presence, to aid me in all conditions to hold fast to the cord of Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee and make mention of Thee among Thy servants.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I find myself bewildered by Thy Revelation, Thy dawning, and Thy signs that have encompassed Thy earth and heaven. I beseech Thee to adorn my head with the crown of detachment and my temple with the robe of humility and submissiveness before the appearance of Thy commandments and ordinances. O Lord! Assist me through Thy bounty and generosity to attain the wisdom wherewith Thou hast bidden me in Thy Tablets and Scriptures, then enable me to achieve such steadfastness as Thou hast sent down its decree from the heaven of Thy knowledge and wisdom. O Lord! Strengthen this servant to arise to serve Thee with wisdom and utterance, then aid him with the power that encompasseth all things and the might that subdueth all existence.

By Thy glory, O God of the world and desire of the nations! My soul findeth no tranquility save through Thy favors and loving-kindness, nor doth mine eye find solace except by witnessing Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to inscribe me among the companions of the Crimson Ark, which the Herald of Thy Cause announced unto all creation and which Thou hast made specially for the people of Baha. I testify that Thou hast never disappointed those who have sought Thee, nor dost Thou disappoint

those who have placed their hopes in Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Mustafa! With a wondrous voice, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Today the call is raised high, the light is radiant, the fragrance of utterance is diffused, the Kaaba of God is manifest, and the gate of bounty is flung open. Blessed are they who have sanctified themselves from the delusions of the former people and whatsoever tales and idols they possess, and who have, with pure hearing and hallowed sight, turned their attention and gazed upon that which hath appeared. Though in these days receptive ears and penetrating eyes, like justice and fairness, are rare—nay, non-existent.

The first thing that is incumbent upon the sincere seeker is sanctification and detachment from the tales, proofs and arguments to which the Shi'ih party hath clung. By God! They are in manifest error. Their remembrances are but calumnies. Heedlessness hath reached such a point that they curse from their pulpits the Manifestations of God's attributes and names, and they perceive it not. They do that from which the oppressors of the earth have sought and seek refuge with God. We beseech God to make thee aware and to aid thee in the promotion of His Cause. The promotion of that which hath been sent down in the Book of Baha from the Most Exalted Pen hath been and is through deeds and character. These hosts are observed to be mightier and more valiant than the armies of the world.

Convey My greetings to the friends and say: The hosts of God today are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Hold ye fast unto them. By My life! Through these hosts the cities of hearts and minds have been and will be conquered. In this Most Great Revelation, the most great bounty is manifest and the supreme favor is evident. We have forbidden all to engage in cursing and execration, and likewise from deeds that cause grief and are the cause of anxiety and sorrow. O Mustafa! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee in that which will cause thy remembrance to endure among all remembrances and thy name among all names, and to adorn thee with the word of His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Most Generous.

Praise be to God that on this night, which is the fifteenth night of the month of Sha'ban the Glorified, they have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and likewise unto the waves of the ocean of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. Would that the people of the world might attain unto a drop from the ocean of divine justice and be illumined by the splendors of the Day-Star of fairness. Glory be to God! The essence of justice is manifest and the reality of grace is evident before all faces, and yet the unfair ones of the world, namely the people of Iran, are turning to vain imaginings and are turned away from the Lord of all beings.

Through error they have passed by the eternal gift and through tyranny they are deprived of divine forgiveness and justice. They reckoned and knew themselves to be the best of mankind and the most excellent among nations, yet when the Finger of Power drew aside the veil, the opposite became manifest and apparent. They are bereft of human attributes and are recorded as companions of the Fire in the Most Great Scene. God is witness and aware that whenever this evanescent servant contemplates the divine favors, grief seizes him to such a degree that he nearly perisheth, inasmuch as every soul hath been and is a seeker of good and hopeful of grace; nevertheless they are observed to be deprived and forbidden.

Section 2: "My God, my God! Aid Thy servants…"

My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to recognize what Thou hast intended for them through Thy bounty and generosity, and inspire them with what Thou hast purposed for them through Thy grace and bestowal. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge that Thou disappoint them not of the wonders of Thy grace and bounty. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

And whereas mention was made of the souls aforesaid—upon them be the Baha of God—after their names had been presented in the most holy and inviolable Presence, these exalted words shone forth and were revealed from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of names and attributes. This is that which the Tongue of the Desired One hath uttered in remembrance of Jinab-i-Abu'l-Zafar Sahib—upon him be the Baha of God. Exalted be His utterance and glorified His proof.

In the Name of God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Abu'l-Zafar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison with that which will draw thee to God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath verily revealed in the Book that which guideth all parties unto His path and teacheth them what will draw them nigh unto Him. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Victory, in the first instance, is belief in God and recognition of the Dawning-Place of His verses, the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Repository of His all-encompassing knowledge. The servant who is present hath brought a letter from him who is named Mustafa, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, wherein mention was made of thee. We have made mention of thee with a mention that attracteth the hearts of them that have turned towards God. The Wronged One counseleth His loved ones with that which will exalt their stations among His servants. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto the call and acted in accordance with that which hath been commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have made mention of those who turned towards the Countenance both before and after they turned, as every just and perceiving one doth testify.

And this is what the Tongue of the Beloved hath spoken unto him who is named Khayru'd-Din:

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted station

O thou who hast turned towards God! Thy name was present in the prison. We have made mention of thee with that which causeth thee to find the sweet-scented breezes of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Informed. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of knowledge through the hands of Thy bounty and for having made mention of me through Thy Most Exalted Pen in such wise as nothing created on earth can equal, through Thy name, the All-Powerful. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Most Exalted Word the names were attracted and through Whose Most Glorious Name all who are in earth and heaven were subdued, to make me one who speaketh Thy praise amongst Thy creation and uttereth Thy glorification amidst Thy servants.

Then cause me to be steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the veils of the oppressors nor the might of the pharaohs shall hinder me. O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to Thy Name, the Mighty, the distant one to Thy Name, the Near One, and the poor one to Thy Name, the Strong, the

Dominant, the Powerful. O my Lord! I am he who hath cast aside all else but Thee, holding fast unto Thee and unto what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of what lieth with Thee. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

And this is what hath been revealed for Muhammad Isma'il:

He is the One Who speaketh before all faces

O Isma'il! Reflect upon the diverse parties of the world, what they believe in and what proofs and evidences they cling to. The Shi'ih party rejected the divine counsels, occupied themselves with their desires and were debarred from the Lord of all beings. When He Who was their heart's Desire, for Whom they had waited throughout centuries and ages, appeared, they pronounced Him an infidel and martyred Him through their tyranny. And now once again the deniers of the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings and hold fast to the same suppositions. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the power through whose manifestation the power of the world was obliterated, and by the light of Thy countenance whereby the nations were illumined, to aid Thy servants to draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and to turn unto the Dayspring of Thy bounty and the Treasury of Thy wisdom. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Flowing, the Omnipotent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Siyyid Mustafa! Each of the mentioned souls has attained that which hath no peer or likeness. Convey greetings to the other friends on behalf of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Luminary of God's grace, exalted be His glory, that they may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful ones. We counsel all to observe trustworthiness, righteousness, purity and faithfulness—hosts that are the helpers of the Truth and the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. Praiseworthy character and goodly deeds have repeatedly flowed from the Pen of the Wronged One. Blessed are they whose paramount concern is the betterment of the world and the education of its peoples. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Expositor. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O beloved of My heart! Under all conditions that honored one must observe wisdom, lest that which would disturb souls should appear. Wisdom is the cause of the salvation of the servants and likewise the means of their protection and preservation. I beseech God to illumine His loved ones with its lights and to adorn them with its traces. Our Lord is, verily, the Faithful Speaker and the Manifest Counsellor. I make mention of the friends of that land with spiritual and gracious remembrances, convey greetings to them, and beseech for them that which is the cause of elevation and the source of exaltation. Verily God, our Lord, is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

In response to the petition of the honored beloved, Haji Siyyid Mihdi, upon him be the eternal glory of God, and his wife, upon her be the glory of God, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent. God willing, may they drink and give others to drink from the Kawthar of utterance. The Branches of the Blessed Tree, may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of their footsteps, send special greetings and express their favors. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you who have drunk the wine of recognition from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Giving, the Generous.

The servant 15th of the month of Sha'ban the Great, 1306

BH01084: Praise and glory beseem the Almighty Lord Who…

He is the One Who speaketh in Justice!

Praise and glory beseem the Almighty Lord Who, in the midst of tribulations and while in the hands of enemies, proclaimed "Verily, I am the Lord of all beings." The might of Pharaohs deterred Him not, nor did the power of tyrants hold Him back from His purpose. With the knowledge that He doeth whatsoever He willeth, He departed from the Realm of Eternity to the kingdom of creation, that He might quicken the dead through the divine breathings of revelation and heavenly inspirations, and lead them to the horizon of glory. The purpose of bearing countless afflictions and trials was that the world might be purified from the smoke of hatred and rancor, and that every soul might find itself in the seat of truth and the gathering-place of security.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My knowledge! The religion of God and His prescribed Law have ever been the cause of love and unity, yet through misunderstanding they have become the source of enmity and discord. Strive that perchance this span-long world might be illumined with the light of harmony. From that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge, it is clear and evident what the purpose and intention hath been—that the servants of the world might turn from bestial characteristics toward spiritual and luminous qualities, and become purified from unseemly deeds and actions.

Beseech thou God that no party like unto the Shi'ih sect might again appear in the world. O thou who gazest upon My countenance! I swear by the Sun of Truth that until now this Wronged One hath not revealed the hidden mysteries. All the claims of those people have been and are like unto Jabulqa and Jabulsa. They have failed to distinguish between God and His creation. They have not even perceived the fragrance of true unity, and yet they count themselves among the most exalted of all people. No deed is witnessed from them save corruption, rejection and malediction.

Beseech thou God to illumine the world with the light of justice and to assist and confirm His Majesty the Shah. Despite the impertinence of some in the early days, He hath repeatedly in recent years protected the oppressed from the tyranny of the ignorant—once in Ha and Mim, again in Qaf and Mim, and in other places, as when He graciously granted freedom to the prisoners in the Land of Ta.

My God, My God! Thou seest my state, my tribulation, my trials, my imprisonment and my sorrow. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the doors of hearts, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance before all faces, to assist His Majesty the Shah 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.

O My Nabil! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Thou art well aware of how this Wronged One hath, from the inception of this Cause until now, arisen before the faces of all with manifest power and might, without any veil or covering. Whensoever the Cause of God was exalted and the Day-Star of His Revelation shone forth, some heedless one would emerge from behind the veil and act in such wise as

would cause the servants to hesitate. In the Land of Mystery, despite the manifestation of the mubahalih [spiritual contest], and the exaltation of the Word, Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani rushed to Mushiru'd-Dawlih—upon him be the Glory of God—seeking refuge and requesting a daily stipend. By God! At this My heart, My Pen, and My very being lamented.

And now Isfahani, together with his companion, is present at the Threshold, engaged in plundering wealth, consumed by such flames of greed and passion that the Pen is powerless to describe. Poor trustworthiness writhes beneath the talons of his treachery, while piety, like the phoenix, remains hidden and unseen. Yet despite all the afflictions that have befallen Us and these endless tribulations, neither tongue nor pen is restrained. The oppression of the oppressors and the might of the aggressors have not prevented Us. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid those who have turned away to turn toward Him, and those who have denied to acknowledge Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Thy letter that thou didst send to this servant hath arrived. At that very moment, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, specifically for the aforementioned one—upon him be My glory. We beseech God to aid him to grasp it through His strength and His power. A blessed scroll was sent; peruse it and send copies thereof to the lands of Khah, Shahrud, and Mashhad, as well as to other cities. A volume of the Divine Book is being sent today from Ha [Haifa] that it may reach thee, and specifically for the names mentioned, wondrous, sublime and mighty verses have been revealed and dispatched. Would that they might understand from whence these verses are revealed and in what state they are revealed! By God! Were the people of the world to look with fairness, all would turn to the most exalted Summit. It is not known by what excuse the hesitant justify themselves.

By My life! Were the Primal Point [the Bab] present, He would surely arise before all faces and record that which descendeth from the Kingdom of grace and bounty. Say: O people! Look ye at My signs and that which hath proceeded from the ocean of My utterance. Verily, it will acquaint you with that which hath been hidden from you through His wisdom. He is verily the All-Patient, the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The signs of thy grief have saddened this Wronged One. The glances of My loving-kindness have ever been directed towards thee. To this all things bear witness. Hold fast unto that which We have revealed for thee aforetime. Look not to the people and their ways, but unto the Truth and His sovereignty. Thou hast ever been and continue to be remembered, to this the Mother Book beareth witness at this moment. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

As to what thou didst mention regarding thy nephew Muhammad-ʿAli—upon him be My glory—this dependeth upon thine own judgment and is acceptable in the sight of God. The glory that shineth from the horizon of this heaven be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee and hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Lord of this firm and impregnable Cause.

BH01333: Praise and glory befit those immersed in the ocean…

In the Name of the One Peerless God!

Praise and glory befit those immersed in the ocean of detachment who, in the darkness of these days, the oppression of the people, and amidst sorrows descending and griefs and troubles overwhelming, remained not deprived of turning towards the Ocean of Oneness and the Eternal Sun. The veils of names withheld them not from the Lord of all things. They left behind all names and turned to the ocean of inner meanings. These are servants who have drunk, in My Name the Self-Subsisting, of My choice-sealed wine. All else besides God hath ever been and remaineth in their sight as a handful of dust and ashes. Through His Name they were not debarred from its Possessor. They have arisen to champion His Cause with such steadfastness as hath caused the limbs of the opposers of the Bayan to quake. Glorified be His power, exalted be His majesty, and there is none other God but Him.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon and unfurleth the banner of My victory through wisdom and utterance! I testify that thou hast sought to promote righteousness in all circumstances and hast counseled the servants unto piety and salvation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath loved thee for My sake and hearkened unto thy word concerning My Cause. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. His mercy hath preceded and His loving-kindness hath encompassed all. Blessed is he who hath been just in His Cause, and blessed is he who hath spoken with equity concerning that which hath been manifested from His presence.

O Abu'l-Fadl! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. That which hath come to pass in that land is known and evident. Blessed is He Who hath prevented His chosen ones from corruption, tyranny and unseemly deeds, and hath commanded them to righteousness, uprightness and the fear of God. Praise be to God that ye were slain in His path but slew not. Counsel the loved ones in all circumstances to remain serene and tranquil, to improve the affairs of men, to refine souls, and to be characterized by trustworthiness, faith, chastity and virtue. Verily, We were with thee in Ha and Mim, and thy deeds therein gained the glory of My acceptance and the honor of My good-pleasure, and in the land of Ya in accordance with that which befitteth thee in the Cause of thy Lord, the Inspirer, the Compassionate, the Trustworthy.

Say: O servants! In truth it is spoken and in truth hear ye! God, exalted be His glory, hath ever gazed and continueth to gaze upon the hearts of His servants. All else—whether of land or sea, ornaments or colors—He hath relinquished to kings, sovereigns and rulers, for the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" hath ever shone resplendent before His Manifestation. That which is necessary today is obedience to government and adherence to wisdom. In truth, the reins of preservation, tranquility and assurance outwardly lie within the grasp of governmental authority. Thus hath God willed it and thus hath He ordained it. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the Most Great Prison: One government official is, in the sight of God, more distinguished, more excellent and more merciful than a host of divines.

For that soul is occupied day and night in a service conducive to the peace and comfort of the people, while that host is engaged night and day in corruption, rejection, vilification, murder and pillage. For some time now in Iran, His Majesty the Shah—may God, the Blessed, the Most High, assist him—hath protected and continueth to protect these oppressed ones of the world from the evil of such souls.

Nevertheless, they have not rested; each day they stir up some sedition and each day some tumult appeareth. It is hoped that one of the kings will, for the sake of God, arise to aid this oppressed community and thereby attain unto everlasting remembrance and eternal praise. God hath prescribed for this community the aid of those who help them, service to them, and faithfulness to their covenant. This community must arise under all conditions to serve their helper and ever hold fast to the cord of fidelity. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth, and woe unto those who forsake.

O Pen! Leave off all mention, trusting in God, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Then make mention of him who ascended to the Supreme Companion with a crimson visage and was consumed by the fire of love in the City of Love, and say:

The first fragrance wafting from the musk of inner meanings and utterance be upon thee, O thou who didst sacrifice thy soul in the path of the All-Merciful! I testify that thou didst cast away idle fancies and didst turn with the light of certitude to the Dawning-Place of inspiration, and the attraction of the Call drew thee to the supreme horizon in days wherein the fire of hatred blazed in the breasts of those who cast away godliness and denied God's proof, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world, by this blood which was shed in Thy love, to forgive Thy servants who have been faithful to Thy Covenant and Testament and have acknowledged that which Thou didst reveal in Thy perspicuous Book. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH01366: O thou who art present before the Wronged One!…

In the Name of the Lord of existence, from the Unseen and the Seen!

O thou who art present before the Wronged One! Hear once again His call. I swear by the Sun of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen, were all who dwell on earth to attain unto the divine call in this spiritual springtime, all would turn from what they possess to what He possesseth, and would, with utmost joy and radiance, sacrifice their spirits in His path. Today the Sinai circleth round the throne of His Revelation, and the Herald of Grandeur calleth out from the horizon of the heaven of might, "Blessed art thou, O Earth," for thou hast been honored by the footsteps of the Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and hast been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Ismi Zayn, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, sent a letter to the Most Holy Court wherein mention was made of thee and the friends. Thus have ye been favored with the waves of the divine ocean of utterance. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! Take ye the chalice of recognition from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom despite every ignorant remote one and every doubting scholar.

Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be My glory, who hath taken his abode beneath My shadow, hath made and continueth to make mention of thee. We beseech God to ordain for each one that which is the cause of eternal life.

O Muhammad-Ibrahim, upon thee be My glory! In these days of sorrow, grief hath encompassed the Goal of all existence from every direction, for the claimants of love have manifested such tyranny as hath had

and hath no parallel. They have shackled trustworthiness, truthfulness and sincerity. By the life of God! They have wrought that which hath caused the very essence of truth to weep.

O Ibrahim! The horizons are afflicted in the fire of discord. Today pure deeds are the helpers of His Cause, and true fear of God is its defender and aid. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and counsel them to fear God and to detachment, that they may attain unto that which shall endure forever in the Book of God. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto My Day and hath drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the hand of My bounty.

O Muhammad-Mihdi! He who loveth Me hath mentioned thee, and We make mention of thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Remembrancer. The deeds of the peoples have darkened the world. God, exalted be His glory, hath created mankind for the betterment of the world and the elevation of their stations, that all might become ready to hearken unto a Word at the mention of which both pen and ink stand powerless. However, a few have manifested such wickedness as hath had and hath no equal. Like unto wolves they have rent asunder His loved ones, hamstrung His she-camel, and caused His ark to sink. Fie upon them and their faithlessness! O friends! Hold fast unto wisdom and unto that which God hath chosen. Act in accordance with that which draweth nigh the servants and causeth the dwellers of all lands to be attracted. This is the divine counsel whose light hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless!

O Muhammad-Taqi! Have not the deeds and traces of Truth been distinguished from those of others? Hath there been any doubt concerning the effulgences of the light of His Manifestation? Nay, by His own Self, the True One! Selfish desires have held men back from the most exalted horizon. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and turn with penetrating vision and attentive ears that ye may not be deprived of witnessing and hearkening. This is the greatest counsel which the Most Great Announcement hath commanded. Blessed are they that act! O Muhammad-Qabl-Baqir! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the bounty of utterance and the table of divine knowledge—the goal of all the peoples of the world. Divine forgiveness and mercy have at this hour encompassed thee and thy parents, as a grace from God, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful, and as a bounty from the Kind, the Generous One.

We make mention of thy wife who hath believed and responded when she heard the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My handmaiden! Praise thou the Desired One, that thou hast been granted permission to attain unto this most exalted Word. Say: Thine is the praise, O Lord of the world, and Thine is the glory, O Desire of the nations, and Thine is the splendor, O Beloved of those who dwell in the heavens and on earth. We make mention of those whom God hath related unto thee, both female and male, and We give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance through which the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted abroad and the Temple of Sanctity hath spoken forth from the most exalted Paradise:

> “The Kingdom and the Dominion belong unto God, the Lord of creation, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below.”

The glory from Us be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH01666: O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One!…

He is the One Who standeth manifest, speaking before all faces.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! My Most Exalted Pen desireth to reveal unto thee the pearls of wisdom that lay hidden in its treasuries, to cause thee to hear the call of God, and to show thee the waves of the ocean of utterance in these days wherein He Who was hidden hath appeared with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath, with the hands of grace and bounty, proffered His sealed wine. Blessed is he who hath cast behind him all else, who hath advanced and hastened until he partook and drank thereof, and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

This is the Day whereon the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over all creation, wherein the Dove of proof hath warbled upon the loftiest branches, and given glad-tidings unto all on earth of that which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast heard the Call and turned unto it, and wert not hindered by the veils of the world, nor frightened by the might of the nations who broke God's Covenant and His Testament, and perpetrated that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament.

We took a handful of dust and breathed into it less than the eye of a needle of spirit from Our presence. When it stirred, it arose in sedition, having been beguiled by one who had no station with God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Arise to serve the Cause with a power from Us and a strength from Our presence, and say:

> "O concourse of the heedless! Be fair in your judgment, by God, then look into the traces of His Pen, and that which hath appeared from Him, and that whereof He hath informed in His Books, His Scrolls, and His Tablets, and be not of them who denied God's signs, His proof, His testimony, and His traces, and pronounced judgment against their Lord without clear evidence from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

He who loved Me and soared in Mine atmosphere and attained My presence and drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee in this clear Book which calleth out with the most exalted call, saying:

> "By God, the Truth! The veil hath been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds, desiring naught save the reformation of the world and the refinement of your souls, if ye be of them who know, and He hath forbidden all from corruption and commanded them to fear God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

Say: Aid your Lord through such conduct and deeds as will exalt the station of the blessed Word and your stations among the parties. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel thee with wisdom in all circumstances, and with that which beseemeth man. Blessed is the All-Merciful Who hath commanded all with that which attracteth the hearts of them that have turned unto Him.

Know thou that the wolf hath devoured My sheep, the oppressor hath slain the She-Camel of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne, and the serpent hath opened its mouth and bitten him whom God made a light unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as there hath been sent down unto thee that which shall endure as long as God's names and attributes and His mighty and impregnable kingdom shall endure.

Preserve this most exalted station in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and say: "Glory be unto Thee, O God, O Thou Who art the Creator of the heavens and the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, and by Thy loved ones whom nothing whatsoever, nor the oppression of the enemies, could deter from drawing nigh unto Thee and attaining Thy presence, to aid me in that which shall make me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving providence. O my Lord! I have forsaken the community of a people who denied Thy bounty and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the manifestations of the Sun of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me steadfast in mentioning that which Thou didst reveal in the Qur'an unto the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth: Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputes.' Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return."'

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon him who hath heard the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Ultimate Boundary in the Most Exalted Paradise and hath said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of names and in Whose right hand are the reins of all that was and shall be!"

BH02182: Hear the call from the Crimson Tree at…

He is the One speaking with truth!

Hear the call from the Crimson Tree at the hub of the most exalted Paradise—"God, there is no God but Him, the rightful Sovereign. He it is Who has manifested His Cause and fulfilled His promise and called all to unity and accord. Blessed is he who has heard and responded to his Lord and acted according to what he was commanded on the Day of Meeting. And woe to him who has turned away from the truth and followed the desires of those who have broken the Covenant."

Say: O heedless ones! Do you not see what has shone forth and appeared from the horizon of Manifestation by which the horizons have been illumined? Say: Put aside what the people possess. The Self-Subsisting has come with that which will guide you to God, the Revealer of verses.

The Most Exalted Pen of God has moved to mention those through whom the back of hypocrisy was broken. O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of the heaven of My love! Hear the divine call in the Persian tongue. The letters which thou didst send in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, the servant presented before the Face. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy steadfastness and those who love thee and make mention of thee according to what was revealed for thee from the Most Exalted Station.

Thou didst mention the friends of the land of Ha and Mim. Praise be to God, each one is illumined with the light of recognition and has attained to goodly remembrance. We have mentioned each one of them with that which brings solace to the eyes. Some days ago a special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor and sent to Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir, upon him be My glory, that he might drink therefrom the Euphrates of God's mercy and bounty which has encompassed all who are in the earth and heaven.

Say: O people of God! It is hoped that ye will walk among the servants with the utmost wisdom. In this land the Law of God, that is, the Law of the Furqan (Qur'an) is in force. Praise be to God, some indolent ones have clung to deeds. In truth, a person without deeds has been and is fruitless. Especially for the sons of Khalil in that land several Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were sent. The Trustee has also made much mention and praise of the friends. In any case, each of the souls mentioned in thy letter has been honored with a Tablet. What was not sent this time will, God willing, be sent later, that they may drink therefrom the Kawthar of steadfastness and bounty from God, the Lord of all beings.

Thou didst mention [Bahr] and two souls of that land. Two blessed Supreme Tablets in the Most Exalted handwriting and adorned with the seal of the Beloved were sent. By My life! Nothing among all things equals these two, nor what the people possess. Give them the glad tidings of My mention and illumine them with the lights of thy Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Special Tablets have been repeatedly revealed and sent to Siyyid Muhammad. This time too a special Tablet was sent to him. Likewise, a special Tablet was sent for one of the sons of Khalil who has turned towards the land of Kaf and Ra. Beseech God not to deprive those on earth from the ocean of bounty. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and the Powerful, the All-Forgiving.

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BH11728: The appointed time hath come, and from the heaven…

In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all Names!

The appointed time hath come, and from the heaven of God's command hath appeared the House of Revelation with a might that the malice of the wicked cannot weaken—they who have violated God's Covenant and Testament, and slain His loved ones without clear proof from Him or authority from His presence. We testify that they have wrought corruption in the land after its reformation, and rejected the blessing of tranquility after it had been established and spread through the justice of the Sovereign of the Kingdom and its Authority. Thus doth the Wronged One speak as He walketh in this place which hath been named the Most Great Prison in the world—a place cut off from the mention of all peoples. Blessed is he who hath heard what he was commanded by God, the Cleaver of Dawn.

We have forbidden all from corruption and commanded them to righteousness and godliness, yet the heedless have cast behind their backs that which would profit them and have followed rebellion and wickedness. Lo! They are among the lost in the sight of their Lord, the Most High. They have slain him who believed in God, aided His Cause, and spoke His praise by night and by day.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Thy letter which thou didst send to one of the Afnan hath brought Us joy, and We found from it the fragrance of unity in days wherein people have differed regarding the News foretold by Moses in the Torah and the Beloved One in the Qur'an. We have mentioned thee time and again, and have revealed for thee that whereby all things were stirred and minds and spirits were attracted. Stand firm in aiding the Cause of thy Lord through the wisdom whose sun hath shone forth from the horizons of the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets. Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. He hath aided thee to serve His Cause and hath shown thee the paths of guidance.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was martyred in the path of God and say: The first effulgence hath appeared from the horizon of the heaven of grace and bounty upon thee, O thou who wast named Muhammad-Rida! I testify that thou didst believe in the All-Merciful when the ocean of divine knowledge surged in the contingent world, and thou didst answer the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and thou didst drink the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names. Thou art he whom neither the veils of the oppressors nor the allusions of the transgressors prevented, and who forsook the religion of people who wrought corruption in the earth after its reformation and denied God's favor after its descent. The Spirit be upon thee, O thou at whose calamity the near ones lamented and the sincere ones cried out! Blessed art thou and blessed is he who visiteth thee and reciteth what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Luminous, Most Glorious Spot.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy, His grace and His loving-kindness. We counsel them to fellowship and unity. We beseech God to aid thee in improving their condition in all circumstances. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH02724: O Muhammad-Quli! Upon thee be My glory! Hear My…

He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O Muhammad-Quli! Upon thee be My glory! Hear My call from the prison's direction. Verily it giveth thee to drink of the Kawthar of utterance and draweth thee nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. When the promise came to pass and that which had been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of the Prophets was made manifest, the people turned away. Among them were those who denied God's proof and His evidence, those who uttered that which none before had uttered, and those who pronounced judgment against God's chosen ones and His loved ones, until blood was shed and hearts were pierced. The perverse have wrought that which hath caused hearts to melt and souls to burn. They behold the grace of God yet deny it, and the signs yet turn away from them. Nay, they perceive not.

We bear witness that thou hast attained unto that which was promised thee and hast performed that which hath won the honor of acceptance. Grieve not for what the ignorant have perpetrated out of enmity toward God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds in this world and the next. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the Mighty, the Kind. Blessed be thy hand and thy back, and thy deed whereby the call was raised in the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed be God, the Lord of all

beings, Who aided His servant in such wise as caused the limbs of the enemies to quake—they who violated God's Covenant, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Praise be to God!

Thou didst turn, and didst achieve acceptance, and didst perform that which caused the people of Paradise to utter the blessed word "Blessed be God" and the people of the most exalted Paradise to remember "The power is from God." His is the grace and bounty, and His the generosity and munificence. He confirmed thee, guided thee, and strengthened thee until thou didst perform that which caused the Concourse on High to praise and divine verses to descend.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the stranger who was martyred in Thy path, by whom the earth was reddened with blood in Thy days, who was, in his life, set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, attracted by the breathings of Thy Revelation, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, detached from all else but Thee, whose blood would boil in his veins from longing to shed it in Thy days—by him I implore Thee to send down upon Thy loved ones from the heaven of Thy bounty a mercy from Thy presence. O my Lord! Aid them in that whereby the standards of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy Cause shall be upraised. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Protector over the seen and unseen. There is no God but Thee, the Compeller, the Subduer, the All-Forgiving, the Unconstrained, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Kind.

BH11740: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

In the name of God, the All-Powerful over what He willeth through His command "Be" and it is!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with proof and evidence is verily the Dawning-Place of God's revelation, the Dayspring of His Cause, the Source of His wisdom, and the Repository of His knowledge, Who hath [stood] in His Own place in the human kingdom amongst all peoples. Whoso holdeth fast unto Him is among the choicest of all creation before Him, and whoso hesitateth is accounted among the oppressors in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Day hath come while the people remain in evident delusion. That which was hidden from sight hath appeared, and that which was treasured in the heaven of knowledge hath been sent down. Through it the trees have yielded their fruits, the rivers have flowed, the mysteries have been unveiled, and the nightingale of utterance hath warbled upon the highest branches. [By God!] He Who was treasured from time immemorial hath appeared, and He Whose advent was heralded in God's Books, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath risen.

O ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Repeatedly hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and thou hast been favored with grace. Know thou the station of this station, then preserve it through the name of thy Lord, the Preserver, the Powerful.

O ʿAli! In the great city the fire of hatred, treachery, calumny, greed, tyranny and corruption blazeth bright. They have taken up faithlessness and cast away trustworthiness in opposition to God and His Cause. Thus have their heedless souls enticed them. They have broken God's Covenant and His Bond, and were not moved by God's counsel and His Word. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist them to return. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Pen! Thou hast mentioned him who loved Thee. Make mention of him who drank the wine of martyrdom from the hands of submission and contentment, and repaired to the Most Exalted Paradise by the command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: May the first fragrance that wafted from the garment of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, be upon thee, O fruit of the Tree of bounty, O pillar of faithfulness in the kingdom of names, O word of the Book of God, Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. Thou art he whom neither commerce nor trade deterred from the remembrance of God. I beseech God by thee and by those who loved thee to open before the faces of His servants the gates of justice and fairness, and to send down upon them from the heaven of His bounty the rain of His mercy and His gifts. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH03089: The veil of falsehood and faithlessness hath obscured…

He is the Speaker in every instant

The veil of falsehood and faithlessness hath obscured the light of truth and fidelity, and piety hath been tormented beneath the talons of waywardness. The flame of greed and covetousness hath compassed about beleaguered trustworthiness. One unto whom the people of Bahá had shown the utmost love arose in hypocrisy, and through desire for worldly possessions turned away from the All-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

O Pen! Leave the mention of these, and speak rather of those who were set aflame with the fire of love and faithfulness, in such wise that neither the power of the oppressors, nor the clamour of the aggressors, nor the cawing of the criers could deter them. They turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon with illumined hearts and radiant faces. They cast aside fear and trembling, out of longing for the breaths of Revelation in the eternal homeland.

O Ali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thou hast been mentioned repeatedly in the presence of the Wronged One, and thy deeds in the path of God have been accepted. It behooveth thee to say: “Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who didst call me from Thy Most Great Prison! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who didst turn toward me from Thy most firm and impregnable stronghold! Here am I, here am I, O Thou through Whom the Herald proclaimed on the Day of Return: ‘The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of creation!”’

Praise be to the Desired One of the worlds Who aided thee to render a service from which the fragrance of His good-pleasure was wafted. Well is it with thee, and again, well is it with thee!

Say: “My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee which were melted in their separation from Thee, and by the souls of the sincere which were sacrificed in Thy path, and by the heads of the yearning ones which were raised upon spears in their love for Thee, and by this martyr through whom the fire of hatred was kindled in the breasts of the ungodly and the light of love shone forth in the hearts of the believers, to make me detached from all else save Thee, to cling to the hem of Thy bounty, and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy mercy with such firmness as cannot be shaken by the doubts of the world—a firmness that cannot be prevented by the hatred of the nations—a firmness that is adorned by Thy will and illumined by the light of Thy purpose. O Lord! I beseech Thee by him, and by his

limbs and members, his heart and tongue and eyes, to ordain for me and for the people of Baha the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art God, the One, the Single, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH03416: O thou who soarest in the atmosphere…

He is the Faithful Speaker!

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and convey unto the people that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His bounty and bestowal, that perchance they may cast away what they possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and may take fast hold of the cord of God's loving providence, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not every rejected transgressor and every veiled heedless one. Say: Hear ye the counsel of the Wronged One and ponder, that haply ye may not be deprived of the ocean of utterance in the Divine Day.

Reflect upon the turning away of the divines of the former Faith and their followers. What was the cause that all were deprived on the Day of His Manifestation, and were forbidden from Him Whom they had sought with humility and supplication at all times, nay more, issued the verdict for and carried out the shedding of His most pure blood? The cause of this loss and the reason for this ruination was that they regarded not His signs and verses with their own hearing and sight, but were captive to the idle fancies of the former divines.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye God. Behold His signs with His eye, then hear His verses with His ear. By the life of God! Had there been a soul worthy of mention, this Wronged One would not have borne the tribulations of the world for the sake of manifesting the Cause. Where, at last, hath fairness gone, and what hath become of justice? Through a brackish drop they deprived themselves of the Euphrates of mercy and were forbidden from the ocean of bounty.

With the hand of power, rend ye asunder the veils, that perchance ye may attain unto the splendors of the light of the Day of God. The former people clung to names and were deprived of their Owner. Ye too have followed that people and count yourselves among the people of the Bayan. Say: We bear witness that the Bayan is innocent of you and of what ye say and do. Hear ye My counsel, then return unto God. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

BH03764: O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Taqi! Hear the call of the Wronged One…

He is the Speaker of Truth!

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Taqi! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He makes mention of thee through His grace, reminds thee of His verses, and illumines thee with the lights of His utterance. He hath revealed for thee that which brings solace to eyes and vision. Know thou that the world hath deluded the divines of Iran and prevented them from turning to the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Source of inspiration. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they are held back from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all

mankind. They have followed their own desires and taken them as lords besides God. They are indeed among the companions of the fire. They have devoured God's sheep and hamstrung the she-camel. By God's life! They have committed that which none before them hath committed, as the Mother Book doth testify in the final abode.

Blessed art thou for having heard the call and responded, and for having attained unto the traces of God in days wherein all things cried out: "O people of the earth! Fear God and believe in Him Who hath come to you from the horizon of might with power and sovereignty!" This is the Day whereof God's books of old gave you glad tidings. Turn ye unto Him and follow not every doubting idolater. This is the Day whereon He Who conversed on Sinai hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation, and the Point of the Bayan hath proclaimed before His Lord, the All-Merciful: "Verily, I am the first to worship Him."

Thus hath the Ancient Beauty spoken from His Most Great Prison and given you glad tidings of that which hath appeared from God, the Lord of all men. He Who circumambulated the House hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee with that which causeth spirits to be attracted when they hear the creaking of My Pen. Say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me when I was in the most desolate of lands. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and enable me to arise to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Thou seest me yearning for the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the rain-clouds of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained."

BH03639: Praise becometh that Desired One Who hath illumined…

Praise becometh that Desired One Who hath illumined the realm of inner meaning with the light of true unity…

This evanescent servant has ever mentioned that cherished one of my heart and has besought at the Most Holy Court that which betokens the heaven of generosity and the sun of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. I beseech Him to make that honored one exalted in both worlds and to aid him in that which would bear witness to his service, his connection and his steadfastness. This is not difficult for God, our Lord. Praise be to God! Dear in His presence, dear in His absence, dear in his devotion, and dear in his service. O cherished one of my heart! Can you render adequate thanks and praise for these mentioned bounties? Without divine confirmation it is difficult; when confirmation comes, difficulty remains no more. Ease upon ease, joy upon joy, bounty upon bounty it becomes. When confirmation comes, difficulties become easy, just as when the wind comes, the mosquito departs. If you say no, Rumi, upon him be mercy, has said:

> "When rose the wind in rushing might, The gnat straight fled in hurried flight."

In all conditions I beseech glory and bounty and steadfastness for that dear one, soul and spirit, and the brethren, and all the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God. Verily our Lord is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH03605: Verily the Most Great Ocean hath turned toward thee…

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

Verily the Most Great Ocean hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison to show thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance hidden within the shells of grace and bounty, as a mercy from His presence, for He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day wherein the heaven calleth out with its most exalted voice:

> "By God! The Lord of all beings hath come, and there floweth from His right hand the Kawthar of immortality, and from His left hand the Salsabil of bounty. Draw nigh, O people of the earth, and be not of the heedless ones. Beware lest the might of the people prevent you from drawing near unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne."

This is the Day wherein the Most Glorious Beauty giveth to drink, with the hands of bounty, His sealed wine named after the Self-Subsisting to those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon. Hearken, O people, and be not of the patient ones. Indeed patience is praiseworthy except in this Cause which was heralded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Most Lauded. When thou hast attained unto the verses of the Kingdom and art seized by the rapture of the Call raised from the Realm of Might, say:

> "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thine is the greatness and the grandeur, and Thine the might and the splendor. This servant testifieth to the sanctification of Thy Being from all similitudes and the exemption of Thine Essence from mention and utterance, and that Thou art God; there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been established upon the throne of utterance and wilt ever continue to be what Thou hast been from all eternity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name through which appeared the decree of reversal and the mystery of sanctification, and through which earthquakes appeared among the tribes, to strengthen me to serve Thee amongst Thy creation and to mention Thee amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy face to protect Thy servants from the evil of self and passion, and to illumine them with the lights of guidance and righteousness. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Supreme."

BH04337: O Haji, O ʿAli qabl-i-Akbar! Upon thee be…

He is the Ever-Abiding without decline

O Haji, O ʿAli qabl-i-Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power. From the time of thy departure until the time thou wert mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, the Speaker of Sinai and He Who is established upon the throne of Revelation hath remembered thee. The servant in attendance before the Countenance repeatedly made mention of thee and beseeched from the heaven of the Divine Will a wondrous and exalted Tablet for thee. Now, on the second night of the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani, he again made mention of thee and this perspicuous Book was revealed from the horizon of the favor of the Lord of the worlds, that thou mayest know with clear certainty that thy services at all times have not been forgotten, nor will they be forgotten. By the life of God! All are recorded and

inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Such is the testimony of the Wronged One concerning thee, and with this testimony all the treasures of the earth cannot compare.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to serve Thee, wherein I have taken up, in Thy vicinity, a station and place for Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn, and the One Who confirmeth success and prosperity, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities of the hearts of the nations, to assist me in all conditions to remember Thee and to remember that which Thou hast commanded me in serving at Thy gate and whatsoever is related unto Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. And I beseech Thee to ordain for me a lamp in the light of Thy knowledge, that it may be with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayers.

BH04706: Praise and glory befitteth the King of the Throne…

Praise and glory befitteth the King of the Throne of eternity, Who from a single seed hath made manifest the realm of trees, leaves and fruits, and from a single countenance hath revealed cities of lovers, attraction, rapture, and wonderment. What then was this Word, which at times was mentioned as a seed, at times as a countenance, and at times as a drop—from which drop emerged an ocean, from which countenance emerged faces, and from which seed emerged a world? Such a Word that the description of those who describe cannot reach it, and the comprehension of the knowers cannot grasp it. Can one mention or describe the station of the Bearer of the Word, the Creator of the Word, the Manifestation of the Word, and the Revealer of the Word? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth, for He cannot be known, and therefore cannot be described.

All existence testifieth to His sanctification from all else and His exaltation above all things. Neither can the eye behold Him, nor can the faculty of understanding comprehend Him. Nevertheless, mention and praise are necessary, for they are the cause of tranquility, solace and joy to the friends. And in view of His infinite loving-kindness and boundless grace, He hath permitted mention of Him. Therefore I mention Him by saying that He cannot be mentioned by any mention other than His own.

The august letter arrived, and from every word thereof the wine of reunion was quaffed. In truth, the remembrance of the friends is auspicious to the Friend….

BH04802: In the Name of Him through Whom the gates…

In the Name of Him through Whom the gates of divine knowledge have been opened before all who are in the contingent world!

The Book of God speaketh forth from the most exalted station before the faces of all humanity. Blessed is he who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned toward Him with manifest humility. We were seated upon the throne and, gazing in all directions, beheld thee advancing toward Our horizon. We make mention of thee with that which hath enraptured the hearts of those who have heard and responded to their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath

heard My call; and thine eye, for it hath attained unto My traces; and thy heart, for it hath been illumined with the light of My knowledge; and thy hand, for it hath taken hold of My perspicuous Book. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful.

Say: O concourse of the earth! The call hath been raised in your midst, and the verses have been sent down unto you, and the gates of bounty have been opened before your faces. Hasten, and be not of them that tarry. This is the Day which ye were promised aforetime by God, the True, the Faithful. Cast aside what is with the people, for the Self-Subsisting hath come unto you and summoneth you unto this Wine which calleth out, saying:

> "O friends of God and His party! Turn ye unto that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of the heedless."

When thou hast drunk from the hand of My favor the cup of My loving-kindness, say:

My God, my God! Thou beholdest me speaking forth Thy praise, seeking refuge in Thy presence, and hastening to the door of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to ordain for me from Thy Pen that which will preserve me from all else save Thee and draw me nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! My tongue, both outward and inward, beareth witness to Thy oneness and singleness, Thy power, Thy grandeur, and Thy sovereignty. I ask of Thee that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity, the ocean of Thy bestowal, and the sun of Thy grace. Wilt Thou, O my God, deny this seeker who hath sought the ultimate goal beneath the pavilions of Thy greatness, and disappoint him after he hath acknowledged Thy grace which hath encompassed all things?

Nay, by Thy glory! I bear witness in this moment that Thou hast never disappointed those who have hoped in Thee, nor turned away those who have sought Thee. Thou hast taken their hands with the hands of Thy power, delivered them from the pit of vain imaginings through Thy will and purpose, and given them what they desired from the heaven of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the affairs of Thy creation have never frustrated. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Single, the One, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH05505: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the Summoner before the faces of humanity

This is a Book sent down in truth for whosoever taketh unto Him a path, that the verses of God may draw him to a station wherein he ariseth to serve the Cause and remindeth the people of that which draweth them nigh unto Him on a Day illumined by the lights of His countenance. Say: O people of the Bayan! He Who speaketh before all faces hath no need of aught else to prove His Cause. He hath come unto you from the heaven of bounty with the Kingdom of verses and the Dominion of clear proofs, with a sovereignty that encompasseth all worlds. Read ye what hath been sent down from His presence—verily it guideth you unto a path that is straight through justice. Were it not for My Cause, the Point would not have appeared and the Bayan would not have been revealed—to this testifieth he who is powerful in the Cause. Blessed is he who heareth and respondeth, and woe unto him who remaineth far from nearness.

Say: Cast aside your names, for they profit you not, even as they profited not those who came before you. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken before the faces of the learned and the princes, that He might guide you to a station illumined by the lights of His countenance. O thou who gazeth upon the Face! Read unto them what was revealed before the Day when God shall come with a Cause that encompasseth all worlds. We testify that they cast the Command of God behind their backs and took what was forbidden them in a Tablet sent down from the heaven of Revelation. The Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those who have taken no friend unto themselves.

BH06878: O Mihdi! Today the Lote-Tree speaks forth “The Truth…

He is the Caller from the Divine Lote-Tree of Man!

O Mihdi! Today the Lote-Tree speaks forth “The Truth hath come!” and the Call of Sinai is raised high. The Lord Moses with but one staff struck down the swords of the world, and the Ancient King with but one Pen hath vanquished the imaginings and idle fancies of the peoples.

Praise be to the Lord of all worlds that thou hast hearkened to His call and attained unto the signs of His Pen. Know thou the worth of this station and arise to serve His Cause. This is God’s binding command. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto that which was ordained in His preserved Tablet.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for causing me to hear Thy call and behold Thy signs, and for honoring me with attaining unto Thy Tablet from whose horizon shone forth the light of Thy loving-kindness. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, that Thou art the Ever-Flowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful. I beseech Thee not to deprive me from the ocean of Thy generosity nor from the lights of the Sun of Thy bestowal. I testify, and all created things testify, to Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence. Ordain for me and for those who have believed in Thee that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Generous, the All-Bountiful. Praise be unto Thee, for verily Thou art the Goal of them that know Thee.

BH06609: The Hand of God is above the hands…

The Hand of God is above the hands of His servants

The Wronged One beareth witness unto that which the Books of God have witnessed before and after. Blessed are they who know. O thou who speaketh in My Name! Say: O people of the earth! Do ye doubt God, or this Light whereby the heavens and earth were illumined, or His signs which have filled the horizons? Say: Be fair, O people, and follow not those who have denied God, the Lord of all names. Behold what hath appeared in truth, then be fair, and be not of those who said “God is our Lord,” but when He came from the horizon of might they said “This is naught but a lying impostor.” The trumpet hath been sounded in truth, yet the people are in doubt and strife. Say: Look ye, look ye, for the Sun hath risen from the horizon of proof. Hearken ye, hearken ye, for the Call hath been raised from all religions. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath

attained and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!” The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who broke not the Covenant on the Day of Separation.

BH07438: O Yahuda! God willing, mayest thou be confirmed…

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all names!

O Yahuda! God willing, mayest thou be confirmed in that which causes the exaltation of the Word of God. The station of this Day is the station of this blessed word:

> “Say: God; then leave them to amuse themselves in their vain discourses.”

Naught but God is mentioned in the Most Holy Court. We counsel all to sanctification and detachment. That which his honor, the name of God Haydar-ʿAli, hath mentioned—all must hear it with attentive ears.

The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to his orientation, his turning to God, and the loftiness and excellence of his station before God, exalted be His glory. He hath made mention of the loved ones in that land, and therefore from the heaven of divine Will, sacred and luminous Tablets have been revealed and sent down especially for some. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath held fast to the cord of sanctification—she is indeed among the devout ones in My perspicuous Book. Take hold of the Book with the strength bestowed by Us and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!

BH07947: O Rubin! Hearken to the call of God…

He is the Caller on the Mount of Knowledge!

O Rubin! Hearken to the call of God, the King, the True, the Manifest. Verily He is with thee and hath witnessed thy deeds in His path and thy cry in His remembrance. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. Blessed art thou for having held fast to My cord and clung to the hem of My holy and luminous robe.

Ask thou of God that He may sanctify the hems of His servants from the dust of self and passion. The penetrating influence of the Word hath ever been and will continue to be dependent upon the sanctification of the heart.

Say: My God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy sanctification and Thy knowledge, then aid them to perform that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the pearls treasured within the vaults of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the lights shining from the horizons of Thy most exalted Words to aid me in that which beseemeth Thy days. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity that which beseemeth Thy glory and Thy majesty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH07991: He speaketh forth before the faces of all men

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O Yaqub! We have been with you and heard your cry regarding this irrevocable Cause. Hear the call from the Supreme Horizon:

> “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.”

His Holiness Moses conveyed the Word of God to the Pharaoh of his time, and in the early days a strong party secretly supported him. However, the King of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen summoned all kings without any veil or barrier, and guided them to the Supreme Horizon, at a time when there was no helper visible and no supporter apparent. The might of the divines and rulers did not prevent Him from speaking the word of truth. He spoke that which was the cause of exaltation and ascension. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to confirm you with a confirmation that the oppression of oppressors cannot prevent. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08368: Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee…

He is the One Who speaks the truth.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink, from the cup of Thy bounty, the living waters of Thy utterance, and for having made me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Source of Thy clear tokens—He from Whose Pen has flowed the water of life throughout all creation. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of the horizon of Thy Revelation to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, clinging to the cord of Thy grace, and arising to serve Thy Cause. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and that which befits the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Munificent, the Generous. I beseech Thee to make me detached from all else but Thee and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love in such wise that the hosts of kings and rulers will not hinder me. O Lord! Aid them to turn unto Thee and to exalt Thy Word and make manifest Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Wise.

BH08608: O Nasru’llah! Your name was present before the Wronged…

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon.

O Nasru’llah! Your name was present before the Wronged One, Who made mention of you with the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. When you attain unto the fragrances of revelation and drink the choice wine of utterance from the cup of mystical understanding, say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Purpose and my Beloved, for having guided me to Thy straight path and made me aware of Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Educator of the nations, by Thy irrevocable Command which hath encompassed earth and heaven, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou seest me standing firm and steadfast at the door of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones, through whose

deeds Thy signs were spread abroad and through whose attributes Thy attributes were made manifest. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and through Thee was revealed that which was hidden throughout all eternity."

BH08955: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God…

He is the All-Knowing, All-Wise Revealer

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in earth and heaven, and my Goal and the Goal of those who dwell in the most exalted Paradise and the highest Heaven! Unto Thee be praise and glorification, and unto Thee be grace and bounty, for having adorned my deeds with the glory of Thy acceptance and sent down to me that whereby the signs of Thy loving-kindness have been spread throughout Thy dominion. I beseech Thee to make me sincere for Thy sake and to hold fast unto that which will exalt the station of Thy Most Great Word amongst humanity. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Him and by His sovereignty to adorn me with the ornament of steadfastness and to crown me with the crown of Thy remembrance and Thy love. Verily Thou art the Powerful through Thy might and the Dominant through Thy will. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH08803: A remembrance sent down from the Creator of heaven…

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

A remembrance sent down from the Creator of heaven unto him who hath heard the Call, responded, and turned toward the horizon of Revelation when every heedless one remained veiled. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is wronged. He verily will aid thee and raise thee to His praiseworthy station. Beware lest that which is with the people prevent thee from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O concourse of earth! Answer Him Who calleth you unto God, and follow not those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. Cast away vain imaginings—the Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the Loving. Hear My call and follow not your desires. He Who is the Goal hath appeared with a sovereignty before which armies cannot stand. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken, while the Lord of all mankind was in this exalted station.

BH09526: He dawns from the horizon of the heaven…

He dawns from the horizon of the heaven of names!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath attained unto His days and heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and hath witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter when He was established upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One—He counseleth thee and those who have believed in that whereby your remembrance shall endure through the eternity of My kingdom, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Cast away that which the people possess, clinging fast to My Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the limbs of names have trembled, and the hearts of the learned were troubled, and the essence of the divines who broke the Covenant lamented on the Day of Separation, when the horizons were illumined by the lights of

the Revelation which had been hidden in knowledge and treasured in the stronghold of God's protection, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH09984: In My Name, that standeth before the faces…

In My Name, that standeth before the faces of all men!

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath drunk the choice sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, that the utterance may attract him to the most exalted station and draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the wine of Thy knowledge and guided me to the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of Thy Cause, and made known unto me that which lay hidden within Thy knowledge and treasured within the shell of the ocean of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee to make me confirmed in Thy remembrance and praise and in serving Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures in such wise that the veils of the people of the world in Thy lands shall not prevent me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH10107: O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Bear thou witness even as God hath…

He is the One Who gazeth from the horizon of eternity

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Bear thou witness even as God hath testified that there is none other God but Him Who hath appeared with the truth. He, verily, is the One promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Through Him were revealed the names and attributes, and through Him were raised the standards of Divine unity in the most exalted station and the banners of power in the highest places. Blessed is the soul that hath found the fragrance of His raiment and turned toward His horizon and quaffed the living waters from the cup of His bounty. And woe unto him who hath denied His Manifestation and disbelieved in His favor which hath been sent down from the heaven of His grace, and disputed His verses that have encompassed the earth and the heavens.

BH10443: He Who is established upon the throne of utterance!

He Who is established upon the throne of utterance!

O Hasan! Rejoice thou that the Wronged One of the horizons hath turned toward thee—He Who was imprisoned for having summoned all mankind unto the Day of the Covenant. We desired the life of the world, its sanctification and exaltation, yet he desired to shed My blood and cause My tribulation. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away all else save Me and hath turned unto the lights of My countenance and the effulgences of the Orb of My loving-kindness. Verily he is of the people of My land and the companions of My ark. We beseech God to adorn him with such an ornament as shall illumine the earth and all who dwell therein. Verily He is the Almighty over what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10717: O Most Exalted Pen! Mention with the Most Glorious…

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

O Most Exalted Pen! Mention with the Most Glorious Writing him who has turned to the Lord of all humanity, that the Call may so attract him that the doubts of the suspicious ones will not prevent him. O Yusuf Kha, upon thee be My glory! We have beheld thy heart and heard thy call. We have made mention of thee with that which nothing created on earth can equal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty. Then make mention of thy wife on My behalf and give her the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10966: O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! We have turned toward thee and found…

He is the True One, the Knower of things Unseen

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! We have turned toward thee and found the love of God wafting from thee, and We have remembered thee in a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's gracious favor. Convey My greetings to those who are with thee and remind My loved ones through this perspicuous Book. Verily We hear and see them, and We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH00774: Praise be to the peerless Creator Who created creation…

He is God, exalted is His in Grandeur and Power!

Praise be to the peerless Creator Who created creation through His most exalted Word and made known to them that which harmeth and profiteth them, He Who hath need of nothing whatsoever. His mercy hath preceded all things and His grace hath encompassed all. Through pure bounty He adorned sheer nothingness with the ornament of being, and His purpose hath been the elevation of existence and its advancement, that through His destined decrees and all-encompassing favors they might become ready for the manifestation of His greatest bounty and most great mercy. Glorious is His grace and mighty is His dominion. There is none other God but Him.

The letter from that honored one was the cause of joy, nay rather it was the very essence of joy, for it bore testimony to that soul's degrees of sincerity, certitude, and well-being. After its reading and perusal, We repaired to the Sacred Spot and presented it before His countenance. He said:

> "God willing, may you be mindful in all conditions, be observant of wisdom in association and gatherings, and conduct affairs through consultation. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make what hath proceeded from you a treasure for you, to preserve it through His power, protection, might and grandeur, to adorn your deeds with the glory of acceptance, to ordain for you the good of this world and the next, and to decree for you that which shall endure through the endurance of His Kingdom. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

We make mention of the loved ones in that land and convey Our greetings, counseling all to unity, wisdom and utterance. The honored Afnan, upon him be God's peace and grace, hath been and is mentioned; in all matters they should be mindful of liberality and bounty. Jinab-i-Nazir, the honored

Shaykh, and the son of the honored Samandar, upon them be God's peace and mercy, are mentioned. We have ever besought and continue to beseech the True One that He may illumine hearts with the light of harmony and agreement, and confirm each one in that which leadeth to the exaltation of existence. Verily He hath power over all things.

Some time ago this servant submitted a detailed letter laden with pearls of wisdom and utterance. God willing, it hath arrived and eyes have been blessed by it and light hath shone forth from the horizons of hearts. To those possessed of insight, the station of that heedless party hath ever been and shall continue to be evident. The decree for these matters came from the Island, and that heedless oppressor who promoteth his cause in that land—Dawlat-Abadi—hath committed that which no heedless one hath ever committed.

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the sighing of the hearts of the oppressed, by the tears from the eyes of Thy near servants, and by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, to aid the heedless to act with justice and the deniers to turn unto Thee and to face toward Thy Prophets and Messengers and to cling to the hem of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Forgiver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

This servant has ever beseeched and continues to beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His servants of that which is the cause of their glory and advancement, and not to withhold from them the light of truthfulness and uprightness. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

To the honored presence of his eminence Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, I offer heartfelt praise, remembrance and greetings. In these days, his eminence the Afnan of the Land of Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, sent a letter to his honored eminence the Greater Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. After it was presented before Him, He said:

> "He hath spoken with justice. That which is mentioned therein must be carried out."

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before the faces of His Afnans the gates of favors and blessings. Verily, He is the Generous, the Merciful. End quote. Surely they will send the details thereof to them.

The most luminous star, his eminence Afnan, Aqa Mirza Muhsin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, has departed for the Land of Ha in perfect health and well-being. God willing, may he arrive at his destination in complete health and be assisted in that which is the cause of setting affairs aright.

Furthermore, I convey greetings to the beloved of my heart, Jinab-i-Nazir, and the spiritual beloved, his eminence Shaykh, and the apple of the eye, the son of his eminence S.M., upon them be the Glory of God and His favors. May God assist them to achieve success, prosperity and righteousness. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous, and He is the Helper, the Merciful.

Another matter: The beloved of my heart, Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, has sent a letter to the beloved of the spirit, his eminence Haji Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God (in the Land of S), requesting a sum. The honored ones have written to this servant about this matter. After it was presented, He said that the spreading and publicity of these matters is not permissible. Moreover, it may

not be outwardly possible for them, and may not be easily attainable. Regarding the amount requested, it was commanded that ten Ottoman liras be given to them specifically for the expenses of certain souls there, and the aforementioned amount that was promised should also be paid.

For the sake of establishing justice and setting affairs aright, there has been and is no objection to this matter. Detailed instructions were written and sent regarding this, and this evanescent one has repeatedly heard from the blessed tongue, saying "We love charitable giving." The attention to that direction has been for the sake of God, and whatever has occurred returns to Him. Therefore, there is no objection if that mentioned amount is given. What is essential is that God grant success so that those in authority may judge with justice. Surely the reward for deeds done with justice is not limited to what has been mentioned. Certainly from the treasury of the unseen will also be bestowed that which indicates His all-encompassing favor and His precedent all-pervading mercy.

In certain instances, negligence is not permissible. Furthermore, the matter of certain ones remaining in that land and their movement depends on consultation. In all conditions, they must keep their gaze fixed upon the glory of the Cause. In this case, whatever occurs is beloved.

And regarding the funds, what his eminence the Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, has mentioned is correct. The documents mentioned in his eminence's letter will be sent from the other direction.

Concerning his honor Aqa Rasul, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and the other matters they have written about—this is acceptable. It is evident that his honor is diligent and striving in the duties assigned to him, and in all conditions holds fast to God's grace and attains His good-pleasure. This deserves a hundred thousand congratulations.

Regarding his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, several years ago they had expressed their wish to free themselves and obtain a divorce, but permission was not granted until these days when they said to do whatever they deemed advisable. That woman's actions were not and are not acceptable, to which the fair-minded ones of the world and the manifestations of His justice bear witness.

Concerning the matter of the funds of Ibn Jinab Alif and Ha, upon them both be Baha'u'llah's glory—that is, the funds of Yapunchi—these were received through the honored Mr. Afnan ʿAli, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of Baha'u'llah, and a receipt was issued. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's loved ones there and upon God's righteous servants.

The servant 16 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1307

BH06691: Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God…

In the name of Him Who is Sovereign over all names.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, the Day-Spring of Thy clear tokens, the Manifestation of Thy Self, and the Horizon of Thy commandments. I beseech Thee by Him through Whom Thou didst raise up the banner of unity amongst Thy servants, and by His family and His companions, to aid me in Thy remembrance and in that which Thou hast

commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest the wronged one knocking at the door of Thy justice, and him who is deprived clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which Thou didst subdue the world and guide the nations, to make me in all conditions to gaze toward the horizon of Thy grace and to hope for the wonders of Thy generosity.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Self and by Thy power which hath conquered Thy heaven and Thy earth, to protect me from the harm of the idolaters among Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Then send down upon this servant of Thine and upon Thy servants from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Sovereign over all names. By Thy word "Be" and it is. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH09403: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, and my Heart's Desire! I beseech Thee by the revelation of Thy verses and the manifestation of Thy clear tokens, and by Thy signs and Thy works, to ordain for him who hath sought Thee the good of this world and of the world to come. O my Lord! Thou seest him turning toward Thee and gazing toward Thy horizon. Disappoint him not of Thy bounty which hath encompassed existence, nor of Thy generosity which hath embraced the world. Thou art the Lord of the nations and the One manifest through the Most Great Name. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, to forgive Thy handmaiden who hath ascended unto Thee, and to cause her to associate with the countenances of Paradise on high in the white and crimson chambers. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Generous, the Bountiful, the Merciful.

BH03085: Mim, Sad: Upon thee be My glory! Know thou…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

Mim, Sad: Upon thee be My glory! Know thou with clear certitude that the glance of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, hath been and continues to be directed toward the land of S. Within that land are concealed and treasured the divine trusts. Say: Blessed, blessed art thou, O Land of Sad! What land can be likened unto thee? God hath made thee the repository of His names and attributes, next to the sacred and specially designated lands. It was honored by the presence of the two Husayns, whom neither the swords of hatred nor the might of the oppressors could hold back from God, the Lord of the worlds. They advanced to the field of martyrdom, yearning for reunion with the Creator of heaven, and sacrificed their souls in the manifest and straight Path.

They cast behind them the world, its riches, glory, bounties and pleasures—to this every fair-minded and discerning one bears witness. And before them, al-Kazim and those with him performed such deeds in the path of God as bewildered the hearts of those near unto Him. And after them came al-Ashraf, through whose blood God adorned the cities of justice and equity and the countenances of the lovers throughout all regions. We testify that he attained the presence and meeting with God and heard His mighty and

wondrous call. The eyes of the companions of the Covenant in the City of the Lovers wept for them. Thus hath spoken the Luminary of the horizons from His mighty prison. It behooveth the people of God to remember them with goodly remembrance and according to what the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Wise, hath recorded.

The Pen of Command in the Most Great Scene, from the presence of the Lord of Destiny, now giveth thee glad tidings that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Thou hast attained the service of My Cause, and whoso attaineth unto it is, in the Mother Book, among the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark which the Lord of creation sent down in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', a command from My presence—and I am the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. Thou art, in the sight of God, the Lord of creation, among the people of the Ark. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve this most exalted station and this supreme and abiding glory. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those whom neither commerce, nor trade, nor wealth, nor glory hath withheld from God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

BH03589: This Day is the Day whereof all Prophets…

In the Name of the One Beloved

This Day is the Day whereof all Prophets and Messengers have, from the Lord of the worlds, given glad-tidings unto all peoples. Even as the proof of the Interlocutor of the Mount was manifested through His staff, so hath the proof of this Wronged One shone forth through the Pen. With but a single rod did He smite the swords of the world, and with but a single Pen hath this Revelation [conquered] all peoples. And in another instance, the proof of Moses was the Torah, and the evidence that remained of Christ was and is the leaves of the Gospel, and the enduring testimony of the Seal of the Prophets was the Book of the Furqan, which distinguished between truth and falsehood.

Glory be to God! Now there hath appeared and been made manifest that which equalleth all the heavenly Books of the past and future, that concerning which every person of insight hath testified that it hath no peer or likeness. Nevertheless, the people remain veiled from the divine Day and deprived of the sealed wine.

Today, whosoever desireth to enter the depths of the ocean of divine oneness must sanctify his heart from the stories of old, that the effulgences of the Sun of Truth may shine upon it and illumine it.

O Muhammad-Qablih-Husayn! Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned toward the horizon of thy Lord's Revelation, the Lord of all men.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Desire of the nations, for having given me to drink from the ocean of Thy knowledge, and made me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, and guided me to Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, which Thou hast made as a light unto them that have drawn nigh and as a fire unto them that have turned away, to make me speak forth Thy praise and call out Thy Name amidst Thy creation. O my Lord! Leave me not to myself. Preserve me through Thy power that hath encompassed all created things, and through Thy command that hath

pervaded all existence, from vain imaginings and idle fancies. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05618: O Nuru'llah, upon thee be His glory and His…

He is the radiant and manifest Light

O Nuru'llah, upon thee be His glory and His peace! In these days the wolves of the earth have surrounded the divine sheep. The Supreme Pen hath, in countless Tablets, commanded the servants to trustworthiness, religious devotion, righteousness and the fear of God. Yet the heedless have cast away godliness and embraced depravity, committing that which hath caused trustworthiness and religion to lament. A group, at the instigation of their leader, have risen up to harm the people of God. Each day they cling to some new falsehood, having in all circumstances arisen to undermine the Cause of God, and they have uttered that which no oppressor hath ever uttered. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their calumnies from the presence of the Just, the Equitable, the Wise One.

O Nuru'llah! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto mention and praise. We beseech God to open through thee the doors of the hearts of His servants. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning toward Us. We have turned toward thee and revealed for thee that which hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to aid thee in that which will exalt His Cause among His servants and His remembrance in His lands. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

And upon thee be the glory from Us, and upon those with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH00078: Praise and glory befit the dwellers of eternity's realm…

Section 1: "Praise and glory befit the dwellers of eternity's…"

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

Praise and glory befit the dwellers of eternity's realm unto the Lord of Names, Whose most pure hem hath ever been and shall remain sanctified from the calumnies of the people of hatred. Whatsoever hath issued from the mouths of the deceivers hath never found and shall never find access to His court of glory. These faithless, ignorant people have failed to comprehend the station of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and speak according to their own desires and idle fancies. Sanctified is the remembrance of our Lord from their whisperings, their murmurings, their utterances, their supplications and their invocations. Exalted is His grandeur and supreme is His sovereignty. There is no God but Him.

The letter from that honored friend arrived, and its contents were the cause of joy, for the fragrances of love for the Lord of the Revelation wafted therefrom. After its reading, We repaired to the Most Holy Court and presented it before the countenance of the Lord of creation, where it attained the honor of His attention. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth while seated upon the Throne in a place

named Junayni. Exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof: “There is no Revelation but His Revelation.”

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names! Thy letter hath arrived and the servant in attendance before the Throne presented it at a time when sorrows encompassed Me from all directions. Verily, the M followed the M in his tyranny and oppression, cast aside the Lord and followed one who hath no mention in the court of God’s glory, the Creator of heaven. He hath lost in his deeds and gone astray in his endeavors. Soon shall he find himself in abasement and loss. Hear thou the call from the direction of Akka—it calleth in the kingdom of creation and commandeth all to righteousness, piety, trustworthiness, religion, truthfulness and fidelity. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth upon that which he hath been commanded by God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou and thy father who hath taken for himself a station beneath the shade of his Lord’s grace, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have mentioned him with verses whose fragrance shall never cease and which the happenings of the world cannot alter. To this God’s Book in this station doth testify. The Glory from Us be upon him and upon thee and upon those who have attained and have ascended through the light of recognition unto God, the Lord of Lords.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue: Convey Our greetings to all the kinsmen on behalf of the Wronged One. The loved ones have ever been and shall ever be remembered. The spiritual youth, upon him be My glory and favor, hath ever been mentioned and is witnessed before the Throne. His letter arrived previously and an answer was revealed in a realm sanctified above words, but until now it hath not descended from the world of meaning to the world of utterance. Know ye with absolute certainty that the loved ones of God have never been and shall never be forgotten from His sight, and the glances of His grace have ever been and shall ever be directed towards them.

We counsel the friends to wisdom and to such deeds as will cause the attraction of hearts and the turning of souls unto God. In the land of ʿAyn and Shin, there occurred at the hands of the oppressors that which transformed the world of joy into grief. Glory be to God! In such instances both supreme joy and profound sorrow are manifest—consider this, O ye who possess insight! Praise be to God that they were slain but slew not, they acted in accordance with divine counsels. They took patience as their helper in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist all to be ever mindful of His counsels and exhortations.

That which occurred in the month of Muharram regarding the Manifestation of the Herald and the Great Announcement—none but the people of truth have been or are aware of it. Therefore, the expression of joy in those days becometh the cause of revolution and hatred and rancor among the people. Wisdom doth not sanction the manifestation of joy and delight in those days. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Take ye that which will attract the hearts of the servants and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of creation. We make mention of all the loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the light of divine providence. O people of God! Resolution is needed.

We hope that through your words of guidance the saplings of being may attain to maturity and development, and that all on earth may be nourished by their fruits and effects. The Cause of the Most Great Announcement is mighty. The princes and divines have turned away and the people follow them. The wise among the servants should hold fast to that which will purify existence from the disease of ignorance and folly. At all times, pure and holy deeds and radiant, pleasing character are the helpers and supporters of the Cause. Blessed are they who hold fast unto these! Ahmad, the son of him who found repose beneath the shade of his Lord's grace, is remembered.

He Who remembereth the one who hath been mentioned under the shadow of his Lord's loving-kindness. Letters have repeatedly arrived from him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him in that which will cause his remembrance to be exalted amongst His creation. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Say: O people! The divine Books, both of the past and present, have testified to the blessedness of these days, for the Sun of Truth shineth resplendent before all faces, the light of utterance is radiant and brilliant, the stream of mercy floweth and circulateth, and the breezes of God are wafting. Were a soul to contemplate the bounty bestowed upon a single leaf of the tree, he would, throughout his life, unceasingly utter "Thou art the Merciful" and "Thou art the Bountiful." The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon every steadfast and firm one, and every one constant and trustworthy.

The fragrant breezes of divine revelation have pervaded the realm of meaning and utterance, yet the heedless servants are ever occupied in preventing it. This is a practice that hath persisted from ancient times. In all the days of Manifestation, they have striven to extinguish the light of divine unity and quench the fire of the Sacred Tree. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn His servants with that which beseemeth His days. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Mention hath been made of Muhammad-Quli, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise his righteous deed. Praise be to God, after his deed was presented, it was accepted, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of the divine Will and sent forth. God willing, he will attain unto it. Well is it with him for what he hath wrought in the path of God. Likewise, mention was made of the friends of Khusif, upon them be the glory of God, the King, the Mighty, the Kind, the Compassionate, and the other friends, upon them be the glory of God, which was accepted before the face of the Lord of all mankind.

This is what was revealed for Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty and glory:

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

O Muhammad! There hath come upon Us in the Most Great Prison that which hath caused the realities of existence to lament. The oppressor hath been consumed by the fire of greed and passion, and hath wrongfully devoured the property of the people. Verily, he is of the people of tyranny. He hath cast away godliness and seized upon passion, and hath committed that which hath caused tears to flow from eyes. We have heard thy call and have called thee from the Mount of Knowledge. God, there is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Preserve the verses of thy Lord, then recite them in such wise

that hearts are attracted thereby, then drink in My name from the cup of My utterance, My choice sealed wine. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible.

And this is what was revealed for Mulla ʿAli, upon him be the everlasting glory of God. His word, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

O Ali! The wolves of the earth have surrounded the sheep of God, and the beast of the world seeks to harm the loved ones of the Most Great Name. Tyrants from every direction have openly arisen in oppression, and pharaohs from every quarter are engaged in transgression. Yet in such circumstances the Tongue of Grandeur speaks in praise of His loved ones, for this handful of dust is as naught in the sight of God and His loved ones. By God's life! The clanking chains of the world are but as the buzzing of a fly to the faithful, and its buildings and prosperity are as a spider's web, nay less than that. Convey My greetings to the loved ones on behalf of this Wronged One. Soon these days shall come to an end. Strive that ye may attain to that which shall be accepted and adorned with everlasting glory. The Day is the Day of deeds. Fix your gaze upon trustworthiness and hold fast to righteousness. He verily counsels His servants and advises them with that which shall exalt them. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

This was revealed for Ali Kh. Upon him be the Glory of God. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Ali! Upon thee be My Glory! The oppressor of the world has opened the door of counsel. Say: O heedless one! It behooveth thee first to counsel thyself. By God's life! Blood hath been shed, wealth hath been plundered, oppression hath been wrought, and that hath been committed which hath caused all things to lament, as well as the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. He hath been seized for his sin, yet he perceiveth it not. Soon shall he behold the recompense of his deeds from God, the Avenger, the Almighty. The transgressor hath followed the oppressor in his tyranny and hath written that which caused the companions to cry out and hath been consumed with the fire of hatred in such wise that the realities of being trembled and the tears of the righteous flowed. We beseech God to protect His servants from his evil. He verily is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One. He remembered thee with such remembrance as caused the very stones to soar. Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not deterred from turning unto God, the Lord of Lords.

O My loved ones in the letters Kha and Vav! Hear My call. It verily draws you nigh unto the supreme horizon and guides you to the Dayspring of guidance. Deprive not yourselves of the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of all directions. We have mentioned you before in numerous Tablets with such mention as hath illumined the horizons. It endeth here. His is the praise and the glory, His the thanks and the splendor. He hath remembered His loved ones with that which shall cause their names to endure

throughout the duration of His most excellent names and exalted attributes. Our Lord is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

We beseech God that He may cause all to attain unto that which is the cause of the spreading of His signs among His servants. This spreading, as mentioned in the revealed Tablets, hath ever been and shall continue to be dependent upon goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, for deeds and character that are manifested in the path of God attract hearts and souls, and this attraction is the cause of drawing nigh, and drawing nigh is the cause of awareness and the station of propagation. God willing, may all attain thereunto.

Mention was made of the honored uncle, Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the bounty of our Most Glorious Lord. He, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His utterance, speaks:

In My Name, the One Who calleth from the Supreme Horizon

O Akbar! After ʿAli strange matters have appeared and peculiar signs have become manifest. The wolf counsels God's sheep, saying "Drink not blood and rend not flesh"; the serpent admonishes the fish to be patient, and the bear the cockrel; and the embodiment of tyranny says to the embodiment of justice "Oppress not, seize not the people's wealth, fear God." Indeed the world has changed—wickedness and iniquity counsel righteousness and piety and command godliness. Such deception and craftiness have appeared in the world as have had and have no equal. One who would sell the realm of holiness for a penny claims to serve the world and love all peoples. By God! For a dinar he would deliver the righteous into the hands of the wicked and corrupt. He speaks of patriotism while secretly and openly shedding the blood of the sovereign. They are worshippers of money yet count themselves among the righteous. It behooveth us to leave mention of them and remember thee who hast turned to a Cause from which all in the land have turned away, save those whom the hands of divine power have delivered, God, the Lord of all mankind.

We have mentioned thee before, and at this time with verses which, when revealed, caused the sun of knowledge to shine forth and illumined all lands. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: At a time when I am surrounded by enemies and serpents are visible on the right and left, I speak forth verses and make mention of you. Strive that ye may succeed in achieving that which is befitting and worthy on this day. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom God has related to thee, both men and women. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The days are mighty and great days. It would be a great pity should they pass in heedlessness. O friends of God and His loved ones! Striving is necessary that ye may succeed in accomplishing that which will endure in God's Book. He is indeed the Generous, the Merciful, the Mighty, the Great. The relatives of that honored friend have repeatedly been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur. Divine favors are beyond the reckoning of the servants. Were ye to count God's favors ye would not be able to number them. But the people have heedlessly done that which no oppressor in any age has done. Their deeds bear witness to this before all faces. Soon shall they see their recompense from the presence of the Just, the Wise. Mention was made of the cousin, upon them both be the glory of God. After being submitted before the

Holy Presence, these sublime and exalted verses were revealed. His blessed and exalted Word: He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing.

Section 2: "O Muhammad! Today all things are…"

O Muhammad! Today all things are in a state of rapture, ecstasy and exultation through the manifestation of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, and they congratulate one another, uttering the words "how our eyes have been refreshed." Blessed is the one who has recognized the station of these days and is occupied with the praise and glorification of the Desired One of all worlds. Today the world has another light, the sea another wave, and the Sadrat of Sinai another melody. Blessed is he that hath ears to hear and eyes to see, and woe unto the heedless! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, mine ears with the hearkening unto Thy call, and mine eyes with beholding Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy Kingdom and its mysteries, and by the heaven of Thy utterance and its stars, to ordain for me that which will exalt me amongst Thy servants and draw me nigh unto Thee, and to provide for me from the table of Thy heavenly grace. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory of God rest upon thee, thy mother, thy brothers and thy sister, from God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

After mention was made of his father, his wife, and the two servants named Ghulam-Husayn and Habibullah, upon them be the glory of God, and after their names were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, these blessed verses were revealed from the heaven of grace—exalted be His majesty and abundant be His favors:

O Muhammad-Rida! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds and hast drunk from the sealed wine. And thy kindred—thy mother, thy wife, and thy two sons—all have been mentioned before the Lord of Names. The remembrances of the world and what is with the peoples cannot compare with this remembrance, for the divine mention in the Tablet endureth as long as the kingdom and the realm endure, while all else returneth to nothingness. Convey My greetings to each one of them from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Light of Providence. The loved ones have ever been and shall ever remain beneath the glance of grace, as attesteth He with Whom is the mighty Book.

And We make mention at this time of thy brother who was named Ali, that this remembrance may draw him to the highest horizon and the Hand of Bounty may give him to drink of the Kawthar of eternity. Blessed is he who hath attained to the outpourings of these days, and woe unto the heedless ones! O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided the thirsty one to the ocean of Thy mercy, the hungry one to the table of Thy heaven, the needy one to the sun of Thy generosity, and the sinful one to the heaven of Thy forgiveness. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the Kawthar of bounty hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen, to ordain for me that which will exalt me, preserve me, and benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what is with me, and I know not what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! The Glory of God be upon you and upon your brother from Us. We give you both glad tidings of what hath been sent down unto you from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have

revealed unto him who hath drunk from the Kawthar of attainment and hath gained what was inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy—through which the sun of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful hath shone forth, the ocean of forgiveness hath surged, and the fragrance of the mercy of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath wafted. Verily, they who have ascended in My days have attained unto that which none before them hath attained. This is attested by that which hath been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of Our loved ones there. The Wronged One, in the midst of tribulations and sorrows, remembereth them with that which the treasures of the world cannot equal, that they may rejoice and be of the thankful. Convey My greetings unto them and remind them of that which hath been sent down unto them from the heaven of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous.

O loved ones of God in that land! The like of these days hath never been seen. This is the Day for deeds and steadfastness. All must be intent on reformation and associate with all the peoples of the world in the light of love, except him who hath turned away from this Most Great Announcement, the meeting with Whom had been the hope of those near unto God. Holding fast unto this cord, they must be detached from the world, must pass beyond the world of names, that they may attain unto a station which is sanctified from all similitude, peer, doubt, conjectures and vain imaginings of men. Know ye with clear certainty that whosoever in this Day attaineth unto but one word, he is mentioned in the Book of God as being of the Concourse on High.

O loved ones! Arise with zeal that perchance ye may, through wisdom and utterance, awaken the heedless souls and give them to drink of the Kawthar of steadfastness. The station of steadfastness is such that should all who are in heaven and on earth endeavor to prevent one from the straight path, they would find themselves utterly impotent. This is the most exalted station, the supreme pinnacle, and the crimson Tree. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and taken hold of that which he hath been bidden by the One Who commandeth from ancient times.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! O shoemaker! Reflect upon the grace and bounty of God. The shoemaker hath crossed the bridge while the learned have stumbled. Thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of knowledge and arrived, while the jurists remain bewildered in the wilderness of their fancies. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of the first and the last! Thou hast guided whom Thou didst will and who desired Thee, and hast forsaken those who sought other than Thee. I testify that Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Husayn! O farmer! Blessed art thou, for thou hast, through divine confirmation, rent asunder the veil of fancy and, through His grace, hast torn away the intervening veils. Beseech God to grant thee steadfastness, for the croakers lie in ambush and the doubtful ones wait in observation posts. Say: My God, my God! Increase the light of my knowledge, then preserve me through Thy power which hath encompassed all created things, lest my feet slip through the doubts of the skeptical ones and the croaking of the croakers who have broken Thy Covenant and desired to prevent Thy servants from the stream of Thy mercy and Thy manifest, clear, and evident path.

As to the matter of requesting visitation and circumambulation by proxy through this evanescent servant, on this day, which is the sixth of the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani, six hours past dawn, the visitation was performed on behalf of that spiritual friend and was honored with acceptance. Blessed am I and art thou, and blessed is he who hath attained unto this supreme bounty and mighty favor.

He Whose utterance is the Remembrance maketh mention of My beloved Haji Muhammad Kazim, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], and likewise of the news concerning what transpired in the great city. Glory be to God! Greed and avarice have deprived those souls of the shore of trustworthiness, religion, justice and fairness. Would that it had ended with this matter! But no, by God! Each day they utter a new calumny and cling to fresh lies. One who was known for tyranny and wickedness, and who turned away from godliness in this land—out of care and protection they ordered him to leave. He went to the great city and united with one like himself, and they clung to such calumnies that the greatest terror became manifest from all things, and justice and fairness engaged in wailing and lamentation.

This is the way of these people, and thou shalt never find any change in their ways. Haji Muhammad Karim Khan Kirmani wrote a book of refutation every year, and likewise some poets of the age have said that which their recompense is established and confirmed with the Just, the Wise One, and the punishment for this rebellion shall have no end and no conclusion. Similarly, Sipihr the historian wrote that from which the pen seeks refuge with the Truth. In any case, these matters have been and are inwardly the cause of the exaltation of the Word and the spread of the Cause. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn His servants with that which draweth them nigh unto Him and causeth them to speak with justice and fairness. Verily, He is our Protector and our Goal, and He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

The spiritual friend, Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, gave thy letters to this servant, and each was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. In truth, these letters became the cause of the manifestation of the greatest grace. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the cup of utterance of his Lord, the Most Merciful. The servant testifieth that he is among those who are nigh unto God in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. I convey greetings and glory to all the friends of that land, both small and great, female and male, and I have sought and do seek for each one an eternal reward and everlasting good. And I beseech Him, exalted be He, to preserve them through His bounty and give them to drink from the cup of steadfastness from the hands of His bestowal. Verily, He is the Generous, the Munificent.

The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree—may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps—make mention of that spiritual friend and his relatives and the aforementioned friends, upon them be the Glory of God, and they beseech God, exalted be His Glory, for each one an enduring blessing and heavenly sustenance. Verily, He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Manifestor of that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from sight. Verily, He is the Helper, the Chosen One.

Mention was made of Haji Mulla Baqir and Haji Rida and Aqa Muhammad Husayn and Aqa Ali, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented before the Presence, there was revealed for each one specifically that which giveth glad tidings of eternal life. Blessed are they who have attained.

This is what was revealed for Haji Mulla Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God—exalted be His utterance and sublime be His proof:

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

O Muhammad-i-Baqir! Hear the call of the Wronged One. Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath spoken before all faces. The Command is God's, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. God's proof hath been perfected unto His creation and His testimony unto His servants, yet most of the people perceive not. The Spring of Life hath welled forth before the faces of all religions, and the Euphrates of mercy hath flowed from the Pen of God, Lord of what was and what shall be. This is the Day wherein the light of utterance hath shone forth from the horizons of the heaven of the tablets of thy Lord, the Possessor of all being. Blessed is the eye that hath attained unto His traces, the ear that hath heard His sweetest call, and the hand that hath taken hold of His sealed Book. Aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance, then open the doors of hearts through His Name, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the niche of the wisdom of God, the Lord of the visible and invisible. God hath heard thy call and revealed for thee that which cooleth the eyes. The splendor from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto Our sealed wine.

This was revealed for Haji Rida, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name through which the fragrance of divine knowledge hath wafted through all possibility

O Rida! Thy name hath been present before the Most Glorious Horizon. We have mentioned thee with that which hath diffused the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings. Say: By God's life! The ocean hath surged before all faces and the fragrance of God, the Lord of lords, hath wafted. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and found, and woe unto him who hath denied what hath been sent down from the heaven of God's bounty, the Lord of the beginning and the end. When thou hast attained unto the reading of My verses and the witnessing of My signs, say: My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself unto all who dwell in the realm of being, and the Euphrates of Thy mercy hath flowed amidst all religions.

I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Most Great Throne and the mysteries of Thy Cause, O Lord of eternity, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto the mountain of Thy grace. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones among the oppressive ones among Thy servants, and Thy chosen ones among the deniers who have been enkindled with the fire of hatred in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things to preserve them through Thy bounty and aid them through Thy power. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Section 3: "This was revealed for Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be…"

This was revealed for Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name through which the Herald hath called out between earth and heaven

O Muhammad-Husayn! This Wronged One, while in the hands of His enemies, hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee, that perchance thou mayest be ignited with the heat of God's remembrance—an ignition which the doubts of the workers of iniquity and immorality cannot prevent thee from attaining the Most Exalted Horizon. All the people of the world were waiting and still wait, yet when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the Mount of Sinai, all turned away save whom thy Lord willed. Praise the Desired One of the world Who confirmed thee in turning toward Him and mentioned thee with verses that shall endure in the Perspicuous Book. It behooveth thee to say in this station: Praise be unto Thee, O Desired One of all who are in the heavens and the earth!

This was revealed for Ali, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name through which the earth and heaven were illumined

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Today the cloud of divine mercy is, at every moment, bestowing that which causeth the growth of the ears of knowledge and inner meanings. The Sun of Thy Lord's bounty shineth resplendent before the faces of His servants, yet the people remain heedless and veiled, save those whom the hand of the power of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, hath delivered. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to comprehend His infinite bestowals. By My life! Were the people of the earth to recognize but one word of His utterances and its effects in the realm of earth and heaven, they would all assuredly forsake whatsoever they possess and cling to that which is with God. Say: My God, my God! Deny me not the outpourings of Thy days, and deprive me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I testify that Thou art the Most Generous, the Possessor of the Most Great Message.

The Luminary of bounty and generosity has dawned and shone forth with its rays upon His chosen ones, His sincere ones, and His loved ones. Blessed is he who is illumined by it, detached from all else—he is truly among the triumphant ones in God's Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. In truth, divine favor and bounty have reached such a degree that the drop seeks the station of the ocean, and the atom the station of the sun. This evanescent servant ever submits:

> "My God, my God! Deprive not Thy servants of the Kawthar of steadfastness in Thy Cause, such that names withhold them not from their Possessor."

At this point a story comes to mind which is worthy to be related: Some years ago, one named Siyyid Taqi attained the presence [of Baha'u'llah] and dwelt for a time in this land. After departing, he met on his way one Hussein known as Sukhte who asked him whence he came. He mentioned ʿAkka. Hussein said "Why do you not go to Cyprus? Mirza Yahya is the successor of the Point." With these words, all his ranks of steadfastness, faith and devotion were scattered to the winds. He thereafter went to Cyprus and returned to Iran with a book of falsehoods. Glory be to God! How can one claiming divine love be turned from the straight path of the Lord by a single word, when that person himself knew that the aforementioned Hussein had no knowledge of anything? Indeed it is the recompense of deeds that leads man into vain imaginings and deprives him of the light of certitude.

Today the people of Baha have passed beyond the gulf of names and set their course toward the ocean of inner meanings. They have placed the whole world beneath their feet and taken the final step to the

Most Exalted Station. The Command is in the hand of God, our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven. Also Nafsi from Jadhba went to Kirman some years ago and there was deprived by one fabricated word from the Mother Book. Would that he had stopped at that! He engaged in deception, falsification, lies and calumny. Through guile and deceit he obtained one of this servant's letters that had been sent to one of the friends, intending to copy and send it to the opponents.

This servant submits:

> "My God, my God! Protect Thy servants from the evil of the opposers, the deniers and the barking ones, and aid them all to justice and fairness that they may behold Thy signs with their own eyes and hear Thy verses with their own ears. Verily Thou hast power over all things."

Every movement of the Desire of all mankind is a manifest proof and a shining testimony; yet selfish desire hath become a veil. On a certain day the Tongue of Grandeur uttered this exalted word, which melted the liver with anguish. He, exalted be His utterance and glorified His sovereignty, said:

> "O servant in attendance! Would that the opposers of the Bayan had but reflected to this extent: that We would have established this Cause firmly and immovably amongst the people of Persia, and would have raised it unto the loftiest station and most exalted rank. Then, unto whatsoever soul was found worthy, We would have committed it. Yet each day, after countless toils, when the Cause had in some measure been uplifted, souls arose who, out of sheer malice, perpetrated in those days that whereby the Cause of God was brought to naught. In times of grievous trial all were hidden behind veils; but when the light shone forth and the Cause became manifest, they rushed on with swords and committed deeds such as no oppressor had committed. And now some, with turban and cloak, like the people of former times, are busied with whisperings. We verily witness, and behold, and conceal; and I am the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Thus ended His saying.

This servant hath ever sought, and still seeketh, protection. Yet certain people who were never apprised of the very source of the Cause have laid claim to knowledge, and have been, and continue to be, the cause of leading the people astray. In every circumstance there is hope in His grace and bounty that He may sanctify His loved ones from that which beseemeth them not. He is the Mighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

You wrote making mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Qushid Kha—upon him be the Baha of God. After that mention had been presented in the Most Holy and Inviolable Presence, these firm and perspicuous verses were revealed from the heaven of the loving-kindness of God, glorified be His majesty. He, exalted be His utterance and glorified His sovereignty, saith:

He Who is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth

Thy name hath come before the Wronged One, Who hath made mention of thee in verses from which hath shone forth, from the horizon of each word thereof, the Sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all

worlds. This is the Day whereon the Sun proclaimeth “Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Wise,” and wherein the Ocean proclaimeth “Greatness belongeth unto God, the Goal of them that have known Him.” Blessed is the servant who hath heard the call raised by all things in celebration of God, the Lord of all creation, and woe betide every heedless and remote soul. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to illumine thee with the light of recognition and to kindle thee with the fire of His love.

He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, and within His grasp lie the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thine eyes are cheered by the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made mention of me, and caused me to hear and to see, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy manifest path and Thine evident, mighty, and unshakeable Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, that my footsteps slip not through the doubts of them that have turned away from Thy straight path. Thou, verily, hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He Who is manifest and standeth before kings and subjects alike

A Book that speaketh the truth and summoneth mankind unto the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Call hath been raised and wherein hath appeared that which was recorded by the Pen of Revelation in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. He Who was promised by the Tongue of Grandeur hath come, and He Who was inscribed by the Pen of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised, hath been made manifest. Blessed be the soul that hath heard and turned unto Him and attained His presence, and woe betide him that hath turned away from this manifest grace.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Hasan! We have heard thy call and make mention of thee with that which transcendeth all the remembrances of the people, that thou mayest aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance and be of those who are assured. Take thou the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, then drink it in His Name, the One Who ruleth over all names. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Counsellor, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the whisperings of the turbaned folk debar thee from the Most Great Ocean, and beware lest the intimations of the worshippers of names withhold thee from this resplendent and shining horizon.

Say: O people! This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Day which was promised in the Books of God, both of the past and of the future, did ye but recognize it. He Who was hidden in knowledge and promised by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath come. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth! Cast away what ye possess and take hold of the tokens of God through His power, then recite them with the melodies of the Most Exalted Paradise. These shall guide you and bring you nigh unto His praiseworthy station. He who is assured of His power and His authority shall not be shaken by the doubts of men, nor by the signs of those who have denied the Promised Day.

Say: My God, my God! Withhold me not from the Most Great Steadfastness in Thy Cause, O Lord of all being, and number me not with them who believed in Thy proof and then denied it by following the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Strengthen me, O my God, that I may rend asunder all

veils through Thy Name, the Strong, the Mighty, the One Who ruleth over what hath been and what shall be. Thus hath the fragrance of revelation been diffused and creation been perfumed through the sweet-scented breezes of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Be thankful and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Desire of hearts and minds.

Then know thou that We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book, at the outset of Our arrival in the Most Great Prison, that which appeared in the land of Kaf and Ra, and We informed the people of what would transpire therein. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We beseech God to strengthen thee and make thee steadfast in His Cause in such wise that neither thou nor His loved ones shall be hindered by the whisperings of them that have turned away from the Truth. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all affairs. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee in serving His Cause and in remembering Him amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Helper, the Forgiving, the All-Kindly. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and have said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and of the realms above!"

It is hoped that the sweet savours of the divine verses may take possession of the world and make His loved ones mindful of the events that transpired among the previous party, that they may not be deprived of the Names through their Lord, and may not accept the insinuations of every infidel. May they arise to serve with clear certitude, that perchance the earth may be illumined by the light of divine wisdom. Verily our Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and worthy to answer prayer. Again do I make mention that each of the loved ones hath been and is remembered with heartfelt remembrances, and for all do I beg bounty from the ocean of bounty and perpetuity from the sun of perpetuity. Verily He is the Protector of those who do good and the Goal of them that seek. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon the loved ones and friends of God there and in all directions, and praise be unto Him Who is the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

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May what has been sent be directed to the Land of Jadhba and Ba and Shin and certain other places, for this would be well-pleasing. The two rugs which were previously sent have arrived and have been graciously accepted. According to the command, whatsoever is sent to those regions should reach the beloved of the heart, that spiritual youth, upon him be the glory of God and His grace and bounty and mercy. They should make copies and deliver to their owners. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and praise to that spiritual one, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and to the delight of eye and vision, Ahmad. Their mention hath ever been and still is in the Most Holy Court, especially at this time when the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken this exalted word: "O servant in attendance!" God willing, a reply shall be sent to that spiritual one, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, and likewise a reply to Ahmad, upon him be My glory.

Blessed be they both and may they rejoice in what cometh to them from God, their Lord.

BH01605: God is the Most Great, God is the One…

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

God is the Most Great, God is the One, God is the Self-Subsisting, acknowledging His Books and His Messengers and His chosen ones and His pure ones, and their loftiness and their transcendence and their might and their grandeur and their stations and their attributes before God, our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven and Lord of the mighty Throne.

In truth, the food of the spirit is the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory. If, God forbid, this most great bounty and supreme grace should be cut off, would life remain? Nay, by God! What of life—all would perish.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused us to acknowledge Thy unity and recognize Thy Books and Thy Messengers, and to stand before the gate of Thy grace, beseeching the wonders of Thy gifts and favors. O Lord! Withhold not from Thy servant and Thy loved ones the wonders of Thy grace, nor the rain from the heaven of Thy knowledge. We are poor and weak; we seek Thy conquering strength and Thy all-encompassing power. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the lands of Iran among the enemies of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to protect them through Thy sovereignty and the power of Thy Will. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The letter of that spiritual beloved arrived, praise be to God, adorned with Divine unity and mention of His Prophets and chosen ones who strove in His path with befitting striving and conquered the servants and lands through His Name. After its reading and review, proceeding to the Sacred Presence, after presentation They said:

> "God willing, may he be assisted in all conditions in that which causes the elevation of existence."

O Mihdi! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. Thy letter was honored to be heard, from which the fragrance of love was diffused. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the gates of gifts and favors, to give thee to drink at all times from the Kawthar of divine knowledge, and to adorn thee with that which will elevate thy station among His servants. Verily, He is the Master of creation and the Ruler in the beginning and in the return.

We make mention of and send greetings to him whose heart was illumined by the lights of the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds, and whose countenance was brightened by the radiance of His face—he who was named Muhammad-i-Rida in the Book of Names—and to God's loved ones there who were not prevented by anything from His remembrance and praise. We beseech God on their behalf for that which befits His generosity and bounty. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God, thou art mentioned in the Holy Presence and art the recipient of favor. The kindred are, praise be to God, adorned with the ornament of health. I beseech the True One to assist that spiritual beloved in that which will cause his remembrance to endure and persist. Verily our Lord is the Answerer of His servants' prayers and fulfills them through His grace and sovereignty. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Generous.

I convey remembrance, greetings and praise to the beloved of the heart, his honor Haji—upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. He has ever been and continues to be mentioned. His honor, the

apple of the eye, Aqa Mirza Mustafa—upon him be the Glory of God—is today present and successful in his stead, and adorned with the glory of acceptance. Likewise, I convey greetings to the other loved ones of that land. God is witness and testament that this evanescent servant, in times of attendance, both outwardly and inwardly makes mention of them and seeks true success for all. In all conditions I have been and am turned toward Him and beseeching at the gate of His generosity. Verily, He is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

The Star bulbs all arrived. Certainly, if the apple soldiers from right and left like marshalled hosts and ordered ranks—your reward is with God, the Lord of grace and bestowal, and the Master of remembrance and praise. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Exalted. It is hoped that at some time you will see them when their flowers appear. Verily, He is the Helper, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Peace and mercy and glory be upon thee and upon God's righteous servants.

BH02226: The Book of God proclaims: There is none other…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The Book of God proclaims: There is none other God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Divine Lote-Tree calls out: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, Lord of what was and what shall be. And the Supreme Pen declares: The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath descended from the heaven of His Will, bearing the banner "He is God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving." And He Who conversed on Sinai, seated upon the throne of Manifestation, crieth out with loudest voice, yet the people comprehend not.

O thou who speakest in praise of thy Lord! Knowest thou Who maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison? Say: God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. And knowest thou Who hath turned toward thee? Say: Yea, the Supreme Pen of God, through Whose movement were revealed the hidden secrets of His knowledge. Thy letter came before the Wronged One, and one of My Branches presented it. We answer thee with this irrevocable Tablet, from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

We have heard thy call and thy verse and prose in praise and glorification of God, and found therein the sweet savors of thy turning unto Him, thy devotion, thy humility and lowliness before God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is the tongue that hath succeeded in praising God, and the ear that hath heard His verses, and the heart illumined with the lights of His knowledge, and the hand that hath taken hold of His Book, and the foot that hath attained unto supreme steadfastness, and the eye that hath beheld His traces and wept for what befell Him at the hands of such as denied the Witness and the Witnessed. By the life of God! Through His appearance every hidden secret hath been revealed, and from the treasury of His Supreme Pen have appeared the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who know.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not the sources of fancy and vain imaginings. Take unto yourselves the fear of God as a command from Him Who is the Lord of creation, and abandon transgression and unseemly deeds. He counseleth you and acquainteth you with that which shall profit you in the world to come and in this first life. He is the One, the Single, the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind.

The Wronged One, caught between the fangs of wolves, calleth upon the Lord of Lords:

> "My God, my God! Adorn Thy servants with the ornament of justice and illumine their hearts with the light of equity. My Lord, Thou knowest that I have desired naught in Thy realm save the extinction of the fire of hatred and animosity from the hearts of Thy servants, and I desire for them naught save that which draweth them nigh unto the court of Thy holiness. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby Thou didst subdue the kingdom of glory and bounty and didst open the door of Thy grace unto all in the realm of creation, and by Thy firm decree and Most Great Name whereby Thou didst subdue the nations, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall exalt them through Thy Name amongst Thy servants, and to inscribe for them from Thy Supreme Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence. Thou art He, O my God, through Whose Name the ocean of bounty surgeth and the Dove of Utterance warbleth upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. The spears of the oppressors weaken Thee not, nor doth the might of the tyrannical dismay Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bountiful, the Generous. O Lord! Ordain for him who hath voiced Thy praise that which beseemeth Thy bounties and favors. Verily, Thou art the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH02926: I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for health…

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

I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for health, well-being, glory and elevation for the gentlemen. God willing, may all attain to that which is the cause of an enduring mention and an everlasting name. In the nights I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, and in the days I implore the wonders of His bounty for His loved ones, and I ask Him to open before their faces the gates of His grace and bestowal. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and He is the Answerer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And furthermore, whatsoever that beloved of the heart hath mentioned hath been and is being carried out. God willing, may all affairs be adorned with righteousness, inasmuch as at all times the purpose hath been and is none other than to act according to the divine laws and religion. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for enabling grace that in these few days He may cause His servants to attain unto eternal outpourings. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

Previously rice was requested, that his honor the esteemed Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, should send. He sent two containers. Although according to his own statement it was old, yet its cooking is very good. If possible, let him send from that same kind or another kind.

From Iran they had written an account of the manifestation of justice and the attention of His Majesty the King, may God exalt him. This evanescent one testifies that if the divines of Iran would permit it, His Majesty the King would rule with justice and fairness and would treat the various religions in one way. Although the opinion is the King's opinion, the divines have not been and are not capable of anything. It is hoped that his blessed heart may become kind toward the well-wishers of government and nation, and that he may rule with justice, fairness and mercy. And we ask God to protect him with His hosts and to aid

him in that whereby his mention shall endure in the Supreme Concourse and the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Rahmatullah, ʿInayatullah, permission was granted. Let them proceed. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

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BH05446: Sorrows have encompassed Us from all directions, yet…

He is the Summoner between earth and heaven!

Sorrows have encompassed Us from all directions, yet the Wronged One, beneath the talons of hatred, calls out to all who dwell in the realm of creation and summons them to God, the Lord of Names and Attributes. We have named this prison the Most Great Prison—consider this, O people of insight! Nothing escapes His knowledge, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hears and sees, and He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Seeing. When the appointed time came, the trumpet was sounded and those who denied God, the Lord of all beings, were thunderstruck.

When thou hast drunk the Choice Wine sealed from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, say: My God, my God! Adorn the thrones of the world with the manifestations of Thy justice and the dawning-places of Thy grace. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Creator of earth and heaven, to ordain for me and for Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and strengthen them to stand firm in Thy Cause—the Cause through which every remote oppressor has lamented. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy sure handle and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names. I beseech Thee not to deny me the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH05735: Praise and thanksgiving befit those who dwell…

He is manifest with truth in the Kingdom of Utterance before the followers of all religions!

Praise and thanksgiving befit those who dwell in the depths of oneness, who have passed beyond the gulf of names and made their way toward the ocean of inner meanings. Names did not become a veil to them, nor did the hatred and malice of the people of creation prevent them. Through divine power and heavenly grace they arose to educate the souls of nations and reform the world. They recline upon the cushions of detachment and hold fast to the fear of God. Neither self nor desire prevented them from drawing nigh to the supreme horizon nor held them back from turning toward it. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which will exalt thy station in all the worlds of thy Lord.

Verily He ordains for whomever He wishes the good of the hereafter and of this world, and He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty. We counsel thee to perform goodly deeds and whatsoever

will draw thee near to the All-Informed One. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me in Thy letter and sent down for me that which transforms ignorance into knowledge, fire into light, and poverty into wealth. I testify that Thou hast manifested what was hidden from all eyes and minds. There is no God but Thee, the One empowered over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy firm and mighty command.

BH06663: O Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God!…

O Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed!

All things have testified to the appearance of the Creator of Heaven, and the Concourse on High have been seized by the rapture of the Call, yet most people perceive it not. Riches have occupied them, turning them away from their final end, and vain imaginings have prevented them from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to idols and suppositions.

Your name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, whereupon the ocean of utterance surged, and the Countenance of the Ancient of Days turned toward you, revealing that which attracts the minds and hearts. Grieve not over worldly events and changes. In all matters place your trust in God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Throne and the mysteries of the Cause to make me steadfast in the cord of constancy in Thy love and firm in what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Tablets. Thou seest, O my God, this servant detached from all else save Thee, beseeching Thy generosity and bounty. Ordain for him what befits the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy giving. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Kind.

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BH00474: Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court…

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the Desired One, Who hath created infinite worlds, and all of these have appeared according to the requirements of His consummate wisdom. For each He hath ordained effects, manifestations, signs and laws. For instance, He established the world of grief, and likewise revealed the world of joy, the world of love and longing, of rapture and attraction. And His world of separation which is in truth a consuming fire for lovers, and the world of union and meeting which giveth life to the temples of His servants in both beginning and return. The worlds of death and life, though outwardly opposed and contrary to one another, are inwardly connected by a mighty bond. Thus it hath been said that until a delicate, sound seed changeth and loseth its outward beauty, no verdant fresh ear of corn will spring therefrom. Assuredly, in the destruction of these temples lieth concealed a mighty edifice, and infinite prosperities are made manifest and visible thereby. None knoweth this save the All-Wise One Who hath encompassed all things through His all-encompassing knowledge and His all-pervading and penetrating wisdom.

Every utterance and every mention requireth confirmation and proof, save one matter which is in truth the sovereign of all commands and prohibitions, whose truth is as manifest as the sun, nay more manifest, and whereby the hearts of the chosen ones, the pure ones, they that are nigh unto God, and the sincere ones are assured and gladdened—and that is that there hath never been and never shall be any doubt that the Absolutely Wise One would not, without cause or reason, extend the hand of will toward destruction, nor would He turn His attention to construction and edification without proof. Exalted be His wisdom and sublime be His effects, His mention and His sovereignty.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This evanescent one desireth to make mention of Thy Afnan and console him in what hath come upon him through Thine irrevocable decree, though he seeth this as above his station. Yet, when he beholdeth his being as naught before the revelations of the Orb of Thy Manifestation and its pillars, and whatsoever he possesseth as non-existent before Thy Will and Purpose, he maketh mention of Thee in such wise as would establish Thy favors toward Thy Afnan and manifest Thy grace and bounty toward them through Thy bestowals, and their ascension to the heaven of Thy acceptance and the horizon of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the kingdoms of knowledge and understanding, and Mover of the ships of grandeur and majesty upon the ocean of utterance, to illumine his presence with the light of joy and gladness. Transform, O my God, his constraint into expansion and his sorrow into delight.

Though I acknowledge his patience and steadfastness, his acceptance and contentment with whatsoever hath come and will come from Thee, yet since Thou hast commanded me to make mention and to hold fast to the means, I therefore make mention and hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty, that Thou mayest send down from the heaven of Thy mercy and the clouds of Thy grace upon Thy Afnan, whom Thou hast related unto Thyself and made him the Afnan of Thy Lote-Tree at all times, as a mercy from Thee and a resplendent light from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Lord! Thou seest his humility and submissiveness, his supplication and his attachment to the Tree of Thy Cause, and his clinging to the hem of Thy mercy and might. I beseech Thee, O God, O my God, by the river of Thy mercy and the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sea of Thy wisdom, and the mysteries concealed in Thy Book, and the lights shining from the horizon of Thy Will by Thy Command, to ordain for him whom Thou hast related unto Thyself that which will make him a guardian of Thy Cause and a protector of Thy loved ones through Thy power and might. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your love, your sorrow and your steadfastness! Your letter was like a wondrous lamp and a brilliant, radiant light, for each word therein was a mirror reflecting devotion, steadfastness and love for the Lord of all worlds—may my spirit and all in the kingdoms of command and creation be a sacrifice for Him. After receiving the sweet fragrance of love and affection from pen and ink, I proceeded to the Most Holy Court where it was presented. Thereupon the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of our Lord the All-Merciful's favor wafted, and two Most Holy Tablets were revealed—one specifically for your honor and the other for the Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree and those with her, upon her be the Glory of God the Most Glorious.

In each, the Pen of Grace made mention of tribulations, visitation, and that which befitteth His bounty and generosity. The gifts and favors are of such magnitude as cannot be limited or come to an end. This servant beseeches his Lord and Beloved to assist your honor with the hosts of grace and bounty and with that which befitteth His generosity that hath encompassed existence and His mercy that hath preceded both the unseen and the visible. God willing, you will attain unto the presence of the two blessed Tablets and, as commanded, after reading them will send them to the land of Shin.

In truth, the presence of that exalted Leaf—upon her be the Glory of God—was a sign for those left behind and a comfort to them. From the time that the Most Exalted Leaf, the sacred consort—upon her be the Glory of God, His mercy, His light, His grace, His remembrance and His praise—ascended, repeated mention was made until now of these two exalted Leaves in the Most Holy Court. In these days this fresh news became the cause of grief to the circling men and women, such that it affected the people of the pavilion of chastity and each one besought a fresh bestowal. It is hoped that the remaining kindred who reside in the land of Shin may, through God's grace—exalted be His glory—be adorned with the garment of beautiful patience and be content with that which hath been ordained by the Desired One.

I beseech and implore God—exalted be His glory—to transform the grief of all in this great calamity into the dawning-place of joy and delight. He is verily the Powerful, the Answerer of what is asked. He is the One Who hath named Himself the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Most Munificent, the Most Merciful. His generosity and grace have encompassed all, how much more the branches who have appeared from Him, who return unto Him, who are related to Him and who are mentioned by Him.

I mention the honored Star—upon him be God's most luminous light—both outwardly and inwardly, convey greetings to him and seek for him that which is the cause of nearness and eternal remembrance. And to the other loved ones who are in that land serving your honor, I convey greetings to each one and beseech God—exalted be His glory—for their glory and blessing. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Kind. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Mention is made of His Honor Aqa ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, and of his steadfastness, love, ardor, and occupation, as recorded by the Pen of His Holiness. Praise be to God that he is confirmed in service, and assuredly he doth, in the service of that sacred Threshold, acquire that from which true profit is manifest and evident.

On the day of departure, when he was honored by attainment to the Most Holy Presence, His Holiness enjoined upon him that which is the cause of the exaltation of station and the elevation of trust and faithfulness. In that land it is known that he hath preserved the Word in the treasury of his heart.

All this is from God's confirmations to His loved ones. Should He so desire, He would assist whomsoever hath turned unto Him to reform the entire world, and would seize, through His all-pervading sovereignty, from whomsoever He willeth, all that hath been and shall be. It behooveth the servant to commit all affairs unto Him and place his trust in Him. These are two mighty portals leading to the bounty and mercy of God, glorified be His majesty. We hope they shall be opened before the faces of His loved ones and chosen ones through the key of love and fellowship. Verily, He hath power over all things.

The letter from the spiritual friend, His Honour Aqa ʿAli-Muhammad, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], likewise reached this servant and was presented before Him. He said: Let him hold fast unto what We counselled him in Our presence and what We sent with Siyyid Javad, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of creation. Then shall the gates of blessing from God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, be opened before his face. We beseech Him to protect him and assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Counsellor, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

This servant ever beseecheth and imploreth God to ordain for him that which causeth expansion, joy and gladness. Verily God is the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayers. His greetings reached all, and each one returneth greetings and beseecheth God, glorified be His majesty, for might and exaltation. God willing, may they be confirmed and assisted in all conditions.

The missive from His Honour Aqa Muhammad, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], also arrived. As the deed was performed purely for His love, it is beloved. In truth, His Honour Aqa Muhammad is adorned with the ornament of love and sincerity. This servant beseecheth his Lord to increase what he possesseth of affection and attachment at all times. Verily, He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Henceforth, good … is also found here. God's bounties are innumerable, encompassing from every direction, and His grace is evident at all times. We beseech God to assist His loved ones, friends and servants to praise and thank Him. Who is able to thank Him as He deserveth to be thanked? Therefore He thanketh Himself with His own tongue, saying "Be thankful unto Me and I shall be thankful unto you." His is the praise and the glory, and His is the thanksgiving and the splendor at all times.

Another submission: the missive from the honored Mr. Afnan of the land of China, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], has arrived. The tea sent was good and excellent. Glory be to God! The full nature of tea has not yet been revealed—many teas appear desirable but prove otherwise in brewing, and vice versa. However, this shipment has proven acceptable. Praise be to God Who revealed him, established him, caused him to speak, and made his presence a means for His servants to hold fast to his connection to the Tree of His Cause. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him and reveal to him whatsoever He desires of the wonders of His generosity, munificence, grace and bestowal.

Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. It is hoped that this prayer will be answered. Since these submissions are for the sake of God, and service to the Afnan is likewise for the sake of God, it will surely be accompanied by acceptance. The lychee also arrived, and it too was superior to last year's. The Command is in God's hands—He changes as He pleases and reveals as He wills, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you who love you and hear your words concerning the Cause of God, Lord of the earthly realm and the heavenly kingdom.

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The cherished gift from his honor Haji Niyaz Effendi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], has arrived. This is very clear and evident—whatever comes from a friend [is good], especially from friends who have drunk from the flowing Euphrates beneath the divine Throne. Their homeland is the shadow of God, their goal the meeting with God, their hope drawing near unto God, their trust in God, and their affairs are committed to God. They began from Him and return to Him, and this is the seal of discourse.

BH11690: All praise be unto that Desired One Who accepted…

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

All praise be unto that Desired One Who accepted the afflictions and adversities of the world for the peace, exaltation, and glory of the nations….

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O bird that soarest in the atmosphere of thy Lord's will and gazest toward the horizon of His Manifestation! The servant who standeth before the presence of the Wronged One hath read what thou didst send, and it hath wholly attained the honor of being heard and accepted. From thy call We perceived the fragrance of faithfulness amidst humanity and the sweet savors of submission and contentment in days wherein sorrows have encompassed Us from those who cast the Covenant and the Book behind their backs, clinging to the ropes of idle fancies and vain imaginings. O party of God! Your oppression, your patience, your steadfastness, your tranquility and your dignity have aided Me with such a victory as the eye of creation hath never witnessed its like. The Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness to this. These are hosts which no earthly armies can match, nor can the ranks of the world stand against them. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken that joy and gladness from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, might take hold of you.

O My loved ones! Ye have attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Your deeds are your witness. We hope that the sun of unity and concord, of humility and lowliness, may shine forth from the men of that city. Be not grieved by worldly events. Through your name the Standard of Victory hath been raised there, and through your love the Dove of the Throne hath warbled upon the highest branches in such wise as to attract the hearts of all parties.

If outward means are sometimes delayed, it mattereth not. By My life! In the midst of tribulation ye stand, in God's sight, at the most exalted station and are adorned with the highest rank. The thought that the Sun of Justice would shine from the horizon of Iran's heaven—and now from the horizon of the heaven of justice hath shone forth a government which is the greatest of the world's powers. The reward of this momentous deed is immense. This party must never forget this favor until the end that hath no end, and must ever behold it before their faces. The friends of God and those immersed in the sea of divine bounty must at all times beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord to adorn the sovereign of Iran with the crown of justice and the ornament of equity. This Wronged One hath loved and continueth to love faithfulness. If, through God's grace, the fire of hatred and animosity that blazeth in the hearts and souls of Iran's divines be quenched and extinguished, His Majesty the Shah would deal with utmost favor and compassion, even as in certain instances he hath protected and safeguarded the oppressed ones from the wrongdoing of the servants….

O servant in attendance! This exalted word from the Most Exalted Pen is as an ornament upon the brow of the divine victory, glorified be His majesty: Verily all success lieth in unity and concord."' For should the foundation of fellowship be shaken even slightly, complete ruin would result. Although in the presence of the honored beloved one, Jinab-i-Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, and

the spiritual beloved Ustad ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the pillars of love and affection appear firm, nevertheless you must at all times remind those beloved ones and the loved ones that no matter should arise that might cause this lofty reputation to decline. Now the favor and bounty of the Desired One of the world have so encompassed the loved ones of that land that their good mention is heard from every direction.

It would be most regrettable should this most exalted, wondrous and glorious reputation change. According to His command, all must conduct themselves with the people of that city in such a way that none may find occasion for aught but good mention. This evanescent servant beseeches the eternal Truth day and night that He may adorn the loved ones of that land each day with the ornament of goodly deeds and character. Verily He hath power over all things.

All that hath transpired in that land was presented before the presence of the Lord of the worlds, and from His blessed lips flowed the waters of mercy. However, He stated that although they were truly correct in referring to the Book—meaning that which hath been and will be revealed from the Most Exalted Pen—as the Bayan, yet since in this Most Great Revelation the carpet of mighty mercy is spread wide and the heaven of grace is upraised, this matter should be rectified lest others misunderstand. At this time, after presentation before the Most Holy Court, that which hath been revealed in this Most Great and Most Glorious Revelation hath been designated as the Mother Book, for in truth, in the eyes of those possessed of insight, that which hath been revealed in truth is the Mother of all the world's books.

Repeatedly from the tongue of Grandeur have the terms Mother Book, Mother of Tablets, and Mother of the Bayan been revealed, and now it hath been designated solely as the Mother Book. This matter should be established in the minds of the questioners in a pleasing manner. Truly a Cause hath appeared that is supreme over all the religions of the world and is a supreme mercy unto all peoples, for all bestial qualities and oppressive conditions have been strictly forbidden in the Book of our Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And the means for the advancement of government and nation, and the cause of the comfort and tranquility of the people of the world, have been revealed and established. Blessed are they that attain, and blessed are they that are possessed of insight….

…the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks: O Abdul-Karim, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment! One great deed which is truly regarded and counted as among the most mighty of deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, is intercession for the oppressed party against the oppressors—that is, those souls who without proof or evidence or argument or explanation did that which caused grief to those near to God and the sincere ones. We testify that you have done that which has transformed sorrow into joy and grief into gladness. In truth, good deeds in these days have been recorded by the Supreme Pen as the king of all deeds, for this party has been created for the reformation of the world and the education of the peoples and has been brought from nothingness into being. Blessed be this deed through which the countenance of existence has smiled.

The honored Afnan and the honored Amin, upon them be the Glory of God and His favors, have repeatedly mentioned you in presence and absence, especially in these days. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His loved ones there to that which will attract the servants and draw them near unto Him. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Helper and Assister of the True One, exalted be

His glory, has been good deeds and praiseworthy attributes, and through you it is a mighty helper. In truth it is the banner of triumph and victory. Praise be to God Who has assisted you to a deed from which the fragrance of His good-pleasure has been wafted. Verily He is the Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God that you have attained to the word of acceptance and contentment, which is among the greatest of deeds. The Point [the Bab], may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, declares that all existence is for the sake of being mentioned but once in His presence. The friends in that land have repeatedly partaken of the rain-showers of the clouds of mercy. Blessed be your patience and your tranquility. At one time He said that the intercession of the party of God for their enemies became the cause of eternal joy, and from the day when news of the oppression of the party of God in that land was presented before His face, the countenance of the Goal of the worlds appeared with a smile and spoke. It is hoped that the friends will strive and calm with the waters of love and kindness the fire of hatred and animosity that burns in hearts and minds. Verily their Lord is their Helper and their Supporter and He is with them, hearing and seeing, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Glory be to God! One is astonished—the Shi'ih party counted themselves the highest, most learned and most excellent of all the people of the world, and, God forbid, considered others unclean. Now we must reflect with justice and fairness upon the deeds of the Baha'i party and the heedless party, and speak the truth. In any case, the deeds of the Baha'i party have caused the appearance and waves of the ocean of love, evident and manifest before all faces. No excuse remains for the heedless ones unless they completely abandon justice and transgress beyond fairness.

I convey greetings and praise to all the friends in that city, and I beseech for each one whatsoever His generosity requires. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

The supplication of the revered Beloved One, upon Him be all the most glorious Glory, and your honor were again presented before His face. After repeated presentations He showed His favor, and in one instance these words were revealed from the Kingdom of grace—His word, exalted be His glory:

O Fadl, O Abdul-Karim! Upon you both and upon My friends in that place be the Glory of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We have found the fragrance of that wherewith you both called upon the Wronged One in this manifest prison, and every word of your words bore witness and acknowledged and confessed your sincerity and your turning toward Him and your attraction to the commanding Word of God through which the Hour appeared and the Cry was raised, and the faces of the people of Baha were illumined among all beings while the faces of those who denied the rain-showers of His mercy and the waves of the ocean of His bounty were darkened. We beseech God to aid you both to quicken the dead through His power and His might and His grandeur and His sovereignty, and to ordain for you the pearls hidden in the depths of wisdom and utterance that thereby all beings may be attracted.

Verily He is God, the Single, the One, the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the authority of the oppressors, nor the clamor of the heedless ones, nor the whisperings of the slanderers who broke

God's covenant and His testament and denied what was sent down from the heaven of His bounty and disputed His sovereignty that embraceth all in the heavens and the earths, can prevent Him….

BH01419: Ziyarat-Namiy-i-Zahra Bagum

He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the Mighty, the Generous

O leaves of My Tree! Upon you be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. O fruits of My Tree of loving-kindness! Upon you be the Light of God, the radiant, the dawning, the luminous. O remnants of My Holy Family! The Divine Lote-Tree remembereth you from the Most Exalted Horizon, and desireth to console its leaves, its branches, its boughs and its fruits in all that hath come upon them through God's irrevocable decree and His destined ordinance, inscribed by His mighty and wondrous Pen. By God's life! Your affliction hath grieved Me and that which hath befallen you, and likewise those who have circled round Me and have clung to the cord of My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Unceasingly have you been remembered in the Most Holy and Exalted Court, and the glances of loving-kindness have been directed toward that quarter. Although this supreme affliction hath befallen you, yet since its source and return are from God and unto God, there is no harm in it. We beseech God—exalted be His glory—to transform the fire of sorrow into the light of joy, and to sanctify the hem of trust and detachment from the dust of worldly events and the grime of the imaginings of the peoples.

In the path of God there hath befallen you the greatest of the world's afflictions. How many nights and days have you been sorrowful due to the oppression of the servants, and the greatest of afflictions is separation, which hath appeared, and the obstacles that have intervened. Know with absolute certitude that a station hath been ordained for you, whereof were a needle's eye worth to be unveiled, all the world would turn from what they possess unto what God possesseth, and would circle round it. The oppressors and heedless ones of the world imagine they can frustrate the Cause, but that which appeareth hath been and shall be the cause of the exaltation of the Word. The power of the world cannot withhold its might, nor can the calumnies of the nations weaken its power.

From the beginning of the Cause until now, We have rendered assistance through the Pen alone, until the Cause hath reached such a station as hath truly become the cause of reflection and wonderment to the peoples of the world. Sublime utterances have been revealed in both eloquent Arabic and radiant Persian. Their recitation is beloved and is the cause of the solace of hearts and minds.

We have desired at this time to make mention of My two most exalted leaves among the handmaidens with a mention whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise have been attracted, such that its fragrance shall never cease to endure through the permanence of His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes.

O first light that shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all beings, and first word uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur, and first fragrance that wafted from the garment of My Most Great Name amongst the nations! Upon thee, O dawning-place of fidelity and thou who art mentioned by the Most Glorious Tongue in the prison of Akka! I testify that thou didst hear the

Call in the earliest days and didst turn to God, the Lord of all beings, and didst take the cup of recognition and drink thereof from the hands of bounty and bestowal. Thou art she whom neither the derision of the wicked nor the doubts of the perfidious deterred. Thou didst forsake the religion of the people and turn to God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, the Possessor of the hereafter and this world.

O first light that shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of bounty! Upon thee, O luminous leaf! I testify that thou didst turn and acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in the kingdom of creation, then didst take His sealed nectar in His self-subsisting Name and drink before the faces of the handmaidens of God and His leaves. Thou art she whom neither the ranks of the divines, nor their clamor, nor the croaking of the people of tyranny and indecency, nor their doubts deterred. Thou hast rent asunder the veils through the name of thy Lord, the Bestower, and hast acknowledged God's compelling Word and held fast unto it in days wherein the handmaidens of the earth abandoned it and its men cast it behind them, save those whom God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne, willed.

Blessed art thou, O My leaf, and blessed is he who seeketh thy resting place, visiteth thy dust, draweth nigh through thee unto God, thy Lord, and mentioneth that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered concerning thy tribulations and afflictions.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, God of the Kingdom and the Realm, and Sovereign of grandeur and might! I beseech Thee by the branches of the Tree of Thy singleness and Thy chosen ones who have been set ablaze with the fire of Thy love and have spent their substance and their spirits in Thy path, to forgive me and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed existence and by Thy mercy that hath preceded the seen and the unseen, to fulfill my needs and ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and be as a light before my face in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH11735: O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! We testify…

He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! We testify that thou hast attained unto that which was inscribed in the Tablet and recorded by the Supreme Pen from God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh unto the Most Great Ocean and beheld its waves and the pearls hidden in the shells of His utterance, and heard that which was raised from the highest horizon through the grace of God, the Lord of the glorious throne.

O My friends in all lands! Know ye the station of Him Who hath aided you and judged between you with pure justice. We beseech God to assist this party in His remembrance, His praise and His service, and to manifest from them that which beseemeth His manifest, holy, mighty and great work.

O people of Baha! The sun of justice was indeed concealed and veiled beneath the clouds of oppression, but God hath assisted His Majesty the illustrious Russian State to cause its shining forth and appearance, and its deliverance from every thick veil and mighty cloud. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He,

to assist him and his friends and princes through whom the standard of victory was raised there and the flag of triumph was unfurled before the faces of mankind, in spite of those who imprisoned justice and equity and prevented their shining forth, their light and their manifestation, that He may deliver the oppressed through the arms of justice and equity, even as He delivered them and saved them from the oppressors, the transgressors and the deniers. Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In the Persian tongue, hear thou the call of the Wronged One: All the friends must, from this Thursday, the 2nd of Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1307, until the endless end, recognize the worth of the benevolence of the illustrious State—may God assist it—and arise to do that which beseemeth this justice. Those souls who, without any veil or covering, supported and assisted justice, and aided and delivered this imprisoned Wronged One from the dark pit through the strong cord of equity, are deserving of a mighty recompense from God—exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty. The Wronged One testifieth that they are the ones who aided the servants of God and secured the rights of the oppressed from every obstinate oppressor and suspicious transgressor. God willing, may the friends be assisted throughout ages and centuries to reciprocate this supreme benevolence which hath been manifested from the blessed and just State. Glory and light and majesty and praise be upon His Majesty and upon those who ruled on his behalf with pure justice and restrained the oppressors from their oppression and seized them with the grip of one mighty and powerful.

BH11745: He dawns from the horizon of the heaven…

He dawns from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom!

Praise be to God Who has enabled His loved ones to remain steadfast in the Most Great Steadfastness, and aided them to exalt the Cause, elevate the Word, and uplift the Station. He has lit from the wick of His grace a lamp to ever guide their faces and direct them to the straight path and to the Light that has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His mercy upon the Hands of His Cause, whom God has described in the Books of old and in the Mother Book in such wise that all the pens of the world are powerless to recount and the hearts of all beings are unable to comprehend.

O ʿAli-i-Akbar! Upon thee be My Glory! Hearken unto My call, for verily it makes mention of thee with such mention that when it appeared all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords!" We have enjoined upon all to show forth fellowship, love and affection—a command from God, the Mighty, the Exalted.

Today what is obligatory and essential is the unity and accord of the loved ones in that land. For if even a slight matter should arise or a word be uttered, it would become a cause of great weakness in the eyes of all. You must, in the days and nights, hold fast to the reconciliation of hearts. All Tablets are adorned with this exalted Word, and from its horizons its light is manifest and evident. The hosts of God today amongst the people have ever been goodly deeds and pleasing character. Blessed is he who holds fast unto these—verily he is of the people of Baha in the Crimson, Hidden, Treasured Book.

A hundred thousand blessings upon the one who, with complete determination, attains to this Most Great Cause. Today the tongue of counsel is necessary and perfect effort is beloved, that matters may be confined to the reconciliation of the hearts of God's loved ones and His chosen ones—those whom the vain imaginings of the Shi'ihs have not prevented from the Law of God, the Lord of the earth and the heavens.

Those souls whom you have mentioned have each been blessed with the mention of the Wronged One and adorned with the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of utterance, the Goal of all worlds. Give them glad tidings from Me and illumine them with this Light which has shone forth and risen, through which the earth of inner meanings and the heaven of utterance have been illumined, from God, the Helper of His loved ones in all conditions. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH03537: This is a Book that calleth and summoneth…

He is the One Who calleth before the faces of all creatures

This is a Book that calleth and summoneth the servants unto the Lord of creation in their final goal. Verily it is the perspicuous Book from God, the Lord of all men, guiding those who turn unto the supreme horizon, this station wherein the atoms proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of lords!" Whoso turneth unto it is assuredly among those drawn nigh in the Book of the righteous. Whoso turneth away hath no portion of the heavenly waters of his Lord, the Master of the Day of Rising. He hath appeared and made manifest what He willeth, and called the people to the most exalted station.

O Muhammad! Hear the call from the direction of ʿAkka: "There is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Unconstrained." This is a Day wherein the Tree crieth out and the Rock exclaimeth, and all things proclaim: "O people of the earth! Turn ye and open your eyes!" The Interlocutor of the Mount hath been established upon the throne of manifestation, and that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Mother Book hath appeared.

We perceive the fragrance of Our loved ones from that place and make mention of them in the mystery of mysteries, lest a band of wolves assault them. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! We testify that they have attained unto that which the people of the Crimson Ark attained in their final goal.

Thy letter came before the Wronged One and was presented by one of My Branches who is named Diya. We answer thee with that whereby the sincere ones perceive the fragrances of bounties and favors. It behooveth every soul to recognize the station of that land wherein flowed the rivers of submission and contentment from God, the Dayspring of lights. Their names have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet which none hath understood save God, Who controlleth the winds. We glorify them and send Our greetings and prayers upon them, as a mercy from Us upon them, and I am verily the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the generosity of thy Lord, the Lord of daybreak.

BH03563: O Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

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

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the One, the Single! We have mentioned thee before in verses by which the Concourse on High were attracted, and the dwellers of Paradise, then those who circle round the Throne of thy Lord's mercy at eventide and at dawn. Praise be to God that thou hast attained and turned thyself unto a Cause from which the people of the world have turned aside, save those whom God, the Lord of Lords, hath willed. Now what is required is steadfastness in the Cause and teaching the people with wisdom and utterance, for the barking ones are striving with a hundred thousand deceits and stratagems to lead astray the party of God. Hadi of Dawlatabad, despite never having been with Us and being heedless, veiled and unaware of the root of the Cause, hath arranged for himself a leadership and gathered riches, and sometimes through the words of the Bayan and at times through riches preventeth the servants of God from the Truth. They seize the wealth of the people falsely and dispose of it however they please. It is hoped that from your honor and the friends of that land the effulgences of the light of steadfastness will at all times appear and shine forth.

Remind the friends at all times and convey unto them greetings from the Wronged One. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make each one of them a firmly-fixed mountain, steadfast in His Cause, that neither the fierce winds of Hadi nor the storms of Mihdi nor the hosts of those who have denied the beginning and the return may move them. Hadi is known, but as for Mihdi, he is Siyyid Mihdi who is occupied with leading astray in the regions of Sad. No soul knoweth by what thing they believed in the Point and by what cause they turned away from the Great News of God. The world hath deluded them with its ornaments. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds from God, the Just, the Commanding, the Wise. The Glory shining and radiant from the horizon of the Tablet be upon thee and upon My friends and My leaves and upon every steadfast and firm one.

BH04123: He overshadoweth all names

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O Ni'mat! Reflect upon the divine bounties, and likewise upon His gifts and favors. Upon an animal so tiny and small as to be invisible to the eye, He has bestowed hearing, intelligence, sight, perception and knowledge—truly a clear book to those possessed of insight. Read what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an: "We have recorded everything in a Book." Ask of God that He may illumine hearts and minds with the light of recognition, so that, being purified from the tales of the past and the gulf of names, they may set forth toward the ocean of inner meanings. The names prevented the previous community from the lights of justice and fairness—some through the word "successor", others through mention of "guardian", and some parties through the terms "deputy" and "noble one" and "fourth pillar" and "mirror" remained deprived of the revealer of verses and possessor of names and attributes, and were forbidden the sealed wine.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having aided me to rend asunder the veils and guided me to the Mother Book. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love, such that the oppression of the oppressor may not frighten me, nor the might of the heedless, nor the croaking of the croaker, nor the doubts of the learned. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy

lands amongst Thy servants. Thou knowest better than I what is good for me. I testify that Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Your letter arrived and this Most Sublime, Most Holy, Most Pure Tablet was revealed in your name. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths.

BH11636: Praise be to God Who hath made me…

Praise be to God Who hath made me an oppressed captive in the hands of His servants and His creatures…

As for what thou hast mentioned concerning Ibn-i-Abhar—upon him be the fragrances of the Most Sublime Vision—We have indeed remembered him in numerous Tablets and gave him to drink from the chalices of grace and bestowal, and We have rained down upon him from the heaven of knowledge that which consoled the eyes of those who have turned unto God. He is among those who attained the Meeting and drank the choice wine when the people were in manifest thirst. We beseech God to make him the cup-bearer of the Kawthar of His utterance among His servants, to make him attracted by His verses among His creation, to open through him the hearts of the heedless, and to give them to drink of the Salsabil of knowledge. Verily, He draweth them nigh unto Him. To this doth the Mother Book testify in the Return, despite those who denied His clear Book on the Day of Judgment.

We make mention of Our loved ones in that land and counsel all to manifest the Greater Steadfastness, to be trustworthy and godly, and to achieve harmony and unity, and all that will exalt the station of the party of God in the world and amidst the nations. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite all hearts and make them treasuries of the pearls of His love and remembrance. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Say: O party of God! Rejoice that the Tongue of Grandeur hath moved to make mention of you at this time. We send you Our greetings. Blessed is he who is attracted by the breezes of revelation and is seized by the fragrance of divine inspiration from God, the Strong, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. As to what thou hast mentioned regarding his arising and service to the Cause, blessed is he, for he hath acted according to what We had previously revealed. Blessed is he who ariseth to serve humanity, and blessed is he who adorneth his head with the crown of piety and his temple with the robe of detachment, and who limiteth his affairs to the service of the servants of God, the Lord of the mighty throne….

BH07312: O Abul-Fadl! Upon thee be My glory and My…

He is the Speaker of Truth

O Abul-Fadl! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Blessed art thou for thy ardor in the love of God, for thy utterance in His Cause, for thy remembrance in His days, for thy attraction to the fragrances of His verses, and for thy steadfastness in His service amongst His servants, whereby neither the clamor of the wicked from various regions weakened thee, nor the might of the oppressors from different quarters frightened thee. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness unto thee in this hour, as My manifest Temple walketh in this exalted mansion, that thou hast turned with thy whole being to God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou didst aid His Cause before all faces and didst hold fast to that whereby His mention was exalted among His servants. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who heareth thy words and loveth thee. We beseech God to reinforce thee with the hosts of utterance at all times and to aid thee with the power

of the Spirit. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath acknowledged that which thy tongue, both outward and inward, hath acknowledged concerning this Announcement, at which the limbs of the ungodly have quaked.

BH07390: O Abdu'l-Karim! Upon you be My glory. The fragrance…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Abdu'l-Karim! Upon you be My glory. The fragrance of your love has been diffused and your steadfastness in the Cause of God is evident. Soon shall this world pass away, and there shall remain for you and My steadfast loved ones that which hath been ordained in the [gardens] of bounty and bestowals. He, verily, is the Fulfiller, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me when I was heedless, and raised me up when I was seated, and caused me to speak when I was silent. By Thy might and majesty, and Thy bounty and bestowals, were I to possess a thousand souls and sacrifice them all in Thy path, they would not equal a single one of Thy favors and a single mention from among Thy mentions which have flowed and been revealed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Most Glorious Horizon. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and within Thy grasp. Move me as Thou willest and cause me to stand as Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Lord of supreme bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10519: I beseech Thee, O my God, by the exaltation…

He is the One Who commandeth with wisdom and utterance.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the exaltation of Thy Most Sublime Word and the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to assist Thy party in that which beseemeth Thy Cause, O Sovereign of all names and Creator of the heavens! Then I implore Thee, by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree of Thy Command and the light of Thy countenance, to ordain for him who hath clung to Thee and to Thy verses that whereby his station may be exalted in Thy dominion. Verily, Thou art the Powerful through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH00964: Praise be to God Who made the seasons manifestations…

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

Praise be to God Who made the seasons manifestations of His names amongst His servants, through which He takes and gives, that all existence, both seen and unseen, may be assured that He is the Bountiful Giver and the Just Taker. We find ourselves now in a cold that tells of bitter frost, through which man bears witness to the grace of spring. Verily, He is the Unveiler of all things through His might and sovereignty, the Sender-down of His signs and the Manifestor of His traces. For this let the competitors compete. To God do we belong and to Him do we return. Blessings and peace be upon the Manifestation of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, through Whom He subdued what was and what will be, and through Whom He revealed the mysteries of His Books and what was hidden in His knowledge, and upon His

family and companions whom God made the dawning-places of His power and the daysprings of His might, through whom necks were made submissive to God's command, the Lord of Lords.

The letters from that spiritual friend arrived in succession. Praise be to God, each was a truthful messenger, a blessed courier, and a beloved herald, for the fragrance of love, affection and devotion wafted from them. After reading, I approached the Sacred Threshold where, after presentation, it was said:

> "O Muhammad-Rida, upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names! I was seated upon the throne, contemplating God's power, sovereignty, might, grandeur and strength, when there came one who loved Me and read thy letter before My face. From it We found the fragrance of trust in God and detachment, and thy adherence to righteousness and godliness. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made me acknowledge the unity of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Self above the recognition of Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties and Quickener of moldering bones, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me to exercise justice and fairness. O Lord! Thou seest the believers in the hands of the ungodly who have broken Thy covenant and Thy pact and have surrounded Thy cities and lands. O Lord! Ordain for me and Thy servants the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and earth, and in Thy grasp is the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Powerful."

This evanescent one begs his Everlasting Lord to rain down upon you from the clouds of grace the showers of His bounty, and to adorn you in all conditions with the ornament of health, well-being and favor. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Mention was made of His Eminence the Effendi, may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him. In truth, from his name joy appears in the heart. This is naught but a divine hidden grace deposited in his innermost being. Then, according to his desire, he attained the presence, and after presentation of his mention, it was said:

> "We beseech God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Sacred House, the Sacred Monument and Station, to ordain for him every good that He has sent down in His Book, to open before his face the gate of munificence and generosity, and the gate of blessing, glory and wealth among the nations, and to give him to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Gracious."

Praise be to God that they have been mentioned in this most exalted remembrance. Verily this Tree of Remembrance hath had and shall ever have its traces and fruits, which shall be made manifest in due time. This is a great glad-tiding. This servant also beseecheth God and imploreth Him to ordain for his honor that which will exalt him amongst His servants and make him a sign of His glory amidst His creation. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer, and the Fulfiller of the needs of every penitent supplicant.

O beloved of my heart! Regarding what was repeatedly mentioned in the letters about journeying to Syria during the season for the sake of certain trees which are the source of goodness in the world—I express my gratitude for this matter even before its execution and am truly thankful, for whatsoever that beloved

of the heart hath written hath been and is from the depths of the heart. In this case, journeying to that direction is not necessary.

And concerning what was written about His Honor the Effendi—may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him—having willed to send quince from that direction to this direction: yes, quince is good and is also available in this city. And if distinguished trees from there can be sent without trouble, and likewise the Mastaki apricots that were mentioned, it would be beloved. And this too, considering that it is a good deed done in his name that shall remain and endure in a place specifically arranged for the recreation of the believers, is assuredly acceptable before God and before those near to Him. For one of the primary reasons for the creation of the world is what was mentioned—namely, that beneficent and charitable works from assured souls should be remembered and all should attain unto them. This is why God, exalted be His glory, hath mentioned in His Perspicuous Book, which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood, the mention of paradise and fruits and trees. And this matter, in one respect, is purely for the education of creation, that they might act virtuously and through this blessed deed attain unto lofty stations. The servant testifieth that all bounty is in His right hand—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

And regarding the matter of the Salihiyyih grapes, if without difficulty and with utmost ease, whatever amount of its branches can be sent, God willing, may it be the cause of increased reward for His Honor the Afandi—may God assist him. Whatsoever is truly the cause and reason for good works and virtuous deeds hath been mentioned and accepted in the divine books of the past and present. God willing, may the effects of these good deeds be made manifest in the material world and yield their fruits. Verily God is the Generous Giver and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The apple of my eye, His Honor Aqa Mirza Mustafa—upon him be God's loving-kindness—is mindful, praise be to God, and now too sendeth greetings and praise, maketh mention of you, and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, on your behalf whatsoever is worthy of His bestowal. He is the One through Whose name the ocean of generosity surged and the sun of bounty shone upon the world. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace and mercy and loving-kindness from God be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. And praise be to God, for He is the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment.

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The Branches of the Blessed Tree and the people of the pavilion of infallibility all make mention of your honor and send their greetings, and beseech from the Lord of existence exaltation and elevation for that beloved spirit.

BH00697: Praise sanctified above the recognition of all contingent beings…

In the name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be!

Praise sanctified above the recognition of all contingent beings befitteth the Lord of the invisible and the visible, Who by His Most Exalted Word distinguished the people of Baha from all else. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an regarding the Day of Resurrection in His exalted words:

"One party shall be in Paradise, and one party in the Fire."

This is that Day unto which the countenance of the divine Books was turned, and wherein the mysteries of the heavenly Scriptures were made manifest and clear. He is the Almighty One Whom neither the tyranny of the oppressors nor the calumnies of the slanderers could deter from His purpose. Exalted, exalted be this Day wherein the treacherous one was brought low and the trustworthy was elevated. Command and judgment belong unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having manifested that which was hidden in hearts and concealed in breasts. I testify that Thou hast revealed Thy Cause before all faces and called everyone unto Thy manifest and visible horizon. Among the people are those whom the hand of Thy power hath delivered from the pit of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and among them are those who violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, taking vain imaginings as their lord instead of Thee and a god other than Thee. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of power and in Whose right hand are the reins of all choice, by the waves of the seas of Thy grandeur and bounty, and by the light of Thy Cause whereby the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom were illumined, to send down upon Thy loved ones from the clouds of Thy grace the rains of Thy blessings and wealth. Then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who denied Thy truth, disputed Thy signs, cast behind their backs Thy laws, and denied Thy proof.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I heard Thy call and hastened to the horizon of Thy manifestation, and attained unto that which was recorded in Thy Books. I beseech Thee, O God of the Kingdom and the Dominion, and Lord of might and power, by Thy Name through which Thou didst deliver Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones from the oppression of the Pharaohs of the earth and its tyrants, not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are detached and those of Thy creatures who are sincere, whose heads Thou hast adorned with the crowns of detachment and whose temples Thou hast adorned with the ornament of righteousness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

O Kazim! Upon thee be the light shining from the horizon of Revelation. The letters thou didst send in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, attained Our presence and were heard. Praise be to God, from them wafted the fragrances of the garden of inner meanings, utterance, wisdom and mystical knowledge. Today, whosoever hath turned unto Him and hath drunk the choice sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of the Desired One is, in the estimation of God, possessed of all stations. He is the learned one in God's sight, even though he be unable to read a single word. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted station and supreme summit.

O Kazim! Praise the Desired One of the world Who granted you steadfastness. How many souls have turned towards Him and then, for the slightest reason, turned away from the True Cause! Blessed is the servant who fixeth his gaze upon the blessed words "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Such a one is among the companions of the Crimson Ark. No command deterreth him, nor doth anything cause him to slip. He holdeth fast unto the cord of God in such wise that the peoples of the world are powerless to separate him from it.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones. Say: O people of God! Today the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary is raised from the highest paradise. Have ears worthy of hearing been created and raised up? Say: Yea, verily! Through the effulgences of the Day-Star of favor, beings have been raised up the like of which the eye of the world hath never seen. They have, in the name of the Peerless Friend, set out for the place of sacrifice and have scattered the pearls of the spirit, which are the most precious gems in the world, at the feet of their Beloved.

Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to draw nigh unto Thee, that they may hearken unto Thy most sweet call and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Then enable them to read Thy verses and to turn unto the light of Thy countenance. O Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor the learned ones from that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will. I testify that Thy mercy hath encompassed all created things and Thy grace hath preceded all existence. Make known unto Thy servants Thy straight path and Thy tidings at which the limbs of the idolaters have quaked. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

To Nabil convey, on behalf of the Wronged One, His greeting of exaltation unto Ha and Sin. We bear witness that he hath quaffed the choice wine of Revelation from the hand of the bounty of his gracious Lord. In the presence of the Wronged One is he remembered, and within His court is he seen and accounted present. Say: Grieve thou not for aught. Thou hast been commemorated by the Pen of God with that which neither the pearls of the seas, nor the treasures of men, nor the wealth of those who have heeded not the remembrance of their Lord, the Sovereign of the Day of Judgment, can ever equal. Verily, We have been with him under all conditions; unto this beareth witness that which My Tongue uttereth at this very hour.

The loved ones in the land of Ayn and Shin have ever been, and continue to be, beneath the sheltering gaze of divine favor. And in particular, for the martyr Marfu'—upon him be the Most Glorious Baha'u'llah—there was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance, from the Desire of all mankind, that whereunto the tongues of the realities of all things give voice in the blessed words: Praise be to God, the Lord of the dominion of names. Jinab-i-Muhammad, formerly Rida, was vouchsafed that whose fragrance shall never cease to breathe through the world. A most holy and unassailable Tablet was revealed especially for him and sent forth. And We make mention of him who was named Ali, that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. O ʿAli! Upon thy father and upon thee be My peace and My loving-kindness.

Render thanks unto the Desire of the world that He aided Jinab-i-Kazim to engage in remembrance, praise, and service. This is a mighty station, and one of those offices which are sanctified and exalted above the ranks of earth. O ʿAli, say: O my God, praise be unto Thee in that Thou hast caused me to hear Thy most sweet call which hath been lifted up from Thy most exalted Horizon, and hast made me to know the ocean of Thy verses and the sun of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, by the surging waves of the sea of Thy generosity and the showers of the cloud of Thy grace, to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy love. Thou, verily, art the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous.

O Kazim! Make mention of the kinsmen of the exalted martyr on behalf of the Wronged One. Perchance the fragrance of God's remembrance may seize them and enable them to attain unto the greatest

steadfastness. Give them glad-tidings from Me and remind them of My verses and illumine them with the light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of grace—a bounty from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Today the blessed, all-embracing Word hath encompassed all things and the Sun of Revelation hath shone forth and become manifest from the horizon of the heaven of power. The loved ones of God must, through kindly counsels and praiseworthy character, purify and sanctify the people of the earth from bestial qualities and guide them to the horizon of justice. Perchance the fire of sedition and corruption may be quenched by the living waters of love and the world may be illumined with a fresh radiance. During nights and days We have enjoined what is right and forbidden what is wrong, yet some have attained to that which they are commanded while others are still observed to be heedless. We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth and He is the Hearing, the Answering One.

At the end of this epistle We make mention of him who is named Ahmad, who attained Our presence and heard Our call. We testify that he is among those who have attained in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the One, the Single. We have counseled the people of God to be sincere and pure, to show forth love and devotion, to be trustworthy and faithful. When the sun of trials dawned from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of the Desired One of all worlds, some hearts were troubled, some feet faltered, while a group, by God's might and power, remained firm and steadfast. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto the traces of God. He is indeed among those who are drawn nigh.

The names thou didst send have each been remembered. Verily He remembereth His loved ones at eventide and at dawn, and He is the One manifest on the Day of Meeting. He commandeth all to observe the Covenant and Testament. O Kazim! Convey glory and praise to God's loved ones from the Wronged One. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the praise of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and blessed is the eye that hath beheld His sacred court, sanctified from the mention of all that was and shall be.

BH02692: Glorified be He Who hath come from the heaven…

He is the Help-in-Peril, the All-Powerful, the Almighty

Glorified be He Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with proof and evidence, and hath summoned all to the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom and the Dominion belong unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!"

Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. We have made mention of thee as a token of grace from Our presence, that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say: O people of the lands! The Lord of creation hath come and guideth all to the straight path of God. He

desireth naught save to purify your hearts from rancor and hatred, and to teach you that which shall profit you in all the worlds of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Take, in the Most Great Name, the Kawthar of eternity, then drink thereof despite every denier who hath denied the Cause of God, the Glorious, the Praised. Say: O mystics! By God, the gate of bounty hath been opened before the faces of all peoples—draw nigh and be not of them that turn aside. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the wine of immortality from the hand of Thy bounty, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of the kingdom of names! I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiver, the Merciful.

O Asad! Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance. Beware lest the deeds of the transgressors and the words of the heedless sadden thee. Say: O people! Fear God, then help your Lord, the All-Merciful, through deeds from which the fragrance of acceptance may be wafted from the presence of God, the Sovereign of the kingdom of the heavens and earths. Say: Your acceptance doth not profit Him, nor doth your rejection grieve Him. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of the worlds was in the hands of the deniers. O Asad! Hear the call from the direction of Akka. He desireth for your prince naught save nearness unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: Cast aside the doubts and intimations of the people, turn thy face toward the Wronged One, and take what thou hast been given from the presence of One knowing and informed. Say:

My God, my God! Draw me nigh unto Thee and illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I testify that I know not what profiteth me. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great. O Lord! Withhold me not from the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, and disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which Thou hast illumined the world, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest by Thy binding command.

BH03056: Praise be to God Who hath quickened the servants…

He is the One manifest and resplendent before the faces of the servants.

Praise be to God Who hath quickened the servants with the Kawthar of His knowledge, guided them to His path, acquainted them with His Cause, and given them glad tidings of His manifestation, His appearance and His sovereignty through His words “On the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” His grace hath encompassed all, His mercy hath preceded all things, the ocean of His generosity hath surged, and the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused as a command from His presence—and He is the Wise Commander.

There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, and it was read before His face. We have sent down for thee a Tablet that cannot be equaled by what all the learned ones and divines of the earth have composed, that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful. Through it God hath quickened His servants both in the past and in this time wherein He Who conversed with God on Sinai hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation, despite every remote

scholar and suspicious commander. Blessed art thou, for the Supreme Pen hath moved to make mention of thee in the prison of Akka, as a favor from God, the Kind, the Generous.

We make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who is named Ahmad, and We have revealed for him that which cooleth the eyes of the mystics. We beseech God to assist him to steadfastness supreme, draw him nigh unto Him, and ordain for him every good thing He hath sent down in His Clear Book.

When thou hearest the Call and art seized by the rapture of thy Lord's utterance, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made mention of me and sent down for me that which caused the lovers to soar throughout all regions when the Herald proclaimed: 'He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath appeared!' I beseech Thee, O Lord of the kingdoms of wisdom and utterance, by Thy Command through which all possibility was encompassed, and by Thy Manifestation through which the dwellers of the graves arose and every hidden secret was revealed, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thy horizon, who speaketh Thy praise, who holdeth fast to Thy cord, who soareth in the atmosphere of Thy love, and who spreadeth Thy verses. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy bounty, beseeching Thy gifts and favors. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him from the ocean of Thy mercy, the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained."

BH03836: A remembrance from Our presence to him who has…

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

A remembrance from Our presence to him who has attained to hearkening unto the Call when it was raised amongst mankind and who hath testified to that which the Supreme Pen hath testified: God, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The pavilion of glory hath been raised up and the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the Most Great Throne and hath spoken before the faces of all nations. The appointed time hath come and the Revealer of verses hath spoken the truth and said: O people of the earth! The door of generosity hath been opened with the key of My Most Great Name. Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of the Beloved, then turn unto Him, as commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is a Day wherein that which ye possess shall not profit you—to this doth the Mother Book testify in this exalted and glorious station. Verily those who have turned away are in manifest ignorance. They have no portion of this Most Great Sea nor any path unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Can the dumb one speak before the Kingdom of Utterance? Nay, by His own Self, the Most Merciful! But the people have taken their own vain imaginings as lord besides God. Thus have their souls enticed them and today they are in manifest loss. He who hath turned to My countenance and arisen to serve My Cause hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with decisive verses that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

When thine eyes attain to beholding these signs, say: O my Lord, the Chosen One! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause whereby Thou hast subdued all created things, to make me steadfast and firm in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants in such wise that their tyranny and oppression shall not frighten me, nor their might and power weaken me, nor their clamor silence me, nor their hosts prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Dominant, the Mighty.

BH04351: O Muhammad-Husayn! Reflect upon the heedlessness of the servants…

In the Name of the Desire of the world

O Muhammad-Husayn! Reflect upon the heedlessness of the servants. For the sake of two fleeting days of life, they amass such means and implements that the pen is unable and powerless to enumerate them. Yet they have never given thought to preparing for that station wherein they must dwell forever in the kingdom of earth and heaven. Say: O people! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and arise to make good what hath been lost. Where are the Pharaohs and the sons of Pharaohs? Where are their swaying branches, their hidden treasures, their concealed ornaments and their decorated, lofty palaces? Say: O servants! Reflect upon the graves and what hath befallen their inhabitants, and take heed. Today the power of the Supreme Pen and the potency of the Most Exalted Word have encompassed the world.

Deprive not yourselves of the Lord of all names in these days through vain imaginings. Strive that ye may attain unto that which diffuseth the fragrance of the divine mercy. We have previously made mention of the people of the city of Turbat. Blessed are My loved ones there. We beseech God to give them to drink from the Salsabil of bounty which floweth from His Most Exalted Pen, to make them enkindled with the fire of His love, attracted by His verses, and holding fast to the cord of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Party of God in that place! This is the Most Great Day of Joy. Ye must aid the Cause of God through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Verily He will assist you and aid you through His grace. There is no God but Him, the Manifest, the Helper, the Evident, the True, the Trustworthy.

BH04693: Jinab-i-Ahmad, upon him be My glory, made mention…

He is the One Who speaketh forth in truth

Jinab-i-Ahmad, upon him be My glory, made mention of the friends of that land, seeking a gift and token for each one from the pearls of the ocean of the favor of the Goal of the world's peoples. Therefore, the pearls of wisdom and utterance that were hidden in the shells of the sea have flowed forth from the Most Exalted Pen as a bounty from His presence to His loved ones.

Say: O concourse of divines! How long will ye follow your selfish desires? Say: In the name of God and by God! He will deliver you from the clay of idle fancies and draw you nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Say: He hath come from the heaven of proof with a manifest light, and on His right hand is the ocean of knowledge and on His left the Concourse on high. Say: O company of jurisprudents! Come forth from your homes at the bidding of the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. This is the Day of Arising, this is the

Day of Divine Grace, this is the Day whereon men have stood before the Lord of the worlds. Read ye the Qur'an and then judge with fairness concerning that which hath been revealed in truth, and be not of the heedless. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken while He was in the hands of the aggressive ones.

Grieve thou not at anything. Take the Tablet with the power granted by Him and the sovereignty bestowed by Him. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed art thou and those upon whom the verses of God, the One, the All-Informed, have been sent down. A single word thereof cannot be compared with the books of the people, to this doth the Sadratu'l-Muntaha bear witness from this most exalted horizon. Blessed are they that hear.

BH04956: This is a day whose excellences were mentioned aforetime…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

This is a day whose excellences were mentioned aforetime in the divine Books. In these days a mighty festival is being celebrated, for the servants were given the glad tidings of the appearance of these days. There is nothing that doth not speak forth in this Most Great Revelation and give glad tidings unto the peoples. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless! Glory be to God! They have forsaken the Kingdom of utterance and the heaven of knowledge, and have taken demons for their guides. We testify that they have taken for themselves lords besides God. The call of the King of the Kingdom of names hath been raised from the most exalted horizon at all times, and the ocean of utterance hath appeared before the faces of all religions, yet the people remain heedless save whom God willeth, the Lord of the worlds.

Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils in thy return and for having won the days of God, the Lord of lords. We beseech God that He may aid thee to be steadfast, for the treacherous ones and the thieves lie in wait at the paths, perchance they may cause one who hath turned toward Him to turn away. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and caused me to hear Thy call in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the mysteries of Thy Book to aid me in that which will cause the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure to be diffused. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05564: O Ahmad! Upon thee be the peace of God…

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

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the peace of God, the One, the Single! We testify that thou hast attained unto that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, and thou hast attained to the presence and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath cast away the world and taken that which he was bidden by the One Who commandeth, the All-Wise. Grieve not at anything, but in all matters place thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with those whom He loveth. He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whom

He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The idolaters desired to extinguish the light by their vain imaginings. Nay! They are among the most lost in My Great Book. Soon shall We seize them as We seized those before them. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He pleaseth through His sovereignty which overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the choice wine of reunion, and for causing me to hear Thy call, and for guiding me unto Thy path, and for honoring me with Thy presence, and for acquainting me with the Dayspring of Thy signs. I beseech Thee 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 exalted Throne.

The Tablet which thou didst request from the Most Holy Court hath been revealed and sent. Deliver it specifically to his honor who bears the same name. Some time ago a Tablet was revealed and graciously bestowed upon him.

BH06063: Verily We have commanded all to observe pure justice…

He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Verily We have commanded all to observe pure justice and forbidden them from tyranny in numerous Tablets. To this bears witness He Who speaks in every condition: “Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” And We commanded them to be trustworthy and chaste, but they cast the command of God behind their backs, following every remote delusion. Say: Fear God and take hold of that which ye are commanded. It will profit you in all the worlds of His worlds and protect you from the evil of the calumniators. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee this Tablet, the mighty, the wondrous. When thou attainest unto it and findest the fragrance of revelation, say: “My God, my God!

Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of Thy bounty, and thanks be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have placed my soul between the hands of Thy bounty and Thy mercy. Ordain for it from the ocean of Thy generosity that which befitteth Thy grace and Thy favor. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

BH06716: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

He is the One Who ruleth over all names!

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down that He might guide mankind to the straight path, draw them nigh unto the supreme horizon, and illumine them with the lights of the utterance of their Lord, the Master of all men. Hearken unto the call from this most exalted Station. Verily it will protect thee from those who have disbelieved and will make known unto thee the path of guidance. Before Our presence hath appeared thy letter which thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My Glory. We have made mention of thee and have sent unto thee that through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Grieve thou not over anything.

Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the hosts of the world nor by the might of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Dayspring of the verses of thy Lord when they that are on earth turned away from Him, save such as God, the Lord of creation, did will. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and teach the people, with wisdom and utterance, that which will draw them nigh unto the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have not violated the Covenant of God and His Testament and who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Possessor of all existence.

BH05083: God testifies that there is none other God but…

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

God testifies that there is none other God but Him. His is the grace and bounty, and His the grandeur and majesty. He gives and withholds, and He is the Mighty, the Bountiful.

My God, my God! I love to remember Thee at all times with every tongue, for this servant has found nothing sweeter in the world than Thy remembrance, nor loftier than Thy praise among the nations. I beseech Thee, O Creator of earth and heaven and Cleaver of the dawn, by Thy power that overshadows all things, and by Thy command whereby Thou hast subdued all in the kingdom of creation, to assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee in such wise that neither the oppressors nor the tyrannical shall prevent them. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest that they have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and they are surrounded by the wolves of Thy earth. I beseech Thee by Thy name the Preserver, and by Thy name the Helper, and by Thy name the Triumphant, to protect them from the oppression of every remote oppressor and every obstinate transgressor. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

He is the Helper

The contribution of ten Ottoman liras from Aqa Mirza Ahmad (upon him be the Glory of God) and likewise the contribution of nine tumans from Aqa Mirza ʿAli (upon him be the Glory of God) through the Afnan and with the knowledge of the Ismullah (upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God) reached the servant in the month of Rajab 1307.

BH00758: Glorified be He Who created all beings to ascend…

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

Glorified be He Who created all beings to ascend unto the heaven of His knowledge and commanded them to unite for the exaltation of His Word and the tranquility of His servants. Verily He, exalted be His glory, hath desired unity for the manifestation of gathering, and the manifestation of gathering for the promotion of mutual aid amongst them and the ordering of their affairs as befitteth them. He is the Sovereign Who hath prescribed for His creation that which shall profit them in all the worlds of His worlds. I beseech Him, exalted be He, and say:

My God, my God! Aid them to accomplish what Thou hast desired for them in Thy perspicuous Book and Thy mighty Tablet. O Lord! Make known unto them that which will exalt them, assist them, and preserve them from that which is unworthy of them. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the All-Wise, the Gracious Commander.

And peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom the kingdom of earth and heaven was adorned, and through Whom was revealed that which lay hidden in His all-encompassing knowledge of what was and what is to be, and upon His family and companions, the dawning-places of might and the manifestations of the power of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

And then, O beloved of my heart, thy distinguished letter, which was like a fruitful tree, arrived. Praise be to God, its root is firmly established in the soil of love and its fruit is present before our face. We eat and we praise, we eat and we give thanks. A hundred thousand tongues and a hundred thousand beings would be needed to perhaps fulfill the obligation of gratitude for it. But alas, alas! Reason declareth this to be an unworthy utterance—what hath dust to do with the Lord of Lords? Therefore submission and the admission of powerlessness are befitting, and I say:

I ask Thy forgiveness, O God of earth and heaven, for that which my tongue hath uttered and my pen hath written. Thou seest, O my God, how from every hair of my being are raised the hands of my hope toward the heaven of Thy pardon, Thy bounty, Thy mercy and Thy favors. Do not, O my God, send them back disappointed and at a loss. Take them through Thy generosity, for verily Thou art the Munificent, the All-Generous.

And after reading and becoming informed, I proceeded to the Most Holy Court where it was presented before the countenance of my Lord and was honored to be heard. He said:

> "O Amin, upon thee be the peace and favor of God. In all conditions we must offer praise and thanksgiving to God, glorified be His majesty, for He hath, from the ocean of generosity and the heaven of bounty, adorned His loved ones amidst the peoples with the ornament of trustworthiness, truthfulness and sincerity, and guided them to the straight path—that is, the most upright path—that is, the most firm, clear and strong path. Jest in speech is as salt in food."

Say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, for having sent down the blessing of Thy utterance and manifested the pearls of the ocean of Thy grace. I testify that through Thy will Thou hast opened the doors of generosity upon existence and the gates of bounty upon the world. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of proof and in Whose right hand is the dominion of certitude, by Thy hosts that have appeared from Thy Most Exalted Pen and by its influence in the world of creation, to ordain for me and Thy loved ones that which will exalt us through Thy Name and preserve us from the evil of Thine enemies. O Lord! Aid us to cling fast to Thy will and to hold to the hem of Thy decree. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful, the Merciful, the All-Bestowing."

O Trustee of God! Praise be to God that thou wert assisted in delivering that wronged and oppressed one, namely the Trust of God, for that helpless one was, like this Wronged One in the prison of Ta, bound in fetters and chains for a long time due to the oppression of the oppressors and the calumnies of the slanderers. In any case, through God's assistance—glorified be His majesty—that wronged one was delivered. The visit of the honored Afnan and yourself to the Holy Threshold hath momentous consequences and mention thereof shall be immortalized in the Book. This is of His great bounty and His supreme loving-kindness. Rejoice at these glad tidings through which the decree of joy and gladness was made manifest among the servants of God and His loved ones.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends of that land. By the life of God, they were and are remembered in the arena of imprisonment. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for them the good of this world and the next, and to decree for them the reward of those who stood before the Seat of Justice and spoke that whereby the scrolls of truth and fairness were spread abroad. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Mention was made of the honored Afnan and the friends, and likewise of the zeal and dignity of A. and ?., upon them be greetings. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the essence of knowledge and deeds, certitude and recognition. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him and his loved ones and strengthen them to remember Him, praise Him, and manifest His attributes throughout the duration of the earthly realm and the Kingdom. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

And as to thy repeated mention of the son of S.M., upon them both be greetings—this is a bounty from God. The people of that house have been favored with recognition and service from the beginning of the Cause. In those days which were as dark as night, when the intensity of wrath was directed from every side—now ask thou God to protect them and preserve them from whatsoever is unworthy of His days. Verily, He is the Generous, the Lord of great bounty, and He is the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

How can tongue and pen fulfill their task? How can a drop reach the ocean, or an atom the sun? Praise be to God, all are assisted and favored with His grace. This grace hath ever been, and shall ever be, sanctified above any likeness or comparison. Well is it with them that have attained! These days, letters have arrived from Iran, each adorned with mention of that Beloved of hearts. Specifically, a letter arrived from Ibn-i-ʿAttar (may God's mercy be upon him), upon him be the Glory of God, wherein he wrote about a trust that was in his possession. After being presented before His presence, the command was issued that some should be delivered to the friends of that land and some should be sent to that Beloved of hearts.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Rahmatu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God—praise be to God, the glad tidings of permission reached him, and now, praise be to God, it is several days that he is present and circumambulating. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him and all who are on earth to do what He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Fulfiller of the needs of all humanity. His companion hath also come. Praise be to God, there is a gathering present. In these days permission to return hath been granted. Praise be to God, the purpose was achieved and they attained unto the blessing of pilgrimage.

And regarding the affairs, they should, as commanded, execute and implement whatever they deem advisable.

As to what you wrote concerning whether a person who is trustworthy and knows the Turkish language would be needed if the honored Afnan intends to stay—indeed, after consultation and deliberation, such an arrangement would be necessary. However, in the land of A and S and these regions, while trustworthy individuals can be found, those who know the language cannot be found. In all matters consultation is necessary and then action according to it is beloved. In all conditions, praise be to God, they have been and are victorious and triumphant. As commanded, mention was made of the honored Afnan and that beloved one in letters sent to various regions. I convey greetings and remembrances to the friends of that land, and I beseech from the Tree of Divine Favor inexhaustible fruits for each one. Verily He is the Generous Giver and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the righteous servants of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The servant, on the first of Rajab 1307

That beloved one continues to be mentioned in the presence of the Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—and likewise the people of the Pavilion of Infallibility all send their greetings.

BH11697: Praise be to God Who hath uttered a Word…

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

Praise be to God Who hath uttered a Word from among His supreme Words whereby He hath distinguished between the servants in the world of creation, and through it hath manifested His sovereignty and revealed His power, and through it the oceans of meanings and utterance have surged in the realm of possibility, and the Most Great Book hath spoken forth among the peoples:

> "O concourse of earth and heaven! By God, He Who is the Dawning-Place of certitude hath come, and with Him the Criterion whereby truth hath been separated from error. At this all the tribes have trembled save whom God, the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of the mystics, hath willed."

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by Thy resplendent and manifest Light, by Thy firm Cord, and by Thy revelations on the Day of Judgment, to illumine the hearts of Thy loved ones with the light of Thy knowledge, then grant them the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou hast created them to exalt Thy Cause and manifest Thy Word. Thou beholdest them detached from all else save Thee and hastening to the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness, having cast aside the idle fancies and vain imaginings whereby Thy servants were prevented from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy grandeur. Ordain for them, O Thou Goal of the world, that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the Master of the Day of Resurrection.

Thereafter, O my beloved, the heart of this evanescent one soared when he heard the cooing of the nightingale of thy praise in describing God, our Lord and thy Lord, our Goal and thy Goal, and the reins of tranquility were taken from my hands such that I proclaimed before all faces: "Sovereignty belongeth unto Him Who hath, throughout all ages and centuries, drawn His servants unto Himself through His call." By God's glory and grandeur, joy hath taken hold of me from all directions in that thy honor hath rent asunder the veils that prevented the servants from turning to the supreme horizon and the most exalted summit. It is as though I heard from the traces of thy pen the verses of thy attraction, thy burning, and thy longing for God, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Loving.

When I read and became acquainted therewith, I approached the Presence and presented it before His Countenance. The Master—may our souls be a sacrifice for Him—said: "O Abu'l-Qasim! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. The servant in attendance hath appeared before the Face and presented thy letter. We found therein the fragrance of thy love, thy turning unto God, thy sincerity, thy certitude, thy steadfastness, and thy humility before God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of the mighty throne. By My life! Were anyone to hearken with the ear of his true nature, he would hear from the very rock: 'The kingdom, the dominion, the glory and the power belong unto God, the Lord of the worlds.' Blessed is thine ear for having heard the Call, and thine eye for having beheld the supreme horizon, and thy standing before the Seat of Justice, and thy mention and praise on a day wherein the idolaters have encompassed the cities of God, the Master of what was and what shall be."

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of God! It behooveth thee and the believers to cling to the hem of the robe of God's loving-kindness and to beseech from the heaven of His grace and the ocean of His bounty that He protect them from the evil of the idolaters and change their weakness into strength and their powerlessness into might. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One, turn thy face toward the Kaaba of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and say:

Praised be Thou, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy straight path, and given me the glad-tidings of Thy mighty announcement, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy oneness, and caused my tongue to speak of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. Glorified art Thou, O Sender of the winds and Cleaver of the dawn! I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which hath been assailed by the tempests of the tyrannical among Thy servants and the storms of the oppressors throughout the lands, to assist whosoever hath acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books. O Lord! Thou hearest my yearning in Thy love, and my longing and passion aroused by the breezes of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee to aid me in giving the glad-tidings to Thy servants of the appearance of Thy signs and the manifestation of Thy evidences. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant is amazed at how the grace, favor, justice and bounty of God, exalted be His glory, has influenced and continues to influence the world of being. The requirements of wisdom confirmed His presence in a station from which all have turned away, and enabled the hearing of utterances from which all are debarred and deprived, save those whom His prevailing Will and triumphant Purpose have chosen.

Indeed the world has been made new. The mysteries of utterance have, by the will of the Desired One of the worlds, emerged from the unseen into the visible realm, and from concealment into manifestation. Since these favors have outwardly appeared and been unveiled for that exalted one, it is hoped that he may become the leader of God's hosts, namely righteousness and piety. Praiseworthy character is regarded as the mightiest of hosts before the Lord of eternity. God willing, may they with these hosts conquer the cities of wisdom and utterance, and illumine the world with the light of knowledge. This matter hath never been difficult in God's sight. With one word He attracted the pure gem of justice and exalted it above the heavens. He is the One Who doeth what He willeth by His word "Be" and it is.

From your determination, assurance is gained that you will summon a number of the heedless to the horizon of wisdom and cause them to attain that which will make the tongues of all realities proclaim the blessed words "The Kingdom is God's." All the friends in that land have been and are remembered before their Lord, and this servant hath besought for each one blessings that are beyond reckoning and limitation.

Regarding what you wrote about the mention that would cause the awareness of the servants—this is not permitted in those lands according to the Command, for most of the people do not distinguish between the mischief-maker and the reformer. Rather, they have regarded and continue to regard the reformer as the mischief-maker and the mischief-maker as the reformer. The pillars of justice have been weakened, and likewise justice. This servant and you must beseech God to adorn His servants with the ornament of fairness. That which is the cause of joy and the source of gladness is that you were not deprived of the ocean of favor and partook of that which shall endure forever and shall always be remembered. May the unseen reinforcement render its assistance manifest, for the movement and intention have been and are for the sake of God. The servant beseecheth his Lord to draw you near, to fulfill your needs, and to assist you in His remembrance and praise through wisdom and utterance. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Helper.

Concerning the mention of Haji Mirza Abu-Talib—may God strengthen him—since it occurred before awareness of the Cause that hath appeared, there was and is no harm in it. I beseech God to ordain for him what He hath ordained for His trusted ones and chosen ones. Verily He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. It is hoped that henceforth he may be remembered before his Lord and not remain deprived of the Most Great Ocean.

Concerning what was written about the blessed Book of Iqan, God willing, all of it will reach your honor. Those who circle round about all send their greetings and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for your confirmation. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon the righteous servants of God. May He bestow upon all a portion from the effulgences of the Orb of divine favor—a portion that is enduring and everlasting. Similarly, all other items were received. This is quite clear and evident: that any matter which is blended with love is reckoned among the great bounties in the sight of God. I convey greetings to all the loved ones in that land, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of each one, for that which its fragrance shall never cease to waft from the cities of the sincere and detached ones. Verily He has power over all things.

His honor Aqa Mirza Kazim, upon him be the peace of God—during the previous occasion, at the time of the arrival of your letter, permission was granted. It is hoped that he will attain to that which he desires. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto the Word of God and His love and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His mighty and impregnable Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00942: Praise be to that sovereign Lord who has raised…

He is God—exalted be His glory, His grandeur and His might!

Praise be to that sovereign Lord who has raised up among the servants of the world the banner proclaiming "Verily I am the Lord of existence." Through the sword of His utterance, He has freed the mute and stammering ones of the world from the darkness of names and the pit of suspicions and vain imaginings. The banner of His justice was not prevented by the oppression of the deniers, nor was His Testament of Truth followed by obliteration. Glorified be His majesty, all-pervading be His bounty, and exalted be His station! And blessings and peace be upon the Speaking Book of God and His Speaking Scripture, His manifest Mystery and His supreme, triumphant, and all-revealing Word, at whose birth the Kingdom and all therein proclaimed "Unto God, the Lord of all worlds!" And upon His kindred and companions, through whom the light of justice shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's grace, the Mighty, the Great—such blessings as will draw unto them all hearts and souls and cause all created things to ascend.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your steadfastness, your love, and your service! The blessed Tablet which was adorned by the Most Pure Pen of my Lord and Master, His Holiness the Greater Branch—may my soul and my very essence be a sacrifice unto the dust of His feet—illumined the eye of the body and flesh, and the sight of the heart and spirit. The greater portion of that blessed Tablet made mention of the steadfastness, devotion, sincerity, service, and favor of His Holiness. Every word among its words beareth witness to the love and affection of His Holiness. In truth, it is the choice wine of utterance, the dawning-place of joy and the dayspring of gladness. All this is through the bounty of God, our Lord and the Lord of our fathers, and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

I submit one of the blessed words so that the degrees of His favor may become clear and evident. His sweetest words are: "At present I am occupied with writing in the home of the honored Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Merciful. I am deeply abashed and affected by their troubles and love. I hope they will present this at the Most Holy Court and that mention will be made concerning them from the Source of Grace, such that will relieve this servant's embarrassment. We can do nothing greater than this for them, nor is there anything greater." Likewise this blessed word was recorded: "Their presence and being in this land is necessary and serves the needs of all travelers to this region in a way that cannot be surpassed." Praise be to God, His traces have perfumed and illumined those regions.

After submitting these matters, He spoke these words before me:

> “God willing, there shall appear from my Afnan that which will guide the people to the Light that has shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of God’s Will, the Master of the Day of Judgment. O my Afnan! Upon you be my peace, my remembrance and my praise.”

I beseech and we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to free and deliver His servants from names that are the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He is the All-Bountiful, Whose bounty the opposition of His servants has not prevented, and Whose generosity the darkness of existence has not veiled.

O Afnan! This is the Day wherein the Dawn of Manifestation has unfurled its banner and the Temple of Justice its standards. Blessed are those servants who hold fast to the Truth and are detached and free from all else. This Wronged One counsels that the honored Afnan not be saddened by what has occurred. In truth, you have been and are partner with the Wronged One in the tribulations that have befallen Him. Glory be to God! God, exalted be His glory, has made the land of Shin the dawning-place of light and fire—that is, the manifestation of these two is more evident and mighty in that land before God, for the fire of corruption from the tree of opposition appeared and blazed forth in that land and city before all other lands. The arrows of the oppressors and the swords of the malicious ones who broke the Covenant and Testament and denied God’s decree on the day of separation have assailed the Manifestation of Justice.

These days are, in the sight of God, days of supreme rejoicing, for the Sovereign of Manifestation is established upon the throne of Sinai, and the call of the blessed Lote-Tree is raised at every moment. Therefore, should the kindred be summoned from that land, it would be acceptable in the sight of God and adorned with the embellishment of divine permission. After the sorrows that have been experienced, this mighty glad-tiding which proceedeth from the Most Exalted Horizon hath been and shall ever remain the cause and source of immeasurable joy and gladness. The Greater Branch hath likewise made entreaty concerning this matter. Now it hath come to pass in accordance both with consultation and with the divine Will. For a long time this Wronged One hath been mindful of them. In any case, this news is relief after affliction and joy after sorrow.

O Afnan! At this moment the Sun of permission has risen and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of will. Give glad tidings to the Leaf and those with her on My behalf of My permission, which is the ultimate hope of the seekers and the goal of the hearts of the mystics. The glory from Us be upon you, O Afnan, and upon the son, and upon those who have believed in God and performed good deeds and what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

From this bestowed permission, boundless joy is attained. In truth, this is a great bestowal regarding those who are wronged in the path of God. This evanescent servant has at all times beseeched and continues to beseech that He may bring forth from potentiality to the realm of manifestation the means of nearness and meeting for those who have been consumed by the fire of separation from His presence for years, and from concealment to disclosure. Verily, He is powerful over all things. It is hoped that this matter will be arranged with utmost joy and delight, and that the Causer of causes will manifest a cause that will become the source of joy for the hearts of His male and female servants. He is the Bestower, the Mighty.

As commanded, this letter must be preserved, for people are inclined to objection rather than justice and fairness. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for the Afnan of the land of Shin, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and was sent. Your honor should review it and forward it. I present my greetings to the service of the brilliant star, his honor Afnan Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, and likewise to the loved ones of that land. For all, I seek that which is the cause of the elevation of character among people and unity among the servants. Peace, remembrance, and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you, and those who love you and hear your words in their turning to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

The servant First of Rajab 1307

BH01021: O servant of God! Upon thee be the grace…

He is the One Who Expoundeth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O servant of God! Upon thee be the grace and loving-kindness of God. The letter of the honorable sheikh (may God, the Blessed, the Most High, strengthen him) was perused. Praise be to God, they have attained His favors. We beseech God, the Blessed, the Most High, to strengthen him and assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to rain down upon him from the clouds of His mercy a blessing from His presence and a bounty from His own Self. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

O servant of God! Upon thee be the peace and bounty of God. The true and manifest tidings are that one manifestation from the manifestations of the Sun of Truth pertains to him, and one word from the words of the Mother Book hath he attained, and one melody from the melodies hath reached the Kingdom of utterance, and one letter from the attraction of the Call hath arrived at the gate of the Most Great Name. Upon Javad be My glory and loving-kindness; he hath become connected with the ocean of divine generosity. We have heard of his ascension, his turning and his devotion, and We have sent down for him that which causeth the realities of all things to be attracted.

By My life! Through My mention the ocean of forgiveness surged in the Most Exalted Kingdom, and the sun of pardon and bestowal shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Sublime Seat. Verily, We have purified him with the water of utterance and caused him to enter a station adorned with the glances of loving-kindness, embellished with the lights of the Countenance, and illumined with the light of recognition. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and hath spoken that wherefrom the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout contingent being. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We testify that Javad hath attained unto the ocean of generosity and bounty among the nations, and turned unto God when most of creation turned away from Him, and acknowledged this Day when the people denied it, and showed forth love and devotion when the fire of hatred was kindled. Upon him be My glory and the glory of those in God’s Kingdom and dominion, and the glory of those in the heavens and the earth.

We enjoin the loved ones to patience and steadfastness, and We beseech the True One to illumine all with the lights of the Orb of grace. O people of God! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you. We

testify that ye have attained unto that which cannot be equaled by treasures nor by the wealth of the princes of the earth. This Manifest Book beareth witness to this. Take, in My Name, the All-Glorious, the cup of joy, then drink therefrom once in My Name, and again in My remembrance, and yet again by My command, in spite of Mine enemies, and yet again by the light of My wondrous Cause.

Praise be to God that in this time each of the friends hath attained that which hath no likeness or equal. They have attained the choice wine of My remembrance in the Kingdom of My utterance from the cup of one of My branches who is present before My face and who writeth My verses by My all-compelling will that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O servant of God! We beseech the True One to assist the loved ones in that land to such deeds as will cause the elevation of the Cause of God. By the life of God! The helper of the Truth hath ever been deeds and character. Say: My God, my God! Assist Thy loved ones in that which will cause the exaltation of Thy Most Exalted Word in the world of creation, then aid them to triumph in Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. The friends of Ishqabad have acted in a way that has been accepted in glory—they transformed the weapons of warfare into conciliation and love. Blessed are they!

When tribulations descended upon them, they held fast to patience by the command of the All-Patient Lord and maintained forbearance. Two deeds which are truly considered among the greatest of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, were manifested by them: first, refraining from retaliation against the oppressors, namely the tyrannical Shi'ih party, and second, interceding with the authorities on behalf of their enemies. This is the conduct that has been and is worthy of the people of Baha. Glory be to them, joy be to them, and light be to them! Now beseech ye God to illumine the hearts of the friends of that land with the light of unity, that the horizons of the world may be brightened by a single light, lest there appear from them that which would prevent them from attaining the most exalted station and the supreme summit.

In these days Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, has mentioned the deceased and elevated one, and likewise has repeatedly mentioned the friends of that land. Jinab-i-Javad, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness—We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him with the hosts of grace and to confirm him in that which He loves and is pleased with. Indeed, steadfastness has been manifested by him and those associated with the aforementioned one.

Yesterday Ismu'llah attained Our presence and mentioned Jinab-i-Darbaghi, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, and afterwards sent his letter to Our presence. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Praise be to God, they have succeeded in teaching the Cause of God, and there was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen especially for him that which caused pure gems to appear from dust and transcended the heavens. His mention has been remembered and his name renowned. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cause the servants of that land to become detached through the loving counsels of His friends and to guide them to the highest horizon.

Some time ago Hibatu'llah, upon him be My glory, sent a letter to the Most Holy Court wherein he mentioned the friends. Each one has been blessed with divine favors and received their portion from the

ocean of utterance. The door of grace is open, the sun of mercy is shining, the ocean of generosity is surging before all faces—blessed are they that attain! We make mention of each of the handmaidens of God and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the light of divine favor. O My handmaidens and My leaves! Ye have attained to that which most of the men on earth are deprived of. Today, the steadfast and assured maidservants are recorded and mentioned in the Crimson Book above the men. We counsel the handmaidens of God to observe the Most Great Chastity, trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and purity.

O my God, O my God! Aid Thy loved ones, both men and women, to achieve such deeds and character as will cause the fragrance of Thy good pleasure and acceptance to be diffused. The light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon the people of Baha, whom the hosts have not weakened nor the ranks intimidated. They have turned unto Thee and said:

> "We believe in Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

BH01234: The ocean of joy hath surged and the countenance…

He is the Hearer of Justice and the Answerer through Grace!

The ocean of joy hath surged and the countenance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath smiled, inasmuch as the Call hath been raised from the Land of Ta unto the Most Exalted Horizon and hath gladdened the dwellers of the Most Glorious Paradise and the Supreme Heaven by the arising of the Hands of the Cause and the Manifestations of Utterance before the Kaaba of God with a clear covenant and firm pledge, that the world and all that dwell therein might be illumined by the light of unity and concord. Exalted, exalted is this most high station! Exalted, exalted is this Covenant through which the scrolls of names have been renewed and the stations of the people of Baha have been elevated among all humanity!

O my God, O Fashioner of names and Creator of heaven! By Thy might and Thy majesty, Thy power and Thy sovereignty, I find no hosts more mighty than the covenant of Thy chosen ones before Thy face and their pledge to aid Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word. O Lord! Assist them with the hosts of righteousness and piety, and with that detachment whereby the gates of glory and bounty were opened to all who dwell on earth and in heaven. O Lord! Aid them with the banners of Thy utterance and the standards of Thy remembrance and praise, and ordain for them that which shall make them manifestations of Thy virtues and names and dawning-places of Thy generosity and bestowals.

Thou seest them, O my God, turning toward the horizon of Thy grace and desiring to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. Write down for them, then, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. Verily Thou art He through Whose Most Great Name the world was subdued and through Whose Most Noble Name the gates of munificence and bounty were opened unto all peoples. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of the knowledge of the wise and the Beloved of all who dwell in the heavens and the earth, to assist His Majesty the Sultan to turn unto Thee and to manifest Thy justice through Thy name.

O Lord! Aid him through Thy party, then preserve him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Ali-Qabil-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thy letters have attained unto Our presence and been heard. In truth, all that was mentioned therein was the cause of joy and gladness, for its words and letters were perfumed with the fragrance of unity and concord. I truly say: This New Covenant is in itself a mighty host. We have ordained it for the conquest of the citadels of hearts through Our Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. We hope that through these new and wondrous means the foundation of God's Cause will be made firm and steadfast. Some time ago these verses were revealed and sent to one of the wise ones—upon him be My glory: O Wise One!

The power and structure of faith has grown weak in all regions of the world. The supreme remedy is needed. The dross of nations has seized them; the greatest elixir is required. O Wise One! Has the crown of victory such power as to transform diverse elements in a single thing and bring them to the station of pure gold? Though such transformation appears difficult and complex, yet the transformation of earthly power to heavenly power is possible in the sight of this Wronged One. That which effects this transformation is greater than the elixir. This station and this power are specific to the Word of God. It is the essence that transforms fear into certitude, weakness into strength, and abasement into glory.

One drop from the ocean of divine wisdom struck Badi' and like a ball of fire he sought martyrdom. His moisture was transformed to heat, his weakness to power, his sluggishness to swiftness. At this time, what is needed is to seek healing from the Incomparable Almighty for prevalent chronic diseases. We beseech from the ocean of bounty of God, exalted be His glory, protection for you and the friends of that land. Verily He will protect you and aid you as He protected and aided you before. Behold the prison and its transformation, and the Cause and its sovereignty. In utter weakness complete power is manifest, and in poverty the kingdom of wealth is evident. Blessed are they who perceive and are fair-minded.

The glad-tidings of unity and concord illumined the horizons. Glory be to God! The oppression of the friends in Ishqabad became as conquering hosts and rendered a great victory to the Cause of God. These are the results of the wisdom revealed from the Supreme Pen in scriptures and tablets. Blessed are they who understand.

The essence of counsel and advice is this: if any of the friends commits an unseemly deed or manifests anything improper, the trusted ones of the Cause should, with utmost love and kindness, wisdom and care, gently and affectionately counsel and advise that soul. Surely such words, when offered purely for the sake of God, will be penetrating, helpful and nurturing.

Say: My God, my God! Aid all on earth to attain unto Thy presence and cause them to recognize what Thou hast ordained for them in Thy Books. Then adorn the teachers with the ornament of sanctity among Thy servants. Then through Thy power make their words penetrating. Then make them bearers of the standard of detachment and righteousness. Verily Thou art the Lord of creation, and the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning this firm, wise Cause.

BH03408: O Abraham! A Friend [of God] hath appeared…

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

O Abraham! A Friend [of God] hath appeared from God, and the Hand of Divine favor preserved him from the fire of the idolaters, nay rather, transformed that vengeance into bounty and mercy. His mention is renowned throughout the world and is a mighty cause for those who mount the pulpit. Most of the peoples of the world are occupied with his remembrance and that of his son, who in the Book of Deeds was designated and mentioned as the Sacrifice of God by the Pen of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted.

Yet in this Most Great Revelation, how many pure, assured, well-pleased and enkindled souls have intended the place of sacrifice and offered up their lives! However, the unjust servants have veiled the high and most exalted stations of these souls through the veils of self and desire. Glory be to God! What has become of justice and fairness? Where have hearing and sight gone?

O Abraham! The first sacrifice attained to sacrifice and returned to his place, but in this Revelation all have achieved the most great martyrdom. Say: O people! Observe with divine vision and hearken with true hearing, that perchance ye may attain unto that which hath no likeness or peer. Ask of God that He may aid His servants to that which beseemeth them, and adorn the people of the world with the light of detachment and the raiment of godliness. He is powerful and mighty. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

Praise be to God! That soul hath attained to recognition and likewise to serving the servants in the path of God—servants who have detached themselves from the world and clung to the horizon of Revelation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath aided and will aid the friends of God in His earth and His trusted ones in His lands. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Most High Horizon and believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH05146: The emigrant is present and, after the dawning…

In the Name of Him through Whom We have subdued the horizons.

The emigrant is present and, after the dawning of the Luminary of Permission from the horizon of Will, he acted as thy deputy in that which leadeth to salvation and eternal life. Beseech thou God to preserve this most exalted station through the hosts of piety. O Hashim! We implore God, glorified be His majesty, to aid thee and His loved ones to shatter the idols of vain imaginings and to rend asunder the veils of the peoples. This is not difficult for God. Time and again have We stated that the Shepherd of sheep became the Guide of nations, and the Fisher of fish was endowed with divine wisdom. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon, holding fast to Thy firm cord.

I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and to grant me, from the hand of Thy grace, the Kawthar of reunion with Thee. O Lord! The mountain of rebellion seeketh the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the abased one calleth upon Thee by Thy name, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O Lord! Grant us the sweetness of Thy utterance and the vision of the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom which Thou hast manifested from the treasuries of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Possessor of the Day of Resurrection.

BH10748: I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to assist…

…I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to assist each one to be adorned with those virtues that are the cause of the spread of justice and equity among all parties. In truth, in the first degree and primary station, the purpose of creation has been and is the manifestation of trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity, for these attributes are the cause of rest, assurance and tranquility. Blessed are those souls who have attained unto these….

BH01300: Praise be to God Who taught the Supreme Pen…

He is God, exalted be His glory, might, grandeur and power!

Praise be to God Who taught the Supreme Pen that whereby the realities of all things were attracted, and caused it to speak His praise and glorification in the kingdom of names. And peace and blessings be upon the Lord of His chosen ones, the Dawning-Place of His knowledge amongst His servants, and the Source of His command throughout His lands—He through Whose grace speech was revealed and Whom God taught expression—and upon His family and companions, the daysprings of the horizons of His might, power, grandeur and sovereignty.

To proceed: Your letters arrived repeatedly, each one a perfect blessing and all-encompassing joy that seized the foundations and adorned them with the ornament of delight. After reading them, I proceeded to His presence and presented them before Him. The Lord—may our souls be a sacrifice for Him—spoke thus:

Praise be to God! The station is desirable and the companion sought after, for truly rare indeed has it been and continues to be. In truth, a soul adorned with human attributes is seen as rare as red sulphur, nay rarer still. Should a soul be confirmed and perceive the fragrance of the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds from the Surih of the All-Merciful, then at that moment this station and its loftiness will become somewhat evident. His blessed and exalted Word states: “The All-Merciful taught the Qur’an, created man, taught him utterance.” Now man is the station of the gathering of all gatherings. God hath made him the Dawning-Place of His most beautiful names, the Dayspring of His most exalted attributes, the recipient of His knowledge amidst humanity, and the source of His commandments and ordinances in the realm of creation. Verily, he is the gate of God’s wisdom amongst His servants and the treasure of knowledge amidst His creation. Through him God hath manifested whatsoever He hath willed. Verily, He is the Master of creation, and within His grasp lies the reins of all matters from beginning to end.

Jinab-i-Mizban Shuma, may God the Blessed, the Most High, strengthen him, is among those of the aforementioned station, meaning he is considered human in the sight of God. Blessed be he! We beseech God to strengthen him, assist him, and ordain for him that which will exalt his name in His lands among His servants. Verily, He has power over all things.

Praise be to God! In every instance, His Honor Effendi, may God strengthen him through His Eternal Name, is mentioned, and surely there are effects and fruits from this mention. We beseech God, the Blessed, the Most High, to strengthen His Honor and manifest for him what has been ordained. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

In your previous letter, spiritual friend, you mentioned the feast gathering and attendance thereat, as well as the presence of the distinguished orator, namely His Honor Shaykh Abbas, may God the Most High assist him. Although this servant has not had the honor of meeting him, I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to sanctify the orators of the world and adorn them with the ornament of knowledge and deeds. Verily, our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

However, when your letter arrived, a learned person present recognized him and said that he is truly a servant of the government with sincerity, and has revealed the secrets of certain religious leaders who are in fact opposed to the nation and government, this being the result of association and friendship. Then another person said that according to your mention, he is an inspector from the government. This servant stated that we do not know these things—we consider all as servants of God unless we witness wrongdoing with our own eyes, and in any case, we pray for all and have no secrets ourselves except the mention of God and His oneness.

Then he wished to say a few words, but it was observed that perhaps words might arise causing displeasure to both parties, so this servant arose and the meeting concluded. In truth, what causes joy and delight to this servant is that you are in the presence of an accomplished and distinguished person, namely His Honor Effendi. This is a great bounty and an exalted station. Thanks be to God, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding what you wrote about His Honor and his good deeds, good intentions, and good fellowship—yes, yes, this servant bears witness, and likewise the friends of this land and their chief all testify that His Honor possesses praiseworthy qualities and laudable attributes. I beseech the True One, exalted be His station, to increase his station at all times. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The friends around the Master all send greetings and especially ask for you that which befits His generosity. And now, the apple of our eye, His Honor Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon him be 9 6 6 [Baha'u'llah], sends greetings and mentions that spiritual friend in various stations. We beseech God to strengthen him and you and His loved ones in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Master of the last and the first.

Peace and mercy be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

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BH00236: Verily doth praise praise its Lord and say: O…

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!

Verily doth praise praise its Lord and say: O concourse of the righteous! O assembly of the chosen ones! This Day is My Day, for He hath appeared Who was promised, He for Whose sake the essence of praise and thanksgiving and glorification was created and brought forth from nothingness into being. Glory be to God! Spiritual contentions have arisen—from one direction praise and thanksgiving are heard, from another sight and hearing. Yet this servant hath confirmed and doth confirm them all, for in the first rank and primal station, this Day is indeed the Day of the aforementioned four. That which stands as a barrier and veil is naught but the vain imaginings of the former people and their suppositions. This veil hath been rent asunder by the blessed word "I have turned my face toward Him Who hath created the heavens and the earth"—but this is evident only to those possessed of true power and divine might, not to the foolish rabble.

Glory be to Thee, O Helper of the chosen ones and Revealer of mysteries! I beseech Thee by the fire of the Tree beyond which there is no passing, whereby Thou didst cause Thy sweetest call to be heard and didst cast Thy most exalted Word upon those who have witnessed and seen. I testify, O my God, that that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the stronghold of Thy protection and infallibility hath been revealed. O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest bounty and by the mysteries hidden and treasured with Thee, O Lord of all beings, to open the doors of ease and hope to the faces of the people of Baha. O Lord! This is Thy Day which Thou hast exalted through Thy grace above the heavens of Thy power, wherein Thou hast caused to flow from Thy Most Exalted Pen the Kawthar of immortality, making each drop thereof the water of life for all contingent beings, reviving thereby worlds which none but Thyself hath discovered and which none but Thy knowledge hath encompassed.

O Lord! After my confession of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books, manifested through Thy Pen, and uttered by the tongue of Thy grandeur, I beseech Thee by the Lord of all names, Who hath chosen for Himself a prison in ʿAkka, that Thou mayest raise up, through Thy Will which Thou hast placed above the knowledge of Thy servants, souls possessed of great might and powerful sovereignty to exalt Thy Cause amidst all religions through wisdom and utterance—souls who have cast away the world and all that is therein and have taken hold of that which Thou hast commanded them through Thy bounty and generosity, that the signs of Thy sovereignty may be manifested in Thy lands and the evidences of Thy Will may encompass Thy servants.

O Lord! These are they who have cast aside what they possessed in hope of what lieth with Thee, and who desire naught on earth save to establish Thy Cause, to exalt Thy Word, and to manifest Thy power and might. Strengthen them, O my God, at every moment with the hosts of Thy majesty and power, that there may appear that which they have purposed in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, unto Whose

power all the atoms of creation have testified, and before Whose wrathful glance the mountains have melted away.

I beseech Thee at the end of my remembrance, O my Lord and my Support, to assist Thy loved ones and then enable those who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament to seek forgiveness in the court of Thy holiness and to return to the horizon of Thy mercy and might. O Thou Who art the Beloved of the Messengers and the Desire of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee! The servant desireth naught in all creation save what Thou hast desired for him through Thy bounty and ordained for him through Thy grace. Yet he beseecheth Thee and imploreth from the heaven of Thy generosity the deliverance of Thy servants and their purification from all that beseemeth them not in the presence of the revelations of the lights of the Orb of Thy manifestation. O Lord! Aid them through Thy bestowal, strengthen them through Thy sovereignty, and inspire in them, through Thy grace which hath encompassed all existence both seen and unseen, that which hath escaped them. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your service, your steadfastness, and your devotedness. Your letter was like the morning rain, watering the soil of the heart. Immediately the saplings of joy and delight sprouted and grew tall. I beseech the Most High to raise them ever higher, for verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

After being enkindled by the fire ignited in your words and learning their contents, I approached the Most High Kingdom and, after gaining full permission, presented your letter. These firm verses were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance. His mighty word and exalted proof states:

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

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The servant in attendance came before Us and read thy letter, and We hearkened unto it with the ear of grace. Thereupon the ocean of thy Lord's utterance surged, revealing unto thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance as a token of His grace, for He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. This is a Day wherein every one who hath turned unto Him hath prospered, and every deceitful opposer hath lost. Say: O people! By the life of God, ye were created for this Day. The Most Great Book, its letters and words, and its Mother Book bear witness to this, as ordained by God, the Lord of all men. We testify that thou hast spoken the truth in what thou hast mentioned regarding these matters. We beseech God to assist His Afnan in pure justice and to adorn them with the raiment of the Most Great Trustworthiness. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Chosen One.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love! We have revealed in the Tablets that which will elevate the stations of those who have turned to the Countenance and witnessed what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the final abode. By the life of God! Should anyone hold fast to what hath been ordained, he would find himself in the highest station. No thing would harm him, nor the objections of any treacherous denier. Say: He hath come for the salvation of the world and the elevation of your stations. Fear God and follow not every heedless doubter.

In Persian We say: That which that Afnan hath mentioned is the truth, without doubt. Ask from the Truth that He may assist all to attain unto that which leadeth to the glory of the Cause and its acceptance.

Whoso is for God, God is for him. Today all must gaze toward the horizon and be engaged in service. This is the station of the Afnan of the Blessed Tree. In previous years bounty and blessings were sent down from the heaven of generosity, but due to certain deeds they were suspended. Say: Aforetime all proclaimed:

> "My God, my God! Thou seest and knowest what hath appeared from Thy loved ones in Thy days. I beseech Thee to assist them to arise to compensate for what hath passed them by in exalting Thy Word. Then inspire them with that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and elevate them through Thy name among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Guardian, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O honored Afnan Muhsin, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Whatsoever he hath heard from the tongue of the Wronged One he will surely mention, for he hath attained unto Our presence and meeting for extended periods and hath heard that which hath been and is the cause of the descent of heavenly sustenance and eternal blessing. We send from this spot Our glorification unto him and give him the glad-tidings of God's mercy and bounty. We beseech God to grant him success and assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for him what He hath ordained for His trusted ones. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We convey Our greetings to the loved ones in that land. We beseech God to protect them from the evil of His enemies and to send down upon them from the heaven of bounty that which shall endure as long as His most beautiful names endure. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. End.

The blessed, exalted and decisive words each testify to the mercy, grace and favor of the Truth, exalted be His glory, in relation to the Afnan, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful. From the earliest days until now, His Holiness has been gazing toward the horizon of God's Cause and has arisen to serve to the extent possible. This word has repeatedly been heard from the Divine tongue: no deed among deeds can equal this testimony. The grace of the Divine Tree has encompassed all, appearing at every moment with manifest splendor and evident radiance. Blessed are ye and those with you.

The details of matters that must be presented by command are as follows: After the arrival of the honored Afnan, Mr. A and H, and the esteemed Amin, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, some days passed. One day Amin was present before Him and He said: "O Amin, praise be to God, the Afnan has arrived and attained the presence. Now they should occupy themselves with their commercial affairs." In response he submitted: "According to what is known, the honored Aqa Siyyid Mirza has deemed it advisable that they proceed to Bombay, however they have had and have no inclination whatsoever toward that direction."

He said:

> "If this is so, let them proceed to the Great City, that perchance the calumnies of the objectors and slanderers may be dispelled and the people of that city may become aware of the truth of

> the Cause, for the honored Afnan—the honored Aqa Siyyid Ahmad and the honored Aqa Siyyid Muhsin and the honored Amin and the honored Nazir and other companions—all suddenly departed from the Great City toward the Prison. The deniers and objectors found occasion and wrote to various places that ʻthese people have taken large sums of our money and fled.' And Abbas-Ali Kazerouni sent letters to Egypt; those very letters were forwarded to the Most Holy Court. We seek refuge in God from the calumnies contained in those inflammatory papers. In any case, that heedless liar united with two others and spread that which became the cause and reason for preventing the servants from turning to and drawing near."

Therefore, by command the honored Afnan and the honored Amin proceeded to the Great City, and some time after their departure, a letter arrived either from the Holy Land or from the honored Afnan Haji Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, stating that the honored Afnan Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, should proceed to the land of Ha.

Section 2: "After this matter was presented in the Most…"

After this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, He said:

> "Write to Ahmad, upon him be My Glory and favor, that since Mirza has so intended, thou must proceed with utmost speed."

However, this servant knew and knows with absolute certainty that if any benefit would have appeared from his presence in the land of Ha, surely the command to proceed to the Sublime Gate would not have been issued, although it was necessary, in view of the honor of the Cause and the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of trustworthiness and religiosity and truthfulness and sincerity in that city. The honored Afnan Aqa Siyyid Muhsin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, is aware of the details and will mention them before His Holiness.

At one time this supreme blessed word emerged from the Dayspring of Will, exalted be His glory: The honored Afnan, that is Mirza, upon him be My Glory, must consider the outcome of every matter and then execute it. However, due to the multiplicity of occupation, most of which neither nourishes nor satisfies, they have been heedless, having failed to observe the affairs from all sides and to reflect upon their outcome. Now we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to open a door of bounty and to set all matters aright. We informed Our servant who was present, the Afnan, that is, Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, to proceed to that direction, but it was and is without fruit. Now hope of fruit lies in the return of the Afnan himself, Aqa Siyyid Mirza, to that land.

After news arrived of the summons of the honored Afnan of the Land, or the esteemed Afnan, that is His Honor A. and H., upon them both be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, no further command or prohibition issued forth from the Source of the Cause. The initial intention was altered. In any case, this evanescent servant now beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist the honored Afnans in that which befits them and is worthy of these days. All that His Honor wrote has been confirmed by the Desired One. Now, trusting in God, His Honor and those with him must occupy themselves with setting matters aright.

We beseech the Most High to open before your faces the gates of grace, blessing and bounty. Verily He is the Generous, the Bestower, and He is the Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

At this moment this blessed word, from which in truth flows an ocean of joy, was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur. His word, exalted, mighty and great be His utterance: "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Your supplications and your mentions, in your stations of humility and submissiveness, of powerlessness and entreaty, of trust and attachment and detachment, have been heard and adorned with acceptance. Blessed art thou for having spoken that which was honored by being heard and for having uttered that which attained the right of acceptance and good-pleasure. Thou hast grasped the truth of the matter. Most are heedless of this point. In numerous Tablets, in accordance with your request, it was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen that it behooveth the Afnan to turn to the service of the Cause. This is for them true commerce and spiritual profit. By the life of God! This profit can never be seized by loss nor altered. Blessed be thy pen in having moved in accordance with that which hath appeared from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

> "O My Afnan! The Divine Cause has been and is in exaltation. In no century or age has any cause spread with such rapidity. Now all things are engaged in supporting this Cause. Soon will the deniers behold that from which they were heedless. In no wise is hesitation in any matter permissible. That which is necessary today, and which the Tongue of God pronounceth, is this which He speaks before the faces of the world: O My Afnan! Thou hast spoken the truth. We bear witness that ye were created for the triumph of God's Cause, the exaltation of His Word, and the spreading of His signs, in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall frighten you, nor shall the veils of the peoples and the manifestations of idle fancies in the world cause you grief. By My life! The fire hath been kindled in the Blessed Tree, and it speaketh at this moment, saying: 'O My Afnan! Forsake the world and what the peoples possess. Arise for the triumph of the Cause. And the triumph that hath no equal is your detachment from all that ye possess, that the atoms may bear witness to your elevation, your exaltation, your advancement and your ascent.' Penetrating eyes from the Supreme Concourse are fixed upon you and your deeds."

O Afnan, O Mirza, upon thee rest the Glory of God, the Lord of all names. Hear thou the Voice of this Wronged One and cleave thou, as befitteth thy kinship to the Sacred Tree, unto that which is meet and seemly. Thou art foremost in rank and station to serve the Cause. With utmost endeavor thou must prevent the dark and defiling winds and dust of this world from sullying the most holy and sacred Hem. That which will today elevate your stations and exalt the Cause is this: that ye should enter, detached from the world, into the realm of detachment, and assign to its rightful owners whatsoever ye possess for the exaltation of God's Word. That is, whatever ye possess, whether little or much, place it at the disposal of trade and commerce, and with the utmost joy and fragrance discharge the debts ye owe to others. This is your station and that which hath been ordained for you by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mirza, upon thee be My Glory! Should you act upon what hath been mentioned, it will serve as the supreme means for the manifestation of detachment and of the fear of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

Take what thou hast been commanded by the Truth and cast aside all that the people possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We have revealed unto thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God and make thee powerful through His might. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Afnan! I desire not for you that which I desire not for Myself. Hear thou the call of this Wronged One and arise with complete resolve to discharge the debts owed to others. This is commanded by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. This deed is the master of deeds and the lord thereof in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Your dominion lies in the divine Kingdom, not in the clay of earth. Hear My call and be of the thankful ones. Do what thou hast been commanded and be of the contented ones. Hold fast unto what the Lord of the worlds hath desired for thee and be of the detached ones. Grasp the hem of thy Lord's bounty and say: O my God, my Lord, and my Support!

Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy bounty and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. I desire to discharge what is incumbent upon me through that which Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy generosity and bounty, that it may be proven to all that Thy Being is sanctified, Thy Essence holy, and that Thy loved ones are detached from the dust and ornaments of the world, that there might shine forth from the horizon of my deeds the light of trustworthiness and religiosity, through Thy grace and bounty, O Thou Who art the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and the Ruler over all who dwell in the realm of creation. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Sacred Tree and the light of Thy countenance to aid Thy Afnan in accomplishing what they desire in Thy days, that all may witness that the ornaments of earthly dominion hold no station with Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Thereupon the words of God were concluded with this most exalted Word: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the Single, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The outward and inward well-being of the Afnan lies in ceasing their scattered and diverse trading ventures and being content with one or two enterprises. Verily blessing lieth in His grasp and the kingdom of bounty in His right hand. He enricheth whomsoever He willeth, as bidden by Him. Verily the All-Sufficient hath acknowledged the poverty of His servants in His saying:

> "O ye people! Ye are but paupers in need of God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the Praised."

If thou shouldst attain unto that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, assuredly the doors of blessing, bounty, generosity and grace of the Lord of ancient days shall be opened before your faces in such wise as to astonish all. Do what thou hast been commanded and be of the assured ones.

In the earliest days of arrival in the prison, that which would enlighten those possessed of insight became manifest, namely that the manufacture of opium is not acceptable in the sight of God. Nevertheless, your honor engaged in that which was not permissible. Now must ye cleave unto that which is worthy of acceptance. Verily God commandeth you to justice and kindness and to that which will exalt you in every world of His worlds. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

O my God! Grant confirmation. O my God! Bestow success. The servants are weak, even though they may be Afnan. I beseech from Thee Thy ancient and fresh favors, that Thou mayest confirm Thy Afnan in that which is befitting, and ordain for them that which is conducive to their progress, ascendancy, exaltation

and elevation. Thou art the Bestower, the Kind. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

His Holiness the Afnan, the Most Luminous Star, upon him be the Most Effulgent Glory of God, has arrived and will undoubtedly relate that which he has heard from the precincts of the Throne. It has been repeatedly conveyed that whatsoever his honor has written is in accordance with the Will. One must hold fast and cling to it, that there may descend from the heaven of grace and bounty what We desire of the wonders of His generosity and munificence. Night and day, mention of them and their presence has been and is, both outwardly and inwardly. The servant beseeches his Lord to confirm his honor and grant him success in that which will set affairs aright. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

To the other Afnan and the loved ones of that land, upon them be the Glory of God, His mercy and His favor, I convey greetings and salutations. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors, to send down uninterruptedly from the heaven of grace and bounty for each one that which will rectify affairs and be the cause of joy and gladness. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. The Command is in His grasp, and He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you and who hearken to your words and your mention and your call in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Exalted Seat.

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BH00735: Praise be unto Him Who is worthy of all…

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

Praise be unto Him Who is worthy of all glorification—He Who, through the Most Exalted Pen, hath raised up hosts and through them hath conquered the cities of men's hearts. Were the heedless world and ignorant people possessed of insight, they would have observed the penetrating power of the Word and the might of God's Will, would have conducted themselves with due measure, and would have cast aside the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings which have held back most of humanity from the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. Then would the Herald of Glory proclaim the words "Blessed are the ears and eyes!" Exalted be the majesty of our Lord, universal His grandeur, supreme His sovereignty, and widespread His fragrances! Glory, radiance, light and praise be upon the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree and its Afnan, through whom His verses were spread abroad, His signs were made manifest, His mysteries were brought forth, His proof encompassed all things, and His testimony was established; and upon those who have believed in God and His signs, acknowledged His sovereignty, quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the cup of His bounty, and spent what they possessed with such steadfastness as amazed the Concourse on High—these are honored servants who act according to His command.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your love and steadfastness! The ultimate hope was dispatched in the form of a letter and arrived—a herald that filled all limbs, members, and every atom of being with boundless joy. What hope could be greater than the well-being of your honor, or more exalted than the

safety of the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree? Nay, by God! This station is the ultimate aspiration of those who are detached, sincere, and loving, and remains so. After its reading, intent was made toward the ultimate goal. After entry into the Kingdom and permission, the entire letter was presented and was blessed to attain the audience of Him Who is the Intended One. This is what was revealed in response from God, the Lord of all men. Glorious is His utterance and mighty His sovereignty:

In My Name, the Supporter, the Helper

A mention from Us to one of the Afnans who was stirred by the fragrances of My revelation, drawn to the paradise of My presence, admitted into the pavilion of My grace, and made to hear that which ears were prevented from hearing, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willed. O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. That which thou didst hear in the Most Holy Court from the Tongue of Grandeur concerning the elevation of the stations of the honored Afnans and the deeds that befit their station—mention it in such wise that may acquaint the honored Afnan, Siyyid Mirza, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, with the Will of God and that which befitteth His Day. Delay and neglect in matters is not permissible. They must raise high their resolve and manifest before the faces of the servants the essence of trustworthiness and detachment, and whatever is in the first instance most beloved and desired by them, they must bring to the notice of the evaluators for sale and give to the followers of the Faith.

O Mirza! These are the days for such action and the expression of such words. Not every day hath this excellence. Rise not merely upon hearing the Word of God—if thou art in bed, come forth; if seated, stand up; if standing, hasten with utmost speed to complete that which thou art commanded. This is the firm decree that hath appeared from the court of the Most Great Name. Take it with hands of submission and acceptance, and be of them that act.

O Mirza! If thine eye should oppose thee in what God hath commanded, pluck it out; if thy rib should oppose thee, divorce it; if thy brother, abandon him, holding fast to the cord of God's commandments, the Lord of the mighty throne. By My life! None shall profit thee save Him, and none shall deliver thee save Him. Take God's decree with strength from Him and power from His presence, and be not of the patient ones. By My life! My commandments and My laws are manifestations of My loving-kindness to My creation and dawning-places of My mercy to My servants. Verily thy Lord is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. Glorify on My behalf the faces of My loved ones there, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon them that love thee and hear thy word concerning God's mighty announcement. The end.

From the very divine verses and the fragrances of commands and laws that have been revealed, the station of the doers has become distinguished from the neglectful ones as light from darkness. It is hoped that the honored master, His Holiness the Afnan, the honorable Aqa Siyyid Mirza, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, will taste the sweetness of God's command and decree, especially in this deed with which he is charged, through the execution of which the rivers of trustworthiness, religiosity and truthfulness will flow and spread throughout the world. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. He commandeth not His servants save that which benefiteth them and preserveth them. To this testifieth every insightful believer.

Mention of the ascension of His Holiness the Afnan, the honorable Aqa Mirza Mahmud, and the child, and the leaf who was the sister of the wife of the late honored one, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy, has repeatedly been made in the Most Holy Court, and at every moment a mention from the heaven of the Most Great Mercy specifically for them hath been revealed that their names and remembrances may endure forever. And at this time these manifest verses have been revealed—His mighty utterance and mighty mention:

In My Name through which the ocean of forgiveness surged in contingent existence

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of lords, he who was named Mahmud in the heaven of names. He is among those who attained the love of God and His remembrance, as the Most Great Book beareth witness to this in its most exalted station. Blessed art thou, O Mahmud, in that thou hast been mentioned at this hour by the Tongue of Grandeur, which when It speaketh, all things speak: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful." Through My remembrance the ocean of forgiveness surgeth, and the fragrance of God's mercy, the Lord of all religions, is wafted abroad. We beseech God to forgive thee, to pass over thy transgressions, and to ordain for thee the reward of what escaped thee in His days. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

I desire at this hour to make mention of My leaf who took the cup of My love from the hand of My bounty and drank it in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause her to enter the Most Exalted Paradise and to associate her with the leaves who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, and to ordain for her in the highest chambers a noble station and an exalted dwelling place. We have, verily, purified her at the time of her ascension, adorned her with the ornament of My favor, and sent down upon her from the heaven of My bounty a mercy from My presence. I am, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My leaf! Behold, then remember the grace of thy Lord. Thou art in the Most Exalted Paradise while thy Lord mentioneth thee in the prison of ʿAkka. Through the breezes of His remembrance at this hour, the fragrances of loving-kindness and favor are diffused in all regions. The radiant light shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf, and upon the handmaidens who have turned unto God, hearkened, and believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Chosen. We have made mention of the child in his station with a remembrance whereby the hearts of the righteous are attracted. Here endeth the utterance.

Unto Him be praise, glory, thanksgiving and bounty. His favors have at all times been and continue to be directed towards the Afnan, in such wise that none can deny it. This lowly one beseecheth the True One to aid all to act in accordance with that which they have been commanded, for that is the supreme remedy for every illness and malady. Verily, He is the Helper of those who act and the Educator of all who are in the heavens and on earth. The greetings and praise of that honored one were conveyed to the Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps—and to the people of the pavilion [of greatness]. Each one expressed their consideration, and they beseech and hope from the Exalted True One that He will cause that honored one to return soon to the divine homeland. They say that there hath not been and is not any prayer better, more beloved and more desired than this.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH00877: Praise and glory befit the Lord of Creation…

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

Praise and glory befit the Lord of Creation and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who hath adorned the world of existence with the ornament of names and through the blessed word "there is naught but doth glorify His praise" hath made manifest the purpose of creation. His is the creation and the command, His the bounty and the bestowal. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Most Luminous.

Thy noble letter, like a spiritual messenger from the city of Divine love, arrived bearing glad tidings of health and well-being and of the unity and harmony of God's loved ones. After perusal it was presented before the Presence of the Lord of creation and attained the honor of His attention. His word, exalted be His glory and mighty His utterance, and there is none other God but Him:

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

O thou who gazeth upon My horizon, who cleaveth fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, and drinketh the choice wine of mystical knowledge from the hand of My bounty! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Say: O concourse of creation! By your Lord, the All-Merciful! The ocean of bounty hath revealed its pearls, the Most Great Treasury its jewels of mysteries, the ocean of generosity its waves and sovereignty, and the Sun of Truth its lights and effulgence. Beware lest anything among all things, or any name among all names, or any cause among all causes prevent you from turning unto God, the Lord of the Final End.

Glory be to God! All have heard and seen mention of the Day of God in the holy books, tablets and sacred scriptures. Nevertheless they remain occupied with names and are heedless and veiled from Him Who giveth life and death. Most have been and are worshippers of names—some of the name of successor, some of guardian, some of mirror, some of chief and deputy and the like—veiled from the Sovereign of existence by Whose will all have been created. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto a Cause that hath no equal or likeness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and enable thee to conquer the citadels of hearts through His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved, and to ordain for thee in every world of His worlds that which shall gladden all beings and console all eyes.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. By My life! Through unity the horizons shall become illumined and radiant. We beseech God to aid them with hosts of angels and with the forces of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the One Who hath power to do as He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Make mention of those who are related to thee and give them the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness. Verily He is with those who love Him and whom He loveth. He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee, and may He assist thee in thy endeavors and love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

Praise be to the Goal of the world, that in every moment the ocean of His bounty surgeth with a wave and the heaven of His grace shineth with a light. His mercy hath no bound and His grace hath no end. All things today rejoice in the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai—a joy the like of which the eye of the world hath never beheld. Blessed are they that are fair-minded and that have attained.

You have made mention of the deceased and elevated Jinab-i-Bayk, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and likewise mentioned his box which was illumined with divine verses and heavenly tablets. Now let that beloved one consider how many tablets were revealed specifically for one soul, yet they have turned away from this station whose verses and evidences have encompassed the world, and have clung to what their own selves and desires have commanded them. The servant beseeches his Lord to aid them to return unto Him, verily He is the Forgiver, the Generous. The expenses for transport, burial and other necessary arrangements were bestowed, specifically intending that whatever was spent would be from funds dedicated to God, exalted be His glory. According to His command, the box and its contents shall remain with that beloved one until God brings about His decree. Repeatedly has this exalted word flowed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings:

> "O servant in attendance! We counsel the friends to show kindness and forbearance, and should you observe anyone heedless, you must remind them through loving counsels and wise exhortations, that perchance they may become mindful or fear God and hold fast in the Day of God to that which befitteth them. Verily our Lord is the Counselor, the Wise."

The letter received this time was in the handwriting of the beloved of the heart, at whose name's mention the fragrance of love wafts among the servants—Jinab-i-Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. After it was presented at the Most Holy Court, the seas of favors and kindness surged. Indeed, from the beginning of the Cause until now he has been occupied in service and blessed with special bounties. We beseech God—our Lord and the Lord of our fathers—to protect him and His loved ones in all regions and to adorn them with the ornament of detachment and righteousness. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

In the letter of the beloved of the heart, mention was made of the gathering of the Hands of the Cause, upon them be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, in that land, and great joy and delight were expressed at this matter. By His command, those words must be written, and they are these:

> "Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli and other special souls who are teachers—may God increase their like and multiply their peers and aid them in service and triumph and enable them to exalt the Word—all are gathered in this land. Their blessed presence has made this land a rose garden. Though the hand of God's power has banished this exile from His presence, yet through His grace He has blessed me with meeting His near loved ones. Praise be to God, again praise be to God."

And after this passage was presented in the Most Holy Court, the Ancient Beauty's face showed joy and smile, and likewise He uttered verses beyond this servant's ability to count. The servant beseeches his Lord to aid them in all conditions to that which He loves and is pleased with, that through them the means of unity and accord may spread throughout the lands.

Another submission is that the beloved of the heart, Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, has had his letter reach the Most Holy Court every month, and in each letter that beloved one and the Hands of the Cause are mentioned by name. Indeed their love and affection for the friends is great. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to increase their success, verily He is the Merciful, the Generous. Glory and praise and laudation be upon you and upon God's loved ones and friends there, and upon every accepting, assured, firm and steadfast soul.

BH04714: In My Name that holdeth sovereignty over all names

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Call thou to remembrance, on Our behalf, My servants who have cast away that which the people possess, and have clung fast unto that which is with God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: This is the Day whereon the earth hath brought forth its treasures and revealed that which had lain hidden within it, as a bounty from God, the Lord of being. Blessed is the strong one who turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon in such wise that neither the ظلم of every oppressor nor the aversion of every denier withheld him. He turned, with a shining countenance, unto God, the Lord of all that hath been and all that is to be.

O Muhammad-Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. We have remembered thee in this Most Great Prison with that which causeth those near unto God to perceive the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Cast aside what the people possess and take what thou hast been given by God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy straight path and made known to me Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by Thy Name through which Thou didst raise the standard of Thy justice in Thy kingdom and the banner of Thy oneness in Thy lands, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy singleness and Thy oneness and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Books and inspired Thy Messengers with. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the banners of Thy signs to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of the first life. Verily Thou art the Protector of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH05476: The Book of God speaks with truth and commands…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

The Book of God speaks with truth and commands the people to that which draws them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. That which was hidden from all eyes hath been revealed and the All-Giving hath come, riding upon the clouds at His return. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen. Woe unto the heedless ones!

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily He hath made mention of thee and thy father, and this is yet another token of His grace. Be

grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!” Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back from the Lord of all mankind, or the claws of the ungodly frighten thee—they who have torn apart the sheep and hamstrung the she-camel of God, the Lord of the worlds. Soon will God exalt His Cause through a sovereignty from His presence, for He is the Almighty, the Powerful. We made mention of thy father aforetime in verses that all the treasures of the world cannot equal.

Every discerning scholar beareth witness to this. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones there and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them from the presence of a Mighty, Generous Lord. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My chosen ones who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, who have not denied My bounty, who have turned towards Me and have said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh!”

BH06172: The choice wine of the utterance of the Goal…

He is the One Who speaks with grace!

The choice wine of the utterance of the Goal of all the worlds hath seized pure and holy souls and illumined and sanctified hearts, to such extent that all have aimed for the Most Exalted Station and the Most Glorious Horizon, that they might attain to that for which they were brought from nothingness into being. O people of God! The glance of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, hath been and is directed towards you. None of those who have turned to Him and are assured have been deprived. Today the lights of the Most Great Luminary have encompassed the world. Blessed are those whom neither the opposition of the opposers nor the cawing of the ravens have prevented from the Light that shineth from the manifest Horizon.

O ʿAli! Thou didst intend to circumambulate the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. In these days the deniers and oppressors lie in wait at the outposts and are aflame with the fire of tyranny and hatred. Therefore the requirements of divine wisdom decree a delay. However, the ocean of generosity is surging and the sun of bounty is shining and manifest. We beseech from the heaven of grace and giving that He inscribe for thee, from His Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining His presence. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

BH09047: We testify that thou hast aimed for the ultimate…

He is the Light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of proof.

We testify that thou hast aimed for the ultimate goal, the loftiest summit, and the highest horizon, and hast heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and achieved that which was inscribed by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thou hast established for thyself a station beneath the canopies of grandeur, as attested by the Book of God, Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the One Who ruleth this praiseworthy station. Thou didst speak the truth when thou didst appear before the face of him who disbelieved in God and believed in the Evil One. We beseech God to record for thee the reward of thy

utterance and thy steadfastness in this mighty and beloved Cause. Blessed be thy tongue and thy heart, and woe unto him who hath denied the proof of God, the Lord of existence.

BH09539: This is a noble Book from God, the Lord…

He is seated upon the throne of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth”

This is a noble Book from God, the Lord of the worlds, and a perspicuous Tablet from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and blessed is the eye that hath beheld the horizon of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. This is a Tablet wherein the atoms cry out through this Name, by which the hearts of the deniers were disturbed. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the Most Merciful, for having guided me and honored me and mentioned me while I was in Thy Most Great Prison amidst Thy heedless servants. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the earth nor by that which the kings and rulers possess.

BH09887: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is manifest before the followers of all tribes without veil or covering.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come from the heaven of Command with the Kingdom of verses—He is the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol, and by Him was the trumpet blown, whereupon all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck down, save whom God willed, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto the days of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, and hast heard the Call and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the favor of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hast acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken—the Kingdom and Dominion, then the Might and Power belong unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH09924: The call of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised…

In His Name through Whom the horizons have been illumined!

The call of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised from the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed is the servant who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We bear witness that thou hast turned unto the Countenance and drunk the choice wine of immortality from the hand of bounty. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness, that neither the doubts of the clamorous ones nor the hints of any froward deceiver may hold thee back. Verily, We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain in heedlessness and error. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all men.

BH10367: Say: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath…

He is the One Who standeth through His Name, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. This is the Day whereon all things proclaim: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Thou hast heard the Call and drunk the wine of everlasting life from the hand of bounty, a grace from the presence of One tender and generous. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this most great favor, which all the treasuries of the world cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted and glorious station. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast, firm and upright.

BH11054: In the Tablet of Wisdom this blessed verse hath…

He is the Answerer!

In the Tablet of Wisdom this blessed verse hath been sent down: Look not upon creatures and their works, but rather upon the Truth and His sovereignty. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The choice wine existeth, the Cause is manifest, and the bounty is evident, yet the people are deprived save whom God willeth, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH11268: God beareth witness that He is the Intended One…

He is the Almighty

God beareth witness that He is the Intended One and He Who hath come is indeed the Hidden Mystery that was concealed in the eternity of eternities. Through Him the ocean surgeth and the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, is diffused.

BH11266: God beareth witness that the ocean surgeth…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

God beareth witness that the ocean surgeth, and the breeze bloweth, and the Light shineth forth, and the Fire calleth aloud, and the Sun speaketh, and the Moon uttereth. By God! The station hath been honored by the appearance of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed are they that know.

BH01555: We have transformed the fire into ink and through…

He is the Answerer in the Kingdom of Hearing!

We have transformed the fire into ink and through it made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books and Tablets. Blessed is the servant by whose name My Pen and My Tongue have moved, and blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My days and heard My most sweet call from the most exalted station.

O Shafi'! Verily, sorrows have prevented Me from remembrances, as testified by Him Who possesseth the Mother Book. Those souls who were present before the Face and attained unto hearing were so seized by

the fragrances of revelation that the reins of choice were taken from their hands, and they testified with their outward and inward tongues that there is none other God but Him. Thereafter, one of My names strayed from the straight path of God. For one thousand two hundred years they were occupied with names of successor, guardian, chief, noble one and fourth pillar, and the fruit thereof was witnessed on the Day of Recompense. Nevertheless, Dawlat-Abadi is now busy forming a new party like unto the Shi'ih party.

O Shafi'! The station by whose word the sincere ones, the near ones, the chosen ones and the friends have been and are being created—they have passed beyond it in the name of "mirror." They have lost indeed who turned away from the Truth and followed every heedless doubter. The people of Baha are souls who in their first step have passed beyond the heaven of names and intended the kingdom of certitude. The entire world hath not been and is not able to change these assured souls. He saith: If thou recite one verse of His verses it would be more glorious in the sight of God than if thou should record all the Bayan, for on that day that one verse will save thee while all the Bayan will not.

O Shafi'! I swear by the Sun of Truth which now shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom that one who hath been seized by other than the Truth is incapable of comprehending a single verse. We created him for the service of My friends, but Satan led him astray until he turned away from the Truth and committed that which caused the near ones to lament. The people of Baha must be educated until they attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness, lest the tempests of doubts and the storms of allusions move them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Wise Expositor.

O Shafi'! Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all, that perchance through the fragrances of the utterance of the Goal of all worlds they may attain to such a station that the hand of doubt and uncertainty will fall short thereof and be cut off.

O Ahmad-i-ʿAli! Upon thee be the eternal Glory of God! Repeatedly hast thou drunk from the cup of bounty and attained unto the hearing of the call. Well is it with thee! Thy letter was sent to the Most Holy Court by My name Mihdi, upon him be My Glory, and these manifest, decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of Will and sent forth, that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. My name Mihdi sends his letters to the Most Holy Court. If an answer is revealed he gives the glad-tidings and informs the friends, otherwise he waiteth until God cometh with His clear and decisive utterance. Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the Most Holy Court. Make mention of the people of that land on behalf of the Wronged One and remind them of the revealed verses, lest the names prevent them from their Owner and Creator. We make mention at this time of thy father who attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Fadlu'llah! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His bounty and His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. By My life! The treasures of the earth, its bounties and its fruits cannot equal it, as testified by Him Who hath spoken and speaketh in every condition that verily I am God, the Single, the All-Informed.

We have mentioned and do mention at this time the handmaidens of God, and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to assist them and grant them the meeting with His Tablet, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The Glory be upon you from Us, O friends of God, His chosen ones, His servants and His handmaidens, and upon those whom doubts have not prevented from His Great Announcement and His Straight Path.

BH04378: Today the effulgences of the Sun of Truth are…

In the name of the Peerless Friend!

Today the effulgences of the Sun of Truth are manifest and radiant from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, and the Luminary of utterance is speaking without veil or covering. Blessed are they who have attained and were not deprived.

O my handmaid and my leaf! We have heard thy call and have made mention of thee from the Most Great Prison. We beseech God to confirm thee in steadfastness and to aid thee in that which befitteth His Day. Take hold of the Sure Handle with thy right hand and with thy left the Crimson Cup, then drink thereof in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, at Whose advent the limbs of every name did tremble, and every idolater was far astray. Today the true Kawthar and the spiritual wine have been and are the knowledge of God. Whosoever hath attained thereunto hath attained unto all good.

Say: O my God, my Worshipped One, my Desired One! A poor one hath turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty, and an ignorant one hath faced the dawning-places of the Sun of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the blood that was shed in Thy path in Iran, and by those souls whom neither the onslaught of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the ungodly could deter from turning unto Thee or prevent from drawing nigh unto Thee, that Thou wilt protect Thy handmaiden from the croaking of the croakers and the doubts of the suspicious ones, and cause her to dwell beneath the canopies of Thy gracious Name. Thou art, verily, powerful over all things and the Protector of all things. I testify, and all things testify, that Thou art indeed the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH07338: O my handmaid, upon thee be My glory! Today…

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

O my handmaid, upon thee be My glory! Today the Sun of Truth has risen from the horizon of the heaven of grandeur, and the Lord of mankind has departed for another land. And when the pavilion of glory was raised up and the flowers of the garden bloomed, He remembered His servants and handmaidens in that spiritual abode and station of eternal might.

The means of the world did not prevent His mercy, and clouds and mists did not veil His Sun of bounty. He appeared and manifested whatsoever He willed. The power of the world is as nothing before His power, and the desires of the nations are as naught before His will. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Blessed is the soul that was not deprived of the ocean of recognition and was not prevented from the Sun of bounty. The glory from Us be upon My handmaidens who heard the call and turned to the Supreme Horizon, and woe to the heedless ones who turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH01643: In these days the outpourings of divine grace…

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

In these days the outpourings of divine grace and the effulgences of the light of the Luminary of the All-Merciful are manifest and evident from every direction. Every blind one bears witness to His favor and every weak one acknowledges His power. Yet some servants have taken the crooked path and proceed thereon, while others follow the straight way. All things shall perish save those rescued by the hand of God's will. Our purpose and the purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth is that which befits this Day: truthfulness, sincerity, justice and faithfulness. Blessed are they who have attained to these holy attributes and goodly deeds. They are detached from the world and all that is therein.

Their words are for God and their deeds for His Cause and His love. The ornaments of the world and the colors of nations have not deprived them of the recognition of the Lord of ancient days. They hold fast to the firm cord and cling to the luminous hem. And prayers and peace be upon the Hands of His giving, the Dawning-places of His grace and the Rising-points of His mercy—they who acknowledged and confessed the oneness of God and the Seal of His Prophets, through whom appeared the path of justice and rained the clouds of bounty—and upon his family and companions whom neither commerce nor trade nor any matter prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of might and bounty, the Possessor of the Standard and the Banner.

The letter of that honored friend arrived and as the fragrance of love wafted from it, joy was attained and gladness reached us. After its reading it was taken to the Most Exalted Station and presented before the countenance of the Lord. He said:

> "O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad, let not the counsels of the Wronged One which thou didst hear in His presence escape thy notice. Adorn thy temple with the ornament of detachment and thy head with the crown of the fear of God. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and enable thee to perform deeds whereby thy station may be exalted among His servants. He desireth for His creation naught save drawing nigh unto Him and holding fast to that which will establish His traces in His kingdom."

We hope that the friends of God will be distinguished among the people and be adorned and illumined with His attributes. Should all attain to what hath been mentioned, each one would find himself seated upon the throne of glory and established upon the seat of detachment. This is the station of attachment to God and severance from all else beside Him. In all matters consult with His Holiness Afnan, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and act according to what appeareth. This is Our counsel to thee. Say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Dominant over all names, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all things, to open before my face the door of Thy

bounties, favors and gifts. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous."

This servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, that after hardship He may grant ease, and after difficulty, relief. 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. Their mention hath ever been and still is made in the presence of the Prison. We beseech God to enable them to do what He loveth and approveth. The work and matter with which thou art charged by the Lord—may our spirits be sacrificed for Him—is this: that in all conditions thou shouldst have thine eye upon reform, and likewise that thou shouldst strive to win the good-pleasure of that honored gentleman, His Holiness Afnan—upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. This matter is in truth like powerful wings for soaring in the atmosphere of love. Well is it with them that understand. According to instructions, regarding thy request several words were written to the honored friend Aqa Nuru'llah—upon him be [Baha'u'llah]—and sent. We hope that they will consider whatever is in the best interest of thy work. Verily God doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH03477: How excellent is he who arises to reform…

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

How excellent is he who arises to reform the world, holding fast to the lamp by which earth and heaven were illumined. And peace and blessings be upon the Seal of the Prophets and upon the Hands of the Cause and Dawning-places of wisdom who took no protector or helper for themselves besides Him.

On this night, which is the night of the revered month of Sha'ban, the letter of the spiritual friend Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAli-Muhammad, upon him be God's peace, was presented before the face of the Master and achieved the honor of being heard. And afterwards this utterance emerged from the Dayspring of knowledge:

"O Nuru'llah! Upon you be His peace and grace. Jinab-i-ʿAli-Muhammad has sent a letter to this servant and desired that you give attention to his matter, that perhaps through these means he may find rest. Therefore you should not neglect whatever lies within your power regarding him and should carry it out. We counsel him and his father to preserve the station of the Afnan there. From this deed, the door of blessing shall be opened before his face. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His firm and inevitable command. We send greetings to the friends of that land and counsel them with that which will raise their stations. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings." End.

It is most clear and evident that whatever lies within the power of that kind friend, he will not withhold from the friends and will carry out with the utmost joy and fragrance whatsoever is the cause of blessing and bounty and ease. I send greetings to Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAli-Akbar and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad and to their family members, upon them be God's care and mercy, and I beseech from the Kingdom of divine favor an everlasting bounty for each one. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH02074: Praise be to God Who fulfilled His promise…

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

Praise be to God Who fulfilled His promise and sent to His servant Javad what He had promised him, and sent down from the heaven of meanings to him who was named Muhammad-ʿAli that which caused all things to soar and the hearts of the enemies to quake. O beloved of my heart! A most mighty and holy Tablet has been revealed from the holy heaven of Him Who is the Desired One and the Desire of the world, mentioning him who ascended unto God. In truth, one breath from the fragrances of each of its utterances has perfumed the world of knowledge and wisdom. Glorified be our Lord Who has made bounty His emblem and faithfulness His garment, and Who remembers His servants at all times with that which draws them near to the horizon of His Name, the All-Merciful. That which was revealed diffuses a wondrous fragrance and spreads the sweet-scented breeze of grace. Would that you had been present at the time of its revelation!

And further: the ascension of the brother of His honor ʿAli-Qabli-Haydar, upon them both be the glory and favor of God, was mentioned in the Most Holy Court. It is hoped that there will be revealed especially for them that which the differences of the world and its peoples cannot efface. The answers to other requests and petitions will also, God willing, be granted. The promise of a response has dawned and shone forth from the Dayspring of Will. Verily, He does not fail in His promise, though He has power over whatsoever He willeth and desireth. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and those with you, and upon the friends of God in that other land to which you intended to journey. We beseech God to protect you and grant you the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the Lord of all creation.

O beloved of my heart! Among the special bounties that were revealed concerning the ascension of the destined sign was that on the day when, outwardly, news of the ascension was presented, at that very moment He commanded that the Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps—and all those around Him should hold a gathering and occupy themselves with mention of this new and blessed event. For two days, during which your honor was also present, by command of the Lord of the visible realm, this great and orderly gathering was manifested from the unseen into the visible world, and exalted words together with certain verses were read and recited before the faces of the loved ones.

And in the afternoon of this day also, the Branches of the Blessed Tree and the people of the pavilion of grandeur and infallibility, together with the Afnan, have been and are being summoned to the Most Holy Court for the reading of the blessed pages which were revealed from the heaven of the Mother Book at dawn this day. It is hoped that the effects of the utterance of the Desired One of all worlds and the hidden mysteries therein will cause all to attain the Most Great Bounty and the Greatest Favor. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Witness, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus has God strengthened His favor with a third from His presence.

Verily He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. It would be beloved if a copy be sent with this letter to his honor Samandar, the fire of divine love, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory.

BH00156: Praise be to the Goal of all contingent beings…

Section 1: "Praise be to the Goal of all contingent…"

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

Praise be to the Goal of all contingent beings, Who in the midst of sorrows raised high the banner of utterance. The pack of wolves could not prevent His loved ones from drawing nigh, nor hold them back from remembrance and praise. The denial of the people of tyranny and rebellion did not deter Him from manifesting what is right, and the calumnies of the falsifiers and the treachery of the treacherous did not become a barrier between truth. Exalted be the majesty of our Lord, and magnificent the sovereignty of our Master and our Goal! Glory and radiance be upon the Hands of His Cause and the emblems of His guidance, and upon those who aid Him through wisdom and utterance and through that which He hath sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets.

O beloved of my heart and he who is remembered in my soul! At this moment, in response to your letter which was sent to Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, these manifest verses have been revealed from the King of the Kingdom of names and attributes. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the One Who speaks in the midst of tribulations

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness. Justice and truthfulness have become so absent and concealed that no trace thereof can be found amongst the people. The horizons of the heaven of truth have been darkened by the gloom of the people of hypocrisy. Most of the decrees of the administrative circles of Iran have been and continue to be contrary to that which justice and fairness command. They have no purpose save vain ornaments. Day and night they are occupied with plunder and pillage. The affairs of the Threshold are entirely conducted through consultation with the pretenders. What they have taken, they have not returned to its owner. Outwardly they appeared in agreement, but inwardly they were discovered to be hypocrites.

They had and have no desire save the seizing of wealth. Glory be to God! How can they be content that in what they claim to be a court of justice, not a word of truth and justice is heard? In any case, they have made the Isfahani a pretext and are busy plundering the Shirazi. In one's presence they show the utmost respect, but in one's absence they engage in schemes and accusations. Yet the Wronged One was standing, speaking, and hearing. He heareth and knoweth and is patient until God shall come with His firm and mighty command.

These mentioned matters have had and have no significance. However, news of the ascension of some of the loved ones has outwardly become a cause of grief. One day, news of the ascension of the Essence of Being was mentioned in the Holy Presence, and the next day came news of the ascension of the Bird of Divine Knowledge to the heaven of his Lord's loving-kindness. As for the first, he is Nabil, son of Nabil—upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And the second is Ahad—upon him be the Glory of God, the Single, the Self-Subsisting. At this moment, especially for the second one, that which illumined the world of inner meanings and adorned the Kingdom of utterance with a new ornament was revealed,

as a grace from God, the Lord of all worlds, and as a loving-kindness from God, the Master of the Day of Judgment, and as a mercy from the All-Bountiful in this radiant moment.

O Haydar-Ali! Upon thee be My everlasting Glory. Glorify on My behalf him who soared in the atmosphere of My love and drank the choice wine of mystical knowledge from the cup of My bounty and arose with supreme steadfastness to serve Me. Then recite unto him what hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will concerning his brother who was named Ahad in the Book of Names and Abdu'l-Baha in the Crimson Scroll.

From the Most Exalted Pen: Divine loving-kindness and heavenly grace concerning ʿAli-Haydar shine forth and are evident like the sun. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. He must give thanks to God for this manifest grace. He arose to serve, and his service was adorned with the ornament of divine good-pleasure and the glory of acceptance. This word is the King of words and the Sovereign of utterance that was mentioned: Give him glad tidings of what hath been revealed for him from the Wronged One, through Whom all things have spoken:

> "The Possessor of sovereignty, dominion, might, and power hath come, and His is the Kingdom and His is the Glory, and happy is he who hath held fast to His strong cord and clung to His luminous hem."

Praise and thanksgiving be unto God, and unto Him be bounty and bestowal, and unto Him be grace and glory. He is the Most Generous One Who hath transformed the realms of sorrow into joy through the light of utterance, and hath bestowed assurance upon hearts and tranquility upon souls. May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice unto His utterance and unto His grace. In no state or condition hath He ever deprived His loved ones. His favors have exceeded cup and chalice, being revealed and manifest as ocean upon ocean. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to grant the people of the earth a sincere seeking, that all may not be deprived nor forbidden from the gifts of the Lord of Bounty. Forever have the glances of His grace been directed toward His loved ones, His mercy hath preceded all, and His bounties have encompassed all. Glorified be His grace and mighty be His outpouring, and there is no God but Him.

Yesterday the Lord of humanity proceeded from Akka to Haifa, arriving at night, and on the morning of that day summoned this servant and revealed a most mighty, most holy, most exalted Tablet concerning the ascension of the most honored and glorified, the late and elevated Aqa Asad, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy. How excellent were its fragrances and its perfumes, and that which was manifest in its outward form and treasured in its inner meaning. The Blessed Tablet was revealed in such wise as to attract those present, nay rather the hearts of those absent. Blessed is he in whose name was revealed that which was revealed, and happy is he. In truth this is the day of bounty, for divine mercy hath encompassed from every direction, and the assured and sincere ones have attained and continue to attain that which hath no likeness or equal. Every letter of the revealed letters is the cause of eternal life and everlasting existence. His Holiness himself knoweth this station and is cognizant thereof.

With infinite longing and boundless regret, this servant conveyeth mention, praise, glorification and glory unto the spiritual friend, Aqa ʿAli-Haydar, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. His Holiness must, on behalf of this servant, make mention of whatsoever is befitting. Indeed, in this station one cannot

make mention of condolence, for that which hath been revealed from the Pen of God concerning the elevated one, upon him be God's mercy and forgiveness, is bounty above bounty, mercy above mercy, and favor above favor. Would that I had been with him and had attained unto that which he hath attained from God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat.

From among the letters that were sent from His Holiness was a missive in the hand of the son of His Holiness the Martyr, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. After it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these words were revealed from the horizon of the Divine Will—exalted be His utterance and glorious His proof:

O Haydar-Ali! The mention of the Wronged One has been raised—he who was named Ashraf. From the beginning, such bounties were revealed and made manifest from the heaven of the Lord of all beings that every person of insight desired martyrdom, and every hearing ear exclaimed "Would that I were with him!" Regarding his son, a missive was revealed and sent. We beseech God to strengthen him, protect him, and draw him near unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed are they who mentioned him, extended the hand of generosity toward him, and to the extent of their ability showed him consideration. The mention of each one has flowed from the tongue of the Lord of Eternity, and an unending reward has been ordained for each. Blessed are they! On behalf of the Wronged One, you must mention him and those related to Ali-Haydar—upon him be My Glory and My favor—and give them to drink of the choice wine of the intended Lord's bounty. All are mentioned before the Divine Presence and have attained His special favors. We beseech God to send down for them at all times that which befits the heaven of His grace and generosity. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

You mentioned the Book of Certitude. Some from various regions, including the spiritual friend His Honor Anis—upon him be the Glory and Favor of God—wrote from the lands that the Isma'ili scholars have stated that some of the revealed verses do not conform to the rules of that people. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Presence, some books were again presented before Him and were adorned according to what God willed. However, repeatedly this supreme word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of all beings: whatsoever has been revealed and made manifest from the heaven of Divine Will, both before and after, all is correct and has attained the ornament of acceptance. Blessed are they who read! Glory be to God! The various sects each try to prove their truth through a book or treatise or page, while in this Most Great Manifestation that has been revealed which the possessors of perfect understanding are unable to gather and enumerate. Multiple books have been revealed concerning every aspect, yet all remain deprived save whom God wills. Soon shall they lament over what they wrought in their vain lives.

At this hour, which is three and a half hours into Tuesday, the eleventh of the revered month of Sha'ban, in the presence of the Countenance, mention was made of the departed parents of the spiritual beloved, His Honor Aqa ʿAli-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God. These are His blessed and exalted words:

> "Verily We have desired at this hour to make mention of a father who arose to serve My Cause, and his mother. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause them to enter, at this very moment, into a station wherein naught is beheld save the effulgences of the Luminary of the Manifestation of His Most Bountiful Name, and to send down upon them, at

> eventide and at dawn, His enduring grace and His everlasting sustenance, and that which will gladden their hearts. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The breezes of God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous, have wafted over them from all directions. The light shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Pen and the fragrance emanating from the breezes of My utterance be upon them, upon their beginning and their end, their outward and their inward aspects. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

All bounty belongs to God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. All favor belongs to God, our Object and your Object and the Object of all created things. The verses themselves bear witness to His bestowals, and the essence of utterance testifies to that which hath appeared from His presence, and ever shall. Praise be to God! The departed ones have attained unto that whose fragrance endureth forever. We beseech God to send down upon them at all times that which befitteth His name, the Most Merciful. He, verily, hath power over all things.

As to what you wrote regarding the beloved of hearts, His Honor Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God: after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, He stated that his letter would have absolutely no effect upon Hadi, for the Word of God had no effect on him, and it is not permissible to give him the Book, for according to reports, whatever falls into his hands he attributes to others. He hath manifested such falsehood as hath never been heard before. We revealed a prayer and commanded him to recite it, but he was not successful. That suffices. An articulate teacher must say to him: O heedless one! Thou hast mentioned to the friends that thou hast fifty volumes from such and such a person.

Well hast thou laid the snares of falsehood for the servants. Say: The Author of the Bayan declareth that the entire Bayan is but a leaf from among the leaves of His Paradise of Utterance and a ring upon His finger. O Haydar-i-Qabli-ʿAli! Repeatedly did We summon him that he might be present, perchance he would become aware at the time of the revelation of verses and witness twice that which was manifested by the Point. No trace appeared from that hard rock. Say: O heedless one! Read what thou hast in thy possession, and one Tablet will be read against it, and We shall leave its judgment to the fair-minded and the discerning. His rejection and hypocrisy have deprived him and continue to deprive him, except he repent and return unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thou didst mention the Land of Sad. Should your honour enter that land for a few days with utmost wisdom and without the knowledge of the people, this would be most praiseworthy. However, no writings should be carried, and likewise wherever thou dost reside, acknowledgment before strangers is not permitted. For some time this decree hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, for many have attained martyrdom, all sacrificing life and property before the faces of men, yet none have become aware. Their desires move them, while they perceive not. Well-spoken indeed was the Nightingale—upon Him be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings, His supreme benevolence, and His mercy which hath preceded earth and heaven.

Section 2: "Regarding the mention of Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be…"

Regarding the mention of Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the glory of God, for each region a teacher must be appointed who shall turn thither. And since Ibn-i-Dakhil is well-versed in language, his turning to the regions of Qaf and Fa and their like is permissible and acceptable, yet he must with complete determination hold fast to wisdom, for if clamour be raised, great harm shall result.

O Haydar-i-Ali, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Thou didst mention the steadfastness, orientation, and services of Ali-i-Haydar, upon him be God's loving-kindness and mercy. All is true. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to his service, orientation, generosity, acceptance, and uprising. Verily God is with him, hearing and seeing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing.

And specifically for the friends in the Land of Shin is sent that which is the cause of life's preservation. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. In these days their mention was made in the Most Holy Court, and the letter of Ghulam-i-Ha, upon him be My glory, reached the servant. We beseech God to preserve them, draw them nigh, and ordain for them the reward of attaining His presence, standing before His throne, and arising to serve His mighty and exalted Cause.

Thou didst mention the sum that should reach Aqa Siyyid M., upon him be the glory of God. According to the command, that sum should reach the Siyyid in full. This evanescent servant beseecheth the eternal Truth to confirm all the friends in service to the Cause. Once these exalted words were heard from the Lord of all beings, Who said that Siyyid Mustafa, upon him be My glory, hath served according to his capacity. We beseech God to open before his face the gates of His grace and bounty. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And the son of the martyred one, Ashraf, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, should engage in that which befitteth him, and each month two tumans from the Huququ'llah, exalted be His glory, should [be given] to him. Blessed are they who have arisen to perform good deeds. Verily He openeth before the faces of His loved ones the gates of His riches. He is the Mighty, the Generous.

Three Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were sent specifically for three friends, upon them be the glory of God. Let them be delivered that their eyes may be solaced by the signs of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Likewise, a Most Exalted, Most Wondrous Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for Ghulam-ʿAli-i-Kh, upon him be the glory of God, and those with him. Blessed are they, for they have attained that which none among the servants have attained, save whom God willeth, our Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

The mention hath been made of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, from the Land of Sad. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto the grace and favors of God, exalted be His glory. A blessed epistle hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty in answer to him. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to grant him the meeting with His traces and that which was revealed in His perspicuous Tablet.

In truth, steadfastness must be sought for the friends. This imperative divine Cause is, from one perspective, seen to be most easy, inasmuch as from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end

that hath no end, there hath not appeared, nor will there appear, treasures of utterance and knowledge like unto those that have been manifested in this Most Great Revelation. Should a person possess but an atom of insight or a grain of fairness, he would take hold of the Book of God with the utmost submission, contentment, harmony and yearning, and would continually utter "Thine is the praise, O Bestower of the Book!" Yet until now the opposing souls have not comprehended the Purpose, for were they to recognize and become aware of that which hath been revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets from the Supreme Pen, all would cleave unto the path of God and would cling unto the momentous News.

From another perspective, this Cause is most mighty, for that which hath been revealed is such as the ears of the world have never heard the like thereof, and that which hath appeared is such as the eyes of the nations have never witnessed anything similar thereunto. Thus in describing the loftiness of station, the exaltation of rank, mention of Divinity and Lordship, hidden mysteries and treasured verses, there hath appeared that which transcendeth the comprehension of the servants, such that from all directions the cry of "we knew not" hath been raised. Indeed, were justice to prevail, all would instantly attain unto acceptance and certitude. However, so long as the throne of justice remaineth concealed and the seat of tyranny strong and manifest, the station of this Most Great Revelation shall remain hidden from all. The servant beseecheth his Lord to deliver the luminary of justice from the clouds of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and to illumine His servants with the lights of fairness. Verily, He is the One Who is manifest with gifts and favors.

Mention hath been made of the Leaf Susan, upon her be the Glory of God, and likewise of her intention to turn towards the Most Holy Court. Blessed is she and delightful is her state, for her mention hath repeatedly been made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. However, her journey, in view of the events in the Threshold, would be unwise. O beloved of my heart! After the rightness of their honors was manifest and proven in the assembly, and the treacherous treasury was seized, and by their own admission justice was served, after seizing the properties they placed them in the consulate and did not return them to their owner. Then they incited the Isfahani to make another claim.

Glory be to God! Although the rightness of the Afnan in that land was manifest and evident as the sun, they concealed it and intended to take possession of all the property. A door of oppression hath been opened for the helpless people, that is, the people of Iran in that land, the like of which hath never been seen. Some of the unjust ones of the world say the Isfahani is a new Muslim and must be helped. From the investigations of that unjust one devoid of fairness, namely Akhtar, it becometh clear to that honor what stage the matter hath reached and what rank the judgment holdeth. It is clear to all who is the treacherous one and who is trustworthy.

We beseech God to assist all to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and faithfulness. Verily, He is the Possessor of all names and the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The beloved letter of His Holiness Ibn-i-Ism'ullah'ul-Asdaq the Most Holy, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, which he had written to this servant arrived, and a brief tablet adorned with the firm divine command was sent some time ago. God willing, they will attain unto it, and this servant too, if God so wills, will send a reply to their letter. You had also mentioned the blessed supreme word which had

flowed from the Supreme Pen, blessed and exalted be His utterance: “Strange and wondrous means exist in the earth.” After this matter was submitted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He said: “O thou who art mentioned in My presence and who soarest in the atmosphere of My love! That which hath been revealed is being fulfilled letter by letter. We beseech God to make it a mercy unto His loved ones and a retribution unto His enemies. And in another instance We beseech Him to make tribulations the cause of the awakening of His creation and the means of the attraction of His servants. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

Another glad tiding is that two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for the beloved ones Jinab-i-Mashhadi Abdullah and Aqa Zaynu’l-Abidin, upon them be the Glory of God. God willing, they will drink from the cup of divine utterance that which is the cause of eternal life. Verily He is the Guardian of those who are assured and the Lord of the sincere ones. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

O beloved of my heart! Most of the names mentioned in your letters were submitted one after another, and for each was revealed that which diffuseth the fragrance of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. And for some others, as time was scarce, after submission in the Most Holy Presence, there was revealed for all that which in truth in the first instance diffuseth the fragrance of distinction. Exalted be His utterance and mighty His words:

“O Haydar-ʿAli! The gaze of favor is directed towards thee. Convey to all the loved ones of that land the greetings from the Wronged One—greetings that attract hearts and solace the eyes of the people of understanding. We beseech God to assist all to achieve that which they have intended in His path and for the exaltation of His Word.

The means of the world have been held back due to lack of worthiness. For years Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God and His supreme favors, was occupied in that land with the reformation of the world and the refinement of the souls of nations. In truth he was a sign among the divine signs and a standard among the standards raised between the peoples. Night and day, mention of the Goal of the worlds flowed from his pen and tongue. However, due to the occurrence of certain unseemly matters that arose from spite, the people of that land were deprived. We beseech God that through it He may guide His servants to His straight path.

No news hath been mentioned of Jinab-i-ʿAbdullah, upon him be My light and My glory. Say: Be not grieved by the events of the world. Be enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined with the light of His knowledge and detached from all else and hold fast unto the service of His Cause and the exaltation of His blessed Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance with clear proof and evidence. We beseech God to ignite him with the fire kindled in His blessed, lofty and towering Tree, that the servants may be enkindled thereby. Verily He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Verily, in the midst of tribulations We remember Our loved ones, despite every proud and tyrannical one who hath been prevented by pride from the One Who conversed on Sinai and from hearkening to that which hath been raised from God, the Lord of Lords. Glory be upon My loved ones, and light be upon them, and the spirit be upon them. We beseech God to assist them to that which beseemeth these days.”

This servant offers greetings and praise to all the loved ones, and beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid all in that which will cause the exaltation of His Word, the elevation of the station of His loved ones, and the raising of the rank of His chosen ones. This evanescent servant addresses the loved ones of God—those souls who have attained to the blessed word of distinction and are numbered among the Hands of the Cause mentioned in the Book—and entreats them to seize these days, for no century has had the light of this century, and no age the light of this age. Today that which was hidden from time immemorial has been made manifest. O distinguished ones! The Desired One is established upon the throne of manifestation. This is the day of lovers and the time for the kindling of the fire of unity and concord. From the unity of hearts a subtle fire is ignited. By the life of my Desire and your Desire, that fire pervades and penetrates all things. Soon shall be revealed that which was treasured therein. This is what our Lord has promised us; verily He does not fail in His promise, and He is the True One, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The signs of victory are apparent from all directions. Now must the chosen ones arise and, with wisdom and utterance, rend asunder the veils of the people, that all may witness, without concealment or hindrance, the signs of power, might and utterance from the Hands of the Cause, and may speak in gatherings as befits them, becoming the cause of sanctification, detachment and the manifestation of the fear of God. The beloved of hearts, his honor Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, has for some time journeyed from the land of Qaf to the land of Ta. Today they must arise to serve and, in the name of the True One, emerge from the garment of silence and muteness, and occupy themselves with wisdom and utterance in that which will cause the spread of the Cause and the exaltation of the Word. I send special greetings to him and seek that which befits the days of the True One, exalted be His glory.

Some time ago, the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, forwarded to the Most Holy Court their letter which had been written to him, wherein mention was made of grief. It is hoped that in these days an answer will be sent to them. However, now they must appear with supreme joy and greatest gladness and arise to serve. Whatever this evanescent servant presents, his purpose has been to serve the chosen ones, and God suffices as witness. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the Hands of His Cause, the firm, the impregnable, the mighty. And praise be to God, the Desire of the worlds.

The servant 11th of the month of Sha'ban the Great, 1307

According to the command, if that beloved of hearts proceeds to the land of Sad, they must, after some days, return again to the land of Ta. In these days the presence of some in the land of Ta is necessary. This is what the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, has decreed.

BH00856: In the Name of Him Who is the Most…

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Sacred, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The heart and eye have been gladdened by the perusal of thy letter, which was adorned with the ornament of remembrance and praise, and embellished with the mention of God, the Lord of all names. Each of the hearing, the sight, and the heart hath received its share therefrom. By thy life! The eye hath been illumined by beholding it, the heart hath been gladdened by reading it, and the ear hath been delighted by hearing what it contained of the mention of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to favor us with meeting thee once again and to grant us the fountain of thy reunion. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Furthermore, when thy most luminous letter, O thou who art beloved, arrived through the grace of the All-Merciful at the most auspicious time, namely the days of Ridvan, it brought boundless joy, gladness, and delight. We praise Him for His wondrous favors. What blessing is greater than for the loved one to be honored by the mention of his Beloved? As the honored Ismu'llah-i-Javad (may the glory of the Lord of creation rest upon him) hath said, may this blessed custom ever endure.

All that thou hadst written was presented before the Throne, and unique and exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will for all the souls mentioned in thy letter, and were dispatched. Praise be to God that they have become the cause of this greatest bounty and the means of this supreme gift. The merciful outpourings have ever been and will ever continue to stream down from the heaven of divine favors. God willing, may all attain unto them and receive their portion in the days of God.

For every soul who departed from these parts bound for those regions, a wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and sent, and was presented to thy honor. Similarly from the direction of the Land of Ha, but since affairs in that region were delayed due to the absence of the friends in the Land of Ha, they have not reached thee. Previously, when the way was open, a Tablet containing one of the mysteries of the Cause was sent sealed, but as was mentioned, it was delayed in the Land of Alif and Sin. Therefore the original revelation is being sent sealed at this time, and that too will arrive, God willing, from the direction of the Land of Ha.

According to His command, thy honor must make every effort that souls who are among the people of God, enkindled with the fire of divine love and adorned with wisdom and proper conduct, should proceed to certain cities and villages for the purpose of teaching, as remembrance is necessary in all conditions. He hath said that this has been and will be among the most important matters. Should one of the assured and articulate souls proceed to the land of Kaf and Ra, which is near Ya, for the purpose of teaching with wisdom and utterance, it would be most pleasing.

His exalted Word states:

O Mihdi! As We were walking in the Most Great Prison and turning toward the nations and cities of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, We detected from the land of Kaf and Ra a foul odor. May God quiet it and transform it through His authority. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This indicates that someone hath concealed within himself that which We do not wish to mention. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Although We gave glad tidings to the servants in Our Most Holy Book, which was sent down

wondrously from the heaven of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds—We said, and Our word is the truth: O Land of Kaf and Ra!

We, verily, behold thee in a state which God doth not approve, and witness from thee that which no one save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, perceiveth, and discover that which passeth in the most secret of secrets. With Us is the knowledge of all things, inscribed in a perspicuous Tablet. Grieve thou not because of this. God shall raise up within thee such as will make mention of Him with steadfastness, whom neither the censure of the divines nor the doubts of the perverse can deter. These shall behold God with their own eyes and will aid His Cause through their own selves. These, verily, are of those who are firm in faith.

It was stated that there are susceptible souls in those parts. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto it and is among those who remember.

Concerning what was written about printing, when presented before the Most Holy Court, it was stated that although We have commanded that the divine books be written in the finest script and most exquisite adornment, yet now it is necessary that they be printed, for without this the spread of the verses of God would be delayed. His honor hath indeed expressed proper thoughts, and what he hath written accordeth with wisdom and prudence. However, the means for this are presently delayed. First, souls must be found who are highly skilled in printing. Secondly, the means should be employed according to whatever his honor deemeth advisable in this matter. If the aforementioned souls are truly proficient in printing to the utmost degree, let them proceed; perchance God will gather His means.

Furthermore, an exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of divine bounty, designated as the Most Holy Book. A copy thereof hath been sent to his honor. What more can this evanescent servant say about the tone, majesty and power with which it hath been revealed? God willing, they will become familiar with it and attain unto its hidden and scattered pearls. By the truth of His own Self, the worlds cannot equal it. Following the revelation of several verses concerning ordinances, which at this time it was not expedient to circulate, these were, by command, removed, and markers were placed at each location until such time as it may be fitting to restore them.

His honor Aqa Jamalu'd-Din, upon him be the Glory of God, hath for some time attained the Most Holy Court, and a copy of that Tablet was given to him. It is commanded that if qualified, prepared, and detached souls are found, it is permissible to show them the Tablet, otherwise not, for prior to the exaltation of the Cause, the circulation of certain matters is not permitted. God guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path.

The bearer of the Kitab-i-Aqdas and of the Tablets was Jinab-i-Amin—upon him be Baha'u'llah, the King, the True, the Manifest. In truth, he and Jinab-i-Mulla Abu'l-Hasan—upon him be Baha'u'llah—have endured the utmost hardship in the path of God. Profitable indeed hath their traffic been, both outwardly and inwardly.

Some time ago this evanescent servant submitted a petition to the presence of Aqay-i-Jinab-i-Ismu'llah Ha—upon him from every Baha His most glorious Baha—concerning a letter which they had addressed unto that holy soul in reply. Likewise, for the information of that beloved one, a representation was laid

before Aqay-i-Hadrat-i-Afnan Mim—upon him be Baha'u'llah, the Most Glorious, the Most Glorious. Moreover, concerning the entrusted parcel which had been addressed in the name of the Bird of the divine air, instructions have again been given that whatsoever belongeth unto others should be delivered unto the aforesaid Shaykh. In the book of that revered personage, and unto his sons and kinsmen, manifold and detailed tokens of loving-kindness have been shown forth and sent. We beseech God to enable them to remain steadfast in His Cause, and to assist them in whatsoever He loveth and is well pleased with. No God is there but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH09362: May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor!…

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

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! Your esteemed letter kindled the fire of love, bringing to memory the times of meeting and presence. I hope that this bounty from the True Bestower of Bounties will be repeatedly manifested. In separation, proper remembrance of the days of reunion is not possible. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to grant the blessing of presence soon. Verily He has power over all things.

Furthermore, your letter was honored to be presented and heard. God willing, his honor the Name [of God], upon him be His glory, may ever be blessed with the favors of the Goal of the worlds, and remain steadfast in service, remembrance and praise. He has always been and continues to be mentioned. We beseech God to assist him and preserve him and those with him through His grace and generosity. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Regarding the box of gaz sweets for my Master, the Most Mighty Branch (may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps), let half of it be distributed and the other half sent to His presence. And God is the Best of providers.

Peace, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you and upon God's righteous servants.

The servant, 20 Sha'ban 1307

BH01486: Praise be to the Desired One, Who deserveth all…

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

Praise be to the Desired One, Who deserveth all praise, for every day, nay every moment, He hath increased and continueth to increase the unity of His loved ones. They remained ever-speaking words of praise and thanksgiving, even as they witnessed tribulations and calamities. Such hath ever been the way of the righteous throughout all ages and centuries. Blessed is the soul that is at peace, content and well-pleasing, that hath not been held back by veils and doubts from turning unto Him, nor been prevented from drawing nigh unto Him. Glorified be His majesty, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven. And blessings and peace be upon the Primal Light through Whom the First Ornament was made manifest, through Whom every tongue spoke forth and every prostrate one arose, and every blind one

saw, and through Whom the Sun of Knowledge dawned from the horizon of possibility, revealing what lay hidden in the treasury of the Furqan, through Whom His proof was perfected and His favor completed and His grace encompassed all, and upon His family and companions who were the dawning-places of God's attributes and characteristics and might and glory and power.

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter was received and became the cause of joy and gladness, adorning the realm of the heart with the ornament of joy and love. Praise be to God Who assisted thee and confirmed thee. He, verily, is the Illuminator, the Near One, the Holy, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After reading it, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station and presented it before His countenance. He said:

> "O Ali-before-Akbar! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of Power. Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant attained to Our presence and hearing. Praise be to Him Who assisted thee and confirmed thee and guided thee to His straight path. Thou hast ever been and continueth to be remembered. In these days the two Branches have turned towards that region at the invitation of the Shaykh, may God assist him. Special instruction was given to send Abu-Inayat. From the beginning his affairs, both commercial and otherwise, have been entrusted to thee. Due to lack of time to attend to the requirements of the patient regarding physician, medicine and nourishment, We have decided that he should return to ʿAkka and rest there. We beseech God to adorn it with the ornament of healing and to change his illness into health. Verily, He hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon the emigrants and neighbors."

Thus endeth His words.

Immediately upon receipt of thy spiritual letter and learning of the difficulties, He commanded that the aforementioned one be sent to Akka. We beseech the Healer to deliver him from every ailment, sickness and disease. Verily, God is the Healer, the Sufficient, the All-Bountiful. The beloved of the heart, his eminence the Most Great Name, upon him be the glory and bounty of God, must, according to the command, attend to the affairs of the aforementioned one. All must strive to convey him to Akka. We beseech God to assist every doer of good and helper of all who show mercy, compassion and kindness. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, to Whose grace and generosity, mercy and loving-kindness, which have encompassed all existence both seen and unseen, all created things bear witness.

Mention that causeth joy and gladness hath ever been and shall ever be beloved before God—firstly, mention of the Sovereign of Eternity, and secondly, mention of the Hands of the Cause and His loved ones. Praise be to God that His loved ones are sustained thereby and have attained unto it. At this moment, while engaged in penning this leaf, I remembered his eminence the beloved of the heart, the Most Great Name, before the Beloved One, and rising in his stead and behalf, accomplished what was intended, attaining unto the honor of acceptance. In brief, mention of the loved ones causeth the heart to rejoice and existence to be gladdened. Happy is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless. The leaf and her mother and what was sent from your direction—all are remembered and

adorned with the ornament of acceptance and good-pleasure. Praise be to God Who hath assisted us all and granted us victory through the hosts of His wondrous utterance.

BH01274: Praise be to God, the Eternal, the One…

In the name of God, transcendent is His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be to God, the Eternal, the One, the Enduring, the Everlasting, the Ancient, the Timeless, Who findeth no helper, no companion, no minister, no supporter, and no offspring. All created things have testified to His sanctity and all contingent beings have witnessed to His detachment. He is indeed sanctified above all that hath been and all that shall be. He cannot be described by any description save His own, nor can He be praised by any attribute save His own. His tongue hath testified of His own Self that verily He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. And peace and blessings be upon Him Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Source of His wisdom, and established Him in His own stead in all things that pertain unto Him. He is indeed the Manifestation of His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. And upon His family and His companions through whom the mysteries were revealed, the signs became manifest, and the trees gave utterance. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness and your uprightness! The most exalted letter, like unto a brilliant light, illumined the horizon of the heart and perfumed the court of existence. This servant perceived therefrom the fragrance of your humility, your submissiveness, and your steadfastness in the Cause of God and His service. After its reading and contemplation, and after being overcome with longing and yearning, he proceeded to the Most Great Presence. After presenting it, He said:

> "O Ali, O Afnan! Upon thee be My peace and My loving-kindness. Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant was read before the face of the Wronged One and was honored to be heard. We beseech the All-Merciful to protect the Afnan and to open before their faces the gates of grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to God that in all matters they place their trust in the Truth. In such case, sorrow and the like are not permitted. When the heart findeth its way to the Most Great Ocean, grief and distress have no recourse but to flee. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name, to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of His bounty, and to bestow upon thee that which beseemeth the ocean of His generosity and the heaven of His grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Peace be upon thee from Us and upon My loved ones there who have not been deterred by the censure of the people, nor by their turning away, nor by their blindness, nor by their objections, nor by their might and power, from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords."

This servant also conveyeth greetings to each of the loved ones and beseecheth from the Intended One, on their behalf, whatsoever leadeth to the elevation of their station and the perpetuation of their remembrance. Verily our Lord is the Answerer of prayers and the Lord of all created things.

And regarding the storehouse in Beirut, after presentation He said:

> "O Ali, upon thee be My peace. These matters have been made contingent upon consultation. In truth I say that this decree hath ever been beloved in the sight of God, and its command hath been revealed in the divine Books from the Most Exalted Pen. Hold fast unto consultation, for verily it shall profit thee and His loved ones. To this testifieth every knowing and informed one."

That which they wrote concerning the letter of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was presented and accepted, and one blessed Tablet was bestowed. Likewise the Tablet of the Afnan, Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha'u'llah, and the reply to the letter of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was bestowed and sent. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable all to attain unto that which conduceth to nearness, detachment and piety. They have also stated regarding the Huquq that whatever they can send should be sent, as these days some hardship hath appeared, but God will change it to ease, verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The receipt requested by the Afnan, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha'u'llah, was sent; please deliver it. The matter of the Afnan requireth attention. His own view is not known. They are aware of the available persons; whomsoever they request will be sent. Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was dispatched according to instructions solely so that the Afnan would not be alone; there was no other intention whatsoever. In any case, there are many rabble and ruffians in that city. They must conduct themselves in such a manner as to ensure the confidence of the merchants from all regions, and they must spend within measure. The means have not been and will not be withheld; they must hold fast to this and act accordingly. We beseech God to protect him from the evil of his enemies. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

This servant in all conditions holdeth fast to the cord of divine favor, that He may assist that honored one and manifest that which causeth nearness and is conducive to tranquility and rest. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you.

BH01376: Praise be to God Who hath opened the doors…

He is God, exalted is He in greatness and power!

Praise be to God Who hath opened the doors of His knowledge before His servants through the key of utterance, and hath sent down unto them that which draweth them nigh unto Him and preserveth them from the evil of satans. Verily, He is the One Who, through His mighty and wise command, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. And peace and blessings be upon the Sovereign of the kingdoms of wisdom and utterance, through Whom were revealed the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be, by the command of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, and upon His family and companions who aided the Cause of God with their wealth and their souls, and strove in His path with their might and their strength, until the light of the Cause shone forth throughout all lands. There is no God but Him, the Lord of creation. My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance, your praise, and your steadfastness.

The blessed and exalted letter arrived. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the mention of the Truth and trust in Him, and from each of its letters wafted the fragrance of love. The servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to exalt your honor through His Name and to render you mighty through His might. After its reading and perusal, it was brought to the presence of the Master, Who said:

"O Afnan, O ʿAli, upon thee be the peace of God, His mercy and His grace."

Your letter was mentioned by this servant before His countenance. Praise be to God, they are illumined by the light of love and enkindled with the fire of affection. We beseech God to spread His signs through thee and to open before thy face the door of grace and bounty. Verily, He hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We implore the Truth to assist your honor in all conditions and to grant success in that which causeth the elevation and advancement of existence. O my God, O my God! Aid Thy Afnan in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and ordain for them that which shall protect them from Thine enemies, and assist them in their commerce through Thy generosity and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to God, the glad-tidings of well-being arrive like heavenly light. By God's grace, all are well there, and here too they are blessed by His favors. The letter from Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be God's peace, arrived and was the cause of joy and gladness. However, regarding their movement, entry into the great city is not permitted. There is no objection to the journey of his honor the Afnan and Aqa Nasru'llah. They said, God willing, may they arrive safely and attain the divine blessings ordained for them. And they said to convey greetings to Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Husayn. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be mentioned and is blessed with favors. We beseech God to manifest through him in His path that which shall endure as long as His names endure. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Likewise, we mention the loved ones of that land and send them greetings, and we seek for each one that which is the cause and means of the perpetuation of name and remembrance. This lowly one also conveys greetings to the beloved of the heart and solace of loving eyes, his honor the Afnan, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for them that which brings joy to the friends. Verily, He hath power over all things. Similarly, I convey greetings to Jinab-i-Amin and other travelers, each one, and I seek for them enduring blessing from the heaven of divine generosity. He is the Giver, He is the All-Bountiful.

The loved ones of that land, praise be to God, are ever before our sight and are mentioned in the presence of the Master. Blessed are they. Today, in truth, the souls that are assured, steadfast, content and pleasing are sanctified beyond description and praise. In view of outward means and their continuance among the people, these remembrances flow from tongue and pen. For the rest, the matter is in the hand of the Mighty, the Powerful, and the Lord of grace and bounty. He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Informed.

Regarding the salary of the late Hakim Musa, upon him be God's mercy and forgiveness, assuredly what his honor the Afnan hath written is correct. God willing, their reply will also be sent from this quarter, as well as the reply to Haji Husayn and the Persian gentlemen, which will be sent to your honor for collection upon arrival. The receipts will also be sent. May light, mercy, glory and splendor be upon your honor and

upon those with you, and those who love you and hear your word in this manifest Cause, and glory be upon you. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH01953: Praise be to the Most Glorious Goal of all…

He is God, blessed and exalted!

Praise be to the Most Glorious Goal of all the worlds, sanctified above mention and utterance and exalted beyond the comprehension of all beings, Who with a single drop from the Kawthar of His presence made the world intoxicated, that they might attain to the hearing of the Word "Am I not?" and be enabled to make reply. This drop increaseth wisdom rather than drunkenness. Light shineth forth from it, and joy and gladness and delight and exultation are made manifest thereby. In truth, that drop bestoweth eternal joy and everlasting delight. Well is it with you, O people of faithfulness!

And now, the letter of that honored friend was in truth a messenger bearing the pearls of love and affection. It brought joy and dispelled sorrow and grief. Exalted is God, the Lord of eternity and the Goal of all nations, Who hath deposited within the words of His loved ones that which is the source of joy and the dawning-place of gladness.

After its reading and perusal it was presented before the Face. He saith, and His word is the truth:

> "O beloved! Upon thee be My peace and My glory! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names and supreme attributes. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee a key to hearts and minds, that through thee their doors may be opened, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of His will a blessing from Him and a bounty from His presence and a wealth from His side. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Generous, and the Possessor of great bounty. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Convey My greetings to all the kindred, both male and female, young and old. They have been and are remembered in the presence of this Wronged One. The non-mention of names hath been due to the requirements of consummate wisdom.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the mention of the Goal and art adorned with His favors. Thy letter, as well as the letter thou didst send to thy honored and respected father, were all read and, praise be to God, were the cause of joy and gladness. In these days the Leaf, that is, thy mother, hath received a promise that, God willing, we shall go and partake of food in remembrance of thee. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to gather us upon one carpet and in one place where we may hear and speak.

His Holiness the Master and His Holiness Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli—may my spirit be a sacrifice for them both—have expressed their love and kindness. Praise be to God, all are remembered and are recipients of favor. The circling ones, both men and women, have mentioned and continue to mention you, and they beseech from God that which hath had and hath no likeness or equal. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

His Holiness Badi'u'llah hath repeatedly mentioned thee and continues to do so, and hath repeatedly read thy letter and beseecheth God to change remoteness into nearness. O honored friend, mention this Prisoner to the honored Aqa Rida and convey greetings to him. We beseech God to honor the Leaf, thy mother, and thy sister—upon them both be the glory of God—and to sustain them with His manifest and hidden bounties.

Glory and mention and praise be upon you and upon all who are in the house, from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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BH00087: Praise, glory, gratitude and splendor be unto that most…

Section 1: "Praise, glory, gratitude and splendor be unto…"

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

Praise, glory, gratitude and splendor be unto that most holy and transcendent Being, the Object of all desire, Whom the tyranny of oppressors, the rejection and opposition of the wayward, and the calumnies of slanderers failed to deter. His Will is sovereign and His Purpose prevails, to such extent that, without helper or assistant, He raised up His Cause in the prison of ʿAkka, so that now in the assemblies of the kings of the world, ministers, divines and mystics, this mention has been and continues to be made, leaving all bewildered. Glorified be His dominion, magnificent His signs, and mighty His proof!

At all times I beseech the Self-Sufficing Lord to adorn His loved ones with the ornament of patience and tranquility, to illumine them with the light of patience and forbearance, and to cause them to supplicate that He may show kindness unto the kings—who are the manifestations of His power and majesty—and grant them success in distinguishing between the reformer of the world and its corrupter. Verily, He is the Helper, the Wise, the All-Knowing Teacher.

O beloved of my heart! Your letters have repeatedly arrived, but the delay in replying rests upon your forgiveness. Your latest letter, dated the first of the month of Jim, brought fresh joy to this grieving heart. It has been said of old that the remembrance of friends gladdens the Friend. After its perusal, ascent was made to the supreme heights and the most exalted Kingdom, and it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings, attaining the honor of His attention. Thus speaks He, exalted be His glory, mighty His sovereignty, all-encompassing His proof and evidence:

I am the Caller before the faces of all mankind from the prison of ʿAkka

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who standest before My throne, and drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! Hear My call: verily there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O spiritual youth! The Point announced unto the people the establishment of Him Who

conversed on Sinai upon the throne of Manifestation. Yet when He appeared and was established, mankind turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of the mighty throne, willed.

Say: O people, fear God! He Who was promised hath come, He Who was hidden hath appeared, He Who was treasured hath been made manifest. Through His appearance the call hath been raised from every direction: 'The Revelation is God's, the Kingdom is God's, the Greatness is God's, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Beautiful!' Say: Hath the eye of creation beheld the like of what hath appeared in truth? Have ears heard the like of what hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty? Nay, by the Self of God, Who standeth over the Cause with manifest sovereignty! Say: O concourse of men! Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are commanded in the Tablet.

Verily it will preserve you, exalt you, and bring you near unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Raise your heads from the couch of heedlessness. The Sun hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, and the ocean of grace surgeth in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Will vain imaginings profit you? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! Will idle fancies guide you? Nay, by His Name, the Mighty, the Great! Shatter the idols by the name of the Lord of Days. Verily He will deliver you through grace and save you from grievous torment.

The people of the Bayan have taken for themselves what the former people took. Thus have their souls enticed them and made them among the most lost. Say: He hath come, for Whom the near ones sacrificed themselves in His path, and He hath appeared Who was mentioned in God's Books, yet most people remain heedless. We have sent down to them from the heaven of bounty that which solaceth the eyes of the mystics.

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! God, exalted be His glory, hath manifested Himself in such wise that no possessor of hearing or sight hath denied or will deny Him. Without armies or legions He hath aided His Cause—an aid that is now celebrated and renowned in every gathering and assembly. Exalted be His might and His power! There is none other God but Him.

Praise be to God! We have effaced discord and strife from the Holy Books and have established the Cause of God with justice upon the throne of manifestation. Glory be to God! Strange it is that while all the people of the Bayan became aware of the tyranny, infidelity, misbelief and hypocrisy of the former party, yet some have again clung to the fabricated tales and false utterances of that people. Woe unto them, then woe unto them for having taken their vain imaginings as lords beside God! They are indeed among the oppressors in My manifest Book.

We make mention of the loved ones in that land—a mention that enkindleth and causeth detachment. O thou who art immersed in the ocean of My love! Reflect upon divine power and the influence of His Word. His Cause hath been aided and exalted from the earliest days until now, standing manifest and eloquent before all faces. The clamor of the ignorant divines of Persia who have appropriated unto themselves the name of knowledge, and the tumult of the common folk of that land, did not prevent the Lord of creation from revealing His Cause. In all conditions He hath spoken this most exalted Word:

> "The Lord of all being hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

Say: O people of God! Have ye heard the call and remained patient, or were ye among the heedless? O hosts of God! Have ye perceived the fragrance of God and remained tranquil, or were ye among the negligent? In most of Our Tablets We have made mention of what is meant by the hosts, that the world might be preserved from corruption and strife. In this most great Revelation, the banner of divine favor and the standard of preexistent mercy have been raised high. The divine hosts are goodly character, and His armies are praiseworthy deeds.

O spiritual youth! Although in this year the calumnies of the calumniators and the oppression of the oppressors have encompassed from every direction, yet through God's grace and bounty the greatest joy hath been manifest and visible at all times. The cause of this is the adherence of the loved ones to the firm handle of divine commandments. From the time of Our arrival in Iraq, We forbade all from strife, conflict, corruption, murder and plunder. For nearly forty years no one hath transgressed God's command. In every land, the oppressors of the world have inflicted upon the people of God that which caused the solid rock to weep and the hearts of the faithful to be consumed. Whatever befell them, they held fast to the cord of patience and clung to the hem of resignation.

They were slain but slew not. The proof of this are the events that occurred in the lands of Sad [Isfahan], Kha [Khurasan], Ta [Tehran] and other cities. Blessed are they who are enraptured with love! The oppressors of the world perpetrated in that land what no oppressor had ever perpetrated, yet the people of God did not retaliate. Rather, they interceded for their oppressors and murderers. Well is it with them and may they rejoice! We beseech God to assist them to achieve unity and harmony. Nevertheless, the learned ones have not become aware.

Say: My God, my God! Purify Thy servants from the stench of oppression and adorn them with the vesture of justice. O Lord! Transform the land of oppression into the throne of equity. O Lord! Anoint their eyes with the collyrium of light, that they may behold whatsoever hath appeared with the eye of justice. Verily, Thou art the Possessor of grace, and in Thy hand are the reins of all things, both of the first and the last. The resplendent Light shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Will be upon thee, and upon thy household, and upon those who are with thee, and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. End.

O Beloved of my heart! Man standeth bewildered, knowing not what to utter. The sight of the peoples of the world hath been altered, the power of vision hath been lost, and the faculty of hearing hath become extinct. That Cause whose appearance hath outshone the sun, and that Ocean whose waves have encompassed the world—this have they denied. This denial beareth witness to their sightlessness, and this failure to hearken testifieth to their deafness. Glory be to God! What, then, have been the reasons for such opposition, and what are they now? There hath been no doubt, nor is there any, that it is the recompense of their deeds that hath deprived them all, and now naught remaineth save powerlessness and supplication at the threshold of the Lord of Being. O my God! O my God! Thy servants have turned away from Thee, directing their gaze toward the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subjected both the seen

and the unseen, to cleanse Thy servants from the dust of illusions and to adorn them with the lights of certitude. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all religions. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

The mention of the honored brethren and esteemed friends, the beloved companions—upon them be the splendor of the All-Merciful—was made, and after supplication in the Most Sacred and Exalted Court, these resplendent verses dawned from the Dayspring of Utterance, the Desire of all the worlds. This is what was revealed for His Honor Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God. Thus speaketh He, exalted be His utterance and glorified His proof:

He is the Rememberer and He is the Remembered

O Muhammad! Rejoice in that thy name hath been made manifest in that station which God hath ordained as the circling-point of those who have drawn nigh unto Him. Give thanks for the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of all the worlds, that hath been wafted from thee. Praise be unto thee for that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the direction of His prison, and hath revealed unto thee that which hath enraptured the Concourse on High and the denizens of the loftiest Paradise, and the people of the Tabernacle of Glory in the Kingdom of the Most Glorious. From the horizon of every word hath shone forth the Orb of Bounty from God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names.

O Muhammad! Verily, the Wronged One maketh mention of thee when tribulations have encompassed Him—a mention which, when revealed, causeth the books of the world to bow down in submission. The Ancient of Days beareth witness to this in this sublime station. Neither armies nor the tyranny of the Pharaohs of the earth can prevent Him. He hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired through a sovereignty that hath overcome all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

When thou art seized by the attraction of the Call, turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the chalice of Thy bounty the Kawthar of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the pearls hidden in the treasury of Thy protection, and by Thy verses treasured in the heaven of Thy will, and by the mysteries of Thy Most Great Name which hath encompassed the world, to inscribe for me with the pen of Thy grace that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me detached from all save Thee. Verily, Thou art He Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bountiful."

And this is what was revealed for His Honor ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God:

He is in the Most Exalted Horizon

O Ali! Has the rapture of thy Lord's utterance seized thee? Hast thou drunk the choice wine of detachment from the hand of His bounty, or art thou of them that linger? We beseech God to adorn thee with the most great profit in this trade wherewith the Concourse on High is occupied, to illumine thy head with the crown of fidelity, and to make thee among the horsemen in the arena of wisdom and

utterance on this Day wherein He Who conversed on Sinai hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, to the dismay of every doubtful scholar and every remote mystic.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Adorn your heads with the crown of the remembrance of Him Who heralded Me. His word is the truth, and I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: He shall not be known through My allusions nor through what was revealed in the Bayan. Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye seek proof through what ye possess. By God's life! The books of the world shall profit you not this day save through this Book that walketh and speaketh. He is God; there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Neither the promptings of the Guide nor of Mihdi who spoke that which caused the dwellers of the pavilions of grandeur and majesty to lament in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall deliver you.

Say: The Herald gave you glad tidings and informed you, saying "All the Bayan is as a ring upon His finger." Ye have cast the command of God behind your backs. What aileth you, O company of wrong-doers? Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this exalted station. Light and spirit and glory be upon you, O party of God, from this time until such time as the sun shall continue to shine from the horizon of the will of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

This was revealed for His Honor Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, through which the ocean of bounty surged

O Hasan! Upon thee be My glory! The verses of God have encompassed the world, and from the clouds of bounty, in place of rain, the pearls of wisdom and utterance have showered down. The Call of Sinai is raised high, proclaiming "The Revelation hath appeared!" Yet the embodiments of imitation and the daysprings of limitation are deprived and forbidden from all the outpourings of the Day of God. The deniers of the Bayan are a thousand times greater than the deniers of the Qur'an. They behold power yet deny it, they hear the verses yet turn away from them. The ocean is manifest before all faces, yet those heedless souls, lacking sight, seek right and left that perchance they might find some fetid pool to which they might cling.

The ocean needeth its fish, and the sky its soaring eagle. The lizard was not and is not capable of plunging into the sea. Say: O people of the Bayan! Look with justice and fairness and speak. If this Most Great Revelation be denied, none shall be able to establish proof of any Manifestation. This clear Cause and this mighty Announcement bear witness to that. Glory be from Us upon Our loved ones who have taken hold of the Book of God with such power that the might of all who are in the heavens and earth hath failed to prevent them.

Section 2: "Every fair-minded one hath testified to the inability…"

Every fair-minded one hath testified to the inability of servants to reckon the grace and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory. At all times there hath descended from the heaven of divine verses that which is the cause of the life of the peoples of the world. Yet most nations are heedless and unaware. For the sake of two days of earthly life they have forsaken everlasting life and eternal blessing. Fie upon them and their understanding! It behooveth Me to recite in this place 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." And let us cleave to the remembrance of the loved ones before the countenance of the Lord of all humanity, that there may be sent down for each one of them that which shall endure as long as His names and attributes endure. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

This was revealed for His Honor Ahmad who attained the presence and won the victory—His word, exalted be His proof and mighty His evidence and glorious His verses:

In the name of Him through Whom the light hath shone forth from the horizon of the world

This is the Day whereon the Mother Book hath, in the Kingdom of Utterance, been enthroned upon the seat of knowledge, proclaiming: O peoples of the earth! Fear God, and follow not those who have disbelieved in His proof when it appeared, who cast aside His verses when they were sent down, His evidence when it was perfected, His mercy when it preceded all else, and His grace when it encompassed all things. Thus hath the gate of counsel been opened. Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened and attained, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned and attained, and hath drunk the choice wine of knowledge from the cup of the All-Merciful's grace time and again. We have remembered him in diverse Tablets with a remembrance whose fragrance shall not cease so long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praised, shall endure.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have raised up the Cause with a sovereignty that hath conquered the world and have revealed that which lay hidden before the faces of the nations. Among them are those who denied, those who turned away, those who disbelieved, and those who hearkened, turned towards God and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee for having manifested Thyself, O Thou God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Take thou the Most Great Key in My Name, then unlock therewith the doors of hearts through My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wise. Thou hast attained unto that which perisheth not, as doth testify the Lord of all beings in His mighty prison.

We have enjoined upon the servants trustworthiness, godliness, truthfulness and faithfulness, yet they have wrought that which hath caused the Most Exalted Pen to lament, save those whom God, the All-Merciful, the Gracious, hath willed. Glorify in My name the faces of My loved ones, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the light of My knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee, upon those with thee, and upon those who have hearkened and responded to their Lord, the Ancient of Days.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-ʿAyn, upon him be the Glory of God

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory! The Cause of God hath come and the Most Great Proof hath been made manifest, yet the nations have turned away, save those whom God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed. The Hidden Treasure hath been revealed and the Concealed Mystery unveiled, though the generality of mankind comprehend not. They have cast aside the Kawthar of Divine Unity and seized upon the wine of idle fancy, yet they perceive it not.

Cast thy gaze upon the divines and reflect upon their deeds. They mount the pulpits and utter words that cause tears to flow from the eyes. They were created for My succor, yet they have aided Mine enemies, though they understand not. They have spurned the Guide and turned away from the Path. Erelong shall they behold the recompense of their works before the throne of God's justice—He Who is the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. They have violated the Covenant of God and His Testament, and have devoured the substance of men wrongfully. To this do testify honored servants of God. The verses have encompassed all regions, and He Whose advent the Books of God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, have heralded, hath appeared.

Verily, We have made mention of thee aforetime in divers Tablets. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto My remembrance, hath uttered My praise, and hath clung fast to My extended Cord. We beseech God to confirm thee in that whose fragrance is wafted amongst the servants, through the eternity of His dominion and sovereignty. The world shall perish, yet that which hath been revealed unto thee shall endure. By My life! Its influence shall never cease in the realm of creation. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the preserved Tablet. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My providence be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who have believed in God, the Lord of all existence.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Baha by Baha'u'llah, the Sovereign of all Names

In the Name of Him through Whom the light of God, the Lord of all the worlds, hath shone forth

The Book hath been sent down in truth unto him who hath turned towards the Straight Path of God. O Ba', hearken unto the call from the precincts of ʿAkka. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a Cause before which the hosts of the heavens and earth cannot stand. When thou drinkest the choice wine of divine knowledge from the goblets of thy Lord's bounty, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having revealed unto me that which was hidden from Thy servants and acquainted me with that which was treasured in Thy knowledge.

I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all beings, and by Thy Name at Whose utterance all names bow down, and by Thy light at Whose dawning all lights submit, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thy horizon, who speaketh Thy praise, and who aideth Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. I testify, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy mercy which hath preceded Thy servants and Thy creation. O Lord, I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou seest me clinging to Thy cord and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones.

Verily Thou art He through Whose command the names appeared and the letter Kaf was joined to its pillar, the letter Nun. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who ruleth over what hath been and what shall be.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name through which the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath drunk the choice wine of knowledge in the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Return. We have turned toward him from the precincts of the Prison and have revealed for him that whereby the realities of all things were attracted in this Day wherein the Herald hath proclaimed from the precincts of ʿAkka: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords.

O Muhammad-ʿAli, give thanks unto God for having aided thee, drawn thee nigh, and given thee to drink of the pure water from the hand of the grace of the Lord of the Day of Manifestation, and guided thee unto this Cause whereby feet have slipped save for those whom God, the Lord of mankind, hath willed. Counsel My servants on My behalf and remind them of My verses, then read what We have revealed unto thee with joy and fragrance. This is a day wherein hearts have melted and servants have lamented by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of those who have denied His proof and His evidence, and have violated that which they were bidden in the Mother Book.

Say: Fear God, O company of the heedless! By God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in earth and heaven. Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for thee that whereby the hearts of such servants as have heard and responded were attracted—these are they who, in the sight of God, the Lord of all beings, are among the people of this station. Take the Book by My command and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having aided me to turn toward Thee and remembered me through that whereby the fragrance of the garment hath wafted throughout all lands.

O Lord, Thou seest the ocean of poverty desiring the ocean of Thy riches, and it beseecheth Thee by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall render me detached from all except Thee and holding fast unto Thee and unto Thy verses and unto all that hath appeared from Thee. O Lord, weakness hath seized me in Thy days. I beseech Thee to make me strong through Thy strength and mighty through Thy might. Verily Thou art He unto Whose sovereignty every tongue hath testified, and to Whose greatness and power every one possessed of understanding hath borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Mirza Davud, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name through which the horizon of utterance hath been illumined

O Davud! The verses of God are being revealed from every direction, and His evidences are pouring forth like rain from the clouds of grace. That which was hidden is now manifest, and the Speaker of the Mount is speaking without veil or covering before all faces. The Psalms are being chanted and the call is raised

from the highest horizon. Blessed is the one whom the wall of Gog did not prevent—and these Gog are the divines of Persia who from the earliest days until now have prevented the servants from the Law of God. Blessed is the soul whom their clamor did not hinder, whose strength their might did not weaken, and whom their dominion did not frighten.

These are servants whose mention God has revealed in His Books, His Psalms and His Tablets. O David! God willing, through the power and might of the Truth, exalted be His glory, thou shalt rend asunder the veils of the heedless and give unto all the glad tidings of the Great Announcement, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the ocean of bounty. Strive thou, and beseech God that He may not prevent His servants from the outpourings of His days. He is the Forgiver of sins, and He is the Transformer of hearts. We have mentioned thee before and made known unto thee the path of God, the Lord of the House and the Possessor of this lofty station.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified and who have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in His mighty and wondrous Book.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad-Amin, upon him be the glory of God:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Amin! Upon thee be My manifest glory. Blessed is the soul that is illumined by the light of trustworthiness and adorned with the ornament of faithfulness. In most Tablets We have commanded the servants to perform good deeds and display praiseworthy conduct, but some heeded not the divine counsel and clung to their own desires, and there befell the temple of trustworthiness from heedless and oppressive souls that which caused the eye of justice to weep. This Wronged One hath, during the nights and days, counseled the servants of God concerning that which would draw them nigh and profit them, yet defiled ears attained not unto hearing. Strange, nay most strange, that they remain heedless of that which profiteth them and cling to that which harmeth and destroyeth them.

Ere long shall the carpets of the world be rolled up, and the embodiment of justice shall be established upon the throne of equity, and the station of the blessed words “Give unto each his due” shall become manifest and evident. We beseech God to illumine all through the lights of the Day-Star of Justice and to sever them from aught else beside Him. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto the cord of counsel from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Section 3: “And this is what was revealed for his…”

And this is what was revealed for his honor Ya’qub-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, through Whose light the earth and heaven were illumined

O Ya’qub! The Joseph of God dwelleth in the well of the oppressors, and at every moment there befalleth Him that which causeth the people of the cities of justice and equity to lament. We commanded trustworthiness, yet they clung to treachery; We enjoined equity, yet they embraced tyranny. Through what they possess they remain heedless and veiled from what is with God. Do they not see that they die

and dwell in their tombs? Do they not see that they depart and return not? Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath reached such a state that pen and ink are powerless to describe it. They waited for My days, but when they came they turned away and pronounced against Me a grievous judgment.

Their vain desires have prevented them from drawing nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We beseech God to assist thee and His loved ones to champion His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to strengthen you with the hosts of goodly deeds and virtuous character. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy devoted servants amidst Thy rebellious ones, and beholdest the wolves surrounding Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge and by the mysteries deposited in Thy Tablets to enable them to return unto Thee, to draw near to the court of Thy nearness, and to stand before the door of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who hath removed our grief, manifested unto us His signs, and sent down upon us His favors. The heavenly food and the bounty of utterance descendeth at all times. We implore God to assist His servants that they may attain unto it and not be deprived. O Thou in Whose hand is grace and bounty! Have mercy on Thy servants with the mercy that hath preceded existence, then unveil unto them through Thy generosity, O Loving One, that they may turn to the lights of Thy countenance and seek shelter in the shadow of Thy care. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful in all conditions. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Mention was made of Nuru'llah and Diya'u'llah, upon them be the Glory of God. After its presentation in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, these words were revealed from the Dayspring of the divine will. His mighty utterance and glorious proof proclaim:

In the Name of the Kind Friend

O Nuru'llah! In this hour when the Wronged One of the world walketh in the Most Great Prison, He hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. We beseech God to water the saplings of the garden of divine knowledge with the rains of grace and bounty, that they may reach the station of maturity, which is the station of the appearance of fruits. He is the Hearer, the Answerer. God willing, thou shalt abide beneath the shadow of God's special favor, glorified be His majesty, and be illumined by the lights of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Praise be to God, thy father attained the Most Sublime Vision and his presence was adorned with acceptance. He heard the Call on a day when most of humanity was prevented from hearing, and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and blessed are those who are with you on this blessed, mighty, wondrous Day. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every one who hath attained to this mighty Cause.

And this is what was revealed for Diya'u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God:

In the Name of the One God

O Diya'! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names! Praise thou the Desired One of all worlds Who brought thee from nothingness into being and adorned thee with the ornament of existence in days

for which there hath been no peer or likeness. Thou and the love of God have, in truth, come into being as twins. Blessed be the loins that have attained unto this wondrous remembrance. The gaze of divine favor hath ever been and will continue to be directed towards thee. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined the hearts of them that have turned towards Thee with the light of Thy knowledge, and caused their tongues to speak Thy praise and glorification, and revealed unto them that which was hidden from most of Thy servants. O Lord! Draw them nigh through Thy bounty and grant them the Kawthar of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous.

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be the everlasting Glory of God! Convey to all the kindred and relatives the greetings from the Wronged One, and give them all the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Day-Star of grace and bounty. Say: Blessed are ye for having attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat. We make mention of all the loved ones in that land. Say: O loved ones of God and His party! We beseech Him that He may cause to flow forth from you, in His name, that which shall endure throughout the perpetuity of His dominion. Blessed be ye, and His mercy be upon you. Ye are they whom neither the harm of the oppressors nor the opposition of the transgressors hath withheld. We counsel you to observe wisdom—wisdom being such deeds and actions as would cause the heedless ones of the world to become aware and draw them nigh unto the party of God. The helpless servants have been reared by the divines in vain imaginings. The wise ones of the earth must, with the utmost kindness and love, summon the people to the Law of God and the Dawning-Place of His favors. Should they become adorned with the ornament of awareness, all will circle round it.

O party of God! We beseech Him that He may manifest from you steadfastness—a steadfastness the like of which hath never been seen. The former people were deprived of the Dawning-Place of divine revelation through vain imaginings and doubts. They considered themselves the most profitable of all the world, yet on the Day of Manifestation they were seen to be the most lost. Say: God protect us and you, O party of God, from their vain imaginings and doubts, and from their deeds and actions and words and beliefs. For had their deeds and beliefs been in harmony, they would surely have attained recognition and been blessed with the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. It hath been repeatedly mentioned that the recompense of the deeds of that tyrannical group deprived them of the Dawning-Place of divine justice and the Source of His mercy. The false tales of old prevented the people from the Most Great News which was mentioned in the divine Books of the past and future.

My God, my God! Aid them to return unto Thee and to make good what they missed when the Sun of Thy Revelation shone forth. All created things have testified to Thy grace and all contingent beings to Thy mercy. Deprive not Thy servants of the ocean of Thy bounty, from whose waves can be heard: The kingdom and the dominion belong unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory shining from the horizon of Revelation be upon you, O loved ones of God and His friends, upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward being, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Concerning what was mentioned about prayer, the prayer whose ordinance was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, that prayer along with many other sacred writings was sent from the prison to another location. And the new prayer that was later revealed—its recitation depends on times when one observes a certain

state within oneself. In truth, it hath been revealed in such wise that were it to be recited upon a rock, that rock would stir and speak forth, and were it upon a mountain, it would move and flow. Blessed is he who reciteth it and is among those who act. The recitation of either prayer sufficeth. Should one observe with justice and fairness any verse of its verses or any word of its words, he would pass beyond his own understanding and that of the people, and fix his gaze upon that which is with God.

As for what ye mentioned concerning the slaughtered animal that hath died, its ruling is as before. Thus hath the Lord decreed at this time. And concerning what was asked about the heavens and the stars, this hath already been revealed by the Supreme Pen regarding these matters—there is no need for repeated mention. And regarding the permission for pilgrimage about which ye wrote, after this firm decree was presented, this utterance was manifested from the tongue of grandeur: whenever the means are available and wisdom requireth it, they may make the pilgrimage.

Concerning the mention of Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy that precedeth all, after these shining words were presented, there dawned from the horizon of will these words—exalted and blessed be He:

> "O spiritual youth! Praise be to God Who aided thee to fulfill what was incumbent upon thee according to God's decree, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad tidings of the acceptance of his deed. We beseech God to open before his face the gates of grace and bounty, and to ordain for him that which shall be a light unto him and shall go before his face in all the worlds of God. Verily He is the Protector of those who have believed in Him and have acted according to what they were commanded in His perspicuous Book."

This servant doth likewise offer praise and glorification, and doth beseech the True One—exalted be His glory—to vouchsafe unto them that which is enduring and everlasting. The leaves recording their arrival have likewise been perused and have been adorned before the Countenance with the embellishment of divine acceptance. The remainder of the sum must needs reach the Beloved of hearts, His Honor Amin—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah—inasmuch as the amount of fifty tumans hath been consigned unto him, that he may convey it unto certain souls in the Land of Sad. Well is it with those who labor in the path of God and with those who are endued with true knowledge!

Mention was made of His Honor Mulla Husayn—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah—and likewise reference was made unto his craft. After this matter was submitted to the Most Sacred and Inaccessible Threshold, these resplendent verses were revealed specifically for him from the heaven of the Will of the Sovereign of Names and Attributes. Thus speaketh He Whose utterance is mighty and Whose proof is glorious:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

The Book speaks before the faces of the parties and says: O concourse of earth! Know ye the value of the Day of God, and deprive not yourselves of His infinite bounties. This Day has no peer or likeness. The bounty of utterance and the banquet of knowledge have descended from the heaven of the favor of the Beloved of all creation. Blessed is the soul that has turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless! O

Husayn! After this, the Lord of all beings has turned toward thee from the prison quarter and makes mention of thee. In the estimation of those endowed with insight and the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, the riches of the world and the treasures of nations cannot equal this mention. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of those who are in the heavens and on earth! Your handiwork has been presented and has attained the glance of favor. Reflect upon the sublimity of the ocean of divine grace.

By My life! All the things of the world were and are unworthy of mention in the Holy Court, but as your handiwork has appeared through love and you have sent a spiritual youth, it has been adorned with the ornament of mention by the One Who is the Goal of all beings and illumined with the light of acceptance. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wise. Praise be unto Him, as He is the Beloved of the mystics and the Goal of the sincere ones. The ocean of bounty has appeared with waves upon waves. A single atom of deeds that have appeared and do appear in His path stands forth in His presence as lofty as the heavens. Can anyone enumerate this bounty? Nay, by His manifest sovereignty! Although the thanksgiving and praise of this servant do not and will not reach the hem of this blessing, unless His grace takes hold and His mercy accepts. Every created thing has testified to His loftiness, His transcendence, His grace, His giving, His favor, and His bounty. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the All-Merciful, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

I make mention of the loved ones of that land, both young and old, and hope from the grace and mercy of the sovereign Who doeth as He willeth that in those regions the light of submission and contentment may shine forth and all may attain unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will in the holy Tablets. In truth, that which is obligatory today according to His command is that all should hold fast to such deeds as will attract the people of the earth. I beseech Him to assist and enable all to do that which they have been commanded in the Book. Verily, He is the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Glory and mention and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon everyone who has turned, recognized, and attained unto this wise Remembrance and this mighty Command.

The servant 27 Ramadan 1307

BH00760: Praise be to God, the Everlasting, the Eternal…

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

Praise be to God, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Powerful, Who hath encompassed earth and heaven through His Supreme Word, Who hath created man and distinguished him above all other created things, taught him His path, enabled him to voice His praise, and caused him to know that which draweth him nigh unto His most holy court and sacred threshold. He, verily, is the One Who doeth what He willeth through His word “Be,” and it is. Glory and splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause who have arisen to serve Him and have traversed the lands by His leave to exalt His Word. These are honored servants, triumphant servants, servants who have held fast to the cord of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, the letter of that beloved of the heart was received repeatedly. In truth, in each one the signs of the vernal breeze were evident, and since it was adorned with the mention of the Peerless Friend, it brought freshness to the world of being. After its reading, having sought permission to present it at the Most Exalted Station and the Dawning-Place of the revelation of the Lord of all beings, it was entirely submitted and achieved the honor of being heard. And this is what was sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty in reply, His Word—exalted be His majesty, mighty be His proof, and great be His sovereignty:

O Amin! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds! Thy letters were received repeatedly and repeatedly achieved the honor of being presented and answered in the Most Holy Court. We beseech God, thy Lord and the Lord of the throne and earth, to aid thee to that which will elevate the station of humanity in the world of creation. Verily, He doeth whatsoever He willeth. We ask of the Truth to assist thee.

O Amin! Thy name is associated with the name of God, and thy relation is mentioned and attributed to Him. We hope that this station and this rank will remain before thine eyes that thou mayest act according to their requirements. Thou hast ever been occupied with the mention of the friends. In every letter thou hast made mention of the sincere ones and those who are nigh with most excellent remembrances, and hast sought special favors for each one. God willing, hereafter too, even as before, nay rather like unto the sun among the companions, thou shalt be radiant and luminous. Great is the station of the servants with God, how much more that of His loved ones, how much more that of His chosen ones, how much more that of the companions of the Crimson Ark who have detached themselves from all save Him and regard and have regarded all else as non-existent.

Names did not veil them, nor did might and glory prevent them. Their purpose hath been and is none other than the exaltation of the Word and the quenching of the fire that hath been kindled, through wisdom and utterance. In this Revelation the sun of mercy hath risen and is manifest from all directions. There is no place for warfare, and no station for strife. The heat of the sword and wrath have been transformed into the gentle breezes of compassion and kindness.

The souls who are associated with the Most Great Name must at all times assist the purpose of the worlds through the hosts of utterance, and must recognize the station of the helpers and not transgress the rights of the servants. In this day, every one of the kings who hath arisen to help and who hath protected the sheep from the wolves—this party of truth must recognize this favor and, throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, must engage in praise and gratitude to God and in glorification and laudation of the helper.

O my God, my God! Aid the rulers of the earth and its learned ones to look upon what Thou hast manifested with justice and fairness. Then assist them, O my God, in that which will profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Unconstrained.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones and say: Strive ye, and through kindliness and compassion and unity and oneness, guide the servants to the Dayspring of Revelation and the Source of Inspiration. O people of Baha! By the Luminary of Utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of the

Lord of all beings in this darksome night, to whatever degree ye increase in hearts the love which is a divine trust, the lights of guidance will encompass and illumine the world. Attention, vision and deeds must be for the sake of God, not for the desires of self and passion. In creation the effulgences of the Light of Divine Manifestation exist and are witnessed. Cast aside hatred and hold fast to supreme love. We beseech God to draw you nigh unto Him and cause you to speak that which will attract the hearts of His servants, and to aid you in that which will guide creation to His path and acquaint them with the way of righteousness. Verily He is the Lord of the servants and the Ruler on the Day of Return.

The mention of that beloved one is ever present in heart and tongue. I beseech the True Omnipotent to increase at every moment his resolve and success in service. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The letter from that beloved one which arrived from Beirut was read. Regarding the mount mentioned therein, after presentation They said: The honored Amin is aware of the multitudes in this land. The existing mounts should be offered for sale rather than new ones acquired.

The letter of the spiritual beloved, the honored ʿAyn, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, which was sent to that honored one and forwarded to the Most Holy Court, was presented in its entirety. They said: The aforementioned one, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, though he expressed in his letter lack of success, yet Truth beareth witness to his success and confirmation. The King of deeds and Master of acts is the recognition of God, as acknowledged by the Self-Sufficient. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto this and hath quaffed from the choice wine of utterance and the Kawthar of exposition. And that tribulations and hardships sometimes befall him is due to his connection to the Divine Cause. From the earliest days until now, the Ancient Beauty hath suffered at the hands of the peoples that which caused the essence of being to lament and the eye of reality to weep.

O Amin! We bear witness to his acceptance and turning unto God in days when acceptance was as rare as the philosopher's stone—mentioned in word but absent in meaning. The honored Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness and grace, is present in that land. Let them consult with him and with any of the loved ones they wish, and adhere to what emerges from consultation. By the life of God, ʿAbdu'llah is present and witnessed in the court of the Wronged One. We have given him to drink of the Kawthar of My remembrance from the hand of My bounty and have mentioned him in that which will preserve his remembrance in My perspicuous Book.

O Amin! In every city thou enterest, mention the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Reflect upon the Shi'ih sect. Until now they have not found rest or peace, and are so aflame with the fire of hatred and animosity that if every atom of creation were given a tongue, or if a hundred tongues were ordained for each, they could not enumerate it. Every discerning one beareth witness to this. With utmost effort preserve the people lest they again fall prey to the vain imaginings of the deniers of the previous dispensation. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to the friends in every city and every land, and beseecheth God—exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors—for whatsoever leadeth to the exaltation of His Word and the elevation of His Cause. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over

whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Counsellor, the All-Remembering, the Trustworthy. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the people of Baha who have stood firm with supreme steadfastness in this momentous Cause.

The servant 26 Ramadan 1307

BH05773: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not…

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 know not by what thing and by what name…. When I behold in Thy creation the signs of Thy craftsmanship and the tokens of Thy power, I beseech Thee by the heaven and its stars and its radiance, and the moon and its light, and the earth and its waters and its bounties and its trees and what is treasured therein, and the seas and their pearls concealed within their shells, and by that which is within Thy knowledge and the treasuries of Thy power, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies. Then exalt them, O my God, through Thy Name, in defiance of the oppressors among Thy creatures who have adorned their heads with turbans and thereby prevented the people from arriving at the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness. O Lord! Seize them through Thy power, then aid Thy loved ones through Thy loving-kindness and Thy handmaidens through Thy grace. I testify at this moment that victory is their being aided to know Thee and enabled to remember and praise Thee. I beseech Thee to assist them in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Lord! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens and another handmaiden of Thine who have turned unto Thee and desired to carry out what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Ordain for her that which will make her steadfast in Thy love, then accept her deed. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH04202: At this moment this servant is present before…

In the name of our eternal Lord who does not pass away!

At this moment this servant is present before the Seat of the Lord, and this Most Great Glad-Tidings flows from the Supreme Pen, blessed and exalted be His Word: Although the conditions of this land are not known, yet as a token of My loving-kindness unto him, I proclaim and say: O Ali, upon thee be My Glory! Turn thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon with such turning that all created things will thereby turn unto God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs. Thus hath the Sun of Permission shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, the Lord of all men.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Give him these glad-tidings of this most great bounty and illumine him with the lights of the Luminary of God's loving-kindness, his Lord, the All-Bountiful.

His honor Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, has, according to the command, turned toward those regions. We make mention of him as We mentioned him in successive years. We beseech God to preserve him and aid him to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful. Thus it ends. Unto God be praise, glory, thanksgiving and splendor.

At this moment the Countenance of the Ancient King turned toward this servant, and the Sun of Permission aforementioned rose and shone from the horizon of the heaven of will. And when the command was concluded, He smiled and said:

> "Blessed be he and joy be unto him! May the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation be a sacrifice unto His loving-kindness and bounty!"

This servant too beseeches for the friends that which will cause the appearance of joy and fragrance in the world and among the peoples. Verily He is the Fulfiller of needs and the Revealer of verses.

Diya', on the 5th of the revered month of Shawwal 1307.

BH09560: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom…

…Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Ruler of the Realm of Might! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst establish the Resurrection and manifest its mysteries, and the Hour and its signs, and through which Thou didst rend asunder the veils and shrouds, to make me steadfast in Thy service and firm in that which Thou hast caused me to know through Thy bounty and generosity. O my Lord! I testify that from the thirst of remoteness the livers of Thy chosen ones have melted, and from the fire of separation the hearts of Thy loved ones have been consumed. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge to draw me nigh unto the ocean of Thy bounty and the river of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Bestower….

BH06510: Praise be to the Omnipotent Sovereign Who hath illumined…

Praise be to the Omnipotent Sovereign Who hath illumined the realm of wisdom and utterance with the lights of the Sun of Truth. Each of His names is a gateway to blessing, mercy, grace, bounty, protection and generosity, and the effects of each have been and continue to be the cause of order in the world and the preservation of nations. Through His name the Educator, He hath educated and continueth to educate the world, and in the Perspicuous Book He hath called Himself the Lord of all worlds. Yet the people of Persia have restricted this greatest of bounties and imagined it to be exclusively their own. Through His name the Quickener, the breath of life was breathed, and through His name the Powerful, other effects appeared…

Death is nothing more than ascending from one world to another world more subtle than the first. It is being transferred from one state of existence to another. The detached amongst My servants look forward to this state and beseech God, glorified be His glory, to attain it, for after the soul ascendeth, it shall circle around God and enjoy His presence, after which it shall turn towards the station which is preordained for it…

BH00265: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having…

Section 1: "Praise be to Thee, O my God…"

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

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having manifested Thy Cause, sent down Thy verses, revealed Thy proofs, and enabled the Hands of Thy Cause to exalt Thy Word. Thou hast granted them success in proclaiming that which Thou hast willed through Thy bounty and favor, given them to drink of Thy sealed wine, guided them to Thy extended path, and united their hearts through Thy beloved Name. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of grandeur and might, by Thy Name through which Thou hast conquered the hearts of Thy servants and adorned them with the light of Thy knowledge, to adorn them with the ornament of Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven, that they may arise through Thy power to serve Thee and may open the doors of Thy servants' hearts with the keys of Thy most excellent names and exalted attributes. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

The handwriting of that beloved of the heart, like a rose from the garden of inner meanings, perfumed the courtyard of the heart, for all its letters and words spoke in praise and remembrance of the Lord of Names, bringing new joy to both the visible and invisible realms. Praise be to God that, beyond the supreme blessing and mighty feast that is the mention and praise of the Lord of all beings, it carried another joy, which was the glad tidings of the health and well-being of that beloved one. After its observation, reading and understanding, approach was made to the eternal gate, and before the seat of the Goal of all worlds, following permission and leave, all of it was presented.

Thereupon the lips of the Lord of Destiny smiled, and He spoke that which caused the ocean to surge and the fragrance to waft, and that which had been hidden from all eyes appeared, and that which had been preserved from comprehension and minds was revealed, until the utterance concluded with that which I am unable to mention to thee, O beloved of my heart, for when the waves of the ocean of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, surge forth, none can contain and relate it save according to their capacity, through His might and power. Glorious is His utterance, mighty His proof, and magnificent His bestowal.

In My Name, warbling upon the branches with diverse melodies

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and uttereth praise! Hear My call from the Prison of Akka. Verily, He maketh mention of thee in such wise as to bestow upon thee wings of moist crimson ruby, that thou mayest soar thereby in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds is heard that which the son of Imran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. Verily thy Lord hath turned toward thee at the most excellent of times and maketh mention of thee in such wise that its fragrances shall endure throughout the eternity of His mighty and wondrous Kingdom.

We have brought forth from the shells of the ocean of knowledge the pearls of wisdom and utterance, and from the treasuries of My Pen the jewels of knowledge and certitude. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My presence, for having tasted the sweetness of My utterance, and for having witnessed the light shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My Revelation, and for having achieved that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Be thou eloquent amongst My servants with such detachment as shall attract their hearts and tranquilize their souls. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Teacher, the Inspiring One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Face. We have sent down for thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of this exalted station. We have indeed revealed verses throughout the nights and days in such wise that they have encompassed all created things and reached the East and West of the earth. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His Word that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and the earth. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, nor can the oppression of the oppressors frustrate Him.

O son of My Most Truthful Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have remembered Our loved ones in days wherein trials and tribulations have encompassed Us. This is attested by that which hath flowed from My Pen and been uttered by My tongue. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by hosts nor shaken by the clamor of the heedless. Say: O people! He hath come for your life and desireth naught save the refinement of your souls and the unity of your hearts. This is witnessed by that which hath been revealed in the Scriptures, the Tablets, and His perspicuous Book. We have lifted the law of holy war as a bounty from Our presence and have commanded all to unity and concord as a mercy from Us, and We are verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: O My loved ones in Kha! The Lord of all mankind remembereth you as He hath remembered you before in various Tablets. Fear God, then help your Lord with the hosts of utterance, as bidden by Him. He will protect you and guard you, and He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. We counsel you to be patient and forbearing in all circumstances. He hath chosen for you what He hath chosen for Himself. Rejoice in this utterance from which wafteth the fragrance of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful.

O people of God! Purify your ears from the sayings of the heedless and the oppressors, that they may be illumined by the light of the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds. Whosoever attaineth unto this, neither the oppression of the world nor the tyranny of the nations shall keep him back from the Ancient of Days. Your station in the sight of God is great. Were you to catch a glimpse thereof for an instant, you would hasten toward it with heart and soul.

Know ye the value of these days and the divine gifts and favors. Strive that ye may attain unto such deeds as shall be crowned with His good-pleasure. The whole world hath been created for the Day of God, yet all are heedless while ye have attained. Give thanks unto your Lord by night and by day, and praise Him at eventide and at dawn.

The Glory manifest and resplendent and the Light bright and shining be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Great.

All praise and glory be unto Him, all thanksgiving and radiance be unto Him, for He hath made mention of His loved ones in both states of sorrow and joy, in such wise that from every word thereof the fragrance of His bounty is wafted and the sweet savors of His generosity and bestowals are diffused. No matter and no thing can ever prevent the Most Great Ocean from the waves of His grace. Once these exalted words were heard from the Tongue of the Lord of all beings—exalted be His utterance:

> “O servant! The clamor of the people, the oppression of the tyrannical, and the transgressions of the mighty ones and pharaohs of the earth have not and will never prevent the Sun from its rays nor the Ocean from its waves.”

Praise be to God, the Ocean is surging in such wise that were He to will it, He would verily draw all unto Himself and bring them near. However, He leaveth them be so that there might be manifested from them that which was deposited within them. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen those whom He hath made the Hands of His Cause in His Book to mention and praise Him with joy and fragrance. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, Jinab-i-Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God, and may He confirm him in that which He loveth and pleaseth. After being presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court, the river of utterance flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. A petition from his brother hath attained the Most Holy Court; a reply will be sent later. And this is what hath been revealed for them at this time from the heaven of greatness and power—blessed and exalted be His words:

> “O son of My Name! Remind them of My verses, give them the glad-tidings of My bounty, and illumine them with the light of My knowledge.”

They have ever been and continue to be mentioned. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them with the hosts of utterance. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous word.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Fa’iz, upon him be the Glory of God and His bounty, and likewise his letter was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. Blessed and exalted be His words:

> “Praise be to God that on a day when most of the people of the world turned away, he attained unto acceptance and received the most great bounty from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth. This station is great. We beseech God to strengthen him to preserve that which He hath given him and honored him with.”

He hath repeatedly attained unto the Sacred Writings and been illumined by the light of utterance. A Most Holy and Exalted Tablet will be sent especially for him later. This servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to open through his presence the doors of hearts and to ordain for him every good thing which He hath revealed in His Clear Book.

Regarding their will, as commanded both before and after, these matters are referred to the beloved of hearts, His Holiness the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. Whatever that beloved one has sent from the Sacred Writings to that land was truly a great bounty for the friends of that region—blessed and congratulations to them! At this time, these words have been revealed from the Mouth of the Will of the Lord of all possibilities, He, exalted and sanctified, says:

> “O son of My Name! Upon thee be My Glory and My favors. Beseech God to assist the friends to act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book on the Day of Return from the Pen of the Lord of all beings. For if they succeed in this, ere long will all the people of Iran turn

> towards the Horizon of the Appearance of the Desire of the worlds. We have commanded all to wisdom, and wisdom consists in such deeds and character as will draw people closer to the Most Great Ocean and become the cause of attraction for all. We beseech God to assist His servants to perceive the sweetness of His utterance, for if they find this sweetness, all will hold fast to what is with Him and abandon what is with themselves. Repeatedly in the divine Tablets have We commanded all to perform goodly deeds and display praiseworthy conduct. By My life! The victorious hosts have ever been and shall ever be goodly deeds. O son of My Name! Praiseworthy character constitutes the victorious standards in the world. Blessed is the one whose love for a day or two prevents him not from eternal life and everlasting bounty. We counsel all to assist the Cause of God through the hosts of deeds and character. Any deed performed by any soul for the sake of God that becomes the cause of guiding others is worthy to be recorded and, by the testimony of this Wronged One, neither obliteration shall overtake it nor change find its way unto it. We beseech God to assist them in that which will exalt His Cause among His servants. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end."

Section 2: "The mention was made of the ascension…"

The mention was made of the ascension of Mas'ud, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. After being presented before the Divine Presence, these sublime words were revealed especially for him. He, blessed and exalted, says:

He is the All-Forgiving, the Merciful

Blessed art thou, O Mas'ud, for having turned to the Supreme Companion in the Days of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, and for having attained unto His traces in thy life and after thy death. We make mention of thee at this time in such wise as the near ones bear witness to God's loving-kindness, His grace and His mercy that have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The resplendent Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness and the Grace dawning from the kingdom of My utterance be upon thee, O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love and who hast turned toward the lights of My countenance.

Thou art he who hath recognized the Manifestation of God, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power, and who turned unto Him when His servants turned away. Blessed art thou, O Mas'ud! At the time We desired to make mention of thee, the ocean of forgiveness surged by the command of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and the fragrance of the Divine Vesture wafted as a token of His grace—and He is the All-Merciful, the Generous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee a companion of His chosen ones in the Most Exalted Paradise and to send down upon thee at all times a blessing from His presence and mercy from His side. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We praise and thank Him for the wonders of His grace and the effulgences of the Sun of His bounty. He hath sent down for His loved ones, throughout the nights and days, that which shall endure as long as His dominion and His kingdom endure. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Ever-Giving.

The mention was made of the honored mother, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors. This is what was revealed for her from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. He, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His utterance, says:

He is the Manifest One, speaking from His Most Exalted Horizon

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have previously mentioned thee in such wise that the hearts of all things were attracted, and We have revealed unto thee that which brought solace to the eyes of the Concourse on High. We called out to thee from the shore of the ocean of utterance with a call that caused rivers to flow and trees to speak. Dominion belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen. Rejoice in what hath been sent down unto thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Convey to those who are related to My Most Truthful Name, upon them be My glory, loving-kindness and mercy, the greetings of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of the dawning lights of the Day-Star of divine grace. Verily, He is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the Powerful over all who dwell on earth and in the heavens.

That honored lady, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath ever been and will continue to be remembered. Who can reckon the bounties, favors, grace and gifts of God? In truth I say, were we to soar for a hundred thousand years, we would not reach the source of this supreme bounty from which at every moment an ocean floweth, nor the dawning-place of the Day-Star of generosity from which countless suns shine forth at every instant. The ocean of loving-kindness hath no shore, and the sun of grace never pauseth in bestowing its light. The servant beseecheth Him at all times, for himself and for the loved ones, for divine confirmation and assistance. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Concerning the mention of the first day of Ridvan and the mention of the Hands of the Cause and the gathering of the loved ones in the house of that beloved one, after being presented before the Most Exalted Horizon in the presence of the Throne of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, these supreme verses were revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all being. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

O son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory. Blessed are the Hands of My Cause who have attained unto My remembrance and praise and the service of My Cause, and joy be unto My loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty, and who have soared in My atmosphere and cast aside all else but Me. We have mentioned them in every world among My worlds with such mention as hath been confirmed by the tongue of My grandeur. Through their names have flowed rivers of wisdom and utterance before the faces of all religions. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath revealed for the Hands of His Cause and His loved ones that which drew nigh unto it the celestial spheres to hearken unto it, and the realities of all things to listen unto it.

Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Ancient of Days when He was the Lord of all peoples in this most exalted station, which hath been named with all names in His Mighty Book. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance and praise have been raised, and blessed are the leaves who have clung to the Tree of My loving-kindness, and blessed are the handmaidens who have held fast to the cord of My grace. We

give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and praise, My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have preceded existence in both the unseen and visible worlds. Convey My greetings unto them, both men and women, and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's will, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O beloved of My heart! Although time is scarce and petitions are countless from every direction, and it is the day for sending tablets, nevertheless that which illumined the world with the light of loving-kindness was revealed. Blessed are the horsemen of this field, and joy be unto the handmaidens who have gathered in the house, from God, our Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Concerning Mirza (Siyyid ʿA.B.) and his son, upon them be the glory and favor of God, they wrote. His honor, praise be to God, has attained the divine verses both before and after, and now a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been specifically revealed and sent to his son, Aqa Mirza Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God. It is hoped that they will drink from the seas of the words of the Desired One of all worlds that which is the cause of eternal life. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to water these saplings of the garden at all times with the water of utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning S., what they have mentioned is correct, but in view of what he manifests, forbearance is necessary. However, association with him is not permitted, as his harm is clear and evident, unless it occurs for the sake of wisdom, concealed from the servants.

The prayer at the end of that beloved one's letter was presented before the Presence and was honored to be heard. God enumerates what hath flowed from the mouth of His favor, what hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His grace, and what hath caused the ocean of His bounty to surge. That which was revealed, all the pens of the world are incapable and powerless to recount. This ephemeral one hopes that that beloved one's orientation toward Kha will cause the promotion of God's Cause and the spread of His verses. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Wise.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend Ayn and Ta, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Repeatedly from the Tongue of Grandeur was this supreme utterance heard, His word, exalted be His glory:

> "Verily, Ayn and Ta attained in the first days. We have mentioned him and his father in Tablets that testify for them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, and We have mentioned those who were in that house with a mention whose fragrance hath spread throughout all regions. My Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this hour wherein the Ancient Beauty walketh and calleth His loved ones who have recognized this Most Great News."

This servant conveyeth greetings to the Hands of the Cause and all the loved ones, both male and female, young and old, and I beseech for each one the infinite favors of God. Verily, He is the Generous, the Possessor of Great Grace. The Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—have shown favor and each one hath mentioned that beloved of the heart with perfect sweetness. Likewise, the people of the pavilion of chastity and grandeur have shown kindness, and all have sought confirmation for that beloved one for the spreading of God's verses throughout creation. God willing, this journey should take precedence over all journeys and lead all the

servants of those regions to the court of oneness. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Glory and mention and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hear your words and your mention and your utterance concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

The servant 27 Shawwal 1307

BH00850: Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused…

He is God, exalted be He in Might and Power!

Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak, Who hath appeared and revealed that which was hidden from the eyes of all created beings. Exalted be His grace and exalted be His generosity. He hath guided His servants to His path, illumined them with the lights of His knowledge, adorned them with the garment of His love, and ordained for them, through His bounty and generosity, that which no eye hath seen nor any soul perceived.

I testify that there is none other God but Him, and He Whom He hath sent with truth and justice is verily the Dayspring of His names, the Dawning-place of His attributes, the Manifestation of His Self, and the One Who hath arisen to serve His Cause, through Whom His fragrance hath been wafted abroad and His laws have been spread throughout all lands. And upon His family and His companions, through whom the limbs of the oppressors were made to quake and the hearts of the sincere were made tranquil.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, by Him and by them, to aid His servants to exalt His Word, to manifest His oneness, and to spread His signs. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, O beloved of my heart, thy noble letters arrived like a true friend. In truth, the letters of the friends are friendship itself, which no worldly events can alter, and they are likewise mirrors reflecting love and affection in such wise that neither the veils of the prejudiced nor the clouds of the misguided can obscure or prevent them.

Glory be to God! This too is one of the fruits of divine wisdom. Who is capable of mentioning it as it deserveth mention, or of knowing it as it deserveth to be known? After perusing and studying each one, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station and presented them before the countenance of my Lord.

He said:

> “O Javad! Upon thee be My peace, My remembrance, and My praise. Thou dost bear witness and art well aware that this Wronged One hath, from the earliest days, summoned the servants unto trustworthiness, which is the greatest means for the wealth and tranquility of nations, and likewise unto religion, which is a mighty stronghold for the protection of the peoples of the world. Yet in the end, the unjust ones in the world arose in tyranny. They abandoned gratitude and began to complain. In place of love appeared enmity, and in place of faithfulness, hatred.”

Say: “My God, my God! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in the hands of Thy heedless servants. O my Lord! Aid them with the hosts of justice, then send down upon them from the clouds of grace Thy mercy and from Thyself Thy loving-kindness.

I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, by Thy Most Exalted Pen and by Thy Most Great Signs, and by the Dawning-Place of Thy unity and the Manifestation of Thy singleness, through Whom the vale of Mecca flowed and the throne of Thy justice was established in the kingdom of creation, to assist me and Thy loved ones to observe religion and trustworthiness and whatsoever Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

The servant came with your letter and read it before His face. We found from it the fragrance of your sincerity and certitude in the Cause of God, the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth. We testify that you attained in the early days, aided the Wronged One, and acted as commanded by the exiled and lonely One. We beseech God to assist you and aid you in that which will make known to the people His straight path, guide them to His mighty announcement, and draw them near to the court of His chosen ones who did not break His covenant and His bond, and who said, despite the enemies:

> “The kingdom belongs to God, our Lord, the Lord of our fathers, and the Lord of the glorious throne.”

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and illumine them with My beauteous remembrance.

With firm and certain proof that that beloved of the heart has not been forgotten and has ever been and continues to be remembered. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He will adorn that beloved one with His special bounties and aid him to serve His Cause at all times. Verily He is the Omnipotent, as witnessed by His own Self to His own Self, and He is the Generous by the testimony of the kingdom of His wondrous utterance, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

I send greetings and praise to the loved ones of that land. Their station is truly in the heart and their place is in prison, for they are of this element and of this earth. This is the holy valley mentioned in the Furqan, which, despite the divines of Iran, has been and continues to be the object of the gaze of those near and sincere. We hope that God will transform these dispersions into unity so that we may all sit together and engage in the remembrance of the Peerless Friend.

As for Haji ʿAmu, upon him be God’s peace, God willing, the blessed Tablet will be sent. That beloved one and his relatives – all their connection is to God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they know the worth of this greatest bounty and hold fast to what is befitting.

As for the letter of the Master, upon him be God’s peace, in the early days during the incident that occurred in Ayn and Shin, all were honored with mention and the luminary of favor, and specifically for each one a separate Tablet was sent, half of which expressed favor to the recipient of the Tablet and the other half was a visitation for His Holiness the exalted Martyr. Repeatedly all were forbidden from discord and commanded to unity. Some time passed and afterward no mention of the Master was heard concerning them. The ocean of grace paused. The Master and some of the loved ones repeatedly sent

letters mentioning the events of that land. Nevertheless, the decree of silence appeared until in these days news arrived from them and Aqa Mirza Abdu'l-Karim and others, and it is hoped that in these days answers will be graciously given to all. I beseech God to assist the Master in uniting hearts – this is a righteous and acceptable deed. The Command is in the hand of God, the Kind, the Forgiving.

And regarding the fact that Aqa ʿAli, upon him be God's peace, has intended to send children to school – this matter was presented and the greatest prohibition appeared. The wisdom of non-acceptance is clear and evident, needing no mention now or ever.

In mentioning the true Beloved in the direction of the two names, His Holiness Mim and Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, this verse is appropriate which was said before:

A moon went forth from this city and journeyed unto another,

By whose setting and rising both cities were upturned and overthrown.

One day They decided to visit the garden, and after Their arrival Their place became clear and evident. How many days They arose to serve, purely for the sake of God! Praise be to God, the straight path for all to follow became manifest through Them. It is hoped that through Their endeavors the path of all in the world may become clear and known, so that all may find the straight path and forever engage in praising and thanking the Causer of causes. Light, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's loved ones there who are not distracted from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, by commerce or by what people possess.

BH01458: Praise be to God Who hath guided us…

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

Praise be to God Who hath guided us to the Dawning-Place of His signs, the Dayspring of His evidences, the Manifestation of His names, the Source of His attributes, and the Fountainhead of His commandments and ordinances—He through Whose appearance the law of unity was established, the standards of detachment were raised, the Dove of Utterance warbled, and the Tree of Knowledge spoke forth. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. I pray and offer salutations upon Him and upon His family and companions, whom God made the dawning-places of His power amidst His creation and the daysprings of His glory amongst His servants. Through them appeared God's might, His sovereignty, His power and His grandeur, and through them the tongues of all creation spoke forth in recognition of His unity and the sanctification of His Being. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, in the beginning and in the end.

The letter from that spiritual beloved arrived like the light of true love, illumining the court of the heart and adorning the carpet of existence with fresh joy and delight. Glorified be He Who strengtheneth thee, assisteth thee, inspireth thee, preserveth thee and aideth thee. After reading it, I proceeded to the Holy Presence where it was presented. He said: "O Ali, upon thee be My peace and My remembrance." Praise be to God that the invisible confirmations enabled you to attain His presence and meeting, and to dwell in His vicinity. We beseech His exalted Self to send down upon thee that which will set thy affairs aright and

gather what is scattered, and to ordain for thee that which will make thee detached from all else save Him, at rest beneath His shade, and speaking forth His praise with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Repeatedly have we beseeched and continue to beseech protection, victory, triumph and that which will gladden thy heart from the True One. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. At this moment, this servant is present and attaining in thy stead, and the Wronged One's tongue attesteth to its acceptance. Well is it with thee, and may it be wholesome for thee. We beseech God to make the end of all affairs good through His grace and a mercy from His presence. Verily, He is the Commander, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

This evanescent servant clings to the hem of divine grace and bounty, that He may assist, grant success, deliver that spiritual beloved, and free him from all that saddeneth him. Since this entreaty and supplication hath been and is for the sake of God, it shall be answered. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty, the Ever-Flowing, possessed of manifest grace.

I convey greetings and praise to the loved ones if they are present, especially to the sapling of the divine garden and the crystal spring of eternal life, the beloved of heart and soul, His Honor Aqa Mirza Alireza, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious. In truth, his existence is blessed and adorned with the aforementioned attributes that are pleasing before God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist his honor in preserving his most exalted station. Verily, He doeth whatsoever He willeth.

They are remembered in the heart and the heart of hearts. Their mention bringeth complete joy and true gladness. In all conditions, I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, for their protection, health and well-being. Verily, He is the Answerer of prayers.

The circular items sent, each representing the globe, arrived—nay, the tongue is silent from comparison and limitation, for they were offerings from the dawning-place of love and the dayspring of humility and submissiveness unto God, our Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne and the Possessor of the manifest Message. Therefore they arrived and were presented, and at that time, as commanded, one was presented to His presence and some was partaken of. All this appeared and was evident due to the care shown to that spiritual beloved.

Now again I beseech the True One to bring near the days of presence and meeting, and to ordain the blessing of nearness. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer.

The Most Pure and Most Luminous Branches—may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of their footsteps—and the people of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur remember that spiritual beloved with a mention sanctified above the mention of any tongue, and they beseech God, exalted be His glory, for blessing, wealth, glory, loftiness and exaltation.

Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

The servant 29 Shawwal 1307

BH00805: Praise befitteth and is meet for the Lord…

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

Praise befitteth and is meet for the Lord of existence Who, through His pure bounty, hath made manifest the world of being through the Word of His command, and hath ordained such means as lead to fellowship, unity, comfort and concord, that all may attain true repose in the cradle of security and peace, and become occupied in and give voice to divine praise. Great is His favor and His bestowals are beyond measure and reckoning. At every moment the signs of His greatness are made manifest and the waves of the ocean of His mercy are resplendent. Blessed is the soul that hath not let slip the time and hath clung to the hem of the Lord's generosity. The servant beseecheth his Lord not to withhold His servants from the outpourings of His days, nor to deprive them of that which hath appeared from the horizon of the heaven of His grace. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

My soul be offered up for your remembrance, your praise, and your steadfastness. Your esteemed letter arrived during a time when the rains of divine bounty were falling in the divine springtime. After reading it and inhaling the fragrances of the flowers of meaning that had bloomed in the garden of divine decree, I presented myself before His presence. He said: "We have ever beseeched and continue to beseech the Eternal Truth that He withhold not the glances of His favor and deprive not His Afnan of the fruits of the Tree of Glory and Mercy.

O Ali, upon thee be My peace. This Wronged One hath at all times considered the honor of thy person and the preservation of thy station, and continues to do so. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath ordained means for every thing and every matter, as He hath said: 'God hath refused to cause things to happen except through their means.' One must hold fast to these means. According to what his honor Aqa Siyyid Mirza, upon him be God's peace, hath written, your honor must not be remiss in gathering these means. It is strange that until now the brethren have not known what has entered and what has left the storehouse in Beirut, and the cause of their lack of knowledge has been the delay in your books and accounts. Now it is necessary and obligatory that you send a clear account so all may understand what has transpired.

O Ali, the blame for these matters falls upon the Dayspring of Justice, for they are unaware and know not. Often it happens that, due to your stillness in this land, they suppose the reason for not sending funds or accounts was the House. This Wronged One has ever called all to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity, yet proper action is not evident. One must at all times hold fast to the cord of trustworthiness and religiosity, and the state of these two is truly not known—whether they have been implemented or not. Knowledge thereof is with God, the Knower of the unseen.

A portion of the proceeds from the door of the House had been in the possession of Jinab-i-Afnan, Jinab-i-Sayyid Muhsin. The Greater Branch, in view of the expenses, had requested its remittance. Jinab-i-Afnan, Sayyid Muhammad, had stated that it would be referred to Sayyid Ali, inasmuch as he was to dispatch these funds to this Land. Likewise, Jinab-i-Sayyid Mirza had written that whatsoever remained in Beirut should be sent without delay to the Land of Ta. Some time ago, too, Jinab-i-Afnan Alif and Ha had referred the sum from the door of the House for payment by that honoured personage. Thus, according

to this reckoning, certain sums remain in your possession which must needs be delivered. How long will negligence persist? If in truth payment is due, then render it with the utmost fidelity and rectitude; otherwise, forward an account, that it may be known whether or not anything remains with you. O Ali! Hold fast to trustworthiness and to the fear of God.

It is now necessary to set forth certain matters solely for your own awareness. Among them is the case of Jinab-i-Muhammad-Mustafa—upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—who sent to you four shares for remittance, yet you neither dispatched the funds nor gave any account thereof, until such time as the late, exalted Haji Muhammad-Rida arrived. When, in the presence of one of the Branches, the matter was raised—whether any sum sent by Jinab-i-Muhammad-Mustafa had reached you—your reply was, "We have neither heard of it nor seen it." The late Haji was greatly astonished and said that, should Jinab-i-Muhammad-Mustafa be apprised, it would be most regrettable. Whereupon, for the sake of protecting your station and preserving the Faith, the word "received" was, in connection with that matter, denied.

If in these minor affairs trustworthiness and truthfulness are not observed, what then will be the case in matters of greater moment? Once such funds are received, they should either be forwarded without delay or a written authorization obtained, permitting their use. Be assured that whatsoever exists, and is rightfully yours, shall assuredly be bestowed upon you. For a long time you have been in Our company, and are aware of the trustworthiness and the management of the affairs of the House. It behoveth one to reflect upon these matters and to act with perfect integrity and faithfulness.

At present, the most prudent course is this: if the sum you received from the door of the House for payment to the assayer has already been paid, then collect it anew; and if it has not yet been paid, then withhold it. For it may be that others will again intervene, sowing the seeds of confusion, as in the affair of Islambul, wherein all was lost. In this case, it would be preferable that the money-changer remain the creditor. This course, in view of present circumstances and in order to safeguard the funds, is indeed wise.

Be not perturbed by the vicissitudes of affairs. In times past and to come, events have befallen humanity weightier than mountains; yet, when all hope and expectation had been cut off, the grace of God encompassed them. Grieve not, but with joy of spirit, with fragrance and steadfastness in the name of God—glorified be His glory—banish all negligence, and set thyself in order to the affairs, that all may know no treachery hath occurred, nor anything been lost.

At present, Jinab-i-Sayyid Mirza lays—and will continue to lay—all shortcomings at the feet of Aqa Sayyid Ahmad and yourself; and in truth he is justified, for you do not write what hath transpired. Hearken, then, to the counsel of this Wronged One. And as for the treasury of Muhammad-Mihdi, if it belongeth to the people, it is not permissible for you to send it elsewhere. We exhort you to trustworthiness and its conditions, to piety and its obligations.

From the letters of the honored Afnan, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Mirza and His Holiness Haji Siyyid Muhammad, upon them both be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, it appears they suppose you have funds in your possession. This matter must be clarified so this accusation does not return upon you and the above. This matter is most necessary and obligatory. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you with

the means of the heavens and earth and to open before your faces the gates of divine gifts and favors. Verily He is the Giver, the Forgiving, the Generous.

I send greetings to the friends in that land and declare "Would that I were with them!" Regarding affairs, act according to whatever the Afnan-i-Kabir deems advisable, as commanded. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants.

BH00756: In every moment of all moments, the successive…

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

In every moment of all moments, the successive and continuous blessings of the Desired One are manifest and evident. Existence is from Him, health is from Him, manifest, and bounty descends from Him, and protection through the hosts of His means is resplendent. Were details to be mentioned, pen and ink would find themselves impotent. With all these favors, gifts and bounties, each of which requires a hundred thousand thanks, how can one tongue suffice and fulfill its gratitude? Thus it is proven by demonstration: the impotence of servants and the admission of inadequacy. Every fair-minded one bears witness to what has been mentioned.

O God, O Generous One, O Merciful One! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath conquered all created things, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all existence, to ordain for every particle of Thy creation a speaking tongue in Thy remembrance, praise, and thanksgiving for Thy bounties and favors. My God, my Lord, and my Support! I beseech Thee by the confession of those near unto Thee and the believers, and by the acknowledgment of the sincere ones and the mystics, and by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy attributes and names, to assist Thy servants in that which befitteth Thy pardon, Thy bestowal, Thy mercy and Thy power. O Lord! Thou art the Strong, the Powerful, and Thy servants are weak and poor. Adorn them with the ornament of Thy strength and power. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention, your arising, and your steadfastness! Your letter arrived and truly wondrous effects were evident from it—the glad tidings of health and the transformation of sorrows and griefs into joy and delight, and furthermore awareness and knowledge of affairs. Blessed be God, it possessed both outward and inward bounties, and truly for this poor one it was a spiritual wealth in the realm of knowledge. Praise be to God, it conveyed degrees of love, affection, favor and mercy. After its reading and review, approach was made to the Presence, it was presented before His face and achieved the honor of His listening. He said that the mention and utterance of the Afnan, upon him be God's peace and favor, is the cause of gladness and joy.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him in guiding His creation, exalting His Word, and manifesting that which adorns the servants with His attributes. O My Afnan! Upon thee be God's peace and bounty. Thou art remembered on the carpet of the Wronged One and art the recipient of special favor. Thy mention was adorned with His hearing. Praise be to God, each word thereof was like a muezzin who, from a lofty and elevated station, summoned people to the gathering place. Despite the radiant

favors, manifest bounties, and brilliant bestowals, some persist in opposition and deny what is manifest. Say:

O my God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy justice and their temples with the ornament of Thy forgiveness. O Lord! Prevent them not from turning to the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy grace. Thou art the One with power through Thy sovereignty, before which neither the dominion of the world nor the might of nations can stand. O Lord! Assist Thy Afnan through Thy bounty and generosity, then open before his face the doors of Thy grace and mercy—that whereby he may become known through Thy name, mighty through Thy might, and obeyed through Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We make mention of the son and give him the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and favors. Give him My greetings from the Wronged One and remind him of what hath been uttered in this irrevocable Tablet. We make mention of him who hath been adorned with the love of God and His loved ones, and We beseech God to aid His loved ones to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Munificent, the One possessed of manifest grace. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God! His successive favors are evident and manifest. Mention of that honored one hath been made at all times, and bounties and favors have been revealed in such wise that this servant is unable to describe them. That honored one knoweth and will know. As for the account of the land of Shin, it appeareth that the Siyyid of that land's inattention hath caused an uproar to arise. His Holiness Afnan (upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious) sent a petition to the Most Holy Court, and likewise a letter to this evanescent servant, and this was before the arrival of the Blessed Tablet. The turmoil in that land was the cause.

Now a letter containing verses and clear proofs hath been sent to the spiritual friend, His Honor Haji Ghulam-Husayn Kh-A (upon him be the peace of God). It will reach that honored one's attention; let him consider it and send it on. We beseech and hope from the Intended One the improvement of that honored one's affairs. Assuredly any attention that is given for the sake of God will have its effect and its wisdom will become manifest. The affairs of His Holiness Afnan of the land of Shin (upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious) have apparently suffered somewhat due to the disorder in the affairs of certain other Afnans (upon them be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness), as their sudden movement during the rainy season and their physical illness prove what hath been submitted. Indeed they have borne a great burden in that at such a time they have turned their attention to that land for attending to affairs and occupations. This servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His Holiness and to aid him and to set right his affairs as a mercy from His presence and a favor from His court. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. There is no God but He, the Hearing, the Seeing.

There was a passage in the blessed supreme letter that caused much smiling from the Master (may our spirits be sacrificed for Him). It was repeatedly presented and successive favors were evident and manifest. Indeed all passages of the letter were the cause of joy and gladness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted is He, to manifest through you that which will gladden the hearts of the world and bring solace to the eyes of the nations. Verily He is the Answerer, the Choose One.

That which was written mentioning the spiritual friend, His Honor Haji Niyaz Effendi (upon him be the Glory of God), was presented before His countenance and achieved the honor of His hearing. Now praise be to God, they are present in the vicinity and speak in remembrance of that honored one, and the supreme favor is evident and manifest toward them. It is hoped that they will ever be adorned with this bounty and illumined with this light. He said: “Niyaz is truly in need.” God willing, may the divine will manifest that which is the cause of true wealth.

The tin tube with its inner contents, that is to say the pieces, arrived.

I send greetings unto his honor the Afnan, the Most Luminous Star and Most Brilliant Orb, upon him be the peace and glory of God. I offer congratulations and hope that through the grace of the All-Bountiful One he may attain to all that conduceth to exaltation and elevation. Likewise unto the other friends who are illumined by the light of certitude and enkindled with the fire of love do I send greetings, and I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, on their behalf whatsoever causeth the exaltation of His Word. The Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust before their feet—and the dwellers of the Pavilion of Sanctity and Grandeur make mention of that honored one in the most exalted station, sending salutations, praise, glory and splendor.

They ceaselessly beseech the Most High on behalf of that honored one whatsoever is sanctified and elevated above all comparison and likeness. Verily our Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answerer of Prayer. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Peace and remembrance and mercy and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and upon those who love you and hearken unto your words, for the sake of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. And praise be unto Him, for He is the Protector of the sincere ones and the Lord of all the worlds.

The servant, on the 28th of Dhi’l-Qa’dah the Sacred, 1307

BH04370: My God, my God, my Lord, my Support…

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

My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, and my Hope! By Thy might, Thy majesty, Thy sovereignty and Thy grandeur, I desire not that my tongue should utter aught except Thy remembrance and praise, nor that my face should turn except toward the lights of Thy countenance, nor that my heart should incline except toward Thy horizon. O Lord! Thou hearest from my limbs and members, my outer and my inner being, my cry and my lamentation at what hath befallen Thy loved ones from those who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament. O Lord! Thou seest how hatred hath encompassed Thy chosen ones. Where is the ocean of Thy assistance and the heaven of Thy power? I beseech Thee, O Originator of existence, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy knowledge, to cause Thy chosen ones to hold fast to the cord of Thy bestowal, to hasten unto the ocean of Thy utterance, to speak forth the wonders of Thy remembrance and praise, to remain firm in Thy service, and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Gracious Book. There is no God but [Thou, the Almighty], the All-Forgiving, [the Mighty], the Most Great.

O Lord! Thou seest one of Thy servants who was named Ali-Akbar raising his hands toward the heaven of Thy loving-kindness, beseeching from the wonders of Thy bounty that which shall adorn him with the ornament of Thy remembrance. [He is the one who] hath turned toward Thy horizon and acted according to what Thou didst command him in Thy Tablets. O Lord! Aid him to accomplish what Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones in the latter and former days. Verily Thou art the Lord of all names and the Protector of those who are in the heavens and [on earth].

BH03708: Praise be to God Who hath manifested and revealed…

Praise be to God Who hath manifested and revealed His Cause with a power that the clamor of men could not deter…

Wherever We may be, and whatever may befall Us, the people of God must fix their gaze with perfect steadfastness and confidence upon the Most Sublime Horizon and occupy themselves with the reformation of the world and the education of peoples. Whatsoever hath befallen and will befall hath been and is the cause of the exaltation of His Cause….

Each year Haji Mir Karim Khan wrote a refutation of this Most Great Cause, thinking thereby to render service to religion. The title of his first book was “The Shooting Star in Refutation of the Bab.” And the author of Nasikh’t-Tawarikh wrote that which was the cause of the greatest consternation. At one time this exalted word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names—exalted be His utterance: “O servant in attendance! At times God, exalted be His glory, propagates His Cause through His chosen ones, and at times through His enemies.” After the return of the Day-Star of the horizons to Iraq, all know that the Cause was concealed and no mention was made of it.

Then, according to the words “He will blow the trumpet a second time,” each day they pronounced a word, and that word was a light for those who accepted and a fire for those who denied. Both this light and this fire served to proclaim the Cause. Those who accepted, with joy and fragrance, summoned the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the Divine Manifestation with proof and evidence, while those who denied, inflamed with the fire of hatred, unwittingly spread the Cause in all directions with their clamor. Who can prevent that which God has willed through His might, His power and His sovereignty? He has manifested and caused to appear whatsoever He desired. Verily He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower….

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Lord, my Support and my Heart’s Desire! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause that hath encompassed the world and the nations, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst raise the standard of Thy Manifestation upon creation, to change the sorrows of Thy loved ones into the Greatest Joy and their hardship into ease, O Thou Who holdest the reins of destiny! O Lord! Strengthen their hearts and limbs through Thy power, then aid them to mention Thee, praise Thee and spread Thy signs with wisdom and utterance. O Lord! Disappoint not the one who hath raised his hands in supplication toward the heaven of Thy bounty. Ordain for him that which will exalt him through Thy Name amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Disappoint not him who hath raised his hands in supplication toward the heaven of Thy bounty. Ordain for him that which will exalt him through Thy

Name among Thy servants, and will make him mighty through Thy power, powerful through Thy strength, and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise….

BH11687: Praise be befitting unto the Desired One Who, through…

Section 1: "Praise be befitting unto the Desired One Who…"

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

Praise be befitting unto the Desired One Who, through His blessed, goodly and pure Word, created beings illumined with compassion, with mercy, with love. They are familiar with all tongues and are truthful in them all. Intrigues and evil whisperings are rejected in their religion. They are intimate with truthfulness and flee from all else. Whatsoever proceedeth from them is a faithful witness to the sincerity of their intention and the truth of their reality. We hope that the world may be illumined by the lights of the faces of the sincere ones and those brought nigh, and that these impurities which, like unto clay, have become the cause of the contamination of existence, may be cleansed by the Kawthar of the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds, and that the path may become manifest and the way evident.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to unite the hearts of the friends in that land, to bestow fellowship upon them, and to illumine them with the light of trust and resignation. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O beloved of my heart! Thy noble letters, each like unto the morning star, illumined the horizons of hearts. After they were read and noted, they were taken to the Presence and attained the honor of His attention. He said: "O Muhammad, upon thee be My peace! That which is acceptable and desired before the True One today is the preservation of the reputation of the friends of God in that land, that through the grace of the Lord and the requirements of His Name, the All-Merciful and the Lord of all, their reputation may encompass the world, and every region may acquire trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity from the dawning-places of that land. The nature of this world is known and evident, and its transitoriness is manifest and obvious to every possessor of vision and understanding.

In the city of love one matter hath become apparent, and that was the martyrdom of Him Who is mentioned in the Tablets. The friends, in view of the prohibition against interference which was revealed from the Supreme Pen, did not interfere and held fast unto beautiful patience and glorious concealment. Glory be to God! Through the supreme oppression, the True One, exalted be His glory, hath aided His Cause and informed both East and West. We hope that all the friends will hold fast unto that which God hath desired.

God willing, confident and steadfast souls shall become the cause of the exaltation of the Word and the advancement of existence, and in every place and station they shall quench and extinguish the fire of hatred, animosity, rebellion and immorality with the pure water of patience, steadfastness, reliance and detachment. These few days have no significance in the sight of God and His friends. The man of insight will assuredly not defile himself beneath it nor soil his most pure hem. Blessed are they who came with joy and passed with fragrance, and with complete trust returned unto the Desired One.

O Muhammad! The friends of that land and its surroundings are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and are illumined by the light of utterance. Convey greetings to all of them and gladden them with the effulgences of the lights of the Luminary of divine gifts and favors. Verily, He will assist thee, aid thee and help thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Praise be to God that He granted success and power to this indigent one to be engaged in service to His Cause at all times, detached from all else. How excellent is the work of those who are nigh and sincere, for therein is cut off and forbidden the fragrance of seeking personal desires. His is the grace and the bounty, and His the generosity and the glory. The power of the world and the desires of nations did not prevent Him, nor hold Him back from His prevailing and supreme Will. Exalted be His dominion and exalted be His power! With one word He gave life, and with another word He took it away. Who can say why or wherefore, save he who removes himself from His sovereignty and flees from His dominion? Such a one has no station, no mention, and no description. In truth, such beings are considered non-existent and lost in the sight of those firmly established in the Crimson Ark. In any case, this servant beseeches the one true God on your behalf for that which is the cause of eternal life. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Seeing, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As commanded, a letter was written at this time to his honor Aqa ʿAli, upon him be the peace of God and His favors, and was sent to that true loved one that he might consider it and, if deemed advisable, deliver it. We beseech God to protect him through His power and sovereignty and to make him among the helpers.

As to what you wrote regarding Port Said and Egypt and other places, from meeting that beloved of hearts in any land, God willing, fruits will appear therefrom and the light of love will shine forth. In every matter and every thing there is a trace and hidden treasure from God's perfect power, but these gradually appear through outward means day after day, and the effects themselves make the servants aware and inform them. Verily God has power over all things. God willing, from the warmth of love of that beloved one, the effects of warmth will appear in all regions.

His Holiness the Afnan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah's] Most Great Glory, has always been and continues to be mentioned. In truth, they are the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. We beseech God to assist him and make him successful through a sovereignty from His presence. Verily He is the Powerful, the Wise.

His Excellency the Minister, may God the Blessed, the Most High, strengthen him, praise be to God, is sanctified from that which is unworthy and adorned with that which is worthy and befitting. God willing, may he be assisted in exalting this Most Great Cause. According to the command, that beloved one must in all conditions hold fast to wisdom and utterance. Meeting itself, without words, affects some receptive souls—it guides without speech and shows the way without description. Such a minister must be appreciated and, to the extent possible, love, affection, sincerity and purity toward him are necessary. This party must ask God for his honor and elevation. Verily God is the Hearing, the Seeing.

And as for the Khan, may God make him successful, God willing he is praiseworthy in deed, praised in mention, and beloved in utterance. Thanks be to God that He has servants who are adorned with the ornaments of truthfulness, purity, love and faithfulness. Mention was made of the honored Haji and the details of attendance in that blessed presence, and certainly it is blessed, for it was a gathering of the friends. Every spot of earth where God is mentioned takes pride over other spots. This is a truth in which there is no doubt. Although that spot in those days was sorrowful, for due to the sorrow of his honor the Haji and those with him, upon them be the glory of God, those with penetrating vision observed the friends and acquaintances to be grief-stricken. However, the revealed tablets, from the horizon of each of which the sun of bounty was shining, transformed all sadness into joy, gladness, delight and expansion.

Section 2: "And as to what you wrote about performing…"

And as to what you wrote about performing a prostration of gratitude after reading—glory be to God! The fragrance of this gratitude certainly ascended and attained the most exalted station. They commanded: Mention these words: I swear by the Sun of Truth which has illumined the worlds of justice and fairness and the hearts and minds of the companions—if the veil were lifted and that station were beheld, they would manifest such joy as has had and has no likeness in the world. Verily it has attained and ascended to a station where, upon its arrival, the maidens called out from the chambers:

> "The fragrance of a leaf of the Blessed Tree has wafted! Rejoice at meeting it and be glad at its presence!"

By the life of God, the attraction of this tribulation seized everyone in the Most Glorious Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. Verily God is the Bestower, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

I convey greetings to His Honor, the beloved of hearts, Aqa Siyyid Ali, upon him be God's peace and care. In truth, his loving remembrances attract hearts and souls. I beseech God, exalted be His grace, to grant him that which causes the descent of mercy and favor from the clouds of His generosity and bounty. And for myself I seek confirmation that each time I make mention of what is hidden in the heart, I may remember the other loved ones of that land, and for each one I beseech God's assistance. How beloved in the sight of God is the manifestation of love between His loved ones! When mention was made of His Honor Haji Abbas, upon him be God's peace—how during the days of tribulation he was aflame with love in the house of His Honor the Haji and stood with complete dedication in service—repeatedly did He say: "Blessed is he, again blessed is he!"

We must be engaged day and night in thanksgiving and praise that He bestowed His grace, showed the way, and granted glory. The utter abasement that was specially reserved for this community in Iran—now, praise be to God, some have realized that this community has another purpose and another aspiration: they have had and have no thought save the tranquility of nations and the prosperity of the world. Every person of insight testifies to this and every hearing ear acknowledges it. And if some clods of earth, due to their lack of fairness and justice, have spoken or may speak otherwise, they are outside the school of God's justice. His bestowals, favors and kindness have reached such a degree that the tongues of the world are powerless to mention them.

One day He repaired to the garden where a new pavilion of glory had been raised, and by His command the loved ones were present and gathered in that place. After His will was made known and all were assembled, He proceeded from the first garden with the Branches of the Blessed Tree to that spot. After being seated and the reading of heavenly verses, He made such mention of recent tribulations that all became sorrowful.

Then He spoke other words that truly caused sanctified spirits to attempt ascension that they might, after their ascent, attain to such a gathering. And in those two days when truly the sun of favor rose manifest from its horizon, there appeared all that testified to His supreme grace and mighty compassion, and in His presence was done what was befitting. Verily God, our Lord and your Lord, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous; He is the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

Likewise, mention of that beloved of hearts' charitable deeds was repeatedly made by the blessed tongue. Indeed, not even to the extent of a needle's eye has anyone's reward been or will be lost. He said that from the earliest days until now, Muhammad has stood firm in service and held fast to the cord of grace, and throughout this long period nothing appeared from him contrary to His good-pleasure. This is a description for which the highest Paradise and loftiest Heaven yearn. At this point we should say:

> "Praise be to God Who confirmed and assisted you and caused to appear from you that which the Lord of creation and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen described. We beseech God to make you a key to every door, steadfast in every matter, and mindful at all times. Verily He is the Most Powerful of the powerful. There is no God but He, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and the earth."

The other gifts of that Beloved One have arrived. As they have been blessed with the mention and remembrance of that Beloved One, they will surely be acceptable. Since their relation is to the True One, exalted be His glory, each of their pages is the envy of paradise. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to establish their reward in the garden of inner meanings and utterance, and to manifest its effusions in the aforementioned garden—this is not difficult for Him. This servant testifies to His power and sovereignty, His might and authority, and beseeches Him to ordain for your honor the good of all worlds among His worlds. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

To the light of the heart, His Honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation, I offer greetings and praise, and with utmost sincerity I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid him at all times and seasons in His service—a service that will forever bear witness to his attention, devotion, love and steadfastness. In the gathering of lovers his mention has been and continues to be made. It is hoped that in the remaining days we may arise to serve collectively and occupy ourselves with that which God desires. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God that this letter ends with his mention. This ending is paired with the beginning; indeed, in one sense it can be said to take precedence, for the station of His Holiness the Seal (upon him be the spirit of all else) from the first beginning that was the beginning, is beyond all description and praise. This is the one who mentions and this is the witness. The remembrance and praise of God be upon you, O

dawning-places of love and affection and mines of love and unity. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Munificent.

The loved ones and chosen ones of that land are remembered in the heart and preserved through the protection of God's favor, exalted be His glory. The world of love requires at all times the mention and praise of the loved ones, especially those saplings that have been nurtured in the shade of mercy, have been raised up, and are sustained by the fresh wine. Such souls should be mentioned by a pure tongue, and a sanctified heart should express love for them. In brief, they are remembered at the point of the heart and enkindled with the warmth of the heart. Praise be to God, they have attained that which has no opposite and is sanctified from peer. Their mention is the key to treasures and their love is the door to victories. All this is from God's favor, grace and bounty. We beseech Him to gather them beneath His shade, to exalt them through His Name, and cause them to speak His beautiful praise.

Peace and remembrance and glory, then honor and exaltation and sublimity be upon your honor and upon those who love you and hear your word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH11130: Praise be to that Peerless Being Who, through…

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

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

Praise be to that Peerless Being Who, through the lights of the Kingdom, hath empowered and enabled the world of creation to receive the word of wisdom and utterance. After the word was cast forth, a creation came into being, and through another word transformation was wrought: some turned toward the realm of oneness, having perceived the fragrance of the Friend, while others busied themselves with investigation, and yet others arose in rejection and protest. But God, our Lord and our Goal, manifested that which He desired despite them. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Glory, radiance, peace, and bounty be upon the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, who have sacrificed their souls in His path. These are servants whom He hath mentioned in His Books and commanded to reform the world and refine the souls of nations, forbidding them from treachery, rancor, and corruption. Exalted is God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O beloved of my heart! At this moment thy petition hath attained unto the presence and the blessed hands of our Master and Lord, the Most Great Branch—may my spirit and my very being be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps—and after it had been honored to reach the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed and sent down from the Source of verses, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Ibn Abhar! The Lord of Power hath from His Most Sublime Vision directed His gaze toward that region and maketh mention of thee. Canst thou hear this Call which hath been raised from this Most Exalted Station, that through hearkening there may spring forth from the dust ears that are attentive, eyes that are sharp, and hearts that are illumined for witnessing and hearing? Say: Nay, by Thy Great Announcement, except through Thy grace, Thy generosity, Thy loving-kindness and Thy bounty. And shouldst thou desire to make mention of Me, it behooveth thee to make mention in such wise that the tongues of the world may speak in remembrance of thy Lord, through Whom the mysteries have been revealed, the rivers have flowed, and the trees have spoken forth—sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

We have aforetime made mention of thee through verses that have encompassed the East of the earth and its West. Hast thou forgotten, or dost thou say ʻIncrease me in utterance, O Lord of the mystics'? We love to behold thee standing amidst the gathering, speaking in My beauteous remembrance, and We love to see thee detached from all else but Me, calling out My Name, clinging to the cord of My loving-kindness and holding fast to My [luminous] robe. We have created thee and cast upon thee that which draweth thee nigh unto God and causeth thee to speak that whereby the hearts of them that have turned towards Him are attracted.

Cast aside all else but Me and take what I have commanded thee in My perspicuous Book. This is the Day whereon they that were at Sinai were thunderstruck when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and the Caller cried out: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Mighty Throne! This is the Day whereon the seas speak through their waves, the Book through its verses, the suns through their lights, the heaven through its stars, the trees through their fruits, and the earth through its favors; yet most of the people hear not. They see, yet they deny—verily they perceive not. We behold them as worshippers of idle fancies and vain imaginings. This do attested servants bear witness, who have cast the Most Great Ocean behind them, hastening toward the river—verily they know not.

O Ibn Abhar! Hear the Call with the ear of thine heart; verily it attracteth thee and draweth thee nigh unto a station that knoweth neither change nor decline. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken—verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have adorned thy head with the crown of acceptance and thy temple with the ornament of knowledge, that thou mayest proclaim the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Compassionate, the All-Loving. Thou hast stood before the gate of My grandeur, heard My Call, beheld the waves of the ocean of Mine utterance and the suns of the heavens of My wisdom. Give glad tidings of what We have shown thee and caused thee to hear in this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious and Most Sublime Station. Thus have the rains of My mercy poured down and the luminary of My grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty. Say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined the horizon of my hope, for having quenched the thirst of my heart, and for having transformed my sorrow and grief. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by the lights of Thy Most Great Throne, to strengthen me in all conditions to manifest Thy Cause, Thy days, Thy revelation and Thy power. O Lord! Thou seest me calling out in Thy name amongst Thy servants, and speaking Thy praise throughout Thy lands. From the beginning of days I acknowledged

Thy unity and Thy singleness, and became attracted to Thy verses, soaring in Thy atmosphere, and arising to serve Thee. Have mercy upon me, O my God, through Thy great mercy, then cause me to speak Thy sweetest remembrance.

I am he, O my God, whose will was rendered powerless, seized by the wonderment of Thy call. I call upon Thee, O my God, by Thy gracious name, I cry unto Thee by Thy merciful name, and I adjure Thee by Thy all-knowing name to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto the court of Thy glorious oneness and the sanctuary of Thy holy uniqueness. Then through them open the doors of Thy servants' hearts, and through them, O my God, illumine the hearts of Thy creation. Then write down for me and for them the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can render powerless. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleaseth through Thy power.

Furthermore I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and the effulgent lights of the orb of Thy grace, to ordain for Thy handmaiden who hath ascended unto Thee the reward of attaining Thy presence. Then cause her to enter, O my God, within the precincts of Thy mercy and to hear the melodies of the doves of Thy unity upon the twigs of the tree of Thy knowledge. Then give her to drink, O my Best-Beloved, the Kawthar of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty. Then send down upon her from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy generosity and munificence. I testify, O my God, that she heard Thy call and responded to Thy summons and Thy command, and held fast to Thy cord in such wise that neither the doubts of the skeptics, nor the cawing of the croakers, nor the onslaught of the ungodly, nor the oppression of the wrongdoers could keep her back.

The attraction of Thy call so seized her that her heart was set ablaze with the fire of Thy love and her reality with the heat of Thy affection. There befell her in Thy path that which Thou knowest better than any other. Forgive, O my God, her and those who loved her and mentioned her days and visited her resting-place and what hath been revealed from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. At Thy command the ocean of forgiveness surgeth and the fragrances of Thy bounty are wafted abroad, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all possibilities. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have desired at this moment to make mention of Our handmaiden who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion, she upon whom the decree of destiny and fate from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven, hath been executed. O My handmaiden and My leaf! We testify that thou didst take the cup of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and didst drink therefrom, despite those women whom fancies and idle imaginings have held back from God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Thou art in the Most Exalted Paradise while thy Lord is in the prison of ʿAkka. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty, the light of which, when it shone forth, caused all names and attributes to bow down before it. We testify that thou didst hear the call and didst turn towards it, saying in thy inmost heart:

> "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all beings! At Thy service, at Thy service, O Thou in Whose grasp is the control of all things!"

Thou art she who rent asunder the veils of error and the layers of glory, and attained unto the recognition of thy Lord in days wherein men and women denied Him, save those whom the hand of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds, did rescue. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged the unity of God and His singleness, and what He hath revealed in His Book and what His Tongue hath uttered.

How many were the days wherein thy sighs ascended and thy tears fell down in thy love for God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and the Lord of the hereafter and of former times. Thou art she whom the fire of separation consumed and whom the force of estrangement weakened in the days of thy Lord, the Illuminator of the horizons. Sorrows overtook thee whereby thy liver was melted, thy heart was troubled, thy limbs did quake, and thy being was rent asunder. Were it not for thy Lord's protection, thy members and extremities would have been scattered, and thy veins and features dispersed. Blessed art thou, O leaf that hath clung to the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing,

O thou who art mentioned by the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation! Through thy grief, sorrows have encompassed the people of the cities of knowledge, and through thy calamity, the dwellers of the garden of utterance have lamented. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times that which befitteth the heaven of His bounty, the ocean of His generosity, and the sun of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Peace and glory and praise and honor be upon thee, upon thy beginning and thine end, thy outer and inner self, and the mercy of God and His blessings and His might and His favor and His gifts. Verily, grace is in His grasp and bounty in His right hand. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. End.

Praise be to God! For that blessed leaf there hath been sent down from the clouds of divine mercy that whose mention, whose fragrance, and whose light shall endure. A hundred thousand thanks that she ascended in the days of God—days whereof all the Prophets and chosen ones had given tidings and had desired for themselves to be present and to attain unto them. O thou beloved of my heart! The power of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" cannot be hindered by the things of earth and heaven. However He willeth, it is decreed and assured. The command is God's, our Lord, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. His grace hath encompassed all and His mercy hath taken precedence, and those sighs which at all times were manifested from her in separation from the Lord of all beings—their effect hath He made manifest. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good, whether men or women, until in these blessed days there appeared that which hath had and shall have no likeness. Praise be unto Him in all conditions.

The mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Turab, upon him be the glory of God, was made, and his service, devotion and love, after being presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses—blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "O Alif and Ba! He Who is encompassed by the wicked ones among the servants from all directions makes mention of thee at this hour. Among them are those who deny Him, those

who turn away from Him, those who oppose Him, and those who cling to tyranny and oppression and to calumnies at which the dwellers of the Kingdom, the Realm of Glory, the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise have lamented. Thus has the matter been decreed, and We are in manifest joy. We beseech God to assist thee in that which will elevate the station of man, to aid thee with the means of earth and heaven, and to ordain for thee from the heaven of His bounty and the clouds of His mercy that which will open the doors of hearts. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. Take thou the cup of eternity in My Most Glorious Name. It will attract thee to a station wherein thou wilt hear the call of all things in celebration of this Most Great Announcement, whereby the foundations of nations have been shaken, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. We beseech God to make thy rewards concerning His loved ones treasures with Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Preserver, the Trustworthy."

Section 2: "Likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Mashhadi Rahim, Jinab-i-Aqa…"

Likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Mashhadi Rahim, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Rahim, and Aqa Muhammad, upon them be the glory of God. After these names were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed from the heaven of verses—exalted be His glory:

"O Mashhadi Rahim! The promise hath come to pass and the Command belongeth unto God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. He hath appeared, manifested His Cause, fulfilled His promise, and spoken that which draweth the people nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. O My loved ones! We have heard your call and witnessed your love. We have turned toward you from this forbidden Quarter and revealed for you that which hath diffused the fragrance of God's grace, the Lord of existence. O Muhammad-i-Rahim! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having mentioned thee in the prison with verses whose fragrance will never cease and will not change throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm of spirit. Say: Thine is the glory, O my God, and Thine is the grandeur, O my Lord, and Thine is the grace, O my Beloved, for having caused me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee to make me in Thy days a flowing river through Thy name and an immovable mountain in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of the unseen and the visible.

We have heard thy verses and what thou hast composed in remembrance of this Cause, through whose appearance the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was rent, and the heart of every heedless and veiled one was shaken. Rejoice in that We have turned toward thee from this station and revealed for thee that whereby the realities of all things and the hearts of devoted servants have been attracted. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold upon this extended cord. O Muhammad! Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Countenance and for having turned unto Him from Whom the servants have turned away, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of this praiseworthy station. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness, chastity and faithfulness. Blessed

is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken what is with God, the Lord of the angels and the Spirit."

In that thou hast made mention of his honor Aqa Mirza Rida (of the land of Kaf and Ra), upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise hast recorded mention of his ardour and loftiness of understanding and sublimity of knowledge, after these passages were submitted before the Throne of our Lord, the Revealer of verses, this utterance was sent down from the heaven of the will of Him Who is the Desire of the worlds. His word—exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

We have sent down a Book at whose descent all the books of the world bowed down in submission, whereunto beareth witness the Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the nations have quaked, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. The rivers of inner meanings and utterance have flowed in the garden of true knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard their murmuring and the rustling of their trees, and woe unto every doubting denier. O Mirza Rida! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised in the prison of Akka from the right hand of the luminous spot, from the Blessed Crimson Tree—God, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of them that denied God's Manifestation and His sovereignty, and broke His covenant, and disputed that which appeared from His presence—these are indeed among the opposers in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Rida! Canst thou leave behind what the people possess, and canst thou proclaim among the servants this Name that holdeth sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth? We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to exalt His Word and to manifest His Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the hosts of vain imaginings nor the suspicions of the opposers, and to make thee a leader of His servants, and to raise thee up through His Name that holdeth sway over all, whether small or great. Say: O people! This is a Day wherein the Herald calleth out from every direction and summoneth all unto the straight Path of God. When the rapture of My verses seizeth thee and thou drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanks be unto Thee, O my Desire, for having guided me unto the horizon of Thy manifestation and caused me to hear the Call that hath been raised amongst Thy servants and shown me Thy signs.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, nor to withhold me from beholding the effulgences of the sun of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Thou seest the supplicant standing before the gate of Thy grandeur and the pavilion of Thy glory. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creatures. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the lights of Thy Kingdom and enable me to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy acceptance and good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty. End.

Who is able to reckon what hath appeared from the Kingdom of utterance of God, our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne? Can anyone count the drops of the seas, or the grains of the desert, or the leaves of the trees? Nay, by His Self, save through His might and power! The verses of God have been sent down in such wise that the Pen is powerless to set them down, and the tongue to make mention of them, and the faculty of comprehension to enumerate them. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn His servants with the ornaments of justice and truthfulness. Verily, He is the most powerful of the powerful. There is none other God but He, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! Before the Wronged One have been presented the names of those whom thou didst mention. We have desired to make mention of them in such wise as to perpetuate their remembrance amongst all names. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

O My Tongue! Be thou a herald in the kingdom of My utterance, that perchance the call may attract those who dwell in the realm of creation and draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon—the station which God hath made the circling-point of the Supreme Paradise and the Most Glorious Garden. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O friends of God and His loved ones! Upon you be His glory and His mercy. Your names have been presented before the Wronged One. We make mention of you with such mention that from each letter thereof floweth the river of life for the vivification of the world. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and within His grasp lie the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Take ye hold of the Book of God with such strength as is vouchsafed by Him and such power as proceedeth from His presence, in such wise that the clamor of the ignorant ones who claim knowledge without clear proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, shall not deter you. These are servants who denied God's proofs both in the past and in the present, as His Perspicuous Book doth testify.

Read ye what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an that ye may become aware of that which befell the Daysprings of His verses, the Dawning-places of His revelations, the Recipients of His revelation and the Sources of His command, firm and mighty. For their sake did the Apostle lament, the Chaste One cry out, and the Spirit weep by reason of what these oppressors inflicted upon them. In their name did they usurp their station—they are assuredly among the most lost in God's mighty and praiseworthy Book. They make mention of God with their tongues while they sanction the shedding of the blood of His chosen ones, and they perceive it not. They wrongfully consume the substance of men, and they understand not.

Say: Die in your wrath! Verily He hath come from the horizon of might with the banners of verses for the reformation of the world and the unification of nations. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted station. By God's life! Neither the vicissitudes of days, nor the oppression of men, nor imprisonment in the land of Ta [Tehran] or ʿAkka have deterred Us. We have arisen before all faces and summoned all unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. They have cast the command of God behind their backs, clinging to that which they possess. Verily they know not. Soon shall the world pass away; then shall they behold the recompense of their deeds, and they shall cry for help but none shall help

them. Thus hath the Pen revealed its treasures and the Ocean its waves. Blessed are they who recognize the splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy.

Upon you, O dawning-places of My love, and upon those whom the doubts of every heedless one that is veiled have not deterred.

The names are veiled due to the requirements of consummate wisdom. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid these blessed souls and ordain for them that which conduceth to eternal life and everlasting glory. Glory be to God! One is astonished to observe how, for the sake of two days, most people veil themselves from God's eternal bounties and perpetual favors. What a tremendous loss! We hope that through the attention and favors of the Goal of the world's desire, the veils of all the people of Iran may be rent asunder, and all may attain to that which hath had and hath no likeness or peer. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O beloved of my heart! One of the passages from your letter was presented before Him Who conversed with God on Sinai, was graced with acceptance, and adorned with the honor of His good-pleasure. As commanded, that passage is recorded here:

> "Your words and mention: O my God, my God! Those who know and are privy to Your mysteries are aware that these wronged ones, through the education and training of Your Supreme Pen, have desired nothing but the joy and tranquility of Your servants and the progress and advancement of all in the land under the shadow of mercy and kindness of this same Nasiri'd-Din Shah, who at times through wrath and severity—in following ignorant aggressors—and now through kindness and mercy—by his own will and desire—has arisen to aid Your manifest Faith. We have sought nothing else and desire naught from the peoples of the world save the manifestation of pure and goodly deeds and praiseworthy, virtuous character. We wish that those who claim faith among all the peoples of the world, in this realm which is encompassed by extinction, become people of eternity and companions of the highest paradise. Therefore, inspire them through pure grace and bounty with that which will sanctify them from the promptings of self and passion, and confirm them in chastity, virtue, righteousness and fear of God, and that which hath been revealed from Thee in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of all beings, the King of the throne on high and of earth below. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the Possessor of great bounty."

It is hoped that whatever that beloved one has beseeched will be answered, and that the friends of God, exalted be His glory, will be assisted in that which will cause the peoples of the world to turn towards Him. At one time this most exalted and blessed word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of Names—blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> "The endeavor of My loved ones—upon them be My glory and loving-kindness—must be directed towards the sanctification and purification of souls, not the arrangement of their own affairs."

We beseech God to illumine and bless the eye of the age with the vision of such souls.

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi and Aqa Mirza Ali, upon them be the glory of God. After being presented before the throne of the Goal of the worlds, this answer was revealed—exalted be His utterance and all-encompassing His bounty: "O Muhammad-Taqi, upon thee be My glory! This day is a blessed day. God willing, the people of Baha will drink from the chalice of steadfastness, lest names hold them back from their Kingdom and their Creator, and lest the world, its riches and its ornaments prevent them. We have mentioned thee before and at this time with a mention before which all things have bowed down, as the Mother Book beareth witness in this luminous station. And We make mention of him who is named Ali that he may hear and be of the thankful ones.

Section 3: "O ʿAli! Thy name hath been mentioned before…"

O ʿAli! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One. We have revealed for thee that through which the fragrance of the verses hath wafted throughout all possibility. We beseech God to assist thee to turn wholly unto Him and to exalt thee through His name. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We have desired at this time to make mention of your father as a bounty from Us, and verily We are the Bountiful, the Generous. We beseech God to send down upon him at this time mercy from His presence and to cause him to enter the highest paradise, and to ordain for him every blessing and every heavenly table that He hath ordained for His chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. His mercy hath preceded and His generosity hath encompassed all. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful."

Mention of Jinab-i-Rabi', upon him be the Glory of God, is remembered and presented, and these verses specifically for him are revealed from the heaven of grace. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks: O Rabi', praise be to God that in the divine springtime thou hast turned to the flowers of inner meanings and partaken of the flowing spiritual waters. We counsel thee to preserve this most exalted station and We beseech God to protect thee from the doubts of the suspicious ones and the arrows of the transgressors, and to aid thee with the hosts of utterance. He is the Mighty, the Bestower. The verses have been revealed and the evidences have appeared, yet the people are in strange doubt. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings and chosen the path of certitude from God, the Lord of all religions.

We make mention in this station of him who is named Majid, who turned to My horizon and heard My sweetest call, by which the Concourse on High was attracted, and attained that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. O Rabi', if thou shouldst see him, give him My glad-tidings. We beseech God to assist him in His remembrance and praise, and in steadfastness in this Great News. We have mentioned him before with verses that nothing can equal, and We have remembered him with a remembrance whose fragrance shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, endures. He hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty and hath attained that which most of the servants have not attained. The glory from Us be upon him and upon thee and upon everyone who hath turned to the Lord of all men.

Mention hath been made of the two illumined eyes of the exalted and deceased Haji Mirza Kamal'd-Din, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, who attained the presence of the Goal of the world. This is

what was revealed for them both from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Answerer. Exalted be His utterance and glorified His proof:

He is the Compassionate, the Generous

O Nuru'd-Din! Verily Kamal'd-Din hath drunk from the hand of the bounty of the Lord of the Worlds the choice wine of utterance and hath attained the presence of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. He is among those who attained that which God revealed in the Bayan and in the Year Nine "ye shall attain unto all good." We testify that he attained and realized all good, and there was revealed for him the interpretation of what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an in His exalted words "All food was lawful to the Children of Israel." Thus did the grace of his Lord, the Powerful, the Forgiving, encompass him. O Nur! We saw thy name and made mention of thee as a bounty from Us, that thine eye might be solaced thereby and that thou mightest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God to send down upon thee a grace from His presence and a blessing from His side. He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Compelling.

And We make mention of thy brother who is named Ali. Verily he was remembered before the Wronged One and was speaking of this Name through which God hath subdued the hearts of His servants. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in the prison and revealed for me that which delighteth the eyes. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou hast made known to me Thy path and guided me to Thy station. I testify that in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven.

Thus doth the Lamp reveal its lights, and the Book its verses, and the Light its radiance, as a grace from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The call is raised from all directions and the signs are spread abroad, yet the people are heedless and veiled save whom God willeth, our Lord, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. In all conditions We beseech God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of His servants, that perchance in this blessed Day they may not be deprived of the waves of the ocean of bounty and may attain that whose fragrance is everlasting. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And likewise mention was made of the Light of the Eye, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ʿAta'u'llah, the fruit of the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Mahmud—upon him be Baha'u'llah and His loving-kindness. After this was submitted in the Most Exalted Horizon before the seat of the Lord of mankind, this utterance shone forth from the Kingdom of grace. Exalted and glorified be He:

O ʿAta'u'llah! The Wronged One remembers thee and turns unto thee at this hour with a mention from which the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy is wafted throughout the world. To this beareth witness the Most Great Name in this exalted station.

We make mention of Mahmud who turned unto the Cause when it was manifested, and was so transported by the rapture of the Divine Call that he hastened to the Dawning-Place of Verses, traversing land and sea until he attained the presence of his Lord and bore witness to that whereunto God had testified before the creation of earth and heaven. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. We testify that he is among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book. The glory shining from the horizon of the

heaven of My mercy be upon him and upon thee and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. He verily remembereth him who remembereth Him, and loveth him who turneth towards Him. He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the righteous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the knowing.

This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to each one, and remembereth the loved ones night and day, beseeching God—exalted be His glory—to enable the delight of the eyes, the chosen ones, and His loved ones in that land to achieve that which will exalt His Word and cause His servants to ascend. This is not difficult for our Lord. How many were the servants who, by merely accepting the blessed Word, attained the highest station of victory and triumph, and when the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree was ignited, all became enkindled by that holy and luminous flame and occupied themselves with guiding others. That which was manifested through those sanctified souls was more penetrating than the swords of the world. We hope that in this Most Great Revelation too, God's loved ones will attain this station, will awaken those who slumber through His Word and guide them through His light. Verily our Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

We also make mention of Sina and Nayyir—upon them be the glory of God—and their arising to serve and their attention to the command to teach. These matters were presented before the Countenance of the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak: O Ibn Abhar! We have mentioned them before with verses from which the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, was diffused. We beseech God to preserve them through His grace, to aid them with the hosts of the seen and unseen, and to assist them in attracting hearts and souls. Blessed are they and blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of turning unto God in this promised Day.

Joy be to the hand that hath been raised to the heaven of His bounty, to the face that hath turned toward the horizon of His loving-kindness, and to the eye that hath beheld that which was hidden from the sight of every heedless and veiled one. This is the Day wherein that which was hidden in knowledge hath appeared and the mysteries of what was and what will be have emerged. We have mentioned them through Our bounty and given them glad-tidings of Our mercy which hath preceded all existence. We beseech God to manifest through them that which will draw people nigh unto His horizon and give them to drink of His choice sealed wine. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the kingdom of My loving-kindness be upon them from this exalted station.

Concerning the son of the Martyr, there was previously revealed regarding the charitable ones that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast to what is right in His Cause, and blessed is the servant who hath spent what was possible for Him. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the righteous.

That which thou didst write concerning Jinab-i-Fakhru'd-Din, the son of the brother, and the sister, and the other sister—upon them be the Baha of God—was laid before the Countenance of the Lord of all worlds, and attained the honor of being heard. This is that which was revealed for them from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of mankind. Glorified and exalted be He. He is the Helper, the All-Wise.

O Fakhru'd-Din! God hath come with manifest sovereignty and that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from the eyes of the heedless hath been revealed. O Fakhru'd-Din! Say: O people, fear God and follow not every heedless and remote one. This is the Day of which the Messengers gave tidings and to which the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, have borne witness. Say: Your divines and what they possess will profit you not. Have ye not heard the Call which was raised in the beginning of days from God? He said, and His Word is the Truth:

> "O concourse of divines! Put down your pens, for the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised; cast away what ye have composed with the hands of fancy and vain imaginings. The Command hath come, and the Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

They read the Book, yet deny God. Lo! they are among the most lost in My Great Book.

Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for thee that which causeth the hearts of them that know to rejoice. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My verses and art seized by the rapture of My call, say:

> "My God, my God! Thou seest the poor one seeking the ocean of Thy bounty and desiring the wonders of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy bestowal. I beseech Thee by the Kawthar through which Thou didst quicken the servants and by the resplendent Light wherewith Thou didst illumine the lands, to make me of those whom the riches of the world, nor the ornaments of nations, nor the treasuries of kings have diverted. O Lord! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee and have laid hold on Thy cord. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which I have desired from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest through Thy Name, the Mighty, the Powerful."

And this is what was revealed for the Leaf, the sister, upon her be the Glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word: O My Leaf and My handmaiden! We have remembered thee with verses whose mention shall not pass away nor shall their warmth be extinguished. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Thy name was revealed in the beginning of days from the tongue of God, the Lord of this mighty station. My favor hath encompassed thee and My mercy hath preceded thee. To this doth this clear Book bear witness. We have remembered thy mother when she ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon and have revealed for her that from which every possessor of spiritual sense perceiveth the fragrance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to send down upon her at all times a table from the heaven of His bounty and mercy from the clouds of His grace. Verily He is the Goal of them that know and the Beloved of the doers of good, both women and men.

Section 4: "And We make mention of thy other sister…"

And We make mention of thy other sister as a favor from Our presence and a mercy from Our side, and verily We are the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. O My handmaiden and My Leaf! Thy name was presented and the ocean of bounty surged and the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the All-

Knowing, the All-Informed, wafted. We have remembered thee before and at this time with verses by which the hearts of them that are nigh have been attracted. Give thanks unto thy Lord and glorify His praise. Verily He hath remembered thee with that whose mention shall not pass away throughout the duration of My mighty and wondrous Kingdom. The Glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon her and upon every maid-servant who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed. The Essence of Grace proclaimeth and saith:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of the mystics and Beloved of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth! Thou hast illumined the horizons of Thy loved ones' hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and hast acquainted them with that which most of Thy servants were prevented from knowing. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity to ordain for Thy servants and handmaidens that which shall cause them to be numbered with those who have no fear, nor are they grieved. Then assist them in that which shall raise the standards of Thy guidance and the manifestations of Thy mercy amongst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Jalil, upon him be the Glory of God. Some time ago his petition reached the Most Holy Court, and each of the names mentioned therein was adorned with the waves of the ocean of divine bounty and utterance. Blessed and welcome be it unto them. And this is what was revealed for his honor Jalil, upon him be the Glory of God, at this time. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Ibn Abhar! Make mention on My behalf of My servant Jalil. Verily, We have remembered him and those who have believed in the verses that have encompassed existence, both seen and unseen. The events of the world do not prevent thy Lord, nor do the hosts of tyranny cause Him fear. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, a command from His presence. Verily, He is the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance. He shall assist you with deeds and virtues by which minds and hearts shall be attracted. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken on this night wherein He desired to unite a handmaiden from among His handmaidens and a leaf from among His leaves with a mention from His Book who was named ʿAbdu'l-Baha in the Supreme Horizon and in the Book of Names. Upon them both be My glory and My loving-kindness which hath preceded all that was and shall be. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in rending the veils. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His command "Be!" and it is.

This night is a blessed night, for according to His will, mention was made of His Holiness the King of Martyrs, may the spirit of those near unto God be a sacrifice unto him, and at the dawn of this night the union and unity between the honored leaf and His Holiness the Beloved of hearts, ʿAbdu'l-Baha, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God, shall be outwardly confirmed and adorned, as ordained in the inner world which is the realm of God's decree, exalted be His glory. In truth, consideration for the family in the Land of Sad is incumbent upon all. There befell them that which hath befallen no one. The fear of those days prevented the small children from growing and developing; they appear weak. However, praise be to God, they are blessed with His presence and meeting. They dwell beneath the shade of pavilions, their sustenance the water of the Kawthar of meeting, their food the heavenly table,

their clothing and garments the gifts and favors of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn them at all times with that which shall draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.

O beloved House of Jinab-i-ʿAyn va Ta, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious! Ye have ever been remembered and continue to be remembered. At this moment these exalted words have been revealed from the Dayspring of the favors of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His Word, exalted be His glory and mighty His utterance:

The House of Ayn va Ta hath ever been remembered in the Most Holy Court. We make mention of them through Our verses, give them glad-tidings of Our favor, and send down for them that from which the fragrance of Our bounty is diffused. O Ibn Abhar! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. Mention of the people of that House hath flowed from the Will and Purpose, the Pen and the Tongue. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to Jinab-i-Ayn va Ta, upon him be My grace and My mercy. Blessed is he! The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to his acceptance, his turning unto God, his love, his charitable giving and that of his mother, and what he hath done for those who have ascended unto Us on this Straight Path and this Great News.

Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly made mention of the two sisters, upon them be My glory, and hath mentioned ʿAyn va Ta and the others. In truth, the people of that house have, from the earliest days, turned unto God and have attained unto mention, praise and service to the Cause. We make mention of the daughter bearing My name, upon them both be My glory and My favor. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid her to hold fast to the cord of My love at all times. Glory be upon her and upon those with her from God, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We make mention of him who attained Our presence and his wife who acted in accordance with what was commanded in My Perspicuous Book. Blessed are they both and joy be unto them. We testify that they are among those who have attained in the presence of their Lord, the Commander, the All-Wise. Glory be from Us upon the people of that House and upon him who hath drunk the Kawthar of meeting from the hand of bounty, a grace from the One Who is All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We make mention of the son of Dhabih and his wife that they may praise their Lord and be among the thankful. We give them glad tidings as We gave them before, and We beseech God to draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good.

O Ibn Abhar! Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be My glory, hath been mentioned before the Wronged One. Give him the glad tidings of My turning toward him from the prison, and illumine him with the lights of My wondrous utterance. We have testified to his acceptance, his turning unto God, and his arising to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

We love to make mention in this station of My leaves and My handmaidens. We testify that they have drunk the wine of revelation from the hands of bounty and have witnessed what God witnessed before the creation of the heavens and earths—that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty. In truth, the aforementioned leaves, namely the aunt and her daughter Khadijih

and her other daughter, have been and continue to be adorned with mention, praise, service, humility, submissiveness and steadfastness. Blessed are they from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God that the sons of the aunt have also attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. We beseech God to preserve them from His enemies, to protect them through His sovereignty, and to send down upon them His blessings. Verily, He hath power over all things. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

This servant also conveyeth greetings to each of the leaves and loved ones, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to open a door for each one through a key from among His most beautiful Names, that all may remember His remembrance, utter His praise, and arise to serve Him. It is hoped that the ocean of mercy will grant what hath been besought. He is the All-Bountiful One Whose grace hath encompassed all and Whose bounty hath taken precedence. He manifesteth what He willeth in the kingdom, despite those who have denied Him and His verses, and have rejected His Manifestation and His evident sovereignty.

The letter from his honored brother, upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, which was written and sent to that person was presented before the Countenance of the Lord of creation and was favored with His hearing. It is hoped that something special will descend from the heaven of grace for him too, that which will sanctify him from the troubles of the world, so that he may ignite those regions with the new fire of love. Now this servant conveys greetings, praise, remembrance and glory to his service. It is hoped that the foundation of these two days will not prevent him from turning to the eternal world and God's everlasting bounties. Through the power of certitude, may he speak from the pulpit of detachment with the blessed words "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses."

O beloved of my heart! Consider the power of the Supreme Pen, which has caused the call to penetrate all the mysteries of the world. In truth, if the souls of the world were to speak with fairness, they would all proclaim with every limb, even with their very hair, the blessed words "Verily He is the Most Powerful of the powerful ones." Glory be to God! A call so loud that in these days a well-known great personage in one of the major cities mentioned that nothing worthy of mention is seen from the mystics and spiritual leaders of the world. In truth, today the call is raised from Akka, although outwardly neither blessed with His presence nor His traces; yet the people remain heedless and veiled. If they were to be granted but one drop from the ocean of fairness, all would proclaim "The Call belongs to God," detached from all that is on earth. Blessed are the fair-minded, and blessed are those possessed of insight. Praise be to God, all the mentioned names have attained and been sustained from the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds.

And after completing the names, He said—and His word is the truth: We love to conclude this utterance with the mention of Ayyub, upon him be My glory and My grace, and those with him. O Ayyub! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Direction and the Supreme Horizon, then give thanks to Him Who has turned to you and sent down that which has caused hearts and minds to soar. We love faithfulness and remember whoever has remembered Me, turned to My countenance, and performed in My path that which has diffused the fragrance of satisfaction. Verily your Lord hears the call of His loved ones and sees their turning to Him. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have mentioned you before and at

this evident time. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect you from His tyrannical servants and to guard you with the hosts of the invisible and visible realms. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp through which the hearts of Thy loved ones were illumined and by which all that was and will be was lit, to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee with wisdom and utterance, and to aid Thy Cause among the religions. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. O Lord! Deprive me not of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor forbid me from the pearls treasured in the vaults of Thy Supreme Pen. Verily Thou art the Owner of the Kingdom of Names and the Creator of heaven. Every tongue hath testified to Thy power and might, and to Thy grandeur and sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The gaze of loving-kindness hath ever been and still is directed towards the loved ones of God. Should we, God forbid, commit any oversight, the Truth Itself will remind and make mention thereof. We beseech Him at this moment to confirm His loved ones, His servants male and female, and His leaves in their steadfastness in His Cause and their arising to serve His loved ones. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. This servant addresseth all with these words: Glory and remembrance and praise and magnification, which have been honored with acceptance in the presence of our Lord, the Most Glorious, be upon you, O loved ones of God, His handmaidens and leaves. And I beseech for them that which shall adorn their deeds with the ornament of divine acceptance and exalt them through the everlasting Kingdom. Verily He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Informed.

The servant 19th day of Dhi'l-Hijjih 1307

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Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath through His…"

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

Praise be to God Who hath through His sovereignty revealed whatsoever He willeth, Who hath adorned this Day through its association with Him and hath named it in the Books of heaven the Day of God. On this Day there hath appeared that wherewith His Messengers, His Books and His Scriptures had given glad tidings. When the Promise came to pass, the Sun of Manifestation shone forth. He verily is the One Who spoke on Sinai with such sovereignty that neither the might of the divines and princes, nor the power of tyrants, nor the oppression of Pharaohs could deter Him. He stood before all faces and proclaimed:

> "By God! I am the Hidden One, I am the Treasured One, I am He through Whose remembrance the heaven of proof hath been adorned with the stars of utterance and all creation with the light of knowledge."

Exalted is He Who hath manifested Himself, sent down His proof, and caused all to hear His verses. Glory and praise be upon the Hands of His Cause among His servants, whom He hath made the interpreters of

His Revelation and of that which He hath sent down in His Book. Through them the ocean of knowledge hath surged amidst all religions, the Sun of learning hath shone from the horizon of possibility, its light hath illumined all regions, and by it have the hearts of lovers been stirred on this Day of the Covenant.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of divine knowledge and gazest toward the horizon of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful! We have withheld the Pen by reason of that which the hands of the nations have wrought, and We have seized its reins for a time due to the sorrows that have encompassed Us from those who have cast behind them righteousness and fear of God, and have taken up wickedness and lewdness. These are they who have been consumed by the fire of greed and passion, and have betrayed the wealth of the people without permission from God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, the Master of the Hereafter and of this world. Say:

My God, my God! Drive me not from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor withhold me from beneath the shade of the tabernacles of Thy grace. By Thy might, O Sovereign of existence and King of the realms of generosity and bounty, I have taken no sovereign besides Thee, nor any lord other than Thee. I beseech Thee by the murmuring of the Kawthar of utterance, by the rustling of the breezes of Thy manifestation throughout creation, by Thy most great signs, and by the whispering of the Divine Lote-Tree, to assist Thy servants to act with justice in Thy Cause and with equity in Thy Revelation. O Lord! Thou seest them turning away from the court of Thy glory and clinging to their vain imaginings in Thy days. They have cast the ocean of knowledge behind their backs, turning instead to the pool of fancy. I know not, O my God, by what proof they follow what they possess, and by what evidence they deny that which Thou hast sent down to them from the heaven of Thy grace and revealed to them from the shells of the ocean of Thy Will. I testify that by Thy manifestation the Way hath appeared, the Evidence hath been sent down, the Proof hath been perfected, and the Blessing hath been completed.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I remain turned toward the lights of Thy countenance, holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness, acknowledging the ocean of Thy utterance and the heaven of Thy wisdom, and confessing that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books. O Lord! Aid the heedless to acknowledge that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power, the turning away to turn toward the gate of Thy mercy, and the deniers to confess Thy unity and oneness. O Lord! Enable them to return unto Thee and to arise to make up for what they have missed during the dawning of the lights of the Sun of Thy manifestation.

Thou art He Who through Thy will hath raised the banner of Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, in the final abode, and hath caused the pavilion of Thy glory to be lifted before the faces of Thy loved ones. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought Thy shelter, and the poor one who hath desired the ocean of Thy riches, and blessed is the seeker who hath held fast to the cord of Thy nearness and clung to the hem of Thy bounty, and blessed is the one who hath aimed at the stream of Thy mercy and the treasury of Thy generosity, and blessed is the detached one who hath cast aside all else save Thee and taken that which Thou hast commanded in Thy perspicuous Book.

Hear thou in Persian the Voice of the Wronged One. The immature ones of the world have wrought that which no oppressor hath ever wrought, and uttered that which no idolater hath ever spoken. Souls immersed in the clay of fancy and idle imaginings are not, nor shall ever be, capable of comprehending

the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. Until the heart is freed from the fire of vain imaginings, it shall assuredly not attain unto the light of certitude. Where are those illusory, darkened souls, and where are those who have passed beyond this world and pitched their tents upon the shores of the sea of detachment?

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! For some time We withheld the Pen from inscription, and the cause thereof was the sorrows that had befallen Us. For the Lord of Piety was seen beneath the claws of self and passion. The fire of greed and covetousness inflicted upon the Temple of Sanctity that which the Pen is powerless to recount and pages insufficient to bear. The souls that now exist are not, nor shall ever be, capable of comprehending the stations of the Great Announcement, save whom thy Lord willeth. The wing of vain desire is powerless to soar in this holy and blessed atmosphere. Say: O people! Fear ye God and be not of the heedless ones. Cast away what ye have heard and seen and taken, and take what hath been given unto you from God, the Lord of all worlds. By the life of God! That which ye possess shall not profit you, nor shall that which the factions possess benefit you. Cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies, turning unto the horizon from which the Day-Star of Certitude hath shone forth from the All-Merciful. This is what ye were commanded aforetime in diverse Tablets and in this perspicuous Tablet.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory! Today, should any soul desire to turn unto the Sun of Truth shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Prison, he must sanctify his perceptive powers from the tales of the past, adorn the crown of knowledge with detachment and the temple of being with the ornament of piety, and then plunge into the depths of the sea of oneness.

O Ali! Upon thee be the everlasting glory of God! Today is the day of the blessed word “Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses.” They who seek must, at their first step, drink from the fountain of this blessed verse, and likewise at their second step before the Divine Ka’bah, recite with the tongue of truth this verse: “Verily, I have abandoned the ways of a people who believe not in God and who deny the life to come.” If the seeker attaineth unto that which hath been mentioned, he is worthy of drawing nigh and entering the presence, and capable of soaring in this holy atmosphere. Otherwise, he must follow the vain imaginings of the deniers and corrupters, even as they have done.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Not every bramble and chaff is worthy of this threshold, nor can it be. Verily the means of drawing nigh unto the shore of the sea of inner meanings and of approaching the lights of the Sun of Truth are as was mentioned; without these the path is blocked and the quest rejected. We have summoned all, with the most exalted call, to the supreme horizon, yet the heedless and the wayward accepted it not. Beseech God—exalted be His glory—that He may aid His servants and grant them strength and power to ascend the ladder of names, that is, to transcend them and seek the heaven of inner meanings.

We counseled Hadi Dawlat-Abadi with kindly advice and wise admonitions, that perchance he might turn from the north of fancy to the right hand of certitude, and from vain imaginings to the direction of the Self-Subsisting, and attain unto the lights of the All-Knowing Lord. The counsels of the Most Exalted Pen left no impression upon that rock-like hardness, and yielded no fruit. Now a group, like unto the Shi’ih sect, has been formed and is occupied with misleading those heedless souls, devoted to the idols of names. Glory be to God! What profit did the former party gain from trafficking in names, and what

triumph did they achieve? On the Day of Reckoning all were seen to be deprived of the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and they cut down the Blessed Tree with hands of tyranny and transgression, and were and are engaged in cursing and reviling from their pulpits. Observe how God hath made their highest to become their lowest, and their lowest to become their highest.

A person from among the Sunnis and the Community claimed the station of the Qa'im in a certain region, and until recently nearly one hundred thousand souls obeyed him and arose to serve him. The true Qa'im arose in Iran with divine light to establish the Cause, yet they martyred Him and strove with all their might to extinguish His light, and wrought that which caused the reality itself to weep. From the time of this Wronged One's arrival in Zawra until now, the tablets of the Desired One of all worlds have rained like showers upon the people of Iran. Nevertheless, they remained unaware, abiding in their ancient heedlessness and wretchedness. Had such bounty been directed from that quarter to these regions, you would now find all turned towards God. He verily speaks the truth, but the people are in evident veils.

Hearken to the call from the direction of ʿAkka, and take in thy right hand a cup of the choice wine of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of all beings, and in thy other hand a goblet of My Most Glorious remembrance, despite those who dwell in the world of creation who have denied My greatest signs in that they followed the people of tyranny and transgression and the manifestations of self and passion. O thou who art turned to the lights of the Countenance! In the name of God—exalted be His glory—drink at every moment from this choice wine. This wine is the source of joy and delight, not of intoxication and corruption. Say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise for having mentioned me by Thy Most Exalted Pen, and adorned me with the ornament of Thy might and bounty, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge.

I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose name the unity-professing ones soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and the hearts of the sincere ones were attracted by the drops from the ocean of Thy utterance, to aid Thy servants to acknowledge what Thou hast manifested unto them through Thy generosity and bounty and what Thou hast sent down upon them from the heaven of Thy knowledge. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Great.

Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat, for having sent down unto thee that whereby thy name and remembrance shall endure through the duration of His most excellent names and most exalted attributes. He is verily the All-Bestowing, possessed of great bounty, and He is the All-Bountiful, possessed of manifest grace. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Nabil-i-A'zam! The bats of the world are preventing the servants of God from the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth through a hundred thousand idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Kawthar of steadfastness and utterance, and the choice wine of certitude and assurance, are the portion of the one who gazes toward the Most Exalted Horizon with the eye of justice and inclines his ear to hearken unto His call. Today the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds are manifest before the faces of all religions, and the effulgent lights of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai are visible, and the Divine Lote-Tree is speaking in the midmost heart of the highest Paradise. Would that My people knew! Would that My people heard! Would that My people saw!

In these days the divine sheep are afflicted among the wolves of the earth, and this Wronged One is beneath the talons of hatred. Yet We are thankful that the True One hath graciously aided and empowered Us to such extent that We have, without any veil or concealment, proclaimed amongst all peoples that which is the greatest means for the reformation of the world and the salvation of nations. We have shown no compromise with anyone, nor have We hesitated in implementing the divine commandments. The oppression of the oppressors and the harm of the aggressors have not prevented the Most Exalted Pen from revealing the Most Great Word. Whenever anyone from among journalists or others would rise in opposition, the officials and members of the government would secretly and openly encourage and support them.

In short, both outwardly and inwardly, they strove diligently to destroy the Cause of God. Yet this Wronged One, detached from the world and its peoples, mentioned that which would purify the world from rancor and hatred and extinguish the fire of wickedness and depravity. No helper or supporter was to be seen. From every direction the arrows of calumnies of the deceivers and the spears of the atheists were striking the body of the Cause. Throughout successive years, this Wronged One uttered these exalted words:

Section 2: "Glorified art Thou, O my God! Were it…"

"Glorified art Thou, O my God! Were it not for the tribulations suffered in Thy path, how could Thy true lovers be recognized; and were it not for the trials endured for love of Thee, how could the station of those who yearn for Thee be revealed? By Thy might! The companions of Thy loved ones are their tears, and the comforters of Thy seekers are their sighs, and the food of them who hasten to meet Thee are the fragments of their broken hearts. How sweet is the deadly poison in Thy path, and how precious are the arrows of Thine enemies for the exaltation of Thy word! O my God! Give me to drink in Thy Cause whatsoever Thou didst desire, and send down upon me in Thy love all that Thou didst ordain. By Thy might! I wish only what Thou wishest, and love only what Thou lovest. In Thee have I ever placed my trust.

> "I beseech Thee, O my God, to raise up for the triumph of this Cause one who is worthy of Thy name and sovereignty, that he may remember me among Thy creatures and raise the standards of Thy victory in Thy realm. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Pervading, the Self-Subsisting. Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Strengthen the hearts of Thy loved ones by Thy power and might, lest they be affrighted by those on earth. Then make them, O my God, dawning places of Thy grandeur and daysprings of Thine authority. O Lord! Adorn them with the ornament of justice and equity, and illumine their hearts with the lights of bounty and grace. Thou art, verily, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations and Goal of all peoples, by Thy Most Great Name, to transform the throne of tyranny into the seat of Thy justice, and the seat of pride and oppression into the throne of humility and equity. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Say: O people of God! From every direction the enemies have surrounded Us with the swords of hatred, and there hath been no helper or champion in outward appearance. Some heedless and deluded souls, through the display of enmity and calumnies, have hoped and yearned for station and prestige for themselves. And seeing this Wronged One without helper or champion, they have attacked with the swords of hatred and animosity.

Glory be to God! For forty years We counseled and admonished the servants, forbidding them from conflict, corruption and strife. Through divine grace and merciful bounty, this people turned from weapons to reformation, and preferred God's will to their own desires. Each day some tyranny appeared from the oppressors and some fire was kindled; nevertheless they showed patience and left matters to God. In some lands the oppressors were occupied each year with shedding blood, while the oppressed people held fast to these words We had previously uttered: "To be killed is better for you than to kill." Praise be to God, they were slain in God's path but slew not, for they were focused on God's command and still are.

In the land of Sad and ʿIshqabad the oppressors kindled the fire of tyranny and shed the blood of God's loved ones. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones beneath the scourges of the oppressors and Thy sheep among the wolves of Thy earth. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy sovereignty that hath embraced all existence, to illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy justice and adorn them with the ornament of righteousness and piety in Thy kingdom. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

In these days the rebellion of the calumniators and the hatred of the treacherous ones hath exceeded all bounds. One who was occupied day and night in that which is forbidden—whom We banished for his own protection—hath gone to the great city and united with his like, busying himself with undermining the Cause of God. They have taken the most abject one as their helper and champion in spreading their calumnies. And that person who was banished from the Holy Land joined with Shaykh Muhammad Yazdi, and following his brother's ruling they arose to harm the Wronged One and consume people's wealth. Since they know the rulers and divines of Iran to be opposed and antagonistic, therefore the most abject one and others have arisen in enmity—especially the most abject one who, merely to obtain money and prestige, hath written that which he himself testifies is false. By the life of God, he is in manifest error! Assuredly, none rising from the dawning-places of transgression, indecency, tyranny and oppression would sincerely speak of or cling to that station which most of the world's people have denied—that which would cause the most great terror.

However, this Wronged One, through God's grace and favor, regardeth all else but Him as a handful of dust, and their clamor and uproar as the buzzing of flies—except those souls who, through divine grace, are adorned with justice, trustworthiness, truthfulness and purity. They heed neither the prestige and dissimulation of the mystics nor the clamor of the divines. Before all faces We manifested the Cause of God. Naught shall befall us save what God hath decreed for us. Although in these days the dawning-places of oppression and tyranny have arisen to harm this Wronged One, God shall soon reveal His treasures for the victory of His Cause and His Message. And these treasures are men whom no authority

deterreth, no power frighteneth, and no hosts or legions weaken. They shall conquer the realm of possibility through wisdom and utterance.

Say: O people of God! Know with clear certainty that corruption, conflict, murder and plunder are traits of the beasts of the earth. The station of man and his distinction lie in knowledge and deeds. In most Tablets, We have forbidden the servants from that which harmeth them and commanded that which profiteth them. O people of God! Associate with all the peoples of the world with love and fellowship. Corruption and all that pertaineth thereunto have been strictly forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Although in the early days there was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which outwardly appeared to conflict with God's new Cause—such as passages like "The necks have been stretched forth in hypocrisy; here are the swords of Thy power, O Subduer of the worlds!"—the intent was not strife and corruption, but rather to demonstrate the extent of the oppression of the oppressors and the wickedness of the idolaters, that all might know that the tyranny of the pharaohs of the earth had reached such a degree that such verses were revealed from the Most Exalted Pen.

And now We counsel the servants of God not to cling thereafter to certain utterances and become the cause of harm to others. Victory in this Most Great Revelation is confined to wisdom and utterance. The hosts of God have ever been pure and goodly deeds and holy, pleasing character traits, and the commander of these hosts is the fear of God. This utterance hath repeatedly been revealed in the Scriptures, Books and Tablets: Take, O people, that which ye are bidden by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He commandeth you that which shall protect and profit you. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Gracious.

Today steadfastness is accounted as the greatest of all deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Glory be to God! Certain souls who for years laid claim to steadfastness, when tested even slightly, fled like frightened asses fleeing from a lion.

Some time ago a letter was sent from the village of Manshad to the Most Holy Court, wherein the writers sought supernatural signs from God, exalted be His glory, for the assurance of souls and the conviction of hearts. However, the petitioners were certain doctors of the Qur'an. It was observed that were mention to be made of this Revelation and its proofs and evidences in the name of those souls, it might cause an uproar among the doctors of the Qur'an. We therefore altered and modified the references, and there was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance that which would cause any fair-minded person who readeth it to exclaim "I turn to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world!" for the rest of his life.

And one of those souls had expressed belief, but after observing the modification of references was seen to waver. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is supreme over all who are in the heavens and on earth. We hope they may pass from agitation to certitude and from hesitation to return. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Gracious. Although the people of that village are present in this land and outwardly their affairs are known and evident, yet there occurred that which was unworthy. How vast is the difference between the station of such souls and those who have transcended doubt, misgiving, conjecture and the imaginings of men, and have set their faces toward the ocean of inner meanings. The Primal Point hath said: Were He to pronounce upon the earth the judgment of heaven, or upon heaven the judgment of earth, none hath the right to question why or wherefore.

Verily, certain heedless souls in every land are secretly engaged, like Satan, in sowing the seeds of dissension, though they are manifest in the sight of God.

O party of God! We make mention of you for the sake of God and counsel you, that perchance ye may ascend from the lowest depths to the loftiest heights, and turn from vain imaginings to the light of certitude, and be content with whatsoever appeareth from His presence. God, exalted be His glory, hath come with "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and the banner of "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth" is raised before His face. Fix your gaze upon it and be detached from all else. Know of a certainty that whatsoever is revealed by Him is the truth, wherein there is no doubt. We cherish the hope that through God's grace and loving-kindness His chosen ones—namely those souls who are counted among the companions of the Crimson Ark and the people of Baha—may not be debarred or kept back from the sealed wine and the Self-Subsisting Name by the doubts of the peoples of the world.

Some among mankind are ever intent upon denial and objection, as evidenced by how the people of the Bayan have repeatedly inquired why the Point (the Bab), may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, made mention of David, the Psalmist, before Moses, peace be upon Him, when historically David came after Moses. This seems to them contrary to the Holy Books and the traditions of the Messengers. Say: Fear God and object not to Him Whom God hath adorned with the Most Great Infallibility, His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. It behooveth the servants to affirm whatsoever proceedeth from the Dayspring of God's Cause, for none save God is aware of the requirements of His consummate wisdom. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We summoned four souls from among the people of Manshad that they might appear before Us to hear that for which ears were created to hearken unto, but they came not. Vain imaginings have withheld them from the light of certitude. We beseech God to aid all to be submissive and content. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. It is incumbent upon the people of God in this day to beseech the Lord of Lords, the Possessor of the seen and unseen, from the ocean of His bounty, that the people of the earth may not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of former religious communities. However, certain souls like Hadi Dawlat-Abadi and Mihdi Najaf-Abadi have devoted all their energies to leading people astray and have manifested such deception and guile as to leave the dwellers of the cities of knowledge and understanding bewildered. Would that someone had asked such questions of that Soul dwelling on the Isle, that there might have been revealed unto him what hath been sent down in truth from this glorious and impregnable station.

Say: O friends of God! Hearken unto the voice of this Wronged One with the ear of the spirit and gaze upon His signs with the eye of truth. By My life! Then shall be revealed unto you that which had been concealed from the eyes of men. Verily, God is the All-Counselling, the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O thou who art attracted by My verses! Hear what We have revealed to one of Our friends. We have desired naught in the world save reformation. The Lamp of the world beareth witness to this—a Lamp which neither requireth glass nor crystal nor any other protection. By God's life! Baha hath not spoken out of desire, but rather that which will draw people nigh unto a station wherein their hearts shall find

tranquility and their souls find rest. Thou knowest, and God knoweth beyond thee, that I have taken no helper for Myself and have aided God's Cause through a power before which the might of the world and the prowess of the nations—who have cast off the fear of God and embraced wickedness without any clear proof or evidence—have proven powerless.

Say: O servants, hear ye the counsels of the Wronged One. The first of all things is the recognition of Him Who is the Eternal Truth. He is the Sustainer of all, the Teacher of all. The first fruit of recognition is love and unity among all men, for through unity the horizons of the world are illumined and made radiant. The purpose of unity is association, and the purpose of association is mutual aid. That which outwardly promoteth unity, fellowship, amity and love is forbearance and righteousness. In one of Our Tablets We have uttered this exalted word: Blessed is he who retireth to his bed at night with a heart purified from rancor and hatred. Glory is not his who loveth his country, but glory is his who loveth the world.

Section 3: "The fear of God hath ever been…"

The fear of God hath ever been a sure stronghold and a safe guardian against the promptings of the evil self. It is the cause of the refinement of souls and the sanctification of being, both outwardly and inwardly. We have repeatedly stated that the assistance mentioned in Our Books, Tablets and Scriptures hath been through wisdom and utterance, and also through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. By the life of God! The hosts of praiseworthy character and goodly deeds are, verily, the most powerful armies of the world. The sword of virtue is keener than blades of steel, could ye but understand it.

Without concealment or hindrance have We proclaimed the Cause of God before the faces of the peoples, and have enjoined upon all that which shall draw them nigh unto Him, preserve them and exalt them. From the first day until now, We have borne whatever hath befallen Us in the path of the One Beloved, and have shown patience. Through God's grace and bounty, We have been and are sanctified from anything that would spread corruption, even to the extent of a needle's eye.

That which is worthy of mention today is that which promoteth unity, harmony and the exaltation of all. A goodly deed is as a tree, and from it appear delicate and pleasing fruits. This is the day of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Let not the counsels of the Wronged One be forgotten.

We cherish the hope that the fragrance of love and fellowship may waft among the friends, and that they may consort with one another in love and kindness. In one of Our Tablets We have uttered these words: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with the two luminaries of consultation and compassion. The tabernacle of world order is upheld upon the two pillars of reward and punishment. Such matters pertain to the kings of the age. They are the manifestations of God's power and the daysprings of His divine majesty.

After recognition of the Lord, exalted be His glory, two things are necessary: service to and obedience to the just government, and adherence to consummate wisdom. These two ensure the elevation and progress of being and its advancement. We beseech God to illumine His Majesty the Shah—may God assist him—with the splendors of the Day-Star of justice. If the divines of the Shi'ih sect would but allow it, his royal benevolence would embrace all, and he would rule with justice and equity. This Wronged One

hath ever loved and still loveth faithfulness. O that one of the kings of the earth might be confirmed in assisting the oppressed ones of the world! The path of truth and its balance have ever been justice and equity. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, whose hallmark is justice and fairness, not to deprive His servants of that which hath been mentioned.

The divines of Persia have become the cause of preventing the servants from the Divine Path. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside your pens, for the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen hath been raised between earth and heaven. Cast aside that which ye have composed with the hands of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The ocean of knowledge hath surged, and the day-star of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds. Once again We counsel the loved ones of God to trustworthiness, godliness, chastity, and the fear of God, the Leader of the hosts of justice from God, the Commander, the All-Wise.

My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure and be adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. O Lord! Thou hearest their sighs, beholdest their tears, and knowest what hath befallen them without any clear proof from Thee. Verily Thou knowest what is in the hearts of Thy servants, and nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. All created things have testified that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto the cord of patience and resignation in whatsoever hath befallen it in the path of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. The Wronged One's Pen hath, at all times, counselled the servants to that which profiteth them and draweth them nigh unto Him. We hope that God—glorified be His majesty—will purify the ears of the world that they may hearken with the ear of acceptance to the counsels and exhortations of the Wronged One and act accordingly.

My God, my God! Aid Thy heedless servants to return unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the All-Pardoning, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

One of God's chosen ones, upon whom be the Glory of God, who had drunk from the chalice of steadfastness and to whom all save God was as naught, met Hadi Dawlat-Abadi in the land of Sad. That heedless one mentioned that the Primal Point had decreed the purity of seminal fluid out of respect for the seed of "Him Whom God shall make manifest," and at that time the Ancient Beauty was twenty-five years old. His intention in making this statement was to deny the Manifestation of God, reject Him, and establish his own vain imaginings.

First, this statement is from the Bayan, and He says that on that Day the Bayan will profit none and you should not cling to it. He has said, and His word is the truth: "He cannot be known through My attributes nor through what was revealed in the Bayan." And by what he mentioned, his opposition to the Primal Point is clear and evident to those possessed of insight, for the Exalted One says: "Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by what hath been revealed in the Bayan." He has clearly opposed this and is unaware of it. Say: By God's life, none can find in the Bayan aught save the fragrance of the revelation of Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who proclaims in the most exalted call: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all mankind!" O Hadi, be not the cause of discord and misguidance. The lights of the Sun of Truth have illumined the world of inner meanings and utterance, and divine verses are being sent down and

showered forth like rain from the clouds of grace. All the Bayan circles round Him today, would that ye could understand.

Glory be to God! Hadi does not realize what he is saying, nor what he has understood from the Primal Point's statement regarding the seed. Secondly, say: O heedless one! The seed of "Him Whom God shall make manifest"—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—was and is pure and purifying, and that blessed seed hath no need of anyone's mention. I adjure thee by God Who created thee and fashioned thee: in one moment purify thy heart from hatred, then ponder on what thou hast mentioned. Perchance thou shalt be enabled to utter the blessed words "I turn unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds." Is the purity and sanctity of the seed of "Him Whom God shall make manifest" dependent upon the word of His servants? I seek God's forgiveness from this manifest delusion! I seek God's forgiveness from this great wrong! I seek God's forgiveness from this grievous error!

Say: O Hadi, if at this moment thou wouldst purify thine ears from false tales, thou wouldst hear from the tongue of the Primal Point: "Verily, I am the first of them that worship Him." "Him Whom God shall make manifest"—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—was All-Encompassing, not encompassed. The station of the Point was and is established through His word. Verily, He is independent of all who are in the heavens and on earth. All are in need of Him, and in these stations the Primal Point uttered the aforementioned word. Hear, then be fair, and be not of the wrongdoers.

And if thou sayest the Primal Point's purpose in mentioning the seed was to make the people aware—if people are like thee, they will never become aware, for they prevent their eyes and ears from seeing and hearing. And if the purpose was to make fair-minded souls aware, they have understood the station of that pure seed and that sanctified divine essence from the mention of "Him Whom God shall make manifest" and His Word, which the Primal Point foretold, saying: "Verily, He shall speak forth in every condition, 'I, verily, am God"' to the end of the verse.

Know and understand that pure, divine mystery. In any case, His purpose in mentioning these remembrances was to be engaged in the remembrance of that Beloved One. "Know and be of the thankful." "Know and be of the repentant ones." "Observe and be of the fair-minded." He declares that the Tree of Affirmation becomes the Tree of Negation through turning away from Him. By God's life! The call of the Bayan is raised, lamenting and crying out: "O people! The Day is God's Day, and the Cause is His Cause. Be not debarred by a drop from the ocean, nor deprived by a particle from the Sun of Revelation." By My life, O Hadi! Thou hast taken the pond and cast the Sea of God behind thee. Fear God, then be fair in what hath been revealed in truth. Verily He enricheth thee above all else and guideth thee to His mighty announcement.

O Hadi! Can he whom thou desirest race with the Divine Horseman in the arena of wisdom and utterance? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Take hold of the reins of thy passion, then return unto thy Lord. Verily unto Him is thy return and abode. O Hadi! Say to the Mihdi: "Thou art not of the horsemen of this field. Know thy station and be not of the transgressors. Purify thy heart from the promptings of men and thine eyes from the disease of desire, that thou mayest recognize Him Who hath come from the horizon of power with the standards of verses, and be of them that know." O Mihdi! For this Day wert thou created. Cling not to deception and craft, be not the cause of misguidance, and oppose not the

Primal Point. The ocean of utterance surgeth before thy sight, and the sun of truth shineth resplendent above thy head. Look and say: "Thine is the praise, O Goal of the world! And Thine is the glory, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and the earth!"

O Hadi! Be fair in what hath been made manifest. Every day thou schemest to protect thine own life while preventing the people from the Truth through money and unseemly utterances. Have mercy upon thyself and upon the people. In thy ignorance thou hast reached such a state as to make the purity of Him Whom God shall make manifest contingent upon the word of the Point. I seek God's forgiveness from this clear delusion! I seek God's forgiveness from this great injustice! I seek God's forgiveness from this grievous tyranny! I seek God's forgiveness from this error which hath no likeness or parallel! I swear by the Sun of proof which today shineth resplendent from the highest horizon of the world that this Wronged One counseleth thee for the sake of God, that thou mayest perchance take heed or fear. Thou wast not with Us and art not aware of the root of the Cause. Return to the sacred writings that perchance the door of justice and fairness may be opened before thy face and thou mayest be numbered with them that are assured.

After mentioning the seed before the person in question—upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness—he said:

> "I have fifty volumes of Yahya's books with me. Stay tonight and see."

Although he had heard conclusive answers to his objections, his hatred prevented him from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. God is witness and aware that he spoke falsely. Yahya had two volumes of the prayers of the Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—and had copied them repeatedly. Perhaps he gave what he wrote to Hadi. Furthermore, even if he possessed a thousand books, on this Day neither he nor his like would derive any benefit therefrom. A single diamond is better than a hundred thousand loads of stone. A hundred pounds of iron and copper cannot equal one ruby.

Apart from these matters, the equivalent of all heavenly books from the Point and before Him is now present and available. Come and see, and be present at the time of revelation, that perchance the breezes of divine revelation may attract thee, or the fragrance of inspiration may lead thee to thy goal. O Hadi! If thou art prevented from being present, appoint a deputy or representative. Perchance ye may find that of which ye are now heedless and turn towards that from which ye have turned away. The Wronged One calleth and saith: My God, my God! Prevent not Thy servants from the shore of the ocean of Thy grace, and cause them not to be numbered with them who have denied Thee and Thy signs and have rejected what Thou hast revealed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy days. O Lord! Make them aware of Thy message and teach them Thy path and station. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving.

Say: O Hadi! When this Wronged One was in chains, thou wast reclining upon thy couch in utmost comfort. Throughout the days and nights, We bore tribulation and adversity for the exaltation of the Word of God. The afflictions and trials of this Wronged One are beyond reckoning. In days when the world was darkened by the wrath of divines and rulers, this Wronged One, detached from all else, arose before the faces of all peoples through divine power and heavenly might to proclaim the Cause. From all directions wafted the sweet savors and shone forth the light of the Day-Star of clear evidence.

When the Sun of the Cause began to shine from the horizon of every city, thou and thy like emerged from behind the veil with swords of hatred, malice, falsehood and calumny, and sought to harm the Wronged One without proof or evidence. Fear God, O Hadi, and be not of the wrongdoers. We call you to the light while you call Me to the fire. What ails you that you do not use your reason and reflect upon that which has appeared? Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, then present thyself before God, then judge with fairness in this Most Great Announcement and be not of the wrongdoers. By what proof didst thou accept and acknowledge the Point (the Bab)—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake? With the eye of fairness observe that which is greater, that thou mayest take God as thy helper and find a way unto Him.

Section 4: "By the waves of the ocean of utterance…"

By the waves of the ocean of utterance, We have dispensed with the faith of thee and thy like. Create not hatred in hearts. Hear the counsel of the faithful Counselor and turn to His signs in complete detachment. By the life of God! They will guide thee and lead thee to the straight path of God. Each day thou dost cling to some vain imagination and persist in turning away and raising objections. One of you came to this land and mentioned that those who have turned away from the Bayan prevent those who have accepted it from turning towards God, instilling thoughts of murder, oppression and the like, thus depriving the faithful of the straight path. God, exalted be His glory, is sanctified and exempt from the comprehension and minds of those who have turned away. One must look to establish the truth and hold fast to proof and evidence. Once truth is established, then whatever proceeds from Him is truth. Doubt and uncertainty have no place in that realm.

Some time ago this blessed sermon was revealed from the Supreme Pen. Now it is mentioned again, that perchance thou mayest ascend the heights of fairness and reflect upon that which hath appeared, attaining unto that which is the greatest means for the salvation of nations and the reformation of the world. [BH01109]

He is the Rememberer, the Comforter, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Praised be God Who is established upon the throne with grandeur, might and majesty, and Who spoke whereat the trumpet was sounded, they that lay in their graves were quickened, and all who dwell on earth and in heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Lord of Names, willed to spare. Through Him was raised the standard "He doeth whatsoever He willeth," and was unfurled the banner "The kingdom on that day shall be God's," the Lord of all mankind and the Possessor of the throne of eternity and of all existence. He is the One from Whose realm of glory the decree of truth is inseparable, even should He adjudge existence to that which hath no existence. From the atmosphere of His sanctity no flutter of the wings of the bird of rebellion can be heard, even should He make lawful that which from time immemorial had been forbidden.

He is the One Worshipped, to Whose grandeur and sovereignty all atoms bear witness, and to Whose power and might all created things testify. The One Who standeth firm is he who hath arisen to make mention of Him and to voice His praise, and the Self-Subsisting is he who hath attained unto steadfastness in His Cause. Exalted, immensely exalted, is He Who speaketh the truth! Exalted, immensely

exalted, is He Who hath been tried among the people! Exalted, immensely exalted, is He Who seeth Himself alone amidst the multitude, and single among the concourse of men! Praised be God Who hath made tribulation an adornment for His loved ones, and through it hath decked them among His creation and His creatures.

Verily, He is the Judge Whom the veils of the world have not hindered, nor the mists of the nations prevented. None hath comprehended that which lieth with Him save His own Self, as attested by him who hath knowledge of the Tablets.

The intention is that His sanctified presence is exalted above error and transgression, and whatsoever appears from the Kingdom of His commandments and ordinances, all must grasp and act upon without hesitation. The deeds of this faction have been and are evident and clear to you and all the people of the Bayan—they showed no restraint in shedding blood, seizing people's property, and committing oppression and transgression. After the dawning of the Day-Star of Revelation from the horizon of Iraq, We forbade all from reprehensible deeds and detested behavior. The atoms of creation bear witness that in all conditions We have commanded the servants to that which exalts them and forbidden that which leads to abasement and humiliation. We have had and have no purpose except the exaltation of the Word of God, the reformation of the world, and the salvation of nations. Is there any fair one who will judge with fairness in this Most Great Cause? Is there any just one who will speak with justice regarding this Momentous News? We beseech God to aid His servants in that which will elevate them and acquaint them with that which will draw them near unto Him. Verily He is the True One, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

What sayest thou regarding the manifestation of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, when in three days seven hundred souls were beheaded in the wilderness of Syria, and many people in surrounding areas were deprived of existence? In any case, God has authority over all deeds and actions. Reflect upon what was mentioned, perchance thou mayest become aware and find that which leads to eternal life. After the establishment of truth, neither rejection nor objection is permissible. Nevertheless, by His very Self, the Truth, that which was revealed in this station is such that every fair-minded one testifies that this Wronged One's purpose has been and is the protection of people and the extinguishing of the fire of hatred in hearts and souls. Look in the revealed Books, sacred Scrolls and luminous Tablets, that thou mayest attain to that which is the cause of the manifestation of justice and fairness.

Praise be to God, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and His all-encompassing will, for forty years the fire of contention, conflict and corruption has been extinguished and subdued in Iran. Consider what occurred in Ishqabad—one of the friends was martyred by a rebellious, transgressing group, and the wounds inflicted exceeded thirty. Nevertheless, the Party of God did not retaliate and held fast to this blessed verse which was repeatedly revealed from the Supreme Pen:

> "Verily He is the Concealer, He commandeth you to conceal; and He is the Most Patient, He commandeth you to exercise beautiful patience."

Their compassion and love reached such a station that they interceded for the murderers and oppressors. Blessed are they! We testify that they have partaken of the Kawthar of contentment from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Ever-Flowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful. If you deny the grace of this Revelation, assuredly God, exalted be His glory, will raise up souls who will arise for the sake of God and speak the truth. Reflect upon the deeds and actions of the friends of the past, and likewise upon the deeds of these days, that perchance thou mayest remove oppression through the sword of righteousness and turn to fairness.

Say: O my God, my God! I testify that Thou didst turn to me when I was turning away, and called me when I was silent. I beseech Thee, O Subduer of hearts and souls, by Thy Best-Beloved Name, to assist Thy servants in that which will exalt them through Thy Name and make them standards of Thy guidance in Thy land. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of the Day-Star of justice and fairness, and ordain for them that which will adorn them with the ornament of Thy forgiveness and Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O people of God! Fix your gaze upon the horizon of the Will of Him Who subsisteth by His own Being, and hold fast unto that which beseemeth His days. Great is this Day, and mighty this Cause! Strange indeed that some among the people who count themselves followers of the Bayan are afflicted with the same vain imaginings as the people of the past.

Today none of the books of the world can provide deliverance save through a single word that hath shone forth from the dayspring of the mouth of God's Will. Every utterance adorned thereby attaineth the honor of acceptance. Today from the blessed Word the fragrance of true unity is wafted. Well is it with him who hath perceived it, and woe betide the heedless!

Say: O people of God! Cast away that which the deniers possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. By My life! The books of the world cannot compare with His Word. Now with pure and sanctified hearing, hearken unto this most exalted verse revealed by the Primal Point. His glorious Word declareth: If thou shouldst recite but one verse from the verses of Him Whom God shall make manifest, this would be more meritorious in the sight of God than if thou wert to set down the entire Bayan, for on that Day that single verse would grant thee salvation while the entire Bayan would not.

Now ponder the loftiness of His station and the sublimity thereof, that ye may not be debarred from drawing nigh unto God through the doubts of those who cause others to err and the allusions of the transgressors. Glory be to God! Some have made the word "Mustaghath" a veil, and by that word have debarred the people from the Truth, even though the mention of Mustaghath is itself from the Bayan. He saith: Let not the Bayan and its ordinances keep you back from Him Who is the Sovereign and the Source thereof. Moreover, He saith: None knoweth the time of the Revelation except God. Whenever it appeareth, all must recognize the Point of Truth and render thanks unto God.

Today the people of Baha have found their dwelling place beneath the canopy of the greatness and infallibility of God, exalted be His glory, and have chosen their habitation. They have manifested such steadfastness as hath no peer or likeness. Every person of insight is indeed amazed, and every possessor

of knowledge astounded. For in this Most Great Revelation there hath appeared what hath never appeared from the beginning of creation until now. The Sun of Power shineth before all faces, the Ocean of Knowledge is manifest, and the heaven of grace is raised high.

Nevertheless, We summon the people unto the dawning-place of Revelation with proofs and evidences, that they may not be deprived. Such bounty hath been vouchsafed that the Lord of the Kingdom of Utterance adduceth the words of others as proof for the establishment of His Cause.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye God, and consider with justice and fairness that which hath appeared, and observe it, that ye may attain unto that for which ye were created. The people of former times were occupied with vain imaginings throughout the ages, and these imaginings became a barrier that debarred them from the House of God and prevented them from recognizing the place of circumambulation of them that are nigh unto God and are sincere. Each day one party would execrate another, and they have had and continue to have no peer in rejection and protest.

In the days of Our childhood, one day We went to visit the grandmother of the Most Great Branch during the time when she was married to the late Mirza Isma'il-i-Vazir. Upon arrival, We observed a person wearing a large turban sitting there with another individual. From behind a special curtain, that holy and believing leaf made inquiries. Among other things, she mentioned that we must know and understand who was higher—Gabriel or Qanbar, the servant of the Prince of Believers. Although this Wronged One had not yet reached physical maturity, He was greatly amazed at the understanding of those two heedless ones. In any case, that person, in his own imagination, counted such utterances among divine knowledge and supposed himself to have ascended to the highest station of mystical insight, unaware that he was recorded and numbered before God as among the worshippers of names.

After pausing for a few minutes, this Wronged One stated that if Gabriel was the one referred to in the Mighty Book where it states "The Faithful Spirit hath descended with it upon thy heart," then Qanbar had no station in comparison. And when We journeyed to the land of Qum, this same person was present there. Repeatedly, similar words were heard from him in several places. Among them, one day he mentioned that we must know who was higher—Salman or ʿAbbas. What fruit or effect have they observed from such discussions, and what is gained from such mentions? The purpose is that the people of God should know that those people were worshippers of vain imaginings and for this reason were deprived of the recognition of Truth, exalted be His glory, in the days of His Manifestation. We hope that such matters will not appear in this Revelation. May they know the Truth as Truth and creation as creation. Blessed are the fair-minded.

According to what hath been reported, Ibn-i-Baqir of the land of Sad hath, in these days, entered the city of Ta by command of His Majesty the Sultan, and in one of the gatherings hath declared:

> "Ye must translate the Suriy-i-Tawhid and place it in the hands of every soul in the realm, that all may know that the True One begetteth not, nor is He begotten, whereas the Babis ascribe unto Him divinity and lordship."

Glorified be God! What hath come to pass, that the Son of 'Imran, upon the Sinai of mystic knowledge, after he had hearkened unto the words, "Verily, I am God," from the blessed Tree, made no protest, nor

translated the scroll of Divine Unity? In brief, should any soul meet him, let him say on behalf of this Wronged One: “Fear God. Hearken, with the ear of thy inmost nature, unto the call of the faithful and trusted Counsellor; and even as the Interlocutor of God received and accepted that which he heard, so do thou likewise accept from the blessed Tree of Man.” By the life of God! The blessed utterance, “Verily, I am Man,” is, in the sight of this Wronged One, greater than all that they have comprehended.

Section 5: “O Ibn Baqir, ponder this Revelation. He Who…”

Say: O Ibn Baqir, ponder this Revelation. He Who by the power of the Supreme Pen hath manifested that which hath amazed most of the servants, both rulers and ruled, surely possesseth the treasuries of wisdom and utterance. Ye must adorn yourselves with fairness and seek understanding, turning with complete submission and contentment, that perchance ye may attain the hidden pearls in the shells of the Most Great Sea. The loftiness of the call was intended to attract the servants, that after their turning and attention We might impart that whereby every soul would see himself wealthy and independent beneath the shade of the Tree of bounty. And the Secret of existence is witness to what I say.

Say: O Ibn Baqir, recognize thy station and transgress it not. He guideth thee and directeth thee to that which enricheth and preserveth thee. It behooveth thee to thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, thy Lord, the Munificent, thy Lord, the Generous. Obtain and read the Tablet of Proof which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of the All-Merciful specifically for thy father, that perchance thou mayest turn from the left hand of fancy and idle imaginings to the right hand of certitude and assurance, and be illumined by the light of justice.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Say: O Ibn Baqir, We mention one word for the sake of God, that perchance thou mayest pass beyond the world of tyranny and oppression and, by the ladder of trust and detachment, seek the cities of justice and fairness. Hath there ever appeared in the world a light or manifestation or radiance which thou and thy like have accepted and not rejected? Specify who it was and what was his name. In any case, set aside insolence and be content with what God hath decreed.

In a previous Tablet this prayer was revealed—read it, that thou mayest acknowledge the authority of Truth and accept that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God’s Will:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all who are in the heavens and the earth, to protect the lamp of Thy Cause within the glass of Thy power and favor, lest the winds of denial from the direction of those who have been heedless of the mysteries of Thy chosen Name should blow upon it. Then increase its light through the oil of Thy wisdom. Thou, verily, hast power over all who are in Thy earth and heaven. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word, whereby all who are in earth and heaven were struck with terror, except such as took fast hold of the Most Firm Handle, not to abandon me among Thy creatures. Raise me up unto Thee, cause me to enter beneath the shadow of Thy mercy, and give me to drink of the pure wine of Thy bounty, that I may dwell within the tabernacle of Thy glory and the pavilions of Thy favor. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O son of Baqir! The Truth hath appeared with "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Thy denial or acceptance hath never been, nor shall ever be, of consequence. The mention of Divinity and Lordship hath ever belonged, and shall continue to belong, to God—glorified be His majesty. This Wronged One hath ever been speaking these sublime words:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, and to Thy power and Thy might, O God of all possibilities and Lord of all beings! I long to lay my face upon every spot of Thy earth and upon every fragment thereof, that perchance it might be honored by attaining the station of having been blessed by the footsteps of Thy loved ones. O Lord! Thou hearest my cry and my lamentation and my call in Thy days, and Thou knowest that I summon Thy servants unto the light while they call me unto the fire. I beseech Thee to assist Thy servants to return unto Thee and to repent before the door of Thy grace. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Would that thou hadst perceived the fragrances wafting from the verses! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One: Turn from oppression to justice, and from tyranny to equity. Present thyself before the Face, that thou mayest behold the waves of the ocean of thy Lord's utterance and the effulgences of the light of the Sun of proof. Beware lest leadership debar thee from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. Cast away what thou hast and take what thou art bidden by God, the Lord of all worlds.

The bounty of this Revelation is of such magnitude that no fair-minded and just person can deny it. For nigh upon forty years this Wronged One hath forbidden the servants from corruption, conflict, contention and bloodshed. Night and day hath the Pen moved and the Tongue spoken. Praise be to God, the loved ones of Truth have accepted and acted upon the counsels of the Wronged One, such that in Ishqabad when they were slain they slew not, but rather interceded for their oppressors and murderers. Likewise in the Land of Sad and other regions, whatsoever befell the people of God, they showed patience and left it to God. All know that previously, every year witnessed strife and conflict, with many souls slain on both sides—one year in Tabarsi, another in Zanjan, another in Nayriz. But after this Wronged One's departure to Iraq, by permission of His Majesty the Sultan, We forbade all from corruption and strife. If thou deniest this, the world beareth witness, though certain slanderers and deniers have concealed the good deeds of the Most Exalted Pen and spoken and continue to speak according to their desires. But by the life of God! Baha speaketh not from desire, but rather uttereth that which draweth mankind unto the Most Sublime Horizon.

O people of God! Hold fast with justice to the right of the sovereign, and seek for him that which beseemeth his generosity. In truth, he hath repeatedly rendered assistance and protected the divine sheep from wolves. Surely all have heard and know this. Therefore we must beseech God that He may illumine the world through the lights of the sun of his justice. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

My God, my God! Thou seest the oppression of the tyrannous among Thy servants and the wickedness of Thy evil creatures, and what hath befallen Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. O Lord! Aid His Majesty the Sultan that he may assist them through Thy might, power and sovereignty. Then open before their faces the doors of Thy grace, mercy and bounty. O Lord! Illumine the horizons of hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and purify them from rancor and hatred through Thy wisdom which encompasseth all things. Then ordain for those who have sacrificed their souls in Thy path and accepted the arrows of the enemy

to exalt Thy Word, the reward of attaining Thy presence. Thou art He Whom the power of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the might of nations weaken, nor can anything escape Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

The loved ones and chosen ones must, by night and day, seek confirmation for all. If today the claimants of love would hold fast to and act upon what hath been revealed in the Tablets from the Most Exalted Pen, ere long the divine traces would become manifest to all. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this manifest hour.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Thou hast been mentioned in such wise that its fragrance shall never cease, and thou hast attained unto that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly dominion endure. We beseech God to make thee among those whom nothing whatsoever deterreth, whom the clamor of the divines feareth not, and whom the swords of the enemies weaken not.

O Lord! Aid Thy party to assist Thy Cause through the hosts of utterance, and ordain for them that which will exalt their stations among Thy servants and draw them near to the court of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy firm, decisive, and mighty Word.

This Wronged One chose solitude for two years, wandering alone through deserts and mountains. During these days of seclusion, chaos and confusion appeared. Some were seized by heedlessness, such that they turned away from that which is with God and clung to their own desires. Finally, the fire of tyranny was kindled and they perpetrated against His Holiness Dayyan that which caused the stars of the heaven of joy to fall, the moon of justice to be deprived of light, and the sun of equity to be barred from radiance. In the Kitab-i-Haykal, specifically concerning His Holiness Dayyan, the Point of the Bayan revealed from the heaven of knowledge, these exalted words:

> “O Name of Dayyan! This is a hidden, treasured knowledge which We have entrusted unto thee and given thee as a glory from God, as the eye of thy heart is refined and knoweth its worth and exalteth its splendor”

unto the end of His utterance—exalted be His utterance.

At the beginning of the Kitab-i-Haykal these sublime words are inscribed: “That which was revealed for His Holiness the Lion, the Unique, the One, Who is illumined with the Light of the Eternal, the Name of God, the Dayyan.” And in another place He saith: “O Manifestation of Oneness” unto the end of His utterance. Likewise, in one place, addressing him, He saith: “O Third Letter who hath believed in Him Whom God shall make manifest.” The meaning of this name is “the Recompenser of the Day of Recompense,” and he was the third letter who attained to recognition, faith and presence. The purpose of the Kitab-i-Haykal was to make mention of this Most Great Cause and the Great Announcement, yet none perceived it. In one place He saith: “This knowledge is, in the sight of God, more precious than all else.” The intention was to give glad-tidings to those who are detached concerning the appearance of the Hidden Treasure, which would not exceed nineteen years nor reach twenty. Now the fair-minded must judge: if this was not the intention, what could have been the reason for its precedence over other knowledge and its excellence above other utterances?

In brief, desire maketh man to be deprived of justice and equity. They martyred His Holiness the Dayyan with such tyranny as caused the greatest joy to be transformed into supreme sorrow. Some have supposed the Kitab-i-Haykal to be about alchemy and divination. Vain indeed are their imaginings! The purpose of the Book is clear and evident as the sun. Blessed are they who perceive! Likewise, they issued the verdict for the martyrdom of Mirza ʿAli-Akbar and martyred him, and similarly Aqa Abu'l-Qasim and others. In truth, the transgressions of these souls are beyond reckoning. This Wronged One hath never liked nor likes to make such mentions. The purpose is that some might become aware and speak the truth. They named the Dayyan "the father of evil" and Jinab-i-Khalil—concerning whom He saith in the Bayan "O My Khalil in the Scriptures! O My Remembrance in the Books after the Scriptures! O My Name in the Bayan!"—they called him "the father of calamities." Then they arose to cut down the Blessed Tree, but God drove them away through His power and sovereignty, despite their will. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Effusive, the Protector, the Generous.

Day and night We have arisen to render assistance, in such wise that the opposition of all the world's peoples could not deter Us, and We have had and have no purpose except to reform and to extinguish the fire of enmity and hatred. To this beareth witness that which hath flowed from My Pen before the faces of men and that which My tongue hath spoken amongst the servants. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn all with that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to assist them to turn and return unto Him. Verily He is the Strong, the Mighty.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! We testify that thou hast attained unto a Book whose fragrance, whose call and whose remembrance shall never cease. It behooveth thee to thank God at all times for this manifest grace, and to give the glad-tidings of this mighty announcement unto the servants with wisdom and utterance. Convey My greetings to the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of the dawning lights of divine bounty. Verily We have mentioned each one of them in such wise as cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless.

And concerning that which thou didst subsequently ask, verily it shall be made manifest unto thee as a promise from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thy later petition hath attained unto the Most Holy Court. We praise God Who hath caused thee to know His Cause, taught thee His remembrance, and guided thee to His straight path. The world and all that is therein shall perish, but there shall endure thy deeds in the days of God and that which flowed from thy pen in praise and remembrance of the Wronged One. We beseech Him to strengthen thee, to prosper thee, and to aid thee with the hosts of utterance that thou mayest guide the people and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful, and praise be to God, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

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Section 1: "This is a Book sent down…"

He is the One manifest and speaking from His most exalted horizon

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath hearkened unto the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and who turned unto the Dawning-Place of His Most Glorious Name when they that dwell in the realm of creation turned away from Him. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Ancient of Days was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name in this most exalted Station, which hath been named by all names in the Crimson Tablet on a Day wherein the verses were sent down and the evidences were made manifest from God, the Lord of Lords.

O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful. Verily He arose on this day and proceeded to another station. When He arrived, He spoke verses whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High and the Most Exalted Paradise were attracted, and all things cried out: "The Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in earth and heaven." And We heard the glad-tidings of all things which were attracted by the rapture of the Call. Glorified be their Creator, their Mover and their Attractor through the Most Exalted Word, which, when it issued forth from the mouth of Will, caused the call to be raised from every direction: "Glory and power and grandeur be unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return!"

O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! Thy letter hath come before the face of the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance before His countenance hath read it. We perceived therefrom the fragrance of thy love for the face of God, the Lord of all men. We make mention of thee and those who believed before in verses at whose revelation all things bowed down in submission, yet most of the people are in strange doubt. They have forsaken their God and followed their desires. Verily they are among the erring in the Mother Book. Blessed art thou for having aided thy Lord before the faces of the servants. Thou didst speak in His Name and make mention of that which was sent down from the heaven of utterance from God, the Cleaver of Dawn.

We were with you and heard what your tongues uttered. With Him is the knowledge of all things in the Mother Book. Thy likeness hath appeared before Our face, and We have written for thee from Our Most Exalted Pen the reward of attainment. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty which hath encompassed the horizons. This is a Day wherein the ocean of bounty hath surged before all beings, and the Dove of Paradise hath warbled upon the highest branches. Hearken, O people! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth out with the most exalted call before the faces of the parties. Say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Aim, and bounty be unto Thee, O my Object of Worship, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen in remembrance of me while I was in the hands of those who disbelieved in Thy greatest signs and denied Thy proof which hath encompassed all regions. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the seas surged and the rivers flowed and the mysteries were revealed and the trees spoke forth in such wise as to attract the hearts of the righteous, to make me so steadfast that extinction shall not overtake me, so upright that sitting shall not follow, and so outspoken that silence shall not overcome me. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to ordain for me from the ocean of Thy knowledge the pearls of Thy wisdom, then write down for me that which shall abide with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful Whom neither the world's

contingencies can frustrate nor the might of nations can weaken. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower."

O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. Praise be unto God, thou hast attained unto acceptance and orientation and remembrance and praise, and hast arisen to serve the Cause. The reward of these deeds is a treasure preserved with God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Verily, We make mention at this time of him who was named Muhammad-Rida that he may hear from the Divine Lote-Tree from this most exalted horizon that God—there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou, O Muhammad-Qablir-Rida, for having voiced the praise of God, arisen to serve His Cause, and accomplished that which was recorded in the Tablet of thy Lord and preserved in the Crimson Book which none hath beheld save God, the Lord of all worlds. We have mentioned thee before in verses which, when revealed, caused the very rocks to soar, how much more the spirits. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having strengthened and enabled thee to achieve that which caused the limbs of men to quake, save those whom the Lord of creation preserved through a power before which all the might of earth and heaven proved impotent. When thou hast recited My verses and attained unto the Kawthar of Mine utterance, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy proof, and guided me unto Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath subdued all created things, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subjugated all things possible, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are detached, who hastened to the place of sacrifice out of their longing to meet Thee, and who gave up their lives in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Ibrahim! Thy name hath been mentioned in this Most Exalted Station before the presence of the Lord of all beings. He hath remembered thee with such remembrance as hath enraptured the hearts of them that know, and hath stunned those servants who violated God's Covenant and Testament, and denied His proof, until they pronounced sentence for the shedding of His most holy, most pure, and most luminous blood. Thus did their souls entice them, yet they are among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of this glorious and noble station. O Ibrahim! Canst thou take the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and drink therefrom despite the enemies, through My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous? Say:

O my God and my Master! Thou knowest me better than I know myself. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy service and vocal in Thy praise, in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the tyranny of earth's pharaohs who have held back Thy servants from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory and from entering the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness shall frighten me. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches, and the sick one before the shores of the ocean of Thy healing. I know not, O my God, whether my deeds shall hold me back from that which Thou hast

mentioned, or whether through Thy bounty and generosity I shall be enabled to achieve that which I desire. By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world! I wish to place my trust in Thee in all conditions and to commit my affairs unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of the beginning and the end. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Yusuf, whom God hath delivered from the well of vain imaginings and illumined with the lights of certitude. We have mentioned him before—verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Expositor. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth the call of His loved ones and seeth their deeds, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The swords of the enemies cannot prevent Him from remembering whomsoever He pleaseth through a sovereignty from His presence. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O Yusuf! We have heard thy call and have called out to thee, and have seen thy turning and have turned toward thee from this far-distant Shore. When thou art illumined by the effulgences of the light of the Day-Star of My utterance and hast drunk from the hand of bounty the Kawthar of My proof, say:

My God, my God! Thou knowest and seest how separation from Thee hath melted my liver, how remoteness from Thy presence hath broken my back, and how exile from Thee hath well-nigh caused my death. I beseech Thee by the ocean of meeting with Thee, by the Kawthar of attaining Thy presence, by the breezes of nearness to Thee, and by the fragrance of Thy garment, to make me detached from all else but Thee, turning unto Thee, and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. O Lord! Thou hearest the sighs of my heart in separation from Thee and seest the tears of mine eyes in my love for Thee. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowals to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and art powerful over all things through Thy wondrous and mighty Word.

O Ali, upon thee be My Glory! We bear witness that thou didst attain unto the Word “Yea” when the Call was raised from the Supreme Horizon, and wert of them that have attained. We bear witness to thy recognition, thy submissiveness, thy confession, thy humility, thy acknowledgment, and thy remembrance in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have sent down for thee that which shall cause the roses of inner meanings and utterance to grow in the garden of the knowledge of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Hearken unto the Call from the heaven of this Heaven: “There is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed.” Take the Salsabil of utterance from the hand of My bounty, then drink thereof in My Name and say:

“My God, my God! Thy sorrow hath consumed me, and Thy tribulation hath burned me, and by what hath befallen Thee my liver and my body and my frame have melted. By Thy glory! I long to go forth from my house and lament in the mountains and weep throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and cry out and say: ‘Where art Thou, O Thou Goal of the mystics? And where art Thou, O Thou Beloved of those who dwell in the heavens and the earth?’ Would that I had no soul and had not heard what hath befallen Thee from the calumniators who, when Thou didst desire salvation for them, desired for Thee that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by Thy wronged state to aid me to be patient in Thy days and to endure Thy commandments and ordinances.” Whereupon every vein of my veins and every pillar of my pillars and every member of my

members shall cry out: “My God, my God! My Lord and my Support! Pour forth upon me patience, then aid Thy loved ones against the oppressive people.”

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Yusuf-i-ʿAli who attained Our presence and heard My wondrous Call. O Yusuf! Forget not that which We counselled thee during thy presence. Take hold of the Book with power from thy Lord, then act according to what hath been revealed therein, and be not of the patient ones. Patience is praiseworthy except in My calamity. Thus hath the tongue of My grandeur spoken in this noble station.

Thy letter had previously come before the Wronged One, and the servant present before the Countenance presented it. We have answered thee with what hath been revealed at this time. When thou hast attained unto My verses and drunk the choice wine of justice from the cup of My bounty, say:

> “My God, my God! I am he who acknowledgeth his transgressions and his sins in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy gracious Name, and by Thy merciful Name, and by Thy forgiving Name, and by Thy clement Name, that Thou forgive me and remit my evil deeds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. O Lord! Thou seest the sinner desiring the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the heedless one seeking the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the vastness of Thy verses and the mysteries of Thy wisdom and the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, hoping for Thy pardon, anticipating Thy generosity, and awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty which have encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.”

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath loved Me and heard My Call and attained My presence and taken from the cup of My bounty the Kawthar of My utterance and drunk in My Name and remembrance. Verily, he was named Mihdi in My scroll and in My perspicuous Tablet.

Section 2: “O Mihdi! The Wronged One makes mention…”

O Mihdi! The Wronged One makes mention of thee on a day when the oppressors have encompassed Him on all sides with swords of falsehood and calumny. Verily thy Lord is not hindered by aught whatsoever from that which He willeth. He, verily, is the One Who ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth through His firm and mighty command. We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour through this perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to My Covenant and My Testament, and for having turned toward My Prison with detachment adorned with the acceptance of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Powerful. The splendor shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon thee and upon thy wife. Give her glad tidings from Me and remind her of My verses. I am, verily, the Rememberer, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Say: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Thou hast been blessed with My mention time and again, and this is yet another time, a bounty from God, the Lord of all beings. Be thankful and say: Unto Thee be praise and glory, unto Thee be mention and splendor. Thy handmaiden testifieth to Thy greatness and Thy

sovereignty, Thy might and Thy power. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

O Pen! Make mention, from the presence of the Ancient King, of him who was named Rida in the Kingdom of Names, who attained the presence of the Wronged One when He was in His Most Great Prison. Remember My days and thy standing at the gate of My favor and thy presence before My face, and thine attentiveness to My sweet call, for which ears were created. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Expositor. We have revealed in every matter that which the tongues of the world are powerless to enumerate. Of this beareth witness he who possesseth a perspicuous Book.

O Rida! He Who was named Muhammad-Rida hath made mention of thee before the Face, and We have sent thee a fragrance from the fragrances of Revelation. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of faithfulness and Creator of earth and heaven, for having remembered me when I was in the midst of the deluded ones. Verily, he who mentioned thee hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion, and the mercy of thy Lord hath encompassed him from all sides, until the hand of bounty caused him to enter the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Husayn! Husayn maketh mention of thee, He whose limbs and members, were one to observe them, would be found pierced by the arrows of hatred and the spears of the enemies' calumnies. Yet He was, and ever will be, content with whatsoever hath befallen Him, in such wise that neither tribulations could prevent Him from the mention of the Lord of Names, nor could the might of the oppressors frighten Him. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path, given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and sent down unto me from the heaven of knowledge the table of Thy bounty, and for having mentioned me in Thy Book.

I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which the sincere ones have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and meeting, and those who are nigh have ascended unto the heaven of Thy generosity and grace, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. O Lord! Ordain for me that which will preserve me from all else save Thee and draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! Thou hast mentioned him who was named after Me. We have mentioned him time and again and sent unto him a Tablet from whose horizon the luminary of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds, hath shone forth. Say: Remember those days when thou wert present before the Face and didst hear the call of the Wronged One and drink the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him, to strengthen him, and to ordain for him that which shall never end in mention nor cease in fragrance. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who was named Rida in the precincts of might and bounty, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all names. We testify that thou hast attained unto divine good-pleasure and thy deeds have been accepted. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and this great favor which shall not change throughout

the eternity of My most beautiful names. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a pillar in this Cause and through thee to open the doors of the hearts of them that are heedless.

We have been with Our loved ones and have heard their call and their words, and have seen their deeds, and verily We are the Hearing, the Answering. We have made mention of thee before, and at this time, and shall mention thee hereafter in a perspicuous Tablet, that it may remain as a remembrance in the scrolls and be recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Let not events sadden thee. Hold fast unto the cord of trust in all conditions unto the Strong, the Prevailing, the Almighty. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy father who hath mentioned thee time and again, and upon every steadfast and upright one, and upon thy brother who was named ʿAli in the Book of Names and in this perspicuous Tablet.

We beseech God to protect you and to aid you and draw you nigh unto Him and to give drink from the ocean of His healing to whomsoever He willeth. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Grieve not over anything. He is with you. Soon shall the carpet of tyranny be rolled up and your mention and your traces and your names shall be spread amongst the servants. Unto this doth testify this Speaking Book, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Joseph! The promise hath come to pass and the Herald hath called out from every direction:

> "O Manifestations of Names and Attributes! Rejoice in that the veils have been rent asunder and the Revealer of verses hath come with such sovereignty that before it can stand neither the hosts of earth nor of heaven."

Thus hath the matter been decreed at this time. Take hold of the Book with the strength granted by Us and cleave unto it as bidden by Us, and I am verily the Commanding, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him who was named Abraham and give him glad tidings of that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Most Exalted Pen in his remembrance, that the bounty of his Lord and His utterance may draw him to this luminous horizon. O Abraham! When thou findest the fragrance of My remembrance and hearest My call, arise, turning thy face toward My direction, and say:

> "My God, my God! I testify that by Thy Most Exalted Word Thou didst create all things, and by Thy Most Great Name were raised the stations of the nations, and through the revelations of the Day-Star of Thy manifestation were illumined the hearts of them that have turned toward Thee and of the sincere ones. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy manifestation and the warmth of Thy love and the fire of the Tree of Thy Mount to cause to be uttered for Thy Face a word whereby all created things may be attracted. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Withhold not Thy loved ones from the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty nor from the effulgences of the Sun of Thy generosity. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

O Joseph! We have sent down for thee and for those with thee that whose fragrance shall not cease throughout the eternity of the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praised. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth love and affection and kindliness and unity, and that whereby your stations may be exalted among the peoples of the earth. And I am verily the Counselor, the Manifest, the All-Knowing.

O Husayn! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art my Ultimate Goal, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy utterance and having revealed unto me that which was hidden from most of Thy creation. I testify, O my God, by Thy might and Thy grandeur and Thy forgiveness and Thy bounty, I beseech Thee by the pearls that have appeared from Thy Most Exalted Pen to send down upon me that which will preserve me from all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

O Haydar-ʿAli! We have arisen to establish the Cause in days wherein darkness hath encompassed all regions. When the light shone forth, he who was named Hadi emerged from behind the veil and spoke that which consumed the hearts of them that were nigh unto God, whom all that was created on earth could not hinder from turning toward the Dayspring of Signs. We beseech God to aid thee to manifest such steadfastness that neither names nor all that the peoples possess shall deter thee from turning toward the straight path. We counsel thee and enjoin upon thee trustworthiness, which God hath made to adorn the temple of His loved ones, and godliness, whereby the order of the world hath been established and nations have found tranquility. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the Counselor. Beware lest the clamoring of them that have denied the Proof and rejected the Testament sadden thee. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and follow not every ignorant impostor. That which was hidden hath been revealed and that which was treasured hath been made manifest. Thus hath the fragrance of God's utterance, the Lord of the beginning and the end, been wafted abroad.

O Muhammad-Ja'far! The Lord of Destiny from the direction of His Most Great Scene hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise as to attract the hearts of the righteous. Blessed is the servant who hath heard the call and turned unto it with humility and contrition. This is the Day of nearness and of meeting, the Day of bounty and of giving. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless doubter. This is the Day wherein the sea hath disclosed its mysteries and its waves, the mountains their treasures, the heaven its stars, the sun its radiance, and the Temple of the Manifestation His proof and His testimony, His grandeur and His sovereignty, as a grace and mercy from Him unto His servants.

O Pen! Bear thou witness that thou hast not fallen short in thy remembrance, and hast called out to the servants and commanded all as We commanded thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Let not the veils of the doubters and the objections of the croakers sadden thee. Arise and say: O ʿAli-Asghar! Hearken unto that which hath been raised from the direction of God's Most Great Scene. He maketh mention of thee and of them that have believed, with such remembrance as illumineth the horizons. We remember him who remembereth Us, and aid him in that which draweth him nigh unto the Dayspring of Signs. When the rapture of My call seizeth thee from the horizon of My Manifestation, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn toward Thee, and thanks be to Thee for having inspired me with Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance, by that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge, by the tears of them that know Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the sighs of them that yearn for Thee in their remoteness from Thy presence, to make me one of them whom the weapons of the world cannot frighten, nor the might of nations dismay. Then ordain for me that which shall profit me. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O ʿAli-Akbar! We have mentioned thee before with verses that caused the seas of meanings and utterance to surge, and by which the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Gracious, was diffused. I bear witness that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Cause and believed in Him through Whom the tribes of the earth were seized with trembling and the limbs of every obstinate infidel were made to quake. Say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee and clinging unto Thee and Thy signs. I beseech Thee to make me, in all conditions, gazed toward Thee, speaking Thy praise, and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all that are in the heavens and on earth.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! We have heard thy call and turned toward thee to impart unto thee that which shall make thee detached from all else save Me and cause thee to hold fast unto My firm cord. We love them that have turned toward the Countenance and make mention of them in such wise as shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom of God, the Lord of the glorious Throne. We counsel thee and them that have believed to perform such deeds as shall diffuse the fragrance of divine acceptance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Beware lest the tyranny of any remote oppressor grieve thee, or the doubts of them that have denied the Day of Judgment hinder thee. When the attraction of the call from the supreme horizon seizeth thee, say:

Section 3: “O Lord of all names and Creator…”

> “O Lord of all names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the standards of Thy guidance in the world of creation to make me of them that have spent what they possessed in Thy path and whom the warmth of Thy love hath so seized that naught whatsoever hath deterred them from turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy bounty and the sick one turning toward the ocean of Thy healing. Ordain for me, O my God, that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy glory and the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Gracious.”

O My loved ones in Alif and Sin (Ashku)! Rejoice that the Lord of eternity hath turned toward you from His Most Great Prison and desired to make mention of you in such wise that your names shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. This is a day wherein whosoever hath sought hath attained

unto the Desired One, and whosoever hath yearned hath attained unto this glorious and wondrous station.

O Ahmad! Set thy face toward God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, and say:

> "My God, my God! Drive me not from Thy door, withhold me not from the ocean of Thy bounty, disappoint me not from the manifestations of the lights of the Sun of Thy grace, and remove me not from the carpet of Thy nearness. Thou knowest and seest that I have turned with my whole being toward Thee and have desired from Thee only that which shall strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy love and to arise to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby Thy earth and heaven were illumined, and by that which was raised from the Tree of Sinai, to ordain for me that which shall make me so detached from all else save Thee that my tongue shall move only in Thy remembrance, my face shall turn only toward the lights of Thy countenance, mine ear shall hear naught save that which hath proceeded from Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy sweetest call, and mine eyes shall behold only Thy visible tokens in all things. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all, whether of old or more recent times."

O Muhammad-Aqa! By God, the Glory hath not manifested Himself except for the salvation of the world and the upliftment of the peoples. The Most Great Book of God beareth witness to this in this exalted station. This is a day wherein that which was hidden from eternity of eternities and treasured in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath appeared. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and witnessed, and the ear that hath heard when the Call was raised, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

Praise be unto Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy manifestation and my countenance with the radiance of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued both the unseen and the visible, to make me a banner of Thy Name amongst Thy servants and one who voices Thy praise throughout Thy lands. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, the One possessed of great bounty. Never hast Thou disappointed those who hoped in Thee, nor turned away those who sought Thee. I testify to Thy might and Thy grandeur, Thy sovereignty and Thy power, Thy loftiness and Thy dominion, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who drank the wine of martyrdom in Thy Name and the Kawthar of sacrifice in Thy love. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Mir Muhsin! The peoples of the earth have risen against Me in harm save whom God, the Omnipotent, the All-Wise, hath willed. We summoned them to the highest horizon and desired for them that which would draw them nigh unto the Mighty, the Beautiful. Yet they denied My grace, My bounty, My generosity and My mercy which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We desired for them the light, yet they desired for Us that which caused the near ones to lament. They expelled Us

from Our homeland with such tyranny as caused the faces of the Concourse on High to turn pale, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. When thou hast drunk the cup of recognition, say:

O my Lord, the All-Merciful! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book and by Thy establishment upon the Throne of proof to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love, and firm in exalting Thy Word amongst Thy creation. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in what I seek from the ocean of Thy bestowal and the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Kind, the Forgiving.

We make mention of thy mother and beseech God to send down upon her mercy from the clouds of His grace and rain from the heaven of His bounty. Then write for her with the ink of light that which will honor her in the days of the Manifestation. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over what He willeth through His word, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Mir Ali-Asghar! The Lord of Destiny, while between the fangs of wolves, makes mention of His loved ones in spite of those who denied His Manifestation and disputed His signs. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts of those who denied the Promised Day conceal. We made mention of thee before through verses that enraptured hearts and minds, and at this time through verses that have no equal among the people. He in Whose possession is a hidden Book beareth witness to this. When thou hearest the call, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, for having caused me to turn toward Thy horizon, to acknowledge what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me that which will exalt me amongst Thy creation and assist me to serve Thy loved ones. O Lord! The poor one hath sought the ocean of Thy riches and the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him in what he seeketh. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mir Ali-Asghar! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We found in it that which testified to thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped save whom God, the Lord of this exalted station, willed. We have made mention of thee time and again with that which hath diffused the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him once more to make thee firm in the service of His Cause and a helper in His days. Verily, He is the most powerful of the powerful ones.

O Mir Ali-Akbar! We have at this moment turned towards thee and revealed for thee that which God hath made the Dawning-Place of Light unto all who dwell in His realms. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this at this hour. Be thou not grieved at anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Beauteous. Verily, He loveth those who put their trust in Him and exalteth them through His grace. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We make mention of thee and My loved ones in that land, and We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God, the All-Knowing,

the All-Informed, may be uplifted. Beware lest names hold you back from their Creator, or causes from their Originator, or the Book from its Revealer, the Almighty, the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing.

Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I acknowledge Thy power and Thy might. I bear witness that Thou hast manifested and revealed that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and concealed from the eyes of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of Thy mercy and the pearls of the ocean of Thy grandeur to make me strong through Thy power and steadfast through Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all things.

O Hasan! This is a Day wherein God hath made the horizon of Akka the Dawning-Place of His Call, which hath been raised at this hour to such heights that the denizens of the Kingdom on high and of the realm below have heard it. Blessed, blessed, then blessed, blessed is he who hath heard and turned towards it and hath said:

> "Here am I, O Lord of the worlds! Here am I, O Possessor of all existence!"

That which was treasured in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, hath been made manifest. Say: By God! The ears have been created to hearken unto the rustling of My Lote-Tree, the flowing of the Kawthar of My loving-kindness, and the whispering of the breezes of My bounty. Joy be unto him who hath attained unto the outpourings of My days, and woe betide every denier and veiled one.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God, and glorified art Thou, O my Object of Desire! Thou seest me turning towards Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, and awaiting the manifestations of Thy mercy and Thy gifts. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose command the Tree of Knowledge spoke unto the son of Imran and those nigh unto Thee hastened to the Dayspring of Light, to make me firm, steadfast and unwavering in Thy love and Thy Cause, and to enable me to speak Thy praise with wisdom and utterance. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the lights of Thy countenance, to assist me and my son in remembering Thee and in remembering Thy loved ones, and in serving Thee and serving Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Pen! Thy shrill voice hath been raised throughout the world. We have breathed into thee a command from Our presence, whereupon all in the cities and lands were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, pleased. Make mention of him who was named Mashhadi before Husayn, and illumine him with the lights of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of existence. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens, for having made known unto me Thy path, caused me to hear Thy call, shown me Thy traces, and remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee, O Revealer of verses, by Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall make me eloquent in Thy Name, known for Thy service, and active in performing that which Thou hast commanded

me in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, by Thy Name, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

O Hasan! The Wronged One hath at this moment turned towards thee and revealed for thee that which God hath made the Kawthar of immortality for all who dwell in the world of creation. Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened and drunk and said:

My soul be a sacrifice for Thy grace, O Lord of all being, and my spirit be a ransom for Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all names. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses, the lights of Thy throne, and the radiance of Thy Cause which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of Thy manifestation, to make me and Thy servants among those who have aided Thy Cause through counsels and admonitions, and who have offered up their souls in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Omnipotent over the seen and unseen.

Section 4: "O Muhammad-Taqi! Thy name hath appeared before…"

O Muhammad-Taqi! Thy name hath appeared before the Wronged One. We have made mention of thee in such wise as hath caused the fragrance of revelation to waft throughout the world and the sweet perfume of utterance to be diffused amongst the nations, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Gracious. The verses have encompassed all regions, yet most of the people remain heedless. This is a Day wherein every tongue hath spoken, every seated one hath arisen, and all things have proclaimed this Name through which the eyes of the yearning ones have been gladdened.

O concourse of ardent lovers! The Day of the Covenant hath come. Hasten ye, then hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this glorious and wondrous station. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened and responded to their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Ghaffar! The Chosen One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and hath made mention of thee in such wise as hath enraptured the hearts of them that know. Take heed lest the happenings of the world hold thee back from drawing nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and lest the veils of them that have gone astray prevent thee from drawing close to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty and hast heard My most sweet call from the motion of My Most Exalted Pen, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in the clutches of mine enemies, and thanks be unto Thee for having turned toward Thy servant from Thy Most Exalted Horizon. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the revelations of the Orb of Thy utterance, to aid me to make mention of Thee amongst Thy servants and to praise Thee in Thy lands. Then write down for me, O my Beloved, that which Thou hast written for them that are near unto Thee among Thy creation, who have hastened to the place of sacrifice out of their longing to meet Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Javad! The Lord of creation maketh mention of thee in this station which hath been named by all names by God, the Lord of Lords. We have remembered thee and those who have believed with such remembrance as hath caused the fragrance of God to be wafted throughout all lands. Verily, He loveth His friends who were not frightened by the might of the oppressors nor by the roaring of those who have denied God, the Lord of all men. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of inner meanings and utterance from the Pen of the All-Merciful, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my Goal, and glorification be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and splendor be unto Thee, O Ultimate Object of my hope! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the dawning-places of Thy commandments and ordinances, and by Him Who is established upon the throne of utterance through Thy power and Who speaketh before all faces without veil or covering, to make me in all conditions submissive to the hands of Thy Cause, looking toward the horizon of Thy justice, immersed in the ocean of Thy verses, and seeking refuge at Thy threshold. Verily, Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and the power of the world cannot prevent Thee from that which Thou hast willed by Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned towards My horizon, beheld My signs, and heard My Call—he who hath been named Hasan in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. O Hasan! We have turned unto thee from this Station and counsel thee with that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Book. Cast away what the people possess and take what thou hast been given from God, the Revealer of verses. We have commanded all with that which draweth them nigh unto the Dayspring of Light, yet they desire that which removeth them far from God, the Cause of the flowing of rivers. Say: O people! Fear God! The Promise hath appeared and the Day hath come, by the command of God, Who causeth the winds to blow. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the Known, and how many an ignorant one hath heard and said: “Here am I, O Manifestation of clear proofs!” Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Mutual Calling.

O Siyyid-Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. He desireth naught in all creation save to quench the fire of hatred. Every discerning one beareth witness unto this. Say: O people! Do what ye have been commanded and follow not every heedless doubter. We have created you and those who believe for this Day which was promised in the Books of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Beware lest ye deny God’s grace and bounty. Follow that which hath been sent down from the Pen of Revelation in this perspicuous Tablet. This is a Day wherein rivers have flowed and trees have spoken even as the Tree of Revelation hath spoken upon the Mount of Knowledge by the command of the Ordainer, the All-Wise. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Throne and hast quaffed the choice wine of immortality from this cup, turn thy face toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and say:

My God, my God! Unto Thee be greatness and perpetuity, unto Thee be glory and bounty! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge, and by the mountains whereon Thy call was raised, and by the lands honored by Thy footsteps, and by the hands which were lifted to the heaven of Thy bounty, that Thou forgive me and Thy loved ones and those who have not broken Thy Covenant and Testament and have done what they were bidden in Thy Great Book.

O ʿAli-Muhammad! At this moment We have heard the call of the Most Exalted Paradise crying out and saying:

My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thy call, O Beloved of those who dwell on earth and in heaven, and my soul be a sacrifice unto Thy remembrance, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names! The sweetness of Thy call hath so enraptured me that I find for myself neither tranquility nor rest. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm Above, by Thy Most Great Name through which the gates of knowledge were opened unto all peoples, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones who arose to serve Thy Cause and voiced Thy praise before the faces of Thy servants, whom neither the might of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the Pharaohs nor the clamor of such as have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment could deter. O Lord! Disappoint me not from the ocean of Thy bounty in Thy days, and deprive me not of what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. I testify to my powerlessness and Thy might, my poverty and Thy wealth, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Abbas-Ali! The wolves have surrounded the sheep of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. They have followed their desires and cast their God behind them, yet they perceive it not. The light hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, yet most people understand not. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and caused all things to speak in remembrance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. When thou hearest My call and art enraptured by the sweetness of My voice, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, and all bounty be unto Thee for having nurtured me. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy Book to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise, and to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will exalt me amongst Thy servants through Thy Name, and cause me to enter the precincts of Thy great mercy. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

O Mashhadi Jafar! This is the Day wherein the Book speaketh and calleth all to the Mighty, the Bestower. Among the people are those who have cast aside the multitudes and what they possess, turning unto God, the Lord of Lords; among them are those who have followed their desires, turning away from guidance; and among them are those who have halted, following every heedless doubter. This is the Day of the appearance of Him Whose advent was heralded in the Books of God, the Lord of all men. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of Mine utterance and drinkest from the Kawthar of My knowledge, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and to behold Thy signs. I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy names and attributes, by Thy most sweet call and Thy Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious Name, to strengthen me in such steadfastness in Thy Cause that the doings of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs shall not deter me. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, my sight with the vision of Thy signs, and my ears with the hearing of Thy utterance. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Ali! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Say: O people! By God, ye were created to hearken unto this most sweet Call that hath been raised from Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree. Be ye

not of the heedless. Ye were promised this Day and this Most Great Name in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day wherein those near unto God have attained the presence of their Lord, hearing that which My Most Holy Tongue uttereth in this sacred, mighty and wondrous station. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, while the people are in evident loss. Say:

O Lord! Thou seest Thy believers among the heedless ones. I beseech Thee by the hosts of might and power who aided Thy Cause at the appearance of the Manifestations of Thy power, the Daysprings of Thy Cause, and the Dawning-Places of Thy sovereignty, to make me and Thy loved ones among those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon—they have advanced and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! We beseech God to adorn hearts and souls with the light of unity and concord. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

O My loved ones! Give thanks unto God for having drawn you nigh unto Him and for having sent down unto you that from which every possessor of perception catcheth the fragrance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist you with power from His presence and authority from His own Self. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth through His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Grieve not over anything; soon there shall appear unto you that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Sorrows have encompassed Us from every direction through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to the whisperings of the satans. Say: Fear God, and follow not those who have denied God, disputed His sovereignty, and rejected that which hath been sent down from His Sacred Pen, the Mighty, the Firm. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have heard the Call and have said:

> "Yea, yea, O Thou the Desire of the hearts of the mystics!"

O ʿAli-Qabli-Ashraf! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One proclaimeth, yet the people remain in grievous remoteness. They have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and denied that which hath appeared from Him. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are in manifest loss. Blessed is he who, being assured, hath turned unto the Countenance, and woe unto every hesitating doubter. We hear from the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha that which calleth the servants unto the Dayspring of God's Command, the Lord of the worlds; and from the murmuring of the living waters—by God!—the gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come with a Cause before which neither armies, nor ranks, nor the might of the idolators can stand. And from the whistling of the winds—by God!—He hath come for the reformation of all things, whereunto testifieth the Lamp of the world which burneth amidst tempestuous winds, saying:

> "O people! I have come to you from the horizon of power with a mighty Command. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the effusions of this Day. Cast away your vain imaginings, holding fast to that which ye have been bidden by an All-Wise Commander."

Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged, and the light shone forth from the horizon of certitude. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless doubters. Rejoice thou in what hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of bounty—that whose mention shall never cease throughout the duration of Names. To this testifieth He with Whom is the glorious Book.

Section 5: "O Faraj! By God! The relief hath come…"

O Faraj! By God! The relief hath come, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: The relief is My manifestation, then My establishment upon the throne of My grandeur, then My utterance amongst My servants, and I am the All-Knowing Expounder. Rejoice in that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee in such wise as to attract the hearts of them who are nigh unto God. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and be not of the patient ones. Patience is praiseworthy except when His decisive, wise Command hath been revealed. We beseech God to open before thy face, and the faces of His loved ones, the gates of grace and bounty, and to ordain for thee and for them that which shall protect you from the evil of the enemies who hear and deny.

We testify that they are among the oppressors. Let not the happenings of the world sadden thee, nor the tyranny of nations who are prevented by their deeds from turning to the lights of their Lord's countenance, the Manifest, the Speaking, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy grandeur and by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to ordain for me 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 Mighty, the Generous.

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! We beseech God to adorn His Cause through thee. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good. That which never appeared in the world hath become manifest, and the call hath been raised from the direction of Akka in such wise that the Concourse on High hath heard it, whereunto beareth witness the Most Glorious Temple in this sacred and lofty station. When thou hearest the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, say: O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by Thy radiant, gleaming Light and by Thy mighty, wondrous Name, whereby Thou hast raised the standard of Thy justice and elevated the banner of Thy Cause, to make me so firm and steadfast in Thy love that neither the doubts of the learned nor the cawing of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, may cause me to slip.

O Muhammad-Hasan! The Lord of the world turneth unto thee from the precincts of ʿAkka, wherein the Call hath been raised. Blessed is he who hath turned and heard and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of them of old!" Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee, nor the might of the nations deter thee. Cast away what the people possess and take what hath been given thee by God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Say: The river of wisdom hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous, and the

sun of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Mother Book which now speaketh: “I am the Object of worship of them that are nigh.” When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the Pen of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: “O Thou Desire of creation! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, turning away from all else, and hoping for Thy bountiful grace. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.”

O Ibrahim! We desire to make mention of thee in such wise as to attract thee to the horizon whence shineth the light of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have manifested that which lay hidden in the treasury of God’s protection, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O people! Be fair and follow not the imaginings of the heedless. The Tree hath yielded its fruit, the sun hath shone forth, and the Herald hath proclaimed: “The Beloved of all in the heavens and earth hath come!” Let not the power of the people weaken thee, nor those who have denied God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, frighten thee. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to serve Thy Cause, then make them to be of those whom the might of the world and the clamour of the nations have not weakened, and ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones.

Verily Thou art He to Whose sovereignty all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur all possible things have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful. O Lord! Thou seest me believing in Thee and in Thy signs, and acknowledging what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily Thou art God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

O ʿAbdu’l-Karim! Upon thee be the grace of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. We have sent down for every name that which hath caused the fragrance of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne, to waft. We beseech God to aid His loved ones and enable them to arise to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One maketh mention of His loved ones and remembereth them by night and by day, that the breezes of remembrance might take hold of them and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Dayspring of utterance and attained unto that which was hidden from the Supreme Pen in the scriptures and tablets. We bear witness that thou […] and heard the Call when it was raised in truth by the command of God, the Cleaver of Dawn. We counsel thee to preserve what thou hast been given, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee in that which thou hast been bidden by God, the Revealer of laws.

And We make mention of thy father who turned unto My horizon and heard My call and drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord’s bounty, the Lord of creation. Blessed is he for having acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken and recognized what hath been revealed in the Mother Book.

And We make mention of thy mother who migrated from the earthly homeland, seeking the supreme homeland beneath the shadow of God’s grace, the Causer of rivers to flow.

O My handmaiden! Hear My call. We have mentioned thee before and do so at this time as a token of Our grace, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Mim-before-Ha! We wish to bestow Our favor upon thee once again and make mention of thy brothers and aid them to arise to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of all men.

O My servants! Upon you rest My glory and favor. We testify that you have turned towards the Countenance and desired to attain the presence at the Gate which was opened unto all who dwell in earth and heaven. We beseech God to preserve and protect you through the hosts of the seen and unseen, and to send down upon you from the clouds of grace the rains of bounty and favors. We make mention of My handmaidens and My leaves in the midst of tribulations wrought by the hands of those who have denied the Day of Reckoning. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon them mercy from His presence and to open before their faces the gates of blessings. Verily, He is the Revealer of verses and the Lord of names and attributes. There is no God but Me, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and the One Who speaks on the Day of Reckoning.

O Mihdi! We have made mention of thee and those whom God has related unto thee as a token of Our grace, for I am the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. Blessed is the servant who hath heard what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered, and blessed is he who hath held fast unto righteousness and godliness in the days of God, the Sender of winds.

We have desired to make mention of him who was named Siyyid-i-Qabl-i-Kazim and to adorn his head with the crown of bounty and his temple with the ornament of God's favor, the Revealer of verses. When thou art seized with the sweetness of thy Lord's utterance, arise and turn thyself toward the Prison of ʿAkka and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, for having guided me unto Thy path and remembered me through Thy verses, and sent down unto me that whose fragrance shall not cease throughout the duration of Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee, O King of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Most Mighty Name and by Thy Most Loving Name, to assist me and my kindred in that which Thou lovest and approvest. O Lord! Deny us not the ocean of Thy bounty, nor the heaven of Thy generosity, nor the sun of Thy grace. Send down upon us at all times that which will draw us nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

O Abdu'l-Karim! The Most Great Ocean from this most exalted station, namely the Prison of Akka, hath turned toward thee and toward His loved ones, and desireth to manifest unto them the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that they may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Bounteous, the All-Generous. We have turned toward those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and have mentioned them in such wise as hath caused all things to be attracted. He is the Helper, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We beseech God to open before thy face and their faces the gates of gifts and favors, and to ordain for you that whereby His Word may be exalted among His servants and His Cause in His lands. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth, and He is the One, the Alone, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of ʿAbdu'l-Husayn that he may give thanks unto God Who hath caused all things to speak His praise on this Day whereon the Most Great Ocean hath revealed its pearls, the earth its

treasures, and the sun its effulgence and radiance. All this is through the grace of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be greatness and majesty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all mankind! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of the Hereafter and of the former world, to assist me in serving Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. Then make me the cupbearer of the water of Thy proof unto the people of Thy kingdom. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the All-Informed.

O Lutfu'llah! The promise hath come to pass and the Lord of the world maketh mention of thee in such wise as shall adorn thee with the ornament of detachment and the crown of trustworthiness among all people. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Adored One! I testify that through Thee hath been manifested that which was hidden from all eyes and concealed with God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: My God, my God! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then preserve me from the whisperings of them who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee. Strengthen me through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Qasim! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. It will draw thee nigh unto Mine horizon and will adorn thee with that which will exalt thee amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Despair not of the Spirit of God. He is with His servants who have turned unto Him, who have not broken His covenant and His testament, and who have proclaimed with the most exalted call: "The Kingdom is God's, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Chosen One!"

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, as well as that which was sent by him who is named Abdullah, who circumambulates the House at morn and eventide. O Qasim! Grieve not over the happenings of the world. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn thee with the ornament of detachment and trustworthiness, and to open before thy face the doors of grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. He doeth what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My loved ones and chosen ones! Blessed are ye! We testify that ye are among the triumphant ones in the Book of God, the Lord of Lords.

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Section 1: "In My Name that speaketh in the Kingdom…"

In My Name that speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

The Book of God speaketh the truth in this Most Great Prison and guideth the servants unto God, the Lord of all men. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the Unconstrained. The Call hath never ceased from the Most Exalted Horizon, yet the people remain in strange heedlessness. They have cast the Truth behind their backs, clinging to the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

O Haydar-Qabli-ʿAli, upon thee be My everlasting Glory! That which thou didst send hath attained the ears of the Wronged One, and We have answered thee with that which hath caused the hearts of them who are endued with understanding to soar. Say: This is a Day wherein none save Him is to be mentioned. Fear God, O ye parties! The Tree of the Furthermost Boundary speaketh before your faces, and the Euphrates of Utterance floweth from the Pen of God, the Lord of lords. Neither the might of the world hath weakened Him, nor have the swords of the nations frightened Him. He hath arisen before all with such steadfastness as hath caused feet to slip.

Say: This is a Call round which circle the essences of existence, and this is a Tablet which God hath made the point of circumambulation for all scriptures and tablets. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and withhold not yourselves from the Most Great Ocean, nor follow every heedless doubter. This is a Day wherein the ocean surgeth and the fragrance wafteth. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God, the Lord of mankind. This is a Day wherein the Ancient Beauty hath established Himself upon the Most Great Throne and the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Revealer of verses.

Verily, in the midst of tribulations, We call unto Our loved ones who heard the Call and said: “Yea, yea, O Lord of earth and heaven!” Blessed art thou for having traveled throughout the lands to spread the signs of thy Lord, the Lord of creation. We heard thy mention when thou wast in the Verdant Land, in a house wherein My remembrance and praise were raised by those who took hold of the Book of God with such power as the might of the world could not frustrate, and with such strength as all the hosts of the earth combined could not withstand. To this doth the Lord of the world bear witness from His most exalted station.

O My loved ones in the Verdant Land! Ye have attained unto acceptance on a Day wherein most of the servants have turned away, and ye have found the breezes of revelation whilst the people were wrapped in heedlessness and error. We have mentioned you aforetime through clear verses and have revealed unto you that which hath attracted the hearts and gladdened the eyes. Blessed are ye for having fulfilled My Covenant, attained unto My testimonies, and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of My bounty. We beseech God to assist you with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to send down upon you from the clouds of grace the rains of blessing and bounty, and to ordain for you from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit you in every world of His worlds. Verily, He knoweth you better than ye know yourselves. He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Knowing.

Convey My remembrance to him who was named Muhammad before Husayn. We testify that he attained to what was mentioned in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. We found him steadfast in this Cause which hath caused all regions to be seized with perturbation. He hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My utterance. We have remembered him in diverse Tablets and We beseech

God to exalt him through His Name amongst His servants, to make him a champion of His Cause, firm in His service, and to manifest through him that which shall endure as long as His names endure. Give him glad-tidings from Me, remind him of My verses, and illumine him with the lights of the Kingdom of My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Blessed art thou, O Khidra, inasmuch as God hath made thee a repository of the pearls of His love and the arena for the steeds of His might and power. Thus hath the Kawthar of utterance flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. God hath adorned Khidra with him who loved Me and who arose in the early days to make mention of Me, to praise Me, and to serve My firm and wise Cause. We have aided him, confirmed him, illumined him with the light of My knowledge, and adorned him with the ornament of My Name whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted and the limbs of the idolaters trembled.

We wish to make mention at this time of him who was named Muhammad after Mirza and give him the glad-tidings of My attention to him and My remembrance of him, that supreme joy may seize him through this Great News. The Wronged One in prison remembers thee with that whereby thy name shall endure in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Muhammad! Be thou assured that the world and all that is therein cannot equal the Word of God, for it shall remain immortalized in His mighty and wise Book. Arise, then turn to the Kaaba of divine knowledge and say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me when I was among the heedless ones. We heard thy call and answered thee, and when We saw the warmth of thy love, We revealed to thee what the Tree of Utterance revealed unto the Son of Imran on the Mount of Knowledge. Be grateful and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Cling not to names as did the people before you. Fear God and be not of the idolaters. This is the Day of God wherein none save Him is mentioned. Have mercy upon yourselves and be not of the wrongdoers. The ocean of divine knowledge surgeth before your faces. Turn to it with illumined hearts and radiant faces. This is what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We testify that thou hast drunk the milk of divine knowledge from the breast of utterance and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. We make mention of thy brethren who responded when they heard My sweetest call and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered for My Self, which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who heard, hastened, and responded when the call was raised between earth and heaven. These are the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, mention of which was sent down in the Book of Names by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Great.

In this station We make mention of him who was named Mirza Aqa in the Most Exalted Horizon, as a favor from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, that the breezes of revelation may attract him and bring him nigh unto the station adorned with supreme steadfastness in this Great Announcement. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of the Prison of Akka, which hath been raised to such heights that the denizens of the Kingdom and above them the Concourse of Glory—whom the tempests of the calumnies of those who turned away from this luminous Horizon could not move—have heard it. Arise to serve the Cause with a power that the hosts of the oppressors cannot weaken. We have made mention of

thee and those who believed before and at this time with this clear remembrance. Convey My greetings to thy brethren and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist them as befitteth His glorious and wondrous Day. Grieve not at the vicissitudes of the world, its conditions and changes. Take hold of the hem of thy Lord's mercy and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having adorned me with the ornament of turning unto Thee and for having illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and the manifestations of Thy power amongst all beings to aid me and my brethren to serve Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

This is the Manifest Book that speaketh at this time. This is a Day wherein the Call calleth out, the Word speaketh, and the Book uttereth, yet most of the people are heedless. The sleep of heedlessness hath overtaken them such that this most sweet Call, raised from the Most Exalted Horizon in the Prison of Akka, hath not awakened them. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized, who hath seen and witnessed, and who hath stood firm in this Great Announcement. Say: This is an Announcement the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, nor the ear of invention heard. He is the Incomparable One of the heavens and earth. To this beareth witness His Revealer and His Manifestation in this exalted station.

O Mihdi! Hearken unto the Call of the Eternal God. Verily it hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon that His servants in the kingdom of creation might hear it, yet the people turned away until they denied God's proof and evidence, and disbelieved in His favor which He sent down from the heaven of His bounty and the kingdom of His mercy that embraceth all in the heavens and earth. He who loved Me and soared in My atmosphere hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with that which all the treasures of the world and all the riches of the earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and insight-possessing one. Hear My call and arise to serve My Cause with a steadfastness whereby the feet of the servants shall stand firm. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

Cause My servants to enter, in My name, the paradise of My good-pleasure and the garden of My knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Wise. The clamor hath been raised in all regions, and this is what the Supreme Pen foretold when it moved in Zawra and in this Great Prison. Arise to serve the Cause, then guide the people to the path of God Who walketh and speaketh in this mansion which was built for this Most Luminous and Great Manifestation.

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! It hath dawned from the horizon of utterance, speaking and making mention of this Name at Whose appearance the limbs of the tribes trembled, save those whom God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, willed. Beware lest the oppression of tyrants frighten thee or the might of Pharaohs prevent thee. The world shall perish, and that which hath been sent down to thee from My Most Exalted Pen at this glorious and wondrous time shall endure. Take My Book with My strength, then read it among My servants who have not broken My covenant and My testament, and among those who have sought the ultimate goal and the highest summit, that the fragrances of revelation may guide them to the purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance and found the fragrance of My pure wine, say:

O my God, my God! Aid me in that which beseemeth Thee and Thy days. Then reinforce me with Thy exalted hosts whom Thou hast created for the triumph of Thy Cause, the diffusion of Thy signs, and the manifestation of that which draweth them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! Thou beholdest me clinging to Thy Most Great Handle and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, O Lord of all beings. I beseech Thee to assist me to manifest that which Thou hast commanded me with spirit and joy. Then ordain for me the reward of those who have circled round Thy Sacred House and acted in accordance with that which they were bidden in Thy Mighty Book. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to manifest through me the pearls of Thy love and knowledge which lay hidden within my innermost being by Thy command and will. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

Section 2: "O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory…"

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have desired at this moment to make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Ja'far, brother of the one who ascended unto the horizon of My loving-kindness, that he may rejoice and be of those who are thankful. We have made mention of those who have turned, on the Day of God, unto His luminous horizon, and We counsel all with that which We counseled Our chosen ones and loved ones aforetime who neither denied My proof and My testimony, nor turned away from My Cause, the manifest, the shining, the wondrous. Let not the deeds of those who have denied God grieve thee, nor the utterances of any heedless and remote one. Turn with thy whole being to the Kaaba of God and say:

O my God, my God! All glory be unto Thee for having manifested Thy Cause amongst Thy servants, and all praise be unto Thee for having guided them to the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Sacred Tree whereby the hearts of Thy servants have been drawn to the horizon of Thy manifestation, and by the light of Thy countenance whereby all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth have been illumined, to enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from turning unto the court of Thy nearness, and deprive them not of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of every clear command.

O thou who gazest upon Mine horizon and standeth before My face! We have desired to make mention of Our loved ones in Nishabur, whom thou didst mention before and whose names thou didst send to the Most Great Prison before the face of thy Lord, the All-Knowing Remembrancer. By the life of God! The Wronged One hath sent down for His loved ones that which no books in the world can equal, whereunto every fair-minded and perceiving one doth testify. O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who mentioned you before through clear verses, and at this time through that which hath attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. Be not grieved by the happenings of the world and what hath befallen you in your love for God, the Lord of the exalted Throne.

In the Persian tongue hear ye the divine call. Ye have ever been remembered and still are. Today the Sun of Revelation is shining and manifest before all faces, and the ocean of utterance is visible and evident with countless waves. All must, with wisdom and utterance, bestow a portion from the sea of awareness

upon them that slumber and guide them to the supreme horizon. I beseech God to aid the loved ones of that land in that which leadeth to salvation and nearness.

Each one of the friends hath in truth borne in God's path that which hath caused the Concourse on High to marvel. They must preserve this most exalted and most high station in the name of the Lord of all humanity. The barking ones, the idolaters and the thieves stand ready at their posts of ambush, and have had and have no purpose save to lead the servants astray. The counsels of the Point, and His lamentations and expressions of grief, had no effect upon the people of the Bayan. By the life of God! They have risen in opposition in a manner without likeness or peer, as witnessed by that which hath issued from their mouths on this blessed, holy and luminous Day.

In these days the opposers and deniers have desired to obliterate the Bayan. Glory be to God! All that was revealed by His Holiness and sent down from the heaven of will was and is circling round the Bayan. It is the perspicuous Book and the proof of God unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. In that Book mention hath been made of the return and the revelation and the mysteries of resurrection and the signs of the Hour. This Wronged One hath shown forth before the heedless deniers that which would prevent this reprehensible deed. We beseech God to aid His servants to uphold His signs and obliterate their signs. Verily He is powerful over all things.

We send Our glorification and prayers upon Our loved ones there, and We beseech God to send down upon them from the heaven of grace and bounty that which will draw them nigh unto His all-glorious horizon and assist them to stand firm in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the heedless were troubled and the feet of the barking ones did slip. O Haydar-ʿAli! Thou didst mention the seven brothers in the land of Kaf. Today the doors of divine favor have been opened through the key of the Most Great Name and the river of the All-Merciful's mercy is flowing. Each of the loved ones mentioned in thy letter hath been blessed with special favors, as witnessed by the waves of the ocean of My bounty and the effulgences of the sun of My loving-kindness. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this clear utterance and this great bounty. The deed which today taketh precedence over all deeds is steadfastness in the Cause of God—this hath been and still is so. Implore God that He may aid all to achieve this deed, which hath no equal. Verily He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Haydar-ʿAli! In My Name, the All-Glorious, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. This word hath been revealed and sent forth: O My Name! Dost thou weep for what hath befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones, or do I weep for Mine own Self? By the life of God! The waves have encompassed the Ark of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, and the winds have beset the Lamp of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. There hath befallen Me at the hands of those who claim to love Me worse than what hath befallen Me from Mine enemies. My lamentation, My outcry, My yearning, and My wailing bear witness to this.

Some have imagined that We sent you specifically to collect the Huquq in those regions. Glory be to God! No Huquq worthy of mention from the land of Kha has ever been presented before the face of this Wronged One. Previously, My Name Jamal, at the request of the King of Martyrs, upon him be My most glorious glory, proceeded to the land of Kha to collect the Huquq, and received one thousand, but it was not accepted. The Book of God, the Lord of the mighty throne, beareth witness to this. And it was

ordained that the aforementioned one should return whatever funds he had received to their owners. Thereafter, the lamentation and sighing of My Name Jamal was raised. Thus, purely out of grace and favor, the funds from the land of Kha were accepted and bestowed upon the people of that region and other regions, and its record is presently with the servant.

Indeed, from Bushruyih and its surroundings, they have each year prepared and sent excellent leaves, which were truly adorned with the ornament of acceptance and illumined with the glory of His good-pleasure. If anything was or is accepted, it is through the favor of God, exalted be His glory. How blessed are those souls whose Huquq and gifts have been accepted! Sometimes some would mention funds they wished to send, but they were directed to distribute these among the poor themselves.

During this last journey when the Most Exalted Afnan and Amin set out for the Most Great Goal and the Supreme Summit, one of the loved ones, upon him be My glory, sent a sum specifically for the restoration of the House, but it was not accepted and its return was ordered. However, there was delay in this matter. Last year when Amin attained the presence, he mentioned that modesty prevented him from returning it, as the giver had sent the sum with utmost humility, submissiveness and love. For this reason, there was delay in its return. Thereafter, he besought forgiveness from the ocean of His Ancient Grace, and his prayer was answered. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist all to manifest pure sincerity and that which beseemeth His holy, mighty and wondrous Day.

O Haydar-ʿAli! In these days the pilgrim house and the well-known gardens have all become the place, abode and dwelling of emigrants and travelers. This year, such gatherings have occurred that perhaps the government may object, though until now His Majesty the Sultan hath shown special consideration. We beseech God to exalt him through His Name among His servants and to aid him to uplift His Word in His earth. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

You mentioned the loved ones of Furugh. We beseech God once again to unite their hearts and assist them to achieve unity and harmony. It behooveth Mahmud to aid his Lord through the hosts of wisdom and utterance and to make known to them His straight path. We have previously made mention of him through verses that have set the world ablaze and by which the hearts of those who have turned unto God have been attracted.

O Mohsen! Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One. Blessed art thou and blessed is he that is with thee. We beseech God to assist you to serve His Cause and to manifest from you that which will diffuse the fragrance of love and fellowship amongst His servants, and to gather you and My loved ones there around the table that hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

O My loved ones in that land! Should anyone ask you about the Wronged One, say: Verily, He is under the claws of hatred, as attesteth to this He in Whose possession is the perspicuous Book. We desire naught but your unity and agreement concerning this Announcement at whose appearance the rustling of the Sidrat'ul-Muntaha was raised, crying out and saying: "He Who was hidden hath appeared, and He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of lords, hath been made manifest." Then the murmuring of the Kawthar of utterance was raised throughout all possibility: "The Kingdom and the Dominion belong to

God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful." And the whispering of the breezes of the Dawn of Revelation: "The Sovereign hath come! The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all men." And the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen: "Glory and greatness, power and might belong to God, the Commander, from beginning to end."

Verily this Day is great, great indeed, and this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. This hath been repeatedly uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur, yet some have manifested such opposition as caused the Lote-Tree to lament and the Eye of Justice to weep.

O My loved ones in Forugh! Blessed are ye and blessed is he who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We counsel you to be patient and steadfast, and to that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. All that hath befallen you hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet before God. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge, despite those who have denied this evident grace.

What have some souls understood from the all-embracing, decisive word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth"? The Point saith: "Were He to pronounce the earth to be heaven, or heaven to be earth, none hath the right to question why or wherefore." And likewise He saith: "The entire Bayan is but a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise. Should He accept it, verily He is to be loved in His command, and should He reject it, verily He is to be obeyed in His decree." In brief, the waves of this ocean are beyond reckoning.

Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida hath dwelt in this land for some time. We testify that he hath taken for himself a station beneath the canopies of grandeur. We send Our greetings upon him and those with him, and We beseech God to give them to drink from the cup of the Greater Steadfastness and to ordain for them that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure through the eternity of His names and attributes. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Section 3: "You have mentioned the soil of Turbat [in…"

You have mentioned the soil of Turbat [in your letter]. We beseech God to bless it and to manifest therein that which will draw its people nigh unto the precincts of holiness, nearness and glory. Verily, He is powerful to do what He willeth through His binding and irrevocable command. O My loved ones in Turbat! He who loveth Me hath made mention of you, and We make mention of you in this Tablet at an hour when the Day-Star of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, the Lord of the worlds. Time and again ye have heard the call, and this is yet another time, a mercy from Us, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have heard and turned towards Him, and have attained unto that which most of mankind hath been debarred from. To this beareth witness the Most Great Pen of God on this manifest Day. We counsel you to observe trustworthiness, which God hath made the supreme adornment of the temple of His servants, and to observe religion, without which no deed is acceptable. Thus hath the matter been decreed in My mighty Book.

Let not the affairs of men and the happenings of the world grieve you. Cast away what the people possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. We counsel you and Our loved ones again and again to be wise in speech and to perform such deeds as God hath made the hosts of victory and triumph in this mighty and impregnable Revelation. Hold fast unto wisdom, and likewise unto goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. These shall protect you and deliver you from every heedless one that is remote and every oppressor that is obstinate. This is the Day of God and great is His Cause. All must fix their gaze upon the horizon of His Manifestation alone, detached and freed from all else.

Blessed is he who hath held fast unto this Most Great Remembrance and clung to the hem of God's commandments, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. It is incumbent, nay obligatory, upon every soul to protect the servants, in the name of God, glorified be His majesty, from former vain imaginings, lest they be afflicted anew with that which would cause loss in this world and the next. Soon will the hidden mysteries that have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen become as manifest as the sun. Then shall the heedless be seen in manifest loss.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be the everlasting glory of God. Blessed be thy tongue for having uttered the mention of My loved ones, and thine ear for having heard their call and mention, and thy heart for having turned unto the One, the All-Informed. The loved ones of Zavih have ever been and continue to be remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. However, in these days sorrows from all directions have encompassed the blessed and eternal Tree, and from both parties there hath come to pass that which pen and ink are powerless to describe. This Wronged One, in all conditions, beseecheth God to guide all and adorn them with the ornament of truthfulness. This people have all been commanded to teach God's Cause.

This matter hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in most Tablets, yet some have imagined that which hath caused the realm of assurance to lament and weep. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to purify His loved ones from idle fancies and vain imaginings, to draw them nigh unto Him, and to adorn them with that which will exalt them amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. The men of those regions are all remembered and have attained the infinite bounties of God, exalted be His glory. I beseech Him to aid them all to stand firm with such constancy that neither the doubts of the doubtful nor the calumnies of the slanderers shall keep them back from the truth and the manifest light. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O esteemed one, upon whom be the Glory of God and His bounty! Thou didst make mention of certain loved ones who dwell in various cities and regions. We have made mention of some of these souls, and We beseech God to remove all hindering causes, that all may attain unto divine remembrance and celestial grace. The letter of that cherished friend proved most affecting; verily, every word thereof testified to manifest sincerity. We beseech God to aid and assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. From recent events may be gleaned somewhat of the grief of this Wronged One, and awareness may be gained thereof. Blessed are they who perceive and who reflect. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings and glorification unto him, and say: O cherished one!

Upon thee be the glory of God, His light, His might and His bounty. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen every good thing that He hath revealed in His Perspicuous Book. We testify that thou hast attained unto the service of the Cause and hast attained His presence and hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of all worlds, when He was imprisoned in the prison of Akka and wronged at the hands of the heedless.

Mention was made by thy pen of the loved ones of Faran. We testify that they have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, detached from all that existeth in the world of creation, and hastened and traversed land and sea until they stood before the gate that was opened through this Most Great Name unto all who dwell on earth, and drank the choice wine of revelation from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. And We testify that they heard that for which ears were created to hear, and reached a station that God hath made the point of adoration for them that are nigh and them that are sincere. In these days there hath been specially sent down from the heaven of divine Will for each one that which draweth the servants nigh. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make them among those whom He hath described in His Perspicuous Book with His words:

> "honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding."

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thy namesake, that is, he who standeth in service to the Cause, is occupied night and day in the remembrance and praise of God and in His service. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve him through His bounty, to guard him with His hosts, to assist him with His sovereignty, and to exalt him through His Name amongst His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We ask and beseech the True One to protect him from the whisperings of the ungodly, the liars, and the proud ones, for some have uttered that which testifieth to the heedlessness of the speaker. The very same delusions of the former sect have arisen; the difference is that with that sect it was after the passing of centuries and ages, while this sect desired to afflict the servants at the beginning of days.

Verily, We were with him who spoke in delusion, and We concealed it. Verily, thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We hope that thy namesake and those who are with him, upon them be My glory, will protect the servants through the Name of the True One. This is not difficult for God. One of his services was that he sent the aforementioned expected countenance to the Most Holy Court, and for this deed there is ordained and recorded with God a great reward.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Mention of thee and thy utterances reached Ba and Shin and the Best of Cities. The loved ones and leaves of that land have each year been blessed with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and specifically for each one there was sent down from the heaven of bounty that which neither time can erase nor change alter. Some time ago, from the heaven of the Will of the Ancient King and the Desire of the nations, holy and luminous tablets were revealed and sent for the loved ones and leaves of that land, and more shall be sent hereafter. They have ever been and continue to be beneath the glances of loving-kindness. Give them glad tidings from Me and illumine them with the lights of the kingdom of My wondrous utterance.

His honor Mir, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—all that he hath mentioned, both past and present, hath been illumined with the light of acceptance. In truth, he standeth firm in service to the Cause and is adorned with the light of steadfastness. The loved ones and leaves in the land of Ba and Shin and the Best of Cities have attained unto that which the treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal. Blessed are they that are certain, and blessed are they that act.

O thou who speakest in My Name! The petition of Hasan-i-Furughi, upon him be My glory, hath attained unto presence and hearing. Proclaim "God is Most Great" on My behalf before his face. Let him arise, turning toward the Supreme Horizon, and say:

> "My God, my God! Thou seest me advancing toward Thy Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the nations who denied Thy proof and Thy evidence, and turned away from Thy Manifestation and Thy signs, have trembled. I beseech Thee, O Originator of all created things and Quickener of all contingent beings, by the splendors of the Orb of Thy utterance and the outpourings of the ocean of Thy grace, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the Hereafter and of this world. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one knocking at the door of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for the near ones among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful."

O Ali-Qabli-Haydar! They who have sought permission to attain Our presence from the ocean of divine bounty are all remembered at this time and are blessed with the effulgences of the Luminary of utterance, the Goal of all the worlds. However, granting permission in these days would be contrary to wisdom, for the gathering of the loved ones in the Desired Land has exceeded the bounds of moderation this year. The lovers and manifestations of longing must be calmed and made patient through kindly counsels and wise exhortations. God knows that this Wronged One has ever loved and continues to love the presence of His loved ones, yet obstacles have appeared from every direction. Therefore, purely out of grace and kindness, We have suspended permission until God brings about His decree. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Convey My greetings to My handmaiden who has lamented from separation and remoteness. We beseech God to aid her to be patient and steadfast, and to do what the wisdom of these days requires. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Generous.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! The mention of his honor Abdullah, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness, is the cause of greatest sorrow, for he was not treated with forbearance. Ask God to guide the commanding souls and confirm them in that which befits the days of God. In brief, there befell him that which caused sorrow to this Wronged One. That honored one has been with the Wronged One and has witnessed the waves of the ocean of knowledge, forbearance, patience and steadfastness. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make souls aware of their station and rank, and to aid them to do what befits this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon those who have heard the call, have turned towards it and have said:

> "Here am I! Here am I! O Lord of all beings, Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, and Master of the last and the first!"

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Section 1: "In My Name that standeth before the followers…"

In My Name that standeth before the followers of all religions!

Praise be to God Who hath opened wide the portal of divine knowledge through the key of utterance, and hath caused to rain down from the heaven of proof the showers of loving-kindness with power and authority. At His call the people of unity have arisen, and by His verses the manifestations of misbelief and rebellion were struck down. When He was established upon the throne of revelation on the Mount, all things cried out from every direction:

> "O concourse of divines and rulers! The Source of Revelation hath come with the banners of His signs!"

O Ahmad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One. Sanctify thy breast from the traces of names and thy heart from the doubts of men, that there may be inscribed therein, by the Most Exalted Pen, the sovereignty and dominion, and the might and power of God, the Lord of all men. We have mentioned thee before with verses whereby the hearts of the servants were drawn unto God, the Lord of lords.

He who was named Abdullah hath appeared, who took for himself a station beneath the canopies of grandeur and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Creator of existence.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Rejoice that the Euphrates of utterance hath flowed in thy name in days wherein the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol have been revealed, through a command from God, the Cleaver of Dawn. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the hosts of the wicked nor by the power of those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! The Most Great Name hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee with words from which wafteth the fragrance of loving-kindness and favor. Behold, then remember those days when thou wert present before the Face and didst hear His sweet call and the shrill voice of His Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, and who have uttered that which hath caused every knowing and discerning one to weep."

Blessed art thou for having attained His presence and heard, and for having won that through which the fragrance of reunion was wafted abroad while the Wronged One was in the hands of the ignorant.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Sadiq, who recognized that which was sent down from the heaven of grace and hastened until he arrived with such steadfastness as caused feet to slip. By My life! There hath been ordained for thee that which neither the gold of the world nor all that the nations possess can equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this station which hath been

named by all names by God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. Remember what thou didst hear before thy Lord's throne and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of all worlds!"

O ʿAli-Akbar! Thou hast heard My call time and again. It hath drawn thee to the most exalted station. Say:

> "O people of the Bayan! Cast aside your vain imaginings. The Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the earth and the heavens."

He who loved Me hath made mention of thee and hath spoken My praise, and We have sent thee from the direction of the Prison that which shall assist thee in guiding those who have broken the Covenant and the Testament. Rejoice in My mention of thee. By My life! The books of Iran cannot equal it. To this beareth witness the Mother of the Bayan from God, the Lord of all religions.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ali-Muhammad, who ascended the ladder of utterance unto God, the Revealer of mysteries. Grieve not over anything, but trust in God in all conditions. Verily, He is with thee and will aid thee through the hosts of revelation and inspiration. We beseech God to make thee so steadfast in the Cause that the clamor of the wicked shall not prevent thee. O Ali! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and We have revealed for thee that which hath rolled up the carpet of those who denied God's proof and His verses that have encompassed all regions. We beseech God to ordain for thee every good thing He hath sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize Thee and for having revealed unto me that which draweth mankind nigh unto the most exalted station. We have desired to make mention of him whom We mentioned in the earliest days with a remembrance through which earth and heaven were illumined, and I am, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Nabil-i-Baqir! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned thee time and again through verses that have enraptured the hearts of them that have turned with radiant countenances toward the Dawning-Place of Lights. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and remind them of that which will draw them nigh unto the Source of Light—through which the Herald hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Munificent."

We make mention of him who was named Isma'il, who turned toward Our horizon with a light whereby the hearts of the righteous were illumined. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon him who was named Ni'matu'llah at this hour wherein the Tongue uttereth in the Kingdom of Utterance: "Glory and majesty belong unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment." We make mention of thy other son that he may rejoice in the bounty of his Lord and turn toward the Kaaba of God, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast enabled me to draw nigh and to turn toward Thee."

O Mirza Mihdi! Upon thee be everlasting glory. Arise to serve the Cause, detached from the world, and purify hearts with the Kawthar of thy Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have remembered thee and sent down unto thee the table of divine knowledge—the bounty We have manifested from the treasury of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O Abu'l-Qasim! Fear God and follow not every deluded impostor. Thou hast indeed attained unto Our presence and heard Our call, and the schemes of the oppressors are but in loss. We have revealed unto thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the ocean of thy Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Say: O servant! Cast aside that which is imagined and take hold of the Self-Subsisting One, by the command of Him Who is the Lord of all men. That which was never manifest in creation hath been made manifest—to this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in the Book.

Thou hast heard My verses and attained unto My presence, and We have revealed that which was treasured from time immemorial. Change thy garments, then return unto God and say:

O my God! I testify that Thou hast shown me Thy most exalted horizon and caused me to hear that for the hearkening of which Thou didst create the ears of Thy chosen ones. I have forsaken that which Thou didst command me and cast aside that whereunto Thou didst guide me, following my desires until they took hold of my reins and prevented me from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Revealer of clear tokens!

Hearken unto My call and judge fairly in this Cause, before which necks have bowed low when it was made manifest. We have unveiled the mysteries of what was and what is to come, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. They have cast aside that which they were bidden and taken that which was forbidden them in the Scriptures of God, the Revealer of verses. Thou didst follow the people of the past after having recognized and seen them wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies. Let not the clamor of the world and the turning away of the nations grieve thee. He hath come from the horizon of might with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things. They who have prevented thee from the waters of thy Lord's mercy have no standing before God, the Revealer of clear proofs. Soon shalt thou witness that which shall testify to thy loss in days wherein the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne and spoke that which draweth mankind nigh unto the most exalted station.

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory. Be steadfast in thy Lord's Cause in such wise that the veils of glory shall not withhold thee from the Dawning-Place of might and beauty. We make mention of thy brother who was named Sulayman, and We beseech the Almighty to aid him in serving His Cause at morn and eventide. This is a day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh that which guideth the servants unto a station beyond which no mention can reach[…]

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness! We have made mention of thy father who ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, by virtue of which the hearts of those who cast away vain imaginings were attracted, turning to the horizon of certitude. Thy likeness was presented before the Throne, and We revealed for thee that which the reckoners are powerless to reckon. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken what was sent down from God, the One, the All-Forgiving. Thou wert mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, thy Lord, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness to this.

O Khalil! The Euphrates of utterance hath flowed and the light of proof hath shone forth before all faces, yet most of the people perceive not. The verses have encompassed all who dwell on earth. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. We have mentioned thee in numerous Tablets and have revealed for thee that which draweth the servants nigh unto the Mighty, the

Beloved. The croaking of the ravens hath been raised in the cities and lands—this is what We foretold you aforetime by the command of the Lord of creation. Say: O people! The Day hath come and He Who was hidden and treasured in God's knowledge, the Mighty, the All-Loving, hath been made manifest.

Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness that the doubts of those who have denied God's proof and evidence and have committed that which hath darkened their faces shall not hinder thee. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and have taken what they were bidden by the source of idle fancies. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not every ignorant rejected one. This is the Day wherein He Who was inscribed by the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath come. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who were not deterred by the oppression of the world nor by the opposition of those who disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause that the manifestations of opposition of those who have violated the Covenant and the pledges shall not hinder thee. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me in Thy days and revealed unto me what was concealed from eyes. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath prevailed over all things, and by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed what was and what shall be, to aid me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the might of those who have denied Thy Sacred House shall not frighten me. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Ordain for me that which shall exalt me through Thy name amongst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all knowledge.

We have desired at this time to make mention of him who was named Mirza Salih, that the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance may purify him and draw him nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: O people! Hearken unto the call of God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee; We make mention of thee from this praiseworthy station that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord Who aided thee to turn toward Him when every detested misbeliever was debarred therefrom. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall exalt thee and to send down upon thee from the clouds of bounty that whereby hearts are attracted.

O Rahim! The mercy hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed is the servant who hath turned unto Him, and woe unto every heedless rejected one. We beseech God to open before thy face the door of His grace and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of everlasting life from the hands of bounty and bestowal. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth by His command. He is the Powerful, the Guardian, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who was named ʿAli, who broke not Thy Covenant and Testament, and who bore witness to that which God Himself did testify: that there is none other God beside Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: O people of the Bayan! This is the Day wherewith God gladdened His Prophets and His chosen ones through His word: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Beware lest the clamor of the malicious keep thee back from God, the

Lord of all worlds. Say: O people! I have forsaken the creed of a people who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. By God! Your might shall not frighten Me, nor shall your oppression hold Me back. To this testifieth the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. This is the Day wherein the Mount circles round the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and the Kingdom of God proclaimeth: "The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty!" All things have testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

He is the Manifest, the Clear.

At this time We have desired to make mention of all the friends of God, that all may drink from the flowing spring of the letters of the sweet-scented streams of verses and attain thereunto. Verily, He loveth His loved ones and showeth them the path of God, the Clear, the Straight. O people of Ta! Hearken unto the divine call with the ear of the soul and be not deprived of the lights of the Sun of inner meanings on this luminous Day. Verily, He guideth His loved ones unto the Most Great Sea, from whose waves can be heard:

> "The Day of Return hath come, and this is your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower,"

Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison. Glory be to God, the Lord of Lords!

O My loved ones in Ta! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He summoneth you unto the Most Great Steadfastness, lest names hold you back from turning towards God, the Lord of all worlds. Your names were presented before the Throne and were sent by ʿAbdu'llah who soared in My atmosphere, held fast to My Covenant, and clung to the hem of My luminous robe. Blessed is he and joy be unto him in that he desired for My loved ones My wondrous and glorious remembrance. Thereupon did My Pen move to make mention of you, My tongue did speak, and the Face of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, did turn toward you.

We beseech God to make you so steadfast that the mention of names will not deprive you from the ocean of grace and bounty. O people of Ta! It is intended that you arise to redress what has passed, so that whatsoever oppression was visited upon the Lord of the world in that land by the oppressors may be transformed by the light of justice and righteousness—that is, that later beloved deeds may illuminate the darkness of the past. Verily, your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Today all must engage in service to the Cause. Some of the clamorous ones in various regions have exerted mighty efforts to lead astray the helpless people. Reflect upon the previous party: they considered themselves the best of creation, yet on the Day of Manifestation they were seen to be among the most lost of all peoples. By God's life! Such oppression was visited by that party upon the Seal of the Prophets that the Pen is powerless to recount it and the tongue falls short of enumerating it. Hold fast to the Persian Bayan which the Primal Point revealed for the enlightenment of the servants and recite it, that ye may become aware of the hidden mysteries. By God's life! This is the truth, and after truth there is naught but error.

O friends of God in Milan! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, maketh mention of you in this far-off Prison. Ye have attained unto the recognition of God and His signs. Beware lest the clamorous ones hold you back

from God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and the might that emanateth from His presence. Verily, He will protect you, make you known, and guide you to the manifest Truth, the Speaker, the Clear. The honored Amin—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—hath repeatedly made mention of you. Blessed is he and blessed are you and blessed is he who holdeth fast unto the Strong Cord of God.

Section 2: "O My loved ones in Saysan! Hear ye…"

O My loved ones in Saysan! Hear ye My call and be not of them that are silent. Remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, with such steadfastness as will cause the limbs of the heedless to quake. Ye have ever been remembered and continue to be remembered in the presence of this Wronged One. We have sent down to you aforetime that which hath diffused the sweet savors of revelation and the fragrance of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give you to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness by the hand of His bounty. He, verily, is the Protector of them that do good. He who visited you hath made mention of you, wherefore have We remembered you in this mighty Book. Rejoice in God's grace and mercy, then remember Him at morn and eventide.

O My loved ones in Shammakh! The Lord of the worlds hath made mention of you from His Most Great Prison and hath given you glad tidings of that which He hath ordained for you. Verily, He loveth His loved ones and acquainteth them with that which draweth them nigh unto Him. He is indeed the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Grieve not at anything, but in all matters place your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He is with you, maketh mention of you, and heareth your call. He is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Follow not every vain imaginer, but follow ye the truth and this perspicuous Book.

My God, my God! Aid Thy loved ones to do that which beseemeth Thy days, then ordain for them the recompense of attaining Thy presence and meeting with Thee. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the All-Bountiful, Whose grace and mercy have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Strengthen their hearts that they may renounce all else but Thee, holding fast unto that which hath been sent down in Thy Ancient Book.

O My loved ones in Saliyan! Your names were presented before the Wronged One, sent by him who was named ʿAzizu'llah. We have sent down for you that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. Soon will there come unto you a crier; leave him to himself, turning your faces toward the horizon from which hath shone forth the Sun of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have upraised the Cause through a power which the might of the oppressors hath failed to weaken. Beware lest ye be frightened by the clamor of them who have denied the proof of God and His testimony, and were accounted among the transgressors in the sight of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My companions in Banab! The Almighty, the All-Bountiful, maketh mention of you on this glorious and wondrous Day. This is the Day whereon the Sun of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and the light hath shone forth as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is

the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Ocean, nor your eyes from beholding the Dayspring of God's Cause, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have made mention of you before in diverse Tablets, as a mercy from God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. He who hath taken his station round about the House hath made mention of you; We have remembered you again and again with joy and fragrance. Should ye encounter one who denieth or turneth away, leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the Lord of all lords. Thus hath spoken the One Who conversed upon Sinai, while seated upon the throne of Manifestation, as a bounty from His presence. He is, verily, the All-Glorious, the Most-Bountiful. The glory from Us be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have believed and turned unto God, the Lord of all mankind.

O Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Maraghih who have turned with radiant faces and illumined hearts unto God, the Revealer of verses. Ye must strive at all times to exalt the blessed Most Great Word. The days are fleeting, its hues are fleeting, its ornaments are fleeting. Hold fast to the cord of divine favor. Beseech the True One to aid you in that which leadeth to eternal salvation and everlasting life. The deniers of the Cause lie in wait at every turn, seeking to lead souls astray. We have made known to all the peoples of the world, and especially to Our loved ones, that which draweth them nigh and causeth their exaltation. Let him who willeth accept it, and him who willeth turn away.

O son of Dakhil! Hearken unto My call and arise to serve My Cause with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Then observe and remember when thou didst stand before the Countenance and didst hear My sweetest call and behold My most glorious horizon. Blessed art thou and blessed is every fair-minded one who hath been just in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the wicked who denied God's proof and evidence, turned away from His presence, and committed that which caused the denizens of the most exalted Paradise to lament at eventide and at dawn. Say: My God, my God! Aid me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have committed my affairs unto Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee to inspire me with that which draweth the hearts of Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy power and sovereignty, desiring naught but to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to enable him to do that which befitteth Thy days and is worthy of Thy Revelation. Verily Thou art the Helper, the All-Bountiful. Withhold not Thy loved ones from the outpourings of Thy days, then deliver them by Thy mighty arm. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We wish at this moment to make mention of Our loved ones in Khoy, that this remembrance may draw them nigh unto the most exalted station. Hear ye My call from the precincts of the Prison. It guideth you unto a station whereon hath been raised the banner that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Jalil! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with a power before which all the hosts of earth and heaven are powerless to resist. Remember the days when thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst hear that which the near ones heard at morn and eventide. Thy letter hath reached Us wherein thou didst mention the names of My loved ones who have rent asunder the veils through power, might and sovereignty. We counsel them to manifest

supreme steadfastness that their stations may be made evident amongst the people. Convey My greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, and remind them of My verses that have encompassed all regions.

Thus hath the Tongue of Glory spoken in the prison of Akka by the command of God, the Revealer of mysteries. Say: My God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge and their faces with the splendor of Thy countenance, and ordain for them all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the door of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to deprive me and Thy servants from the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place, and upon My handmaidens who have heard the call and have said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in earth and heaven!"

O My loved ones in Qaf! The pillars of misbelief have been shaken when the Horseman of the arena of divine unity came with power from God, the Lord of all worlds. The Ancient Countenance has turned toward you and mentions you with that by which your names shall endure in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. He counsels you to such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the doubts of the suspicious ones. The gate of heaven has been opened and its Creator has come, yet most people remain heedless. Blessed are you and those who love you and hear your words concerning this Great Announcement.

Glory be to God! Some of the hypocrites, who are not and never were worthy of mention, are occupied with leading people astray. Their intention is to establish, like the previous party, a faction based on suspicions and idle fancies, even though they have witnessed with their own eyes the loss incurred by that party. Ask God to sanctify hearts, illuminate faces, and protect His servants from the evil of the heedless and the doubters. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. But deeds have been and continue to be the cause of deviation. This arena requires another horseman and another rider. We beseech God to reveal the treasures of the earth—meaning those men who are worthy of this arena and those horsemen befitting this field.

O My loved ones in that place! You have always been remembered and continue to be remembered, and from the hand of bounty you have received that pure wine which had and has no likeness. Now you must manifest such steadfastness as has had and shall have no peer or equal. All the men of that land are present and mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and the women of that land have attained divine favors and bounties. This Wronged One is occupied with mentioning the loved ones in all conditions—in the nights I remember them, in the days I speak their names, and in the dawn hours I utter their remembrances. We beseech God to assist them and draw them near to Him. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My loved ones in its surroundings! Hear the call of the Wronged One—there is no God but Him, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. We call you to God and mention you with a mention through which the

fragrance of utterance has wafted throughout creation. Exalted is God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest anything prevent you or the assault of any rejected oppressor frighten you. We have mentioned you before and after, and you have attained to that which the Ancient Beauty has spoken from His praiseworthy station. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to reinforce you with the hosts of utterance and to assist you in rending the veils of idle fancy.

My God, my God! Assist these ones to aid Thy Cause with such steadfastness as will astonish minds. Then ordain for them the reward of meeting Thee and of attaining presence before Thy throne. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Kind.

O Land of Ba before Alif and Ra! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth you for the sake of God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be. This is the Day whereon all those nigh unto God and the sincere ones utter "Praise be unto Thee, O our God!" Blessed is the soul that hath tasted the chalice of steadfastness—a chalice which, when quaffed, causeth one to fix one's gaze upon none save God, exalted be His glory, and to turn toward no horizon save His. This Kawthar of certitude is reserved for the manifestations of power and assurance. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and hath drunk from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious.

In that land there appeared manifestations of evil souls and deceiving, lying devils who martyred the gems of being with such tyranny that the heaven with its stars wept and the trees with their fruits lamented. Now, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, since that land is in the vicinity of a village that is associated with the Truth, there must appear men who are dawning-places of virtues and daysprings of fellowship and unity. Well is it with you! God shall soon raise up therefrom men who will hold fast unto none save God and who will act according to naught save that which they have been bidden in His perspicuous Book.

His honor Abdullah, who dwelleth in Our vicinity, made mention of you. Therefore, the pearls of remembrance that were hidden in the shells of the Most Great Sea have now appeared in the form of letters and words. We counsel you unto that which is the cause of fellowship and the manifestation of mercy. The friends of God are, in one station, fountainheads of the Salsabil of utterance and the Kawthar of knowledge. They must water the trees of souls with these waters. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid you through His bounty, to assist you through His sovereignty, and to protect you through His hosts from on high. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O people of Ba before Dal! In these days the rain of favors and bounties hath fallen upon that land, the clouds of His grace and generosity have appeared, and the heaven of His bestowal and favor hath been unveiled. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! Repeatedly have your names been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen. I counsel you to observe wisdom and to obey the sovereign who ariseth to assist and to protect the friends from the evil of enemies. Deal ye with all the peoples of the world with gentleness and forbearance. Conflict, contention and corruption have been removed. All are commanded to show forth love and promote reconciliation. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

Verily, the Wronged One hath remembered you and hath revealed for you that whereby your names shall endure in the Crimson Book. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We gave you glad tidings aforetime,

and at this hour, from the presence of One mighty and ancient. Beware lest the happenings of the world grieve you or the doubts of the heedless hold you back. The glory, the remembrance and the praise from God, the Lord of the exalted Throne, be upon you.

O Land of Ta! The Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath turned His gaze toward the Land of Ta which God hath made the dawning-place of the joy of all worlds. We have remembered Our loved ones there time and again, and have sent down for them that which God hath once made the Kawthar of life for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and another time the enduring Food. Blessed is he who hath seen and circumambulated and hath said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the first and the last!"

We bear witness that Our loved ones there have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of all things, and have attained unto that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Messengers.

O Abdullah! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His grace and His bounty. Give them glad tidings from Me, then recite unto them that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty, for I am the All-Merciful, the Generous. We have illumined them with the light of My knowledge and exalted them through My words, and We made known unto them in the earliest days My path and the fragrance of My mercy which hath preceded all things from God, the Lord of the worlds.

O My loved ones in that land! Rejoice in My remembrance and soar on the wings of faithfulness in My atmosphere, and associate with My servants with My praiseworthy and wondrous character. We have sent unto you at this time the chalices of My words wherein is contained the choice wine of My bounty. Blessed are they who drink thereof. In all conditions, the souls that are tranquil, steadfast and upright have been and are the recipients of special favors. They are the cupbearers of the divine Kawthar and the guides to the paths of the Lord. Blessed is he who attaineth unto their presence and heareth that which proceedeth from their mouths concerning this mighty Cause. Praise be to God as is befitting! They have attained, and the glances of grace are fixed upon them. Blessed are they and blessed is he who loveth them, as bidden by God, the Commander, the Ancient of Days.

The leaves and handmaidens of that land have ever been the recipients of grace. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of every world among His worlds and to decree for them that which He hath decreed for the Maids of the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, He is the Giver, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee, O Abdullah, and upon those whom names have not kept back from their Lord and Sovereign, who have turned unto Him, and have heard, and have said:

> "We believe in Thy Manifestation, O Beloved of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee and the Object of the hearts of them that have recognized Thee!"

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Section 1: "Praise be to God Who has subdued…"

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

Praise be to God Who has subdued the world through His Most Great Name and has sent down in every time from the heaven of grace of His name, the Most Merciful, the feast of wisdom and utterance and the bounty of knowledge and understanding. From His Most Exalted Pen has flowed the river of mercy and exposition, whereby those in the graves have arisen before the faces of all religions. Exalted, exalted is His grace! Exalted, exalted is His generosity! Exalted, exalted is His bounty! And exalted is His Word which, when it issueth forth from the mouth of Will, causeth the ocean of knowledge and wisdom to surge and the fragrance of the garment to waft among all created things. Exalted, exalted is this Day wherein the throne of divine bestowal hath been established in the prison of ʿAkka and the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised in the kingdom of creation. Blessed, blessed is the eye that hath seen, the ear that hath heard, and the tongue that hath proclaimed and said:

Praise be unto Thee, O Possessor of the Kingdom of Names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, and by the mysteries concealed from the eyes of the nations, and by the breathings of Thy revelation and the dawning-places of Thy inspiration, to adorn Thy servants with the ornament of trustworthiness and justice. Thou art the Possessor of bounty and grace. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation. Aid them to make good what they have missed in Thy days and to return to the court of Thy holy might and to turn in repentance to the door of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Khalil! We have given thee to drink from the cups of wisdom and utterance and from the goblet of knowledge and understanding, time after time. We beseech God to aid thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to enable thee to do what beseemeth His days.

O Jalil! We counsel thee to assist the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Victory appeareth through hosts, and the hosts are goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. We ask God to adorn thee with virtuous character and with God-fearing which We have made the commander of the hosts of deeds and character. We beseech God to assist the oppressed through the standards of justice and the banners of equity. He is the Possessor of gifts and favors. Now We speak with light as a bounty from Us unto thee and unto those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

O ʿAli! The call of God is raised, the ocean of bounty is surging, and the door of grace is opened. Blessed are they who enter in. We beseech God to make thee a knight in the arena of utterance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Beloved of God! Canst thou forsake all else save Me and arise to serve My Cause, the One that ruleth over all who are in the heavens and the earth? Say: This could not be except through Thy bounty and grace and might and sovereignty. O Lord! Strengthen me with the hosts of wisdom and utterance that I

may transform hearts and souls and illumine them with the light of Thy knowledge and the effulgences of the lights of the Daystar of Thy Revelation. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, and I acknowledge what Thou hast revealed in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee to take me from myself and make me a bird soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, enkindled with the fire of Thy Cause, and attracted to Thy verses. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Ibrahim, O Wise One! God willing, thou shalt be illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and enkindled with the fire of love in such wise that thou mayest set the world aflame. We imparted these words to one of the wise ones: "O Sage! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness!" The power and structure of faith have grown weak throughout the regions of the world—the supreme remedy is needed. The black sulfide of the nations hath seized them—the greatest elixir is required. O Sage! Hath the crown of victory such power as to transform diverse elements into a single thing and bring them to the station of pure gold? Though such transformation appeareth difficult and complex, yet the transformation of earthly power into heavenly might is possible before this Wronged One.

That which effecteth this transformation is greater than any elixir. This station and this power are specific to the Word of God. It is the essence that transformeth fear into certitude, weakness into strength, and abasement into glory. One drop from the ocean of divine wisdom struck Badi' and like a globe of fire he arose seeking martyrdom—his moisture was transformed to fire, his weakness to power, his sluggishness to swiftness. God willing, thou shalt drink of the Kawthar of divine utterance from the revealed words and offer it to those who turn to God and are ready to receive it.

O Aqa Bik! Today the fragrances of God's Word have perfumed the world and the pearls of wisdom and utterance have appeared and shone forth from the treasury of the Supreme Pen. Beseech God that He may aid all and deprive none from the splendors of the Sun of Truth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Beloved! The Best Beloved remembereth thee in prison. We hope that through deeds and character thou mayest attract souls and guide them to the horizon of the manifestation of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O Husayn! This Wronged One hath from the beginning until now been afflicted in the hands of enemies. The Shi'ih sect hath been reared in vain imaginings. Ask God to deliver them all and illumine them with the lights of the Daystar of certitude. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Buyuk Aqa, O thou who gazest toward the Supreme Horizon and soarest in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names! His Honor Ismu'llah and His Honor Jalil, upon them be the Glory of God, the Beautiful, mentioned thee and sent word to the Most Holy Court. We testify that thou didst hear the Call and turn to it, and wert blessed to hearken unto it. We mentioned thee before in such wise as caused the fragrance of utterance to waft throughout creation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who heard and found. Woe to the heedless! And praise be to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O Muhammad! At this moment a messenger from the City of Lovers set forth toward the Daystar of the horizons. His tidings were of unity and concord among the people of justice and the Covenant, and his gift was the sanctified, detached spirits who in God's path attained the most exalted, supreme station and the most glorious martyrdom. Glory be to God! Were the effects and fruits of wisdom and the mysteries of

those spirits to appear even less than the eye of a needle, all the parties of the world would seek that station and circle round the gathering-place of the Supreme Concourse. We mention the party of God and bid them to unity and concord. Blessed are they who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and are free and detached from all else but God.

O Isma'il! When thou hast attained unto God's verses and His signs, and drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of His bounty, say:

O my God, my God! I testify that by Thy Name the hearts of the Supreme Paradise were entranced, and by Thy most sweet call all created things were overturned, and by the light of Thy utterance the earth and heaven were illumined, and by Thy being seated upon the throne the call was raised from the direction of Sinai. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of the heavens, by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen, to open unto my face and unto the faces of Thy servants the gates of Thy justice and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all in the heavens and the earth.

O Pen! Turn toward him who is named Mahmud, then make mention of him with that which causeth all existence to soar. We have revealed that which was hidden from sight and concealed in the treasury of the protection of thy Chosen Lord, as a favor from Us and a mercy from Our presence unto the righteous and the learned. Say:

O God of the world and Desire of the nations! Thou seest me fleeing from myself unto Thee, from my poverty unto the ocean of Thy wealth, and from my powerlessness unto the horizon of Thy might. Send down, then, upon me and upon Thy party from the heaven of Thy bounty the table of Thy knowledge, and ordain for us that whereby hearts and minds may be attracted. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Tongue of Eternity! The springtime of utterance hath come unto thee. Make clear unto the parties that which will preserve them from the wolves who have cast the fundamentals of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies. This is a day wherein the breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all possibility, and the Herald hath called out from the right of the Throne: O people of the earth! Despair not of God's mercy and grace, and deprive not yourselves of the ocean of His bounty. Hasten with your hearts unto the direction of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. Verily the Pen calleth out, the Tablet speaketh, and the ink discourseth, yet most of the people hear not. They pass by the verses and recognize them not, they hear from the direction of the Prison and perceive not. Say: Fear God, O people, and follow not those who have denied God's proof and evidence, who have disbelieved in His favor and disputed His sovereignty which dominateth over all that was and shall be.

O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Sultan! This is a day wherein the Speaker of the Mount speaketh and the Tree calleth out before the faces of the parties: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords! We have created the servants for the triumph of the Cause—to this beareth witness the Mother Book in the final return. Aid ye, O people, your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and through such conduct as will attract the hearts of every doubter and hesitant one. We have announced unto all this Most Great Revelation. Among the people are those who have been so attracted by the wine of utterance that the

ranks of the enemies have not prevented them from turning unto God, the Lord of all men. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

My God! Leave me not deprived of the breezes of Thy days, nor barred from turning toward the horizon of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name which speaketh before the faces of the nations, and by the Crimson Ark which Thou hast ordained and manifested for the people of Baha, to make me one of those whom Thou hast described in Thy Mighty Book with Thy words "On them shall be no fear, neither shall they grieve." Verily, we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return.

O Ali-Quli! None can soar in this atmosphere save he who hath cast away vain desire and then all names. Such a one is numbered with the people of Baha in the Book of God, Lord of all worlds. Among men are those whom names have withheld from their Creator, and among them are those who have turned to Him and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom was revealed that which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Fear God, O people, then follow that which ye have been commanded in My perspicuous Book. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Mirza Rida! Hear the call from the Prison of Akka—there is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call, shown me Thy signs, and given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by Thy Name through which those in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, to make me hold fast to Thy cord and cling to the hem of Thy grace. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy generosity that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful."

O Muhammad! In these days one of the lovers sacrificed his soul for the Day Star of the horizons, and the fire of longing and desire became ignited in that blessed city. The Ridvan of the Most Exalted Paradise hath given glad tidings to the Ridvan of the Supreme Paradise, announcing that at this moment the Bird of Immortality, after circling round the Gathering-Place of the Supreme Concourse, will wing its flight to this station. Inform the Maidens of the Mansions that they may prepare themselves for this presence. Thus hath spoken the One Who conversed on Sinai in this exalted and glorious station. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath sent down unto thee that which no treasures can equal.

O Ustad Abdullah! In the great city, one of the loved ones set out to circle round the Supreme Horizon and the Most Exalted Summit. He left behind the temple of flesh and, with spirit and delight, proceeded to circumambulate. By My life! He hath attained unto that which none before him attained. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from the Most Exalted Station. Grieve thou not over anything. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having remembered thee in the prison and revealed unto thee that which caused the hearts of those near unto Him to be attracted.

O Muhammad-Hasan! The calumniators in the great city have committed that which no oppressor hath ever committed. A grievous blow hath been dealt to trustworthiness, and a mighty stroke hath fallen upon the face of truthfulness. Beseech thou God that He may bestow justice upon the people of tyranny and grant equity unto the people of oppression. Glory be to God! They denied the favor and disbelieved in the signs of God. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to either seize them with His justice or enable them to return unto Him. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Baqir Khan! The temple of justice lieth captive under the talons of tyranny, helpless trustworthiness suffereth beneath the claws of malice, and hapless truthfulness hath taken refuge in the corner of bewilderment due to the persecution of the oppressors. Soon shall every oppressor receive his due recompense. Divine justice lieth in wait. He shall seize the oppressors with His might and authority from His presence. Verily, He is the most powerful of the powerful ones and the most generous of the generous ones. Say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to assist me in serving Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And We make mention of the son in this station. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon him from the heaven of His bounty mercy from His presence and loving-kindness from His side. Verily, He is the All-Generous, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving.

O Hasan! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest! The wolves of the earth have surrounded the divine sheep from every direction. They have hamstrung the divine She-Camel and have stretched forth the hand of transgression against the Crimson Ark. And finding this Wronged One without helper or assistant, they have from every quarter set their designs against Him. Glory be to God! Such enmity hath appeared as hath no equal or likeness. And seeing the people of God without succor, they have endeavored through fabricated calumnies to extinguish the true Light. It is evident that the government hath assisted and continueth to assist in what hath transpired. Yet this Wronged One regardeth all else save God as non-existent. I swear by the Sun of Utterance that shineth from the horizon of the Prison: were the journalists to become aware of the purpose of the Wronged One, all would turn towards Him and speak the truth. But the rancor and hatred of the former party will not be stilled or quieted save through the power of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee and grant thee success in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Section 2: "O Royal Falcon! We hope that thou wilt…"

O Royal Falcon! We hope that thou wilt spread thy spiritual wings and teach the hesitant ones to soar. In these days the hands of oppression have been raised from every direction. The patriots of the world attribute reform to corruption. Glory be to God! They praise themselves for patriotism, yet this party worshipeth God, not the homeland. Would that they were truthful even in this claim! By the life of God, they worship their own selves and their passions. They claim impartiality, yet their deeds and what proceedeth from them give them the lie. From before, this hidden pearl hath been revealed from the

Divine Pen's treasury: "Let not your deeds become partners to your hopes." Woe to the condition of one wronged against whom the princes and ministers of Iran speak and rise up in opposition!

It is then obvious what a journalist would write and say. Assuredly there must arise one who will stand before the Divine Seat of Justice and seek justice and equity for the oppressed party, and implore victory and triumph. By My life! The manifestations of justice exist among the people, yet are hidden from the eyes of the heedless. God shall soon exalt His Cause despite every remote oppressor and obdurate heedless one. In any case, ignorance and foolishness have deprived most from the ocean of inner meanings. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Light that shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the Mount by Thy leave, to assist the calumniators to pure truthfulness, the ones who have turned away to acceptance, and the heedless ones to return unto Thee and to repentance at the gate of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

O Mulla Haji! At this moment We speak in the clear Persian tongue that perchance all may become aware and attain unto their purpose. This Wronged One appeared in days when naught remained of justice save a name and of equity save a trace. We summoned all to praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Every fair-minded one beareth witness that this Wronged One hath had and hath no purpose except the reformation of the world and the edification of the souls of nations. We have forbidden the destruction of books, have removed from the Book the decree of holy war and strife, and likewise the decree concerning uncleanliness and the like. Whatsoever conduceth to the elevation of the stations of men, that have We recorded and preserved; and whatsoever leadeth to waywardness, obscurity and the affliction of God's servants, that have We forbidden. However, as the veils of hatred and animosity have prevented the ear and eye from witnessing and hearing, therefore hath every soul attributed to the Truth, exalted be His glory, that which he hath seen in his own mirror. Soon shall they see the recompense of their deeds on earth without clear proof or Book.

O Hasan! The excellence of the world hath been transformed into baseness, inasmuch as the reins of affairs are seen to be in the grasp of the ignorant. Beseech thou God that He may raise up and appoint over His servants a just commander and an equitable ruler. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest how the oppressors have surrounded the dawning-places of Thy justice and the daysprings of Thy bounty, and how the calumniators have encompassed the manifestations of Thy truthfulness and the daysprings of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Compassionate Lord of all who are possessed of kings, by the Word whereby Thou didst open the doors of the hearts of those of Thy servants who were nigh unto Thee, and the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy creation, to illumine the hearts of the heedless with the light of turning unto Thee. Then aid them to turn towards the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy generosity. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Kind.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Hasan before Ali, that the fragrances of remembrance may seize him and draw him nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. In these days, from every direction a dart flieth and a sword is visible, and this Wronged One hath clung to the cord of patience and gazeth toward the horizon of resignation. When the divines of Iran and the mystics and princes thereof reject a

station and conceal its virtues, then it becometh evident what hath befallen it and what shall befall it. However, as it hath occurred in the path of God, there hath been and is no harm. By His very Self, the Truth! We would not exchange one atom of tribulation in His path for the station of the seen and the unseen. We beseech God that He deprive not His servants of the splendors of the Sun of justice and equity, and We ask Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which shall exalt thee through His name amongst His servants. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the Unconstrained.

O Ali! We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day of God and His Cause is His Cause. Blessed is the soul that hath detached itself from all else save Him and hath turned unto Him in all days and nights. The Pen of the Lord of all beings hath occupied itself with the mention of His loved ones, and hath repeatedly made mention of each one and commanded that which leadeth to the elevation and exaltation of their station. He is the Helper and Succourer. Beseech God that He may graciously aid all to remember Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause. He is the Mighty One Whom the hosts of the world cannot hinder and the ranks of the nations cannot weaken.

O Ali! Take fast hold of the sure handle and cleave to the most holy and luminous hem. This Day is known as the Day of God and is recorded in the Book. Yet the immature ones of the world have drawn the sword of rejection against the Wronged One of the horizons and are occupied day and night with schemes and deception. We beseech God not to deprive the oppressive souls of the sweetness of the Kawthar of justice. He is the Sovereign Whom the world's rejection or acceptance neither diminisheth nor increaseth. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth and the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Mashhadi Rida! The Lord of the kingdoms of names hath this night turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. Rejoice thou in this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name. I beseech Thee by the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy knowledge and by the fruits treasured in the repository of Thy wisdom to aid me to be steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! Who is able to arise to serve Thy Cause? Nay, by Thy glory! None can do this save through Thy power and strength. I beseech of Thee that which is the cause of the greatest steadfastness. O Generous One! Withhold not Thy servant from the ocean of knowledge and deprive him not of the sun of vision. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the throne on high and of the dust below.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ahmad-i-Aqa that he may give thanks unto his Lord and be numbered among those who are assured in the Mother Book, inscribed by the Pen of God. Grieve not over anything. Trust in God in all matters. Verily He protecteth His loved ones through hosts that are hidden from sight. This is a Day wherein the Most Great Ocean hath surged and the fragrance of Paradise hath wafted. Blessed is he who hath found it, and woe unto him who remained heedless and was far removed from the precincts of nearness. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. All the treasures of kings cannot equal it. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this station that transcendeth understanding. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of My utterance and drunk from the Kawthar of My bounty, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy horizon, caused me to hear Thy call, and revealed unto me that which lay hidden in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy grace to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and to enable me to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art the Omnipotent Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, nor can the ascendancy of those who have been deprived of the breezes of revelation.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Javad! God willing, mayest thou be illumined by the light of His Cause and enkindled with the fire of divine love. Know ye the value of these days and act as befitteth them. Blessed is the soul that hath taken its stand beneath the banner of righteousness—such a one is reckoned among those nigh unto God in His Book. The friends must all engage in service to the Cause. Among the greatest services, mentioned with God and crowned with His acceptance, hath been and ever shall be the reconciliation of hearts. Blessed is he who hath achieved that which he was bidden by the Ancient Ordainer.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of ʿAkka. Verily it kindleth thee with the fire of love, draweth thee nigh unto the Dayspring of the light of oneness, guardeth thee from the cawing of the croakers, and preserveth thee from the hosts of the oppressors who have broken God's covenant and His testament, who have denied His proof and His evidence, and who have committed that which hath caused the near ones to lament.

O Khalil! The Glorious Lord is afflicted and tormented in the hands of the Nimrods of the world. At every moment some harm befalleth Him, and each day some calamity descendeth. The fire of hatred blazeth from every direction. Glory be to God! Such malice hath appeared as hath had and hath no likeness or equal. That unjust one, seeing the Wronged One without any helper, hath perpetrated that which no cruel one or oppressor hath ever wrought. Verily, We fear not him nor those whom he hath led astray to commit an oppression the like of which the eye of creation hath not beheld. We beseech God to aid all to return unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O ʿAbdu'l-Jalil! We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have mentioned thee in such wise as to perpetuate thy remembrance throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, for having mentioned me and numbered me among those who have attained unto the hearing of Thy call and the beholding of Thy signs. I testify that through Thy Most Exalted Word the spirit of life was breathed into all creation, and through Thee was made manifest that which had been hidden from sight and vision.

O Islam! The divine sheep are afflicted amongst wolves. Each day there occurreth that which causeth the greatest consternation. The owls of the world have purposed its destruction. Beseech thou God that He deprive not His servants of justice and fairness. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His firm and mighty command.

O ʿAbbas! There hath befallen Us that which hath befallen no one else among all created things. The newspaper Akhtar hath raised its banner out of hatred for this Wronged One. Its purpose hath been and still is to curry favor with the oppressors. We beseech God to decree for them what He willeth and to raise Me unto Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

O Mihdi! We have heard the cry of My loved ones and have answered them from this glorious and exalted Station. This is a precious and blessed day. All must arise to do what is meet and seemly, and guide heedless souls to the horizon of awareness. We beseech God to assist all to stand firm in this Great Steadfastness and to rend asunder the veils that have come between Him and His creatures. Verily He is the Lord of Names and the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Praise be to God! The souls mentioned have attained unto God's infinite favors. We beseech Him to keep all steadfast. Verily He hath power over all things.

At the end of the book, mention is made of Khan Baba Khan, whom We have mentioned before and for whom We have revealed that which has diffused the fragrance of God's loving-kindness throughout all else. We beseech God at this hour to protect him, to aid him, to exalt him through His Name amongst His servants, and to assist him in the service of His mighty Cause. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Khalil! Remember those days when thou wert present before the Countenance and didst hear the Call and behold the Supreme Horizon. He verily strengthened thee, prospered thee, and revealed unto thee that which shall not perish so long as God's Kingdom, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, shall endure. We counsel thee and those who have believed to manifest praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Verily thy Lord's knowledge encompasses all things; He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He walketh with the heaven of grace at His right hand and the kingdom of bounty at His left, while before His shining and luminous face waveth the banner of detachment. Rejoice in that thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of God's utterance, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Ismi Jamal hath made mention of thee in his petitions and hath desired for thee grace from this blessed, mighty and resplendent Dayspring. Therefore have We turned unto thee from this direction and revealed unto thee that whereby hearts are drawn and the minds of them that know are attracted.

O Khalil! Thy mention hath also come from Samandar, who hath soared in the atmosphere of My love and risen to serve My Cause. We make mention of thee and reveal unto thee this mighty Tablet. There hath befallen him at the hands of the enemies that which hath caused those near unto God to lament and the sincere ones to cry out "Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return."

His honor Samandar and Ism-i-Jud have repeatedly made mention of you. If there hath been delay in sending Tablets, it hath been and is due to the multitude of writing. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect thee and His loved ones, and to forgive those for whom thou hast sought forgiveness from the ocean of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous; He is the Munificent, the Mighty, the Great.

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Section 1: "Praise be sanctified above the understanding of all…"

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

Praise be sanctified above the understanding of all created things and the utterance of all contingent beings—praise befitting the Goal of all the worlds, Who through the rays of the Orb of the heaven of

inner meanings hath illumined the people of the cities of justice and equity, and Who hath adorned the hearts of His servants, through the breathings of His Most Exalted Word, with a new and eternal life. Glorified be He Who hath created all beings, revealed unto them the Way, sent down unto them the proof, and made known unto them the Most Great News, whereby the limbs of such as have turned away from the Lord of the Ancient Days did quake, who denied His signs and His Manifestation, and disputed His evidence and His testimony, until they pronounced judgment against the Dawning-Places of His Cause, the Day-Springs of His Revelation, the Fountainheads of His wisdom and the Repositories of His knowledge, with such tyranny as caused the hosts of angels and the Spirit to lament, the tears of the mystics to flow, the weeping of them that are nigh unto God to pour forth, and the sighs of the sincere ones to ascend. Peace and praise and glory and splendor be upon His loved ones, whom neither the affairs of men nor the whisperings of such as have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment have deterred.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of utterance hath surged throughout creation and the fragrance of the garment of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, hath been diffused! Thou beholdest Thy loved ones in the hands of Thine enemies, and the righteous ones amidst the wicked among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose will the Heavenly Table was sent down, the divine bounty appeared, and the Call of Sinai was raised when Thou didst establish Thyself upon the throne of manifestation, to protect Thy servants from the calumnies of those who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who have been seized by the fire of greed and passion, of avarice and transgression, to such extent that they have disposed of people's properties, violated Thy sanctity in Thy land, rent the veil of Thy glory in Thy domains, and spread that which their desires and their waywardness had prompted them to do. O Lord! Adorn the heads of Thy loved ones with the crowns of steadfastness and triumph, and their temples with the ornament of trustworthiness and success. Thou art the Sender of winds and the Cleaver of dawn. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the One Who holdeth dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy creation with the light of justice and their hearts with the light of equity, that they may behold through Thy command with their own eyes and hear what hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy utterance with their own ears. O Lord! Deprive them not of the ocean of Thy bounty in Thy days, nor of the effulgences of the Orb of Thy grace. Thou art He through Whose Name power and its manifestations, might and its dawning-places have appeared. Not a thing escapeth Thy knowledge, nor can the oppression of the oppressors or the clamor of the heedless frustrate Thee. There is no God but Thee, the King, the Just, the One possessed of manifest truth.

And then, O Husayn, son of Mulla Ahmad! The servant in attendance before the face of the Wronged One laid thy letter before Him and it achieved the honor of His hearing. Praise be to God that mention of thee hath repeatedly been made by the Supreme Pen—with this a single word whereof all the treasures of the earth cannot compare. Soon will be made manifest therefrom the stations of His verses and the station of whoso hath attained unto them in His days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The heedless souls in the great city are aflame with the fire of greed, desire and passion. They have forsaken trustworthiness, which is a divine trust amongst mankind, and have clung to treachery. Love of

the ornaments and vanities of the world hath prevented such souls from drawing nigh unto the Lord of all beings. They have consumed the wealth of others and have cried out among their like, speaking that which was not spoken by those of old. Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

O Husayn! We have given thee to drink from the cup of My bounty and have sent down for thee that which testifieth to My grace and My favor. Convey My greetings unto thy brother who is named Isma'il and give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of generosity on the part of the Ancient King. We send Our greetings upon him and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from My most glorious nectar. They took, they drank, and they said:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens!"

I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, and by that which hath been inscribed in Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets, to make us among those who have held fast to the cord of Thy love and have clung to the hem of Thy mercy, which hath preceded all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. We make mention at this time of your sons and give them glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for them. Verily your Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Mulla Muhammad, son of Haji Mulla Taqi, that he may rejoice and be of those who are thankful. O thou who hast turned towards God! Thy letter came before the Wronged One, and He hath answered thee with that which hath made the countenance of utterance smile throughout all creation. Exalted is the Most Merciful Who revealeth His verses and manifesteth His clear tokens and uncovereth the mysteries of existence from the unseen and the seen. We have answered thee with verses that have caused the mountains to pass away and those in the graves to be stirred. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein thou didst make mention of God's loved ones, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent down for every name that which hath caused the sweet fragrances of My loving-kindness to be diffused and the sweet-scenting perfume of My wondrous utterance to be wafted abroad. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to make thee a helper of His Cause in His lands. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My loved ones in Shimmakh and in other lands! Hearken unto My most sweet call which hath been raised from the prison of ʿAkka. Verily it guideth you to the Most Sublime Horizon and giveth you to drink of the Kawthar of everlasting life from the hands of bounty and bestowal, and illumineth you with the lights of My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! The True One declareth: I have created the tongues of servants for My remembrance and brought ears into existence from sheer nothingness for the purpose of hearkening unto My call, and eyes for the contemplation of My traces, and hearts to turn from the realm of nothingness and extinction to the court of existence and immortality. Yet the desires of self and passion have prevented the people of this world from attaining the supreme heights, and the veils of tyranny and corruption have intervened. They cling to the name while remaining deprived of its Source, Revealer and Quickener. Wonder upon wonder and amazement upon amazement! The mere clay of the world hath laid claim to

being, counting itself among the pearls of the ocean of knowledge. By God! The matter is not as they imagine. Soon shall they witness what they now deny. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God! Thou hast attained to that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Desire of the nations, for having enabled me to turn towards Thee on a Day whereon most of Thy servants have turned away. I testify that Thou hast strengthened me and made known unto me that which guided me to Thy path, Thy Cause, Thy station and Thy utterance. Thou art verily the Most Powerful of the powerful and the Most Merciful of the merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy father who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Mihdi. We testify that he attained unto the remembrance of God, the Goal of them that are nigh.

We make mention at this time of him who was named Mashhadi-Samad, that this remembrance may draw him nigh unto the Remembered One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. O Samad! Hearken with the ear of thine inmost heart unto the call of the Wronged One. By the life of God! Nothing that is witnessed in the realm of creation can compare with this call. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest my poverty and the kingdom of Thy riches, my powerlessness and the dominion of Thy might, my ignorance and the ocean of Thy knowledge, my destitution and the heaven of Thy bounty. Deprive not this poor and needy one from the gate of Thy grace, and keep not this lowly one far from the court of Thy glory.

Thou art He Whose generosity is such that all the generosity of the world is as naught before a single ray of the Sun of Thy generosity. O Peerless and Most Merciful One! Withhold not Thy mercy from them that ask and seek, and deprive not this barren land of the outpourings of Thy Most Bountiful Name. The hands of hope are raised toward the heaven of Thy grace. O Ocean of bounty and Heaven of giving! Guide the ignorant to the ocean of Thy knowledge and lead these strangers to their true home which is the station of nearness and meeting with Thee. Thou art the Sovereign of bounty and the One Who possesses the blessed word “Doeth as He willeth.”

O Pen! Make mention of Mashhadi-Samad, whose name was present before the Wronged One, that he may be assured that grace hath encompassed all existence and mercy hath preceded all that dwell in the heavens and on earth.

O Mihdi! Upon thee be the eternal glory of God! Hold fast unto deeds, for by them is the servant known, and not by words. He Who speaketh in every state beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Gracious, the Generous. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, and commanded all to that which will preserve them and strengthen them in righteousness and godliness, from the presence of the Mighty, the Ancient. The proof hath lengthened its skirts, and the evidence hath encompassed all who are in the realm of possibility, and the light hath shone forth from the horizon of manifestation, and the Mount calleth out: “The Kingdom is God’s, the One, the All-Informed!”

The Wronged One hath endured in God’s path that which hath melted the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him. The signs have been spread abroad and the horizons have been illumined by this effulgence, while the people of hypocrisy are in manifest dissension. They have changed God’s blessing into ingratitude, clinging to the Evil One without clear proof or manifest evidence. We make mention of thee

and of them that have believed there, that the fragrance of the remembrance of thy Lord's name, the Forgiving, the Merciful, may attract you, and exalt you amongst His servants, and make you among the letters of His mighty, resplendent Book. Glory be from Us upon the people of this exalted station.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of mankind and say: O my God, my Master, my Support! Thou seest me turning toward Thy Kingdom and hearest my call and beholdest my powerlessness, poverty and need before the ocean of Thy riches and the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the effulgences of the Day-Star of Thy justice, and by the station whereon Thy throne was established and wherein Thy call was raised, and by the lamentation of the lovers in separation, and by the light of Thy Cause whereby the horizons were illumined, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy love and standing firm in the service of Thy loved ones, and speaking forth Thy name amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom the might of the world and the clamor of the nations cannot weaken. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Pen! Move all beings by the breezes of the revelation of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Then make mention of him who desired thine effects, who was named Mashhadi ʿAli, that the greatest joy may seize him—the joy whose fragrance was diffused in the Most Great Scene, the station wherein the Lord of Destiny calleth and summoneth the people to the hidden mystery and to the most luminous, most pure station which was built by the will of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Euphrates of Thy mercy through the Pen of Thy grace, and for having taught me Thy path and shown me Thy proof and Thy evidence. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause whereby the ships of Thy names sailed upon the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by that which hath proceeded from the mouth of Thy will, to make my heart illumined with the light of Thy knowledge, and my feet steadfast in Thy help, and my tongue speaking Thy praise, and my face turned toward Thy horizon. O Lord! I am the poor one, and Thou art the goal of all in the heavens and the earth. Strengthen, O my God, my limbs, and change my weakness through Thy power, then have mercy upon me through Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all the worlds.

O Mirza Husayn! We desired naught for the servants save their deliverance from the clutches of self and passion, and We taught them and preserved them from transgression and wickedness, yet they cast aside what God desired for them and took what their own selves and desires wanted. Thus did their souls entice them. Verily they are among the most lost in the sight of God, the Beloved of the hearts of the mystics. Say:

Section 2: "My God, my God! Thou seest the oppression…"

My God, my God! Thou seest the oppression of Thine enemies and the tyranny of the wicked among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll which none hath beheld save Thyself, and by the things that have attained Thy presence, and by Thy most great signs and the manifestations of Thy power in the realm of creation, to make me one of those whom the agitation of the tyrannical ones of the earth hath not dismayed at the revelation of their might, and to aid me to perform that which is adorned with the glory of Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have held fast unto the

cord of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which shall cause me to be detached from all else save Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O Mulla Mahmud! The Wronged One remembereth thee from His glorious station that He may draw thee unto the court of His holiness and bring thee near unto the dawning-places of His Cause and the daysprings of His wisdom. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the nations, for having guided me unto Thy Most Great Name. I beseech Thee by Thy standing before the faces of all men and Thy call raised above the heads of princes and divines, to make me lowly before Thy loved ones and to cause me to take hold of Thy Book among Thy servants with a power that no weakness can affect and a might that no agitation can shake. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. O Lord! Forgive me and my companion who hath believed in Thee and Thy signs, and ordain for us both the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the All-Bounteous, verily, Thou art the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

We make mention of him who is named Abdul-Ghani and counsel him with that which illumineth hearts and faces. Hold fast unto the attributes and characteristics of God. This will exalt thee among the servants and make thee honored in all lands. Verily, thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Today the hosts that assist the Cause of God are goodly deeds and praiseworthy characteristics. One must assist the Truth through virtuous and acceptable conduct. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the Truth and is detached and free from all else. The veils that have come between the people and the Truth have been and continue to be the idle fancies and vain imaginings of the divines of Persia. We beseech God to preserve all through His conquering power and to detach them from all else save Him. Verily, He is the Strong, the Powerful. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those whom God hath related unto thee. Verily, He is the All-Bounteous, the All-Generous.

O Gabriel! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the prison and maketh mention of thee that thou mayest find the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness and mayest say:

> "My God, my God! Illumine our faces with the light of Thy countenance and our hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. By Thy glory, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! What hath befallen Thee at the hands of Thine enemies hath grieved me, and the hearts of Thy loved ones have melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee. O Lord! Ordain for Thy sincere servants the reward of attaining the presence before the pavilion of Thy glory. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

O Mashhadi Muhammad! We have heard thy call and have made mention of thee through verses which God hath made a testimony from Him and a proof from His presence unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Hold fast unto the Most Pure Hem, turning unto the Most Great Prospect, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of destiny, for having turned toward me from Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who illuminest earth and heaven, by the hearts which Thou hast made the treasuries of Thy wisdom and the repositories of Thy love, to make me so

strong through Thy power that neither the affairs of the world nor the opposition of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs shall hinder me. Verily, Thou art the All-Commanding, the Ancient of Days."

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Mashhadi Hasan, then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy mercy the verses of Thy grandeur, that the fragrances of revelation may draw him to a station before which all regions of the earth have bowed down. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties and Creator of nations, by the lights shining forth from the horizons of Thy Tablets and by Thy commandments which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book for the protection of Thy servants, to make me of those whom neither the censure of the censurer nor the power of the turbaned ones hath deterred. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy firm and unshakeable command.

We have desired to make mention of him who is named Mashhadi Abbas, that he may discover the fragrance of utterance and be of the thankful ones. We have manifested that which was treasured up and have sent down that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. The evidences of thy Lord have encompassed all things, and He Who was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath come. Among the people are those who have taken the choice wine and drunk in the name of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous, and among them are those who turned away and returned to the nethermost depths. Blessed art thou and those who heard the call and said:

"Yea, yea, O Lord of all beings! Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the throne and earth!"

I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and guided Thy servants to the Dayspring of Thy signs. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and Thy loved ones that which will encourage them in Thy Cause and make them mighty through Thy power. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son from God, the One, the All-Informed.

O Kazim! The Wronged One maketh mention of him through whom the Self-Subsisting arose and the Sealed Wine was revealed. Turn unto My name and take it by My command, then drink in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. This is a day wherein God hath manifested His Cause and that which was hidden and treasured in His Preserved Tablet. Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka; verily it will draw thee to the supreme horizon and bring thee near unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognition and having shown thee His straight and manifest path.

O Ali ibn Ismail! The Glorious One maketh mention of thee with a mention whereat the idols fell down and the temples of fancy were shaken. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer in the beginning and in the end. This is a day wherein the standard of certitude hath been raised and the banner of idle fancies hath been lowered. To this doth the Lord of all beings bear witness; He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is the slumberer who hath been awakened by God's breath, and joyful tidings to the sleeper whom the call hath raised up, but woe unto every heedless doubter. The verses have encompassed all directions while the people are in wondrous drunkenness, save those who have cast away idle fancies and taken what they were commanded in the Mother Book.

Verily We desired to make mention of him who hath been named Nuru'llah, that he might rejoice in the days of his Lord and utter His praise amidst the servants. Blessed is the heart that hath turned unto Him, and the ear that hath heard the call of its Lord, and the eye that hath beheld His signs, and the head that hath been adorned with the crown of knowledge in these days. Glorify thou thy Lord with praise and say: Thine is the bounty, O Possessor of existence! I testify that through Thy Cause the worlds of the unseen and the seen have appeared, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the branches of manifestation: "Unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower!"

The treasures have appeared and that which was hidden and stored with God, the Lord of all men, hath been revealed. Beware lest anything prevent thee from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, each wave of which proclaimeth and saith: "Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth, and follow not every wicked impostor. Soon will come unto you a cawer who will call you unto the fire, or send you tablets from one who hath denied God's proof and His evidence, and hath taken Satan as a protector instead of God." Thus have We revealed unto you that which was hidden from sight. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast, whom neither the tempests of the cawers nor the storms of calumny have moved, who hath arisen and said: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the earth and the heavens!"

And We make mention of him who is named Mulla Mahmud, who desired to attain Our presence, and We remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My favor, that he may be assured through the grace of his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. O Mahmud! The enemies have become a barrier between the Truth and His loved ones, preventing them from turning to the lights of His countenance. Therefore We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to inscribe the reward of attainment unto His presence for thee in the Crimson Book by the Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice thou in this great glad-tiding and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Dawning-Place of bounty and Source of generosity, and thanks be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of names, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which calleth out in Thy name among Thy servants. In truth, the divine tablets and heavenly words each proclaim in most eloquent utterance and give the glad-tidings unto the people of the earth and summon them to the supreme horizon. Blessed are they that hear!

And We desire to make mention of My loved ones in Usku and give them glad-tidings of the Ancient Beauty having turned toward them from His Most Great Prison, and to rain down upon them from the heaven of bounty the rain of grace and generosity. Verily He is the Almighty over what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Hasan! This Wronged One hath from the first days until now been afflicted among the enemies, yet the might of the world and the turning away of the nations have not prevented Him from the mention of the Truth, and in all times He hath spoken in praise of the Lord of all beings. We beseech God to assist thee and grant thee a portion from the Kawthar of immortality which floweth from the Most Exalted Pen. He is the Dawning-Place of bounty and generosity.

O ʿAbbas! Hearken with thy inner ear to the call of the Wronged One. Its hearkening bestoweth eternal life upon the soul and strengtheneth the limbs in such wise that neither the denial of the deniers, nor the turning away of the opposers, nor the might of the oppressors shall prevent one from turning unto Him and drawing nigh unto Him. Blessed art thou for having turned and heard that which the ears of the world were prevented from hearing, save whom God, thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, willeth. Be not

saddened by apparent lack of attention. Whosoever today attaineth unto God's will is recorded with God as being among those who have attained His presence and meeting. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed, and upon thy son who hath drunk the wine of love from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous.

We have desired to mention My handmaidens in that place, that they may be gladdened by God, the Lord of all worlds. O handmaidens of God! Praise be to God that ye have drunk from the limitless grace of the Most Glorious Wine at a time when the men and heroes of the earth are deprived and forbidden. This supreme grace hath been and is peerless. The divines of the Shi'ih sect cried out "O Truth!" for years and awaited His appearance, yet when the morn of God's Day dawned and wondrous fruits appeared from the Blessed Tree, all attacked with sword and arrow. Now from all pulpits they revile the Truth, exalted be His glory. In the early days they martyred Him with an oppression unequaled and unmatched, and in the end they occupy themselves with cursing Him, and likewise strive and labor to slay His loved ones, even as in these days the opposers in the great city have committed that which hath no likeness or parallel—that is, the Persian opposers have dishonestly taken people's wealth and given some to the publishers of the Akhtar newspaper for spreading calumnies, although it is reported that the editor of Akhtar was not present, having gone to Europe. In any case, We beseech God to aid all to justice and fairness and to that which befitteth His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Tuba, since thou wert mentioned in the letter, these exalted words were revealed from the Tongue of Him Who revealeth verses: O My handmaiden! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath remembered thee in such wise as shall endure throughout the eternity of His dominion and kingdom and His names and attributes. All the treasures of earth cannot equal a single verse from the divine verses—to this testifieth every knowing and informed one.

O Husayn! We have desired at this time to make mention of thy wife who hath ascended, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause her to enter the highest Paradise. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. By My life! Through My remembrance the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the fragrance of God's favor, the Goal of all mystics, hath wafted, and the doors of mercy, pardon and bestowal have been opened before her face, as a grace from the Lord of all creation. Verily thy Lord is powerful to do as He pleaseth through His mighty and wondrous Word. Praise be to God, for He is the Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him.

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Section 1: "Beautiful patience! And God is He Whose help…"

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

Beautiful patience! And God is He Whose help is to be sought against what they allege. O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of them who dwell in My Kingdom! I complain not of My anguish

and grief unto thee after what hath befallen Me, whereby every atom of creation and all contingent beings have lamented. Lo! The oppressor hath hamstrung My she-camel, the transgressor hath sunk My ship, the wolf hath devoured My flock, and the serpent hath opened wide its mouth and swallowed its Lord. We have mentioned unto thee what We mentioned before in various Tablets, to express My sorrow and to manifest the oppression of Mine enemies, and to proclaim My patience, My forbearance, and My submission in what hath befallen Me in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers and the Lord of the Mighty Throne, and My suffering, My tribulation, and My trials.

What hath been mentioned is as naught compared to what hath come to pass in the Great City, for its blow and harm have befallen the Glory of God. Glory be to God! A door was opened, and its purpose was that it might become the dawning-place of justice and fairness, of goodly character and praiseworthy deeds. Yet it became the source of oppression and transgression, the mine of heedlessness and injustice. It was thought that it would become the circling-point of them who are nigh and trusted, yet it was observed to be the circling-point of the treacherous and the heedless. One of those who claimed to love united with the enemy and set about plundering the Friend. He showed no mercy either to himself or to the Cause. By the life of God! The tears of justice flow, and the sigh of fairness is manifest and ascendant. For the sake of wealth, he forsook the Lord on the Day of Reckoning. One point of his oppression darkened the world of justice, and one word of his falsehood demolished the world of truth. In the place of light appeared fire, and in the place of justice, injustice.

O Haydar-ʿAli! A grievous blow hath fallen upon poor justice. Trust crieth “Woe is me!” Truth uttereth “O my calamity!” The fire of greed and impurity hath consumed contentment and godliness. Thou and the world bear witness that this Wronged One hath, at all times, called the servants of God to the fear of God, and made all aware of that which leadeth to the exaltation of station and the elevation of rank. Yet for some, the fruit of mention became forgetfulness, and the result of counsel became heedlessness. The unjust one rent the veil of justice, and the irreligious one struck a mighty blow to the breast of trustworthiness. Alas, alas, for what hath befallen the Cause of God!

Today in the cities, lamentations over deeds and character are raised high and wailings are heard. Should this Wronged One mention His own tribulations, surely the rock would cry out and the cloud would exclaim “O grief!” Outwardly, We had a brother who lived for several years under the wing of mercy in perfect comfort and ease. Then, at the instigation of a certain soul, he rose up against the Wronged One of the horizons. When the hidden secrets of the breast and the treachery of the eye became manifest, this Wronged One departed from their midst, leaving him with his children, infants, and wives in perfect health and safety in a secure and protected place. Nevertheless, they have said what they have said.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Eyes are deprived of what is manifest and visible, and are clinging to doubts and idle fancies. I swear by the billowing waves of the Ocean of Utterance in the Manifestation of the Most Great Manifestation, and by the effulgent splendors of the Ancient Beauty, not so much as the measure of a fingertip of tribulation hath been visited upon Him. Of this truth God is cognizant and all bear witness. Yet, notwithstanding this, they have spoken forth that which they have heard.

Another cruelty inflicted by the manifestations of hatred upon the divine Lote-Tree is this: While heavenly verses are being revealed night and day from the heaven of God’s Will like unto torrential rain, the unjust

speaker hath spoken that which hath caused the liver of proof to melt and the face of evidence to be scratched. Now, that which equalleth all the books of the past and future is present and available, but where are the eyes to see and where is the fairness to judge? The Book of Certitude, which was specifically revealed for the uncle of the Bab—upon Him be My Glory and Favour—they have attributed to one who, by the life of God, is incapable of comprehending it. However, to the divine assessors and those endowed with heavenly vision, the matter is clear and evident, shining and manifest like the sun. After beholding the pearls of wisdom and utterance, people of insight and vision will recognize from which treasury they came and from which mine they appeared. Can the product of conjecture have any station before the Self-Subsisting Lord, or can the essence of fancy have any worth or rank before the manifestations of the Sun of Certitude? Nay, by God's command, which holdeth sway over all in the heavens and on earth.

Reflect thou upon each of these: upon nobility and guidance, upon trust and resignation, upon deception and doubt. Contemplate likewise the second life which, throughout the successive years amongst the people, hath been and is marked by perfect tranquillity, well-being, and ease. What is the cause of this life? By the life of God, denial and failure to acknowledge in these days have perpetrated that which causeth the back of the Bayan to tremble. We beseech God to bestow justice upon His servants. Nevertheless, in the eyes of the manifestations of idle fancies his station hath not diminished, and whatsoever he sayeth they accept and submit to without question.

O Haydar! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny. The time draweth nigh when the people of insight will protest Our patience. When Sa'd, who is mentioned in the Dispensation of the Qur'an, was asked in the days when he had lost his sight why he, whose prayers were always answered, did not pray for himself, he said: "God's decree is dearer to me than my sight." The people of God have assuredly been and are superior, more exalted and more glorious than him. They would not exchange all the blessings of the world for a single radiance from the Sun of His good-pleasure, for they have drunk from the cup of resignation and quaffed from the chalice of contentment. Their station is different and their aspiration different. They are mounted upon the steed of high endeavor and gallop in the arena of submission. They look to God's Will and are free and detached from aught else. Their resolution and determination move above the realm of possibility.

My God, my God! Thou seest how the faithful are in the clutches of the faithless, and the near ones in the grasp of the transgressors. That which hath befallen them in Thy path hath not befallen any among Thy servants. Their hearts have melted in their separation from Thee, their tears have flowed in their remoteness from Thee, and their breasts are constricted by what hath come upon Thee in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations, by Thy patience which hath preceded existence itself, both unseen and seen, and by the mysteries of Thy Manifestation and the depths of Thy knowledge, to assist Thy party amidst all parties in such wise as to make manifest their station among Thy servants and their influence in Thy lands. O Lord! Thou hearest their sighing and their cry. I implore Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by Thy grace which hath encompassed all possibilities, to draw them nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy holiness. O Lord! Illumine their eyes with the sight of the signs of Thy greatness and their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge.

Alas, alas, for the fire of remoteness in Thy days and for the harm of oppression before Thy throne! By Thy might and Thy majesty, by Thy nearness and meeting with Thee, the heaven of justice hath been cleft asunder by what hath befallen Thy loved ones, and the earth of equity hath been rent by what the hands of Thy creatures have wrought—they who cast behind them Thy Book and violated Thy Covenant and Testament. By Thy Most Glorious Beauty and Thy manifestation among creatures, the sighs of Thy loved ones and the tears of them that are enamored of Thee have not ceased since they heard of Thy grief and tribulation from those who claimed to be of Thy Self and professed belief in Thy manifestation, Thy dawning, and Thy seat upon the throne of Thy utterance and the seat of Thy grace.

Alas, alas! Hope lamenteth, Justice hath bared its head, and Equity crieth out saying: "O people of the earth! Fear God and say not that whereby the Divine Lote-Tree in the Most Exalted Paradise doth lament and whereby Piety hath cried out among the Concourse on high: 'O people! By God, ye were not created to serve your passions and desires, but to serve God and His Cause, and to serve His loved ones and His party. Cast away that which preventeth you from drawing nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and take up that which ye have been commanded by your Creator, your Fashioner, your Maker, and your Provider."' I testify, O my God, my Beloved, my Adored One, and my Heart's Desire, that the oppressors have committed that which hath prevented their ears from hearing Thy call and the call of Thy chosen ones, and have done that which hath prevented their eyes from beholding the lights of Thy countenance and what Thou hast sent down in Thy days.

I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and by that wherewith Thou hast illumined the faces of Thy loved ones on the day of Thy manifestation, to ordain for them the good of every world of Thy worlds and every bounty which Thou hast recorded in the Crimson Book by Thy Most Exalted Pen. Thou art He Whom the power of princes cannot weaken, nor the veils of the learned hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest through the power of Thy sovereignty and rulest through Thine authority. Verily Thou art the Ruler, the Commander, the Bountiful, the All-Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The letter which thou didst send in the name of Jud—upon him be My Baha and My loving-kindness—was presented in the Most Holy Presence, and this present servant laid the whole thereof before Him; whereupon it attained the honor of His regard and His hearing. As to thy mention of the loved ones of Abadih, and likewise of the degrees and stations of their steadfastness, their love, their attraction, and their service in the path of God—verily, God was with thee and with them, and witnessed, and beheld, and heard that which was uttered by the people of fidelity. Blessed are they, and joyous their lot! Their turning, their deeds, and their devotion in the Days of God have been accepted—He Who is the Lord of all that is seen and all that is unseen, and the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Section 2: "By My life and by My Cause! Every…"

By My life and by My Cause! Every house into which the loved ones of God enter, and wherein their voices are raised in the remembrance and praise of God, is circled by the concourse of the near ones and the souls of the sincere. Were the eye of true vision to be opened unto some, they would behold the Concourse on high compassing that house and uttering these words: Blessed art thou, O house, in that God hath made thee the place whereon His loved ones descend, the abode of His chosen ones, and the seat of His trusted servants. Upon thee be His glory, His praise, and His bounty.

At this moment We have made mention of each one with such a remembrance as hath gladdened the remembered in this Most Great Sorrow. The names were not set down—a wisdom from Us; verily, thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. On behalf of this Wronged One, make mention of them all, and give them glad tidings of the loving-kindnesses of God, exalted be His glory. Ere long shall that which hath remained hidden from men's eyes be made manifest. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Seeing.

And as to what thou didst mention regarding thy turning toward the land of K-R: praise be to God, thou art aided in service, confirmed in steadfastness, adorned with the raiment of wisdom, and decked with the pearls of love and affection. Yet observe wisdom, even as thou hast done and doest still. Verily, thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

The exigencies of wisdom have formerly been sent down in various Tablets from the Most Exalted Pen. Among these exigencies is that in whatever city ye enter, deposit ye the writings of God in a secure and safe place—that is, outside your dwelling place—and with the tongue, with perfect wisdom and utterance, remind the seekers. And when receptivity is observed, at that time show forth the waves of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance—that is, call for and recite some of the verses. By the life of God, if all the ears in the world were to be cleansed, even less than that, from false tales and former calumnies, all would turn to the shore of the sea of oneness upon hearing a single verse. To this testifieth the Mother Book in the return before the faces of the parties.

Another request thou didst make regarding the friends of God in the land of S was accepted, and We made mention of each one—a mention at which the realities of all things in that moment were present and circling round to hear and listen. Give thou to each the glad tidings of the effulgences of the light of divine providence. Some time ago a detailed Tablet was sent to that land that the utterance of the Merciful might draw them to the most exalted station and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of Knowledge in the contingent world. Those souls in that land who have attained to acceptance, detachment, service and love—all are present before the throne beneath the glances of providence and have attained special bounties. We have sent down for them that whereby all things were attracted, and We send down for them Our verses—and We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Let this be known: that the misleader has sought to provide aid is itself evidence of his deception and guile. By this means he has sought both to gain knowledge about upright souls and to set a trap to catch the fish of God's ocean. That unjust one has not yet matured—he follows his desires yet thinks himself among the guided ones. We beseech God to assist the Chosen One in exalting His Word among His servants and manifesting his detachment throughout His lands. We have adorned his head with the crown of his Lord's grace, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and We sent him a Tablet by which the realities of the believers were attracted.

Say: O Hadi! Fear God and present thyself before thy Lord that thou mayest hear what no ears have heard and see what no eyes have beheld. Set aside thy conjectures, for the Self-Subsisting calls thee from the prison quarter and summons thee to justice and fairness for the sake of God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. The world and its leadership have deluded thee—to this every fair-minded observer bears witness.

O Hadi! The verses of God have never been, nor shall ever be, ambiguous. Today, at the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai, those in their graves have arisen, proclaiming "Blessed be God, the Lord of the Throne and Earth!" Yet thou hast not attained unto the new life. Between thee and God, look at the evidences and prevent not the servants' eyes and ears from witnessing and hearkening. Turn from what thou hast unto what God hath. By what proof and evidence dost thou claim faith in the Point of the Bayan? Ask for, hear, and behold that which is many times greater. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—crieth out "O what sorrow!" in the Most Exalted Paradise and uttereth the blessed words "Verily, I am the foremost of them that worship," while thou remainest heedless, occupied with decaying bones—that is, with newly invented doubts and fancies.

Cast aside uncertainties, allusions, and tales both past and present, and turn, detached from all else, to the horizon of divine grace. This Wronged One hath endured hardships and borne afflictions in manifesting God's Cause and establishing divine proof, that He might illumine the servants and lands with the lights of the Most Great Name. Be not thou a cause of extinction, and have mercy on thyself and others. Thou went to the island—now come to the city that thou mayest witness with thine own eyes the waves of the divine ocean of utterance and the lights of the divine Manifestation's appearance.

Today the veils of fancy profit thee not, nor what the people possess. Purify thine ear to hearken to My call and thine eye to behold My signs. Every fair-minded person testifies that this Wronged One counseleth for the sake of God. Thou hast preserved thyself through a hundred thousand lies, hypocrisies and denials, while this Wronged One hath appeared and spoken with acknowledgment and confession among the righteous and the wicked. Now ponder with fairness, that perchance the fragrances of truthfulness may attract thee to the horizon of justice and fairness. Make not thyself deserving of eternal punishment for the sake of these fleeting days and transient leadership. Reflect on those like thyself—that is, the former divines—how they prevented people from the truth and trained them in falsehood and injustice, until at last that people's calumnies became the cause of martyrdom and the source of the most great terror. Hear My call and say:

> "I repent before Thee, O Goal of the world, and return to Thy court of glory. Forgive me through Thy bounty and generosity, for Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful."

O Haydar-Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Mention from the Wronged One to Ramadan Ali and give him glad tidings, for his deed hath been accepted with glory and adorned with great bounty. In God's days he hath performed that which the Most Exalted Pen hath confirmed and accepted.

The mention was made of the friends in Bahramabad and Hasanabad and those regions. Dahaji, glory be upon him, in these days was present before Us, and the friends of those regions, one and all, attained the grace of Our favor, and wondrous and sublime Tablets were sent down from the heaven of God's will, specifically for certain ones, in each word whereof lies concealed an ocean of meanings. We beseech God to aid those souls who are mentioned before the Wronged One to deliver His servants from the superstitions and idle fancies of the past and future, and to manifest from each one that which is the cause of deliverance and the means of guidance.

O My loved ones in those parts! Take ye the chalices of grace and favor from the hands of My bounty, then drink therefrom that which is commanded by God, the Kind, the Gracious. Ere long, through the enkindlement of those souls, the hearts and minds of those regions shall be set ablaze, and its effects shall become manifest from all directions. The shepherd of sheep, through His grace, became the bearer of the Most Great Name, and the fisher of fish became the guardian of the divine Word. The deeds of all are remembered before God and are recorded by the Pen of grace in the Book of Justice. Well is it with My friends there, and joy be unto them! Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this exalted station. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. There is none other God but Him, the Single One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Our purpose in this station is to conclude Our mention of the outward realm and turn to the mention of the inward, that both the outward and the inward may, with one tongue, detach themselves from all save God and become engaged in the remembrance of the peerless Friend. This most exalted Word hath been and ever shall be the cause of unity among the friends. The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

At the end of the Book, say: My God, my God! Every possessor of insight, of hearing, of justice and fairness beareth witness to the all-encompassing nature of Thy verses throughout the East and West of the earth. Thou hast sent down from the kingdom of Thy utterance the signs of Thy grandeur in such wise that Thy loved ones are powerless to preserve and gather them. Yet despite this, the idolaters among Thy servants have spoken that which hath caused the dwellers of the pavilions of Thy knowledge and grace, and the inhabitants of the cities of Thy remembrance and praise to lament. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the lights of the dawn of Thy manifestation amongst all humanity to aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause. Thou art He to Whose power, might and grandeur the tongues of all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00254: Praise be to the Creator of heaven and Lord…

Section 1: “Praise be to the Creator of heaven…”

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

Praise be to the Creator of heaven and Lord of all names, worthy and befitting, for the praise of the world adds not to His station, nor does the censure of nations diminish His glory. The power of His Command has not been weakened, nor has the clamor of the divines held back His will. In the midst of sorrows He adorned those who turned to Him with the ornament of joy and guided them to the Mount of knowledge. The tyranny of Pharaohs and the oppression of tyrants formed no barrier nor hindrance. Through the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen, He has raised the people of the mortal realm to the loftiest heights. Exalted be His greatness, supreme His sovereignty, all-encompassing His proof and evidence. There is no God but Him. Peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon the Hands of His Cause who have drunk the wine of immortality from the cup of His bounty and have traveled through the lands to exalt His Word and spread His traces. These are honored servants—upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Mim! Hear the call of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He mentioned thee before with verses that enraptured the Concourse on High, and He mentions thee with clear signs which, when revealed, caused all things to proclaim:

> "The kingdom belongs to God, Creator of earth and heaven, Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below!"

Thy letter reached the Wronged One and attained the honor of His presence and hearing. We have answered thee with a Tablet that called all beings to God, the Dayspring of Lights. There hath come upon thee what came upon Us. Thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the door of grace and bounty and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. The verses have encompassed all regions while the people remain heedless and in error.

O Ha! Upon thee be the Most Glorious Baha of God. We have heard thy call in the remembrance of God, the Lord of mankind, and have beheld thy turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is the pen that hath moved in My remembrance, the tongue that hath uttered that which beseemeth My Revelation, the heart that hath turned unto My Kingdom, the eye that hath taken up My Book, and the feet that have arisen to serve the Cause in joy and fragrance. Beware lest the wrongs of the oppressors grieve thee, or the power of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords, strike fear into thy heart. By My life! There hath verily been ordained for thee that which no eye hath seen among the multitude of men.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, in that Thou hast guided me unto the ocean of Thy knowledge, adorned me with the ornament of turning unto Thee in Thy days, and caused me, through Thy bounty and Thy grace, to behold Thy signs. I beseech Thee to exalt me by Thy Name amidst Thy creatures, and to strengthen me in service to Thy Cause with such steadfastness as the power of the oppressors nor the injustice of the aggressors can ever shake. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Dal! The Lord of creation hath turned unto thee and made mention of thee with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure so long as the Names of God, the Lord of the Day of Summons, endure. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve thee and those with thee through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. O Ya! Hearken once again unto the call of Baha from L-Ha. He will assuredly aid thee in that whereby the fragrance of His acceptance shall be diffused among men. This is the Day whereon the breeze of utterance hath been wafted throughout all creation, and that which had lain hidden from everlasting hath been made manifest. We have inscribed for thee the reward of attaining Our presence, of standing before Our face, of hearkening unto My most sweet call, of beholding the Most Glorious Horizon, and of arising before the door of My majesty, which hath been opened unto all who are in My earth and My heaven. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

And We make mention of thy handmaid, thy wife, who believed in her Lord on the day whereon most men denied Him. We beseech God to strengthen her in steadfastness, lest the wrongs of those who disbelieved, whether in the beginning or in the end, should cause her to waver. And We beseech Him to ordain for her whatsoever shall profit her and draw her nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

We have moreover desired to favor thee by making mention of those whom thou didst name in thy letter. Verily, thy Lord is potent to do whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the One Who overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

O Mahmud! The Day of God hath come, while the people remain wrapt in manifest veils. Their vain imaginings have withheld them from drawing nigh unto Him, yet perceive they not. They have busied themselves with the idols of their own fancies and are utterly unaware.

Say: The Hour hath come, and the Dayspring of Revelation, from the Most Exalted Station, proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We exhort thee unto that which shall draw thee nigh unto Him and whereby the station of the Word shall be exalted among men. Verily, thy Lord is the Knower of the unseen and the seen.

O Muhammad, formerly Riḍa! Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and voicing Thy praise amidst Thy servants. I beseech Thee, by the cry of Thy lovers in their separation from Thee, and by the yearning of Thy longers in Thy days, to make me wholly severed from all save Thee, and to hold me fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. I bear witness that at the movement of Thy Pen all created things turned toward the horizon of Thy Revelation, and all contingent beings toward the court of Thy nearness. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Ponder upon the Wronged One's Cause. For nigh upon forty years We have called out to the peoples of the world with the most exalted call and have bidden them to that which profiteth them and draweth them nearer. We have made mention before the faces of all men, without any concealment, of that which would transform the essence of despair into the ornament of hope. We have had no purpose except to exalt the Word. And when the effulgences of the lights of Revelation encompassed the world, a faction emerged from behind the veil and, with the aid of certain government officials and at the instigation of Akhtar, resorted to various calumnies that perchance they might hinder those who had turned towards the Faith, and likewise other souls.

Say: My God, my God! Thou hearest the lamentation of Him Who is established upon the throne of Thy Revelation, Who hath sacrificed His glory, His power, His might, His sovereignty, and His spirit for the exaltation of Thy Word. I beseech Thee, O God of the kingdom and the realm, by Thy Name which holdeth sway over the empire of power, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to enter beneath the canopy of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

O Muhammad-Taqi! For twelve hundred years the people of Persia have occupied themselves night and day with the mention of divine revelation and the like, while strife, conflict and corruption have appeared each day. The result thereof was naught but cursing and repudiation, and on the Day of Judgment they did that which no oppressor hath done from the beginning of the world until now. At present Muhammad and certain heedless ones of the world have clung to the mention of mirrors, revelation and the like. Say: Fear God, O people! This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Revelation of God, did ye but perceive it. None is mentioned therein save Him, as attested by His honored servants who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and have taken from My presence the

tablet of My loving-kindness. Blessed are they and blessed is he who hath clung unto them on this promised Day.

It is incumbent upon all to protect the helpless servants from the former superstitions, that perchance they may not be afflicted with the delusions of the Shi'ih sect and remain not deprived of the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Verily God is the All-Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My remembrance, which shall endure through the eternity of My glorious and beloved Kingdom.

O ʿAzizu'llah! The Book of God hath been revealed, the Ka'bah of God is visible, the Light of God is radiant, the Sea of God is surging, yet most of the people remain heedless. Had the Shi'ih sect known the station of the Apostle of God, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake, and recognized the sanctity of His Being and the detachment of His Reality, they would assuredly have attained on the Day of Judgment unto wondrous and gracious fruits of the divine paradise, and would have been accounted before God among the true believers in divine unity. But they remained deprived of this most exalted station and are mentioned before the Lord of ancient days as the most remote and backward of all the peoples of the world. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings, clinging to the cord of certitude. We beseech God to grant thee success and to ordain for thee the good of this world and of the next. Verily He is potent over all things.

O Ja'far! The Lord of Power is in grievous peril. He hath ever been in peril, inasmuch as He hath appeared and been manifest before all faces without any veil or concealment. Say: My God, my God! Adorn Thy servants with the vesture of justice, that they may gaze upon that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and hath appeared in Thy days.

O Lord! Illumine them with the light of Thy knowledge, then send down from the clouds of Thy generosity that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and attract them to the precincts of Thy glory. Then write down for this servant of Thine that which befitteth Thy Most Great Name and Thy bounty which hath encompassed the world. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Abdu'l-Rahim! The Day of Judgment hath appeared and the effulgences of the Sun of Bounty are manifest, yet the people are in grievous error. They have cast aside that which they were commanded and have taken that which was forbidden them. Verily they are among the lost ones in the Perspicuous Book. When thou findest the fragrance of the garment in My words, say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and hast sent down upon Thy loved ones who were not prevented by life from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor by the oppression of the servants from turning to the light of Thy countenance. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Giving, the Powerful."

O Husayn! He Who loved Me and soared in My atmosphere hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that which caused the trumpet to be sounded and the mountains to pass away. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a Day wherein the Book hath revealed its mysteries,

the earth its treasures, and the sea its pearls. Blessed is he who hath recognized and turned towards it and hath said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Say, turning towards the Kaaba of existence from the hidden and the manifest:

> "My God, my God! I have cast away all else beside Thee, turning to the court of Thy pardon and bounty. I beseech Thee by the station which was honored by Thy presence and whereon the throne of Thy grandeur was established, to make me speak forth Thy Name amongst Thy servants with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent Whom nothing whatsoever of all things, nor any name amongst all names, can frustrate. There is none other God but Thee, the One Who hath ever commanded."

O namesake of the Wronged One! Hear the call of God, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it hath been raised in such wise that the fair-minded cannot deny it. To this testify sincere servants. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and hath not been hindered by the evil of those who were consumed by the fire of hatred. He writeth unto thee and unto them every good thing which He hath sent down in His Manifest Book. Say:

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have hastened with my heart unto the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee by the nights of the ocean of Thy grace and by the lights of Thy Cause amongst Thy servants, to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause and have spoken forth Thy praise amongst Thy creation. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Muhammad-Husayn! Today the divine light is shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace and the Sun of Truth is resplendent. Blessed is the soul that hath not been hindered by veils nor kept back from the Truth by doubts. He hath destroyed the idols in the name of the Lord of all names and hath sought the praiseworthy station. He is of the companions of the Crimson Ark and the City of Light. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to purify the ears from false tales and cause them to hear what hath been sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Section 2: "O Husayn! The heart of God hath turned…"

O Husayn! The heart of God hath turned unto thee and hath mentioned thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Say: O servants! Keep your hearts pure from doubts and your ears from false tales that ye may attain unto the stations of nearness and holiness and hear the call of the Intended One. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call and to behold Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to aid me to serve Thy loved ones in Thy lands. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Husayn! By thee We have sent down the verses and the clear evidences and have called the servants unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Among the people are those who have heard and responded, and among them are those who have denied and turned away, until they pronounced against Us an injustice at which the rocks have cried out and the clouds have wailed. We beseech Him to strengthen thee through His grace and to make thee among those whom doubts have not kept back from the straight path.

O Abu'l-Qasim! The Wronged One calls thee and counsels thee and those who have believed in His Cause which God has made the Dawning Place of tranquility for all the world and the Dayspring of loving-kindness unto humankind. Through it God has revealed the station of every faithful servant and every sinful betrayer. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O my Lord and my Sovereign, for having remembered me while I was in the hands of those who were heedless of Thy Cause and turned away from that for which they were created in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Forgiver, the Bestower, the Concealer, the Mighty, the Great."

O youth! Accept thou His good-pleasure. Blessed is the soul that in this Most Great Revelation has attained unto the word of contentment. Say: Great is this Day and great is this Cause. They who cling to mere names cannot attain to higher stations. Blessed art thou for having passed beyond the lower station and set thy face toward the most exalted horizon. Preserve thou this bounty and station through the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds, and be thou of the thankful ones.

O Aqa Buzurg! God, exalted be His glory, hath loved and loveth to mention His loved ones with sublime and wondrous utterances. God willing, may all be freed from the realm of names and set their faces toward the heights of nearness and immortality. These are the companions of the Ark, the traces of the City, and the precious gems. Blessed are they and blessed is he who acteth according to that which is commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Praise be to God! The loved ones of Fath-Abad have all been adorned with the ornament of the mention of the Beloved. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect them with His hosts, to aid them through His power, and cause them to speak His praise, the Mighty, the Wondrous. May each one attain unto the outpourings of the true Bestower. We make mention of Our loved ones there whose names were not mentioned, that they may rejoice and be among the successful ones.

The servants in that land are all remembered before the Wronged One and have attained His special favors. Happy are they and pleasant it is for them. We make mention of Our loved ones in Haji-Abad with words through which their names shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny makes mention of thee from the Most Great Scene and gives thee glad tidings of that which He has ordained for His loved ones from the Pen of His command. Verily He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Glorified is He Who sends down the verses and manifests the clear proofs. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Grieve not over anything, for He is with those who love Him. He hears and sees, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Ali. We have mentioned Our loved ones before and after, and commanded them to do what is right and forbidden them what is wrong, and We are the Counselor, the All-Knowing. O Muhammad-Ali! When thou attainest unto My traces and hearest My call, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me while I was among the heedless ones. I beseech Thee to make me successful in all conditions to hold fast unto Thy Strong Cord. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful."

We desire to make mention of him who is named Mirza Khan that the utterance may attract him and draw him nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned my temple with the ornament of humility at the dawning of the Day-Star of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee to give me to drink, from the cup of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy utterance. Verily Thou hast power over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise."

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of one of Thy loved ones in Ba and Nun who is named Muhammad-Hashim, that the mention may attract him to the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. We have commanded all to righteousness and piety and forbidden them transgression and wickedness. My Books, My Scriptures and My Speaking Tablet bear witness to this. Among the people are those who have heard and acted, and among them are those who have heard and turned away—these are truly among the wrongdoers. Blessed art thou for having attained unto recognition in the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Exalted is this lofty station. We beseech God to aid thee in the triumph of His Cause and to ordain for thee that which shall abide with thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapes His knowledge. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O My friends in Za' and Nun from Makiabad! Your names have been presented before the Divine Throne. We have made mention of you in such wise that all the gold of the earth and its treasures cannot equal it. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh in every condition. Verily, He is God; there is none other God but I, the Bestower, the Generous, the Giver, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Husayn! Give thanks unto thy Lord and praise Him, for He hath mentioned thee with a mention which God hath made the cause of life for the world. Verily, thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have summoned all unto God, the Lord of lords. Beware lest the might of the people debar thee from My Name, the Self-Subsisting, or their utterances sadden thee—they who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to false tales that have prevented them from turning towards God, the Revealer of Rivers. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a grace from My presence, and I am the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

From the earliest days until now, the manifest light and evident bounty and heavenly table have been sent down, yet the people remain heedless, for unseemly deeds have become as veils. One must beseech

God—exalted be His glory—to illumine hearts and minds with the lights of knowledge and certitude, and to guide them to the supreme horizon. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and for having attained unto the Day of God, the Lord of the Final End. O Karim! The Most Great Prison proclaimeth: This is the Day wherein the Call of the Lord of mankind hath encompassed the world. All things are uttering mention and manifesting joy. O servants! Strive that ye may not be deprived of the most effulgent grace and the Most Great Name. Verily, your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Most Generous.

Grieve not over anything, for He hath made mention of thee and hath revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as the Names endure. Give thanks and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the world! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who layest low the necks of men!"

O Abbas! Hearken with thine inner ear unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He will draw thee nigh and make thee known and will reinforce thee with hosts which none hath discovered save God, the Lord of mankind. We beseech God that He may, through His grace, cause the Kawthar of life to flow from the fountain of bounty and bestowal. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His command which hath encompassed all regions.

Say: O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast unto Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued all who are in the lands. I beseech Thee to confirm me in such deeds as shall waft therefrom the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure and the sweet savour of Thy acceptance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O My loved ones in Shams-Abad! The divine call is raised in all circumstances. He hath ever been and is turned toward His loved ones. Whenever He witnesseth a mention or a beloved deed, or hearkeneth thereunto, He ordaineth for the doer that which the Pen is powerless to describe. O people! Victory hath come, but the people understand not. Today the Truth is manifest and is the Helper of the beloved deeds of His loved ones, and likewise of praiseworthy character. Blessed is the servant who hath been honored with such steadfastness that what the people possess hath not prevented him from turning unto the Truth. He is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Seeing.

O servant of God! All the servants of the earth have been and are awaiting the appearance of the Possessor of Existence, and when the dawn of the morn of Divine Unity shone forth, all became heedless and turned away, save those whom God hath willed. We beseech the True One to grant thee confirmation and to bestow assistance that thou mayest aid thy Lord through means whereby every possessor of discernment may perceive the fragrance of the loving-kindness of God, the Sovereign of creation. Verily, We have made mention of thee aforetime and at this moment. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Ahmad in Kaf and Shin! We heard thy call from Kashan and made mention of thee. The Truth, exalted be His glory, regardeth His loved ones and hath ordained for each one that which no eye hath been

privileged to behold. We beseech the Truth that unworthy deeds may not alter or change it. Blessed art thou for having been honored with My remembrance, for having turned unto My countenance, and for having uttered My praise amongst the righteous.

O Muhammad in Alif and Ya of Firuzi! Well is it with thee for having attained unto My remembrance, turned thy face toward My countenance, and voiced My praise amidst the righteous ones. Say: My God, my God! Preserve this servant from the evil of self and desire, and adorn him with the light of righteousness and piety. O my Lord! Thy servant maketh mention of Thee, and his gaze hath ever been fixed in expectation of Thine infinite bounties. Therefore, open Thou the door of Thy mercy and bestow a portion upon this servant who hath clung fast unto Thee. Through Thy Most Exalted Word Thou didst bring the world of being into existence, and adorned it with all manner of sustenance, blessings and countless bounties. Thou art the Bestower, the Almighty. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

The splendour shining from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy son who was named Aqa Buzurg and thy other son who was named Aqa Kuchik, and upon those who have cast away their idle fancies and taken fast hold of that which was enjoined unto them by God, the Lord of all mankind and the Bestower of gifts and favours.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance that hath turned toward the lights of the Throne and who art occupied with remembrance and praise during the days of God, the Lord of all mankind! Thy letter hath attained unto Our presence, and We have made mention, time and again, of those servants who have hearkened and responded to their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to each one and illumine them with the effulgent lights of the Sun of divine utterance. His honour Salman, upon him be My glory, arrived and dwelt for some time beneath the shade. When the allotted time of his sojourn came to an end, the command to return was issued from the Dayspring of divine Will, and We sent with him that which shall assist My friends, My trusted ones and My chosen ones who have remained faithful to the Covenant and Testament.

The friends must conduct themselves with wisdom. Wisdom consisteth in that which causeth the people to draw nigh unto God, not that which giveth rise to opposition and flight. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the One Who chooseth as He pleaseth. The glory shining from the heaven of My tender mercies be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, and We hear thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

BH11577: Glad tidings We give unto every eye, and We…

Section 1: “Glad tidings We give unto every eye…”

He is the Compassionate, the Merciful.

Glad tidings We give unto every eye, and We exhort you: Withhold not yourselves from beholding the signs of the Purpose of the world and the Lord of nations. This Day is your day, for ye have been brought from nothingness into being for the sake of sight, and the purpose of this sight, in its primary station and foremost rank, hath been and is the witnessing of the signs of God. And unto all ears We give glad tidings:

Deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of the True Bestower in these divine days. There hath been and is no doubt that ye were created to hearken unto the Call, and the purpose of this hearkening, as set forth in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, is to hear this Call which is raised from the Supreme Horizon at eventide and at dawn.

Peerless is this Day, for it is as the eye to past ages and centuries, and as a light unto the darkness of the times. In truth, days that are deprived of the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth are accounted as nights, nay, as darker still. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Eternity when sorrows encompassed Him from those who cast the Trust behind their backs and spoke that which caused Truth to lament and wrought that which made Zion cry out.

The loved ones of God have known and do know that this Wronged One, having regard to the pillar of faithfulness which is accounted as the greatest of pillars in the sight of the Lord of all possibilities, sought to aid and support His Majesty the Shah. However, from another station and a different horizon did the Luminary of victory and triumph shed its radiance. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation through which the Prophets and Messengers arose and whereby Thou didst raise the standard of "There is none other God but Thee" upon the most exalted station of existence, to adorn the Shah of Iran with the lights of grace and beneficence. O Lord! Aid him in pure justice that through it the horizons of Thy dominion may be illumined. Then inspire him, O my God, with that which Thou desirest for the elevation of his station and the preservation of his realm. O Lord! Through Thy mercy make him successful, then preserve him through the hosts of Thy invisible realm that he may arise to exalt Thy Word amongst the kings of Thy earth unto whom Thou hast entrusted the affairs of Thy creation. O Lord! Increase his power, his sovereignty, his might, and his strength that he may rule among Thy servants according to what Thou hast commanded him in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

This wronged people must, by day and by night, pray for and seek after the justice of His Majesty the Shah. However, God hath manifested what He desired and will manifest what He willeth. Assuredly, the justice of His Majesty the Shah of Iran is most excellent and beloved for its people. But as for the horizon from which in these days the light of justice hath dawned, its reward and recompense must not be effaced from the sight of God's loved ones. The essence of all heavenly Books beareth witness and proclaimeth the recompense of those who do good and act aright. We beseech God to aid you in carrying out that which ye have been commanded by His Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

It is not permissible to turn to foreign powers. This is what the Wronged One hath decreed in His perspicuous Book. Since your wishes and prayers are for the sake of God, assuredly upon His Majesty—may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him—will shine forth the Luminary of justice.

O my God, my God! Assist him to perpetuate his name in Thy Book and to elevate his station among Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the One Who chooseth.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My everlasting Baha! The gate of grace is opened and the river of bounty is flowing from the Divine Pen. Grace hath reached such heights that were any of the atoms of creation to be asked "To whom belongeth grace?", they would respond "To God, the Lord of Lords!" Give thou glad

tidings of His favors to the loved ones of God and make them aware of His infinite grace, lest the croaking of frogs sadden them. Under all conditions, hold fast to the cord of mercy and regard all with grace. Ye are the flowing rivers that branch from the Most Great Ocean; ye must sacrifice yourselves for the advancement of the world.

O ʿAli-Haydar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny! Though outwardly thou hast fallen into hardship, inwardly thou art in the station of the cloud of mercy, for the signs of trustworthiness, religion, chastity, truthfulness and sincerity have been spread through thee to all parts of the world. The description of this station is beyond expression. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all beings. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Say: We counsel you to perform deeds by which the world will be illumined. Hold fast to the hem of justice and grasp the cord of wisdom. The hatred and animosity of the people in these days stem from ignorance and lack of understanding; otherwise, if they were to discover your purpose and mission, all would openly and secretly circle round you in adoration. Verily, He knoweth and speaketh, while people speak but know not.

O Haydar-Ali! Specifically regarding the sons of Khalil in the land of Ha and Mim: Some time ago, holy Tablets were revealed from the heaven of will and were sent forth. If all the peoples of the world were to attain but one drop from the concealed oceans within the divine words, they would detach themselves from all they possess, such that neither the world's possessions, ornaments, nor colors would deprive them from the News of God or prevent them from the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Your judgment that the mentioned person should not become involved in the affairs of Ayn and Shin was sound. Well done! Your opinion in this matter hath been adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance.

And concerning the compilation of Tablets from your previous Tablet, and from Ishraqat, Tarazat, Tajalliyat, and others, as well as from Tablets containing prohibitions against the sword, corruption and conflict, and such as the Tablet of Burhan, and Tablets speaking of love, fellowship and the unity of all—which you mentioned—this intention is blessed, encompassing and effective, and is truly considered and reckoned among the mightiest of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed are they who act! God willing, may the mentioned scribe be assisted to write that which is the cause of permanence and the means of tranquility for the peoples of the world. We have indeed mentioned the sons of Khalil in various Tablets, and the son of him who was named Yahuda, and through their mention We have kindled a fire in the upraised Tree in the Most Exalted Paradise [which proclaimeth] that there is none other God but He, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My greetings to them and give them glad tidings of that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet through the light of their Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the Generous. We beseech God to assist them and strengthen them in such steadfastness as would cause the limbs of the ungodly to quake.

Make mention of Hadi Dawlat-Abadi—in truth he hath not attained unto a single drop from the ocean of fairness. We have made mention of the loved ones of the land of Qaf and Mim in numerous Tablets. God willing, may they attain unto the honor of steadfastness. Hadi hath manifested oppression and striveth diligently to lead people astray. Thou didst mention the names of the loved ones of the land of Qaf and Mim—a special Tablet was revealed and sent for each one. We beseech God to make the souls in that

land as firm, steadfast and unmoveable as mountains. The Two Rivers have flowed from the beginning of days until now; they have surpassed most of the servants in their acceptance and their turning toward God—to this beareth witness the Lord of creation.

Thou didst make mention of Hadi's books of doctrine. Glory be to God! From the day they attributed to him the name of Babi until now, he hath found no rest, preserving his worthless life through all manner of schemes and devices. Nevertheless, he hath perpetrated against the knights in the arena of detachment that which no oppressor hath ever done. Convey My greetings to the people of Sihdih. Say: O people! Behold the signs of God, His mercy, His glory, His grandeur and His power, and remember that which hath appeared from Me. I stood in the earliest days before the faces of the world and conveyed unto the princes, divines and mystics that which I desired for the reformation of the world and the advancement of nations, such that I concealed not My face for less than a moment. Then consider those who have spent their wealth and lives in My path—neither riches, nor ornaments, nor glory prevented them. They advanced to the place of sacrifice with radiant faces and attained unto the Kawthar of detachment and spending in the love of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O people! Hadi, like one of the divines of the Furqan, is occupied with organizing a party like the Shi'ih. Call the people by the power of God, then follow the path of those whom neither the might of the oppressors, nor the power of the aggressors, nor all the armies of the earth could deter. Thus doth the Supreme Pen remind you in its Most Great Prison that ye may know and be of the thankful. We hope that all may be set ablaze by the breezes of revelation and the fire of the Word, and be illumined by the light of the Cause.

The schemes and plots of Siyyid Mihdi Najaf-Abadi were evident before the Most Holy Court. We had previously revealed verses for him whereby the cities of wisdom, utterance, knowledge and mystic truth were perfumed, and whereby the hearts of those near unto God were attracted. Glory be to God! Like a solid rock, he was not and is not capable of hearing the Word of God. Say: O Mihdi! The verses have encompassed all directions and the sun of clear proofs hath shone forth before the faces of all parties. If thou deniest God's grace and His verses, and God's proof and His evidence, by what means canst thou establish that which thou hast, and by what proof dost thou call people to your delusions and idle fancies? We testify that he hath not known the Way nor the Guide. He followeth his own desires just as the people followed their desires. Lo! He and those with him are among the most lost in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Section 2: "You made mention of Ismullah Jim and likewise…"

You made mention of Ismullah Jim and likewise his steadfastness in the Cause of Truth, exalted be His glory. In these days there hath been sent down from the heaven of grace that which cannot be equaled by the pearls of the oceans of utterance and knowledge. Today all must occupy themselves with bringing hearts together and hold fast to that which God hath willed. We send greetings to him from this station and give him glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for him from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful.

The Hands of the Cause are each remembered before the Wronged One, and these few must, by day and by night, strive with wisdom and utterance to foster love and unity. Thus hath God decreed in the Scriptures and Tablets.

O Haydar-ʿAli! At every moment when signs of the exaltation of the Cause appeared somewhat, the unfair ones of the world emerged from behind the veils and did that which ye have heard and seen. Where is fairness and where is justice? Were it not for the Glory (Baha), who could stand before the faces, and who could speak amidst the parties? God knoweth that the calumniators and the clamorous ones know and recognize that We have raised up the Cause through a power from Us and a sovereignty from Our presence, yet they deny it, following their idle fancies and vain imaginings. We beseech God to return the liars and calumniators to the ocean of truthfulness. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower, the Glorious, the Wise.

The journey of Muhammad Isma'il was approved beforehand, and We also give permission to Haji Siyyid Asadu'llah, provided wisdom so requires. And if they travel by another route it would be more beloved and preferable, for in that great city the calumniators and traitors lie in wait, casting doubt and suspicion in every heart, even though the treachery of these souls hath been proven and demonstrated to the people of that city.

O Haydar! Upon thee be My glory! Some time ago a special Tablet was revealed for the son of the martyr, upon them both be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and in that Tablet mention was made of the martyr who sacrificed his life in the path of God, and We revealed for him that whose fragrance shall not cease and whose traces shall not change, and that which was ordained therein. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Care for the son is incumbent upon all. He must surely engage in some profession or occupation lest he remain without effect and fruit. Praise be to God Who hath adorned his head with the crown of My name and his temple with the ornament of My kinship, and We beseech Him to aid him to preserve this most exalted station and most glorious dwelling place.

We are saddened by what has befallen the son of Abhar through the firm decree. Verily she had station and rank before God. We have mentioned her before and mention her at this time: O My handmaiden and My leaf! I testify that thou didst turn when the Call was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and with thy right hand thou didst take the Kawthar of contentment and with the other the Salsabil of eternity, and thou didst drink from them once in My Most Exalted Name and again in My Most Glorious Name. We testify that thou didst bear hardships and tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of the Throne and earth. The turning away of the handmaidens did not prevent thee, nor their malicious joy, nor what issued from their mouths.

I testify that thou didst outstrip most of the servants, let alone the handmaidens, and didst turn to the horizon of the Manifestation when the men of the regions turned away from it. The first light that shone from the ocean of light and the first radiance that dawned from the horizon of Sinai be upon thee, O handmaiden of God, the King of the Day of Resurrection. Thou art she who answered the call of thy Lord and attained unto His verses and His traces and what appeared from His presence.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to rain down upon thee from the clouds of His grace the rain of His mercy, and to ordain for thee the reward of those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, and in the morning and at sunset. O My leaf! Thou art in the Most Glorious Horizon and the Wronged One mentioneth thee in the prison of Akka. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. Rejoice, O My handmaiden, in this mention which, when it issueth from My mouth, causeth the ocean of forgiveness to surge and the fragrance of mercy and bounty to waft from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who turneth unto thee and mentioneth thee with that which the Tongue of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath spoken. The glory from Us be upon thee, and the light from Us be upon thee and upon whomsoever draweth nigh unto thee and presenteth himself before thy resting-place and visiteth thee according to what hath been sent down from God, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen.

The mention of Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be My glory, hath been and is before the Most Holy Court, and what thou hast mentioned regarding his stations of attraction, yearning, enkindlement and teaching hath attained unto the honor of being heard. It is hoped that with pure detachment and utmost sanctity he will be occupied with teaching the Cause of God. Verily We have heard his mention and his call in this firm Cause, and We were with him in the gatherings and assemblies. Thy Lord verily heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Some time ago the answer to Ibn-i-Abhar's questions was sent down from the heaven of bounty and dispatched, but it hath not arrived. We beseech God to honor him with it and cause him to attain unto meeting with it.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Ask of the Truth to raise up souls who, detached from the world, will arise to assist the Wronged One, and to confirm the existing Hands of the Cause in that which will cause the servants to enter into the depths of the ocean of true unity. The Son of Mary saith:

> "O sheep of God! I send you forth amidst wolves. When ye depart from one land intending to proceed to another, let not even the dust of that land remain upon your garments."

However, in view of the changes in means and people, one must reflect upon and act according to what befitteth the day.

Thou didst mention the mindlessness of certain deniers of the Bayan. In truth, thou speakest aright. The Point (the Bab), may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake, with loudest voice doth plead and with utmost humility doth declare: "On that Day, be not veiled by the Bayan." Nevertheless, Hadi Dawlat-Abadi, meeting with every seeker, attempts to lead them astray by citing passages from the Bayan, heedless that in that very moment he is engaged in opposition to His Holiness. Beseech the Lord of existence to grant him fairness. Glory be to God! They believe in the precursor yet turn away from the source; they acknowledge the herald yet remain veiled from the Sovereign of the Manifestation. In truth, this is the station of this most exalted Word. O Haydar-ʿAli! These impure hands were not and are not worthy to grasp His most holy and pure hem.

My God, my God! Do Thou raise up one from Thy presence who will remember Thee and aid Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Answerer, Thou art the Hearer, Thou art the All-Knowing. There is no God but Thee, the Helper, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Thou didst make mention of Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be My glory. We have indeed mentioned him in diverse stations, and We beseech God to protect him and His loved ones from every remote oppressor and every sinful transgressor. We counsel all the loved ones to show forbearance and wisdom, and to that which attracts hearts and souls. In all conditions We have forbidden whatsoever giveth rise to clamor and kindleth the fire of hatred, for most people are ignorant and unaware of the purpose, and thus become inflamed.

The sacred month of Muharram hath ever been revered, and ultimately, through the martyrdom of the Prince of Martyrs (Imam Husayn), peace be upon him, it attained the most exalted station and highest rank. And in this Revelation, by virtue of the appearance of the Primal Point (the Bab) and His birth, it hath acquired yet another station. From the first arose lamentation, cry and wailing, and from the second, joy and gladness. However, this matter is known and evident to the people of God, while hidden and concealed from others. Therefore, in view of God's mercy which hath preceded all and His divine grace and bounty, the people of God should observe the sanctity of those days. The Primal Point Himself also observed its sanctity.

In closing, We hope that the loved ones of God will hold fast to that which draweth the peoples together and likewise causeth the reformation of the world and its nations. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace and bounty be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have cast away that which they were forbidden and acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

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Section 1: "Praised be the most holy and exalted Presence…"

He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Praised be the most holy and exalted Presence of the Lord of existence, Who, through the effulgent rays of the Sun of proof, hath illumined the world with the light of recognition. Through His absolute Will and His pervading Purpose, He ordained the Supreme Pen to be the Dawning-Place of His most exalted Word. He is the true Trumpet, possessing eternal treasuries. Through His transcendent grace and by His conquering and mighty power, He blew into it, whereupon those in the graves arose, the mountains passed away, and the cry of all things was raised up, in such wise that every possessor of hearing and sight did hearken unto the blessed words "The Sovereign Lord hath come! The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting." This Pen was attracted, not thunderstruck, by the divine Call, and through its treasuries was manifested that which enabled the thirsty to attain the living waters, the poor to reach the endless treasure, and the seekers to find the Object of all created things. Exalted be His dominion, sublime be His Word, and great be His signs. There is no God but Him.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou hearest the cry of them that are near unto Thee among Thy servants, and the lamentation of them that are sincere among Thy trusted ones. There hath befallen them in Thy days that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of Thy glory to wail, and the Countenances enshrined within the tabernacle of Thy majesty and the pavilions of Thy grandeur to cry

out. O Lord! Thou hearest that the crier hath cried out in the letter Ta, and with Thee is the knowledge of all things in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy signs spread abroad in Thy lands, and by the lights of Thy Manifestation on the mount of Thy recognition, to aid Thy loved ones to attain unto such steadfastness as no oppression of the oppressors nor cawing of the cawers can shake.

O Lord! Strengthen them through Thy bounty, then preserve them from the whisperings of those who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament. Then I beseech Thee, O Revealer of verses and Manifester of clear tokens, by Thy Name through which the limbs of all names have trembled, to enable all Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to repair to the gate of Thy grace which hath been opened to all in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ʿAli-i-Asghar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below, the Possessor of the hereafter and this world. Thy letter hath come time and again, and every letter thereof hath attained the honor of acceptance and good-pleasure. We have found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity and thy devotion to this Cause, whereby the feet of the worshippers of names who denied God's proof, His testimony, His Manifestation and His sovereignty have slipped. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard, turned unto, and responded. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Self-Subsisting Lord of Names. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this return. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee steadfast in His love, speaking His praise, holding fast unto His cord, and clinging to the hem of the robe of His mercy. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Fulfiller of the needs of all supplicants. We wish at this time to make mention of those whose names were in thy letter, that thou mayest give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Tahir, who was formerly Mirza—upon him be the glory of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed—that he may find from thy mention the fragrances of revelation which, when diffused, perfumed earth and heaven. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in the prison of Akka. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

O Ta who was formerly Ha! Hearken unto the call which hath been raised from this spot which God hath made the circling-place of them that are nigh unto Him and the sincere ones. We have sent down for thee aforetime that which attracted the hearts of those who soared in the atmosphere of divine knowledge and cast behind them all else but God. We bear witness that they are among the triumphant in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thee a standard of His name amongst His servants and an ensign of power throughout His lands. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy path and for having revealed unto me that whereby my reality, my spirit and my name shall endure in Thy manifest Book. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree on Sinai, to aid me in all conditions to assist Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Rida! The world hath been illumined by the radiant and resplendent light which hath shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and

glorify the name of thy Lord. He, verily, is the helper of them that remember Him. Grieve not because of the people and their deeds and that which proceedeth from their mouths. It behooveth thee to rejoice in My name, the Mighty, the Luminous. Say: O my God! Thine is the greatness and the sovereignty and the glory. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Source of Thy clear tokens, and by the Sovereign of Names through Whom the limbs of the people of the kingdom of creation have quaked, to make me steadfast, articulate, upright and firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Mir, formerly Muhsin! Say: O people of the Bayan! Verily, He hath claimed neither prophethood, nor guardianship, nor imamate, nor any name from among the names. I was asleep when the hands of divine power awakened me, I was seated when they raised me up, and I was silent when they caused me to speak. This is not from me—to this do My Books, My Scriptures and My Tablets bear witness. Thus have We sent down the proof both before and after. Well is it with the fair-minded. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having made me articulate in Thy praise and steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou hast appeared and revealed in Thy Book the mysteries of what was and what is to be. O Lord! Thou seest this poor one turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants, nor to debar him from turning toward Thy gate which Thou hast opened unto the faces of Thy servants and Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

O Ali! Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee while imprisoned in the most desolate of lands. The appointed time hath come to pass, the verses have been sent down, the clear proofs have appeared, yet the people are in strange doubt. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not him who hath denied the appearance of God and His sovereignty. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded in the Mother Book. We have mentioned thee before and at this time with that which hath attracted the realities of the servants. Blessed is the soul that hath acted according to that which it was commanded in the Mother Book. We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee through Our grace, and We are, verily, the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Verily We have desired to make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Aqa, that he may render thanksgiving unto his Lord in the evening and at dawn, and at sunrise and sunset. O Muhammad! The All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds, while the people are in doubt and discord. They see, yet they deny—verily they are among the companions of error. They have cast the path of God behind their backs, clinging to the vain imaginings and idle fancies they possess. Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear ye God! He hath come for your salvation and reformation. Fear God and be not of the companions of the Fire. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and acted in accordance with that which hath been commanded by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

The heaven of utterance desireth to make mention of one of its loved ones who was named Muhammad before ʿAli, that he may rejoice in God's loving-kindness and mercy which have preceded all created things. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness at this moment that there is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. He it is Who hath been established upon the throne and hath spoken that which was the Water of Life unto all them that are in the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath

drunk thereof and attained, and woe unto every heedless one who remaineth veiled. We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him and to open before thy face the door of His bounty. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Beloved.

O Siyyid before Muhammad! The Lord of the worlds hath come, yet the people know not. The Hidden One hath appeared, yet most of the people understand not. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One proclaimeth with loudest voice:

> "Verily He is God; there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving."

Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof, detached from all names and from whatsoever the people possess. Thus hath decreed the Lord of the worlds as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Most of the servants have been prevented from drawing nigh unto God by following the desires of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. O Muhammad! Give thou glad tidings of this Most Great Revelation unto the people. Say: O people! Fear ye God and be not of them who see yet deny. Thus hath the call been raised from the Most Sublime Horizon that it might attract all beings unto God, the Lord of existence.

Section 2: "O Pen! Make mention of him who was…"

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Mir ʿAli-Akbar, who turned unto God when most of the servants turned away. We beseech God to aid him to be so steadfast as to cause the hearts of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords, to quake. We have made mention of them who have turned unto the Countenance and aided them with verses whereby the spheres have been attracted. Say: O people! This is the Promised One Who was inscribed in the Books, the Psalms and the Tablets. This is the day whereon the lamentation of them who are nigh unto God hath been raised by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of every calumniating liar. Say: Be fair, O people, concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of them who have violated the Covenant and the Testament. Thus hath the hand of power seized the reins of them who have denied that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's grace, the Lord of all men.

O My loved ones in Ishqabad! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of you in such wise as to cause your names to endure in God's Book, the Lord of creation. He hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired. Beware lest the names hold you back from their Lord, or the might of them who have disbelieved in the Return strike fear into your hearts. Take ye the chalice of recognition in the name of the Lord of all possibilities, then drink thereof in defiance of him who hath raised his voice there without any clear proof or evidence. We beseech God to aid you to be so steadfast that the promptings of them who disbelieved in God when He came riding upon the clouds shall not cause you to slip. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon them who have turned with radiant faces unto God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

O Mir, O ʿAli before Asghar! The Lord of destiny desireth to make mention of them whom thou didst mention in His Most Great Scene, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Haji-ʿAli-i-Akbar. We testify that he hath attained unto that which was inscribed, recorded and mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Verily, he hath quaffed the wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty and hath attained unto that which most of mankind hath failed to attain. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which moveth and proclaimeth:

> "There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Through My remembrance all mention is humbled, and through My call the hearts of the sincere are attracted. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the most wicked and most lying among men who hath turned towards that place, having followed the desires of every heedless and remote one.

Say: O people! The Day hath come, and it is the Day of God wherein no names are mentioned. To this testifieth He Who speaketh before all faces by the leave of the Wise Commander. Say: Verily, this Speaker is the Commander, and this perspicuous Book is the Ruler. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge and sent down unto me that which shall cause my mention and my name to endure throughout the eternity of Thy Kingdom and Thy dominion. I beseech Thee by the Fire which called out in the Sinai of Thy Cause, and by the Light which shone from the horizon of the Mount through Thy will, to make me steadfast, firm and upright in such wise that neither the cawing of the crows nor the clamor of the infidels may move me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Trusted One hath mentioned My loved ones there time and again. We have answered him with that which hath caused hearts to soar and mountains to pass away. Exalted is this wondrous and glorious remembrance.

We have desired to make mention of him who hath been named Ali of Mim and Ya, that he may give thanks unto his Lord and say:

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

O Ali! Thou hast attained unto My remembrance time and again, and We make mention of thee now with that which the treasuries of the servants cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Almighty. O ʿAli! The Lamp is amidst the winds by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The people of hypocrisy have risen up in such wise as hath caused the tears of the Concourse on High and the near angels to flow. We beseech God to protect thee and those who have believed. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto this luminous Handle and clung to My gleaming hem.

O Mashhadi-Ali! We make mention of those who have turned towards the Countenance, both before and after. Blessed is he who hath heard and said:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of those who are in the heavens and on earth."

When the Cause was manifested and that which had been hidden from the servants appeared, the people denied it: among them were those who turned away, those who disbelieved, and those who pronounced sentence to shed His most pure and radiant blood. We, in the midst of tribulations, make mention of the loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve thou not at anything. In all matters put thy trust in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Verily, He protecteth whom He willeth and aideth him to remain steadfast in this Great Cause, this Mighty Announcement. Thus hath the call been raised from the Prison of Akka, despite every croaking raven who hath denied God's right and His sovereignty, clinging to that which he possesseth from the promptings of the ungodly.

O Jabbar! The Chosen One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison with that which shall draw thee nigh unto the Dayspring of God's revelation, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: O people of the earth! The Light hath shone forth and the Tree and the Mount speak, proclaiming: "I have attained unto the presence of my Goal and the Goal of those who are in the heavens and on earth." Turn ye, O people, unto the Most Great Path which speaketh before the faces of the world: "There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful." The divine call hath been raised when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the hearts of the believers were attracted.

O Sadiq! The crier has come. Guard thyself through My Name, then through My sovereignty, then through My might and power, in such wise that shouldst all who are in earth and heaven come against thee, they shall find thee steadfast as an immovable and upright mountain. Beware lest the veils of any ignorant doubter conceal thee. Take hold with thy right hand of the most pure and luminous hem of God and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call, to behold Thy signs, and to witness Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy might, Thy grandeur and Thy power, to make me so firm in Thy love that the manifestations of vain imaginings shall not prevent me from this mighty and perspicuous Cause.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar [of Maraghih]! Thou hast come with a Cause at whose appearance the limbs of the idolaters trembled—they who violated God's Covenant and Testament and committed that which caused the near ones to lament. Say: I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested that whereby the dwellers of the graves have arisen. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy verses and the Manifestations of Thy beauty in the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven to enable me to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Kind.

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! The Wronged One, beneath the talons of the idolaters, remembereth His loved ones with that which causeth the fragrance of utterance to be diffused throughout all possibility. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto every heedless and rejected one. This is a day wherein hath been heard the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen, and My sweetest call. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto him who hath been debarred from hearkening unto the utterance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. And blessed are My loved ones who have drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of My bounty—they are the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have

testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Ghaffar! Blessed art thou for the All-Forgiving One hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and hath mentioned thee with that which caused the rains of loving-kindness to shower from the clouds of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Beloved. When thou hast attained unto My verses and hast heard My call and beheld My signs, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, caused me to hear, and given me utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and Thy mysteries hidden in the hearts of Thy chosen ones to make me in all conditions one who speaketh Thy praise, who gazeth toward Thy horizon, and who proclaimeth Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Bestower. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00361: This is the Day wherein the Herald hath proclaimed…

Section 1: "This is the Day wherein the Herald hath…"

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One!

This is the Day wherein the Herald hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!" The mysteries have appeared, the veils have been drawn aside, and that which lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all being, hath been made manifest. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh, yet most of the people comprehend not. On this Day hath the Temple of the Manifestation and the Interlocutor of the Mount taken His seat upon the throne of utterance, yet most of the people see not. They have cast the Truth behind their backs, clinging to that which the people possess, yet verily they know not. Blessed is the servant who hath cast aside the people and what they possess, who hath taken the Kawthar of everlasting life in My Most Glorious Name and drunk thereof in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired, despite every heedless and veiled one. There is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The Euphrates of utterance hath flowed through creation, and from its murmuring is heard: "The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty!"

O My friends in Qaf! We make mention of you with verses that have encompassed the Concourse on High, the Supreme Paradise, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, that they might hearken unto My sweetest call. Joy be to him who hath drawn nigh and attained, and woe unto every heedless one who is debarred! O people of God! Let not the might of any oppressor frighten you. Arise in My Name and say:

> "O people! By God, we have not come to create corruption in the land, but rather to build it up and reform it, if ye but knew. Cast aside vain imaginings and idle fancies, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this Most Great Ocean, each wave of which announceth to the world the appearance of the Lord of Nations, Who hath come from the heaven of proof with a Cause that hath encompassed both the unseen and the seen."

We have desired to make mention of Our friends in this Clear Book, that the breaths of revelation might seize them and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Baqir! We found Ourselves in the vicinity of God's mercy, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and desired the other station. When We arrived, We commanded the Branch to be present, and We revealed unto thee and unto Our friends that which caused them to be intoxicated with the wine of My luminous revelation. Say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support, for having illumined me with the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance and remembered me when I was wronged among Thy servants and debarred from that which Thou hadst created by Thy power. I beseech Thee by the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the tears of them that are devoted to Thy unity in their remoteness from Thee, and by Thy Cause whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdoms of wisdom and utterance, to make me patient in all conditions in adversity and tranquil in Thy vicinity, O Lord of all mankind! My Lord, deprive me not of the manifestations of the lights of the Orb of Thy Manifestation, nor of the mysteries of the Lote-Tree of Thy Lordship. I testify, and all created things testify, to Thy manifestation, Thy power, Thy sovereignty, and Thy authority. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! He who hath loved Me hath mentioned thee in this perspicuous Book which proclaimeth before the faces of all mankind that there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of knowledge—a bounty from the presence of the Ancient Bestower. We have announced unto all this Most Great Revelation, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast behind their backs the Will of God and have taken what they desired—they are indeed among the most lost. Say: Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of the Furqan! Cast away the idols of your vain imaginings, then turn ye towards the Dawning-Place of the signs of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. That which ye possess shall profit you not this Day; cast it away in My Name and take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and the sovereignty that cometh from His presence. He, verily, is the most powerful of the powerful. This is the Day wherein the Spirit giveth glad-tidings unto all who are in earth and heaven of this Light which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

When thou art seized by the rapture of the flowing stream of My mercy, arise and turn toward the House of God and say: O Lord of all names, Creator of the heavens, and Sovereign of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Beloved One and by His joy when He ascended unto Thee, and by His attraction when He heard the call of Thy meeting, and by His longing when He arrived at Thy court, and by His supreme gladness when He turned toward Thy most great prospect, and by His utmost delight when He heard Thy sweetest call from Thy most exalted horizon, and by the fire of His love when He attained Thy presence, and by the light of His detachment when He drank the chalice of reunion from the hand of Thy bounty, and by the spirit and its ascension unto Thee, that Thou assist Thy servants to redress what they have missed in Thy days.

O Lord! Deprive not Thy near ones from the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the uttermost end and the whisper of the winds of Thy mercy, O Creator of all things! O Lord! Aid them to turn unto Thee and to return unto the court of Thy glory, and assist them, O my God, in deeds adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things, of the first and the last.

O Husayn! The Wronged One hath been encompassed by the manifestations of tyranny and the daysprings of oppression, and while under the swords of hatred, We make mention of thee and those who have believed, with such mention as hath attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. The arrows of the enemies have not prevented Me from remembering God, the Creator of earth and heaven, nor have the hosts of those who denied God's testimony and proof, who were heedless of His path, who broke His Covenant, and who wrought that which caused the Concourse on high to lament, struck fear within Me. O Hasan! Grieve not at anything, trust in all affairs in God, the Master of the Day of Judgment, and commit them to Him. Verily, He loveth those who trust and those who commit their affairs unto Him. Soar with the wings of trust and commitment unto God, the Master of this lofty station.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging what hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will, confessing what the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, holding fast unto Thy cord, and clinging to the hem of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to the sanctity of Thy Being above the description of Thy creatures, and the exaltation of Thine Essence above the mention of Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Creator of all things and Master of destiny and fate, by Thy Name through which the pavilion of Thy glory was raised and Thy path appeared in Thy lands, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence, who have stood before Thy gate, who have heard Thy verses, and who have witnessed the horizon of Thy manifestation. O Lord! Thou art He by Whose name the ocean of wealth surged among creation and the fragrance of bounty was wafted in the prison of Akka. Send down upon Thy servants from the clouds of Thy generosity that which beseemeth Thy greatness, Thy sovereignty, Thy grace, and Thy power. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We have desired at this moment to make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, that the call of God, the Single, the One, may draw him nigh and bring him unto a station wherein all atoms proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses." O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call from this most exalted station, from the Divine Lote-Tree raised before the faces of all peoples. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Qasim! Remember the day when thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hand of bounty, and wert present before the gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. Tribulation and adversity have encompassed Me, and there hath befallen Me at the hands of the calumniators that which hath caused the tribes of earth and heaven to lament, and every knowing and perceiving soul. We commanded all to be trustworthy, yet they cast it behind their backs. The fire of greed, passion, tyranny and wickedness hath been so enkindled that it hath wrested from them all restraint. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled from God, the One, the Unconstrained.

Section 2: "The fire of misbelief hath been kindled…"

The fire of misbelief hath been kindled in all regions, and the Revealer of verses declareth:

> "O Lord of Lords! Thou seest Me in the hands of the oppressors among Thy servants, beneath the talons of the misguiders among Thy creation and the transgressors among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by the leaves of the Tree of Thy utterance and the fruits of the Tree of Thy oneness to aid Me to stand firm in such wise as to shake the heart of every heedless doubter. O Lord! Thou knowest and seest that Thy people desired naught save to serve Thy servants and to reform their affairs in Thy days, yet they have risen against them with such tyranny as hath caused them that are endued with understanding to weep. My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant standing before the gate of Thy grandeur, beseeching Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of the wonders of Thy favors and bestowals. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful."

O Eternal Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-i-Taqi, that the joy of the Revelation may seize him and bring him nigh unto the Mighty, the Bestower. O Lord! Forbid not Thy servants from drawing nigh unto Thy court, and deprive them not of the outpourings of Thy days. O Lord! Thou seest the sinner hastening toward the ocean of Thy forgiveness, the poor one toward the heaven of Thy bounty, and the abased one toward the cord of Thy glory. O Lord! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities and regions, and by the lights of Thy countenance whereby the lands were illumined, and by the flowers of the gardens of Thy bounty and the fruits of the Tree of Thy power, to ordain for this servant of Thine mercy from Thee and grace from Thy presence. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

My God, my God! Thy separation hath caused me to perish. Where is the light of Thy presence, O Illuminator of the world? The venom of remoteness from Thee hath destroyed me. Where is the fountain of Thy reunion, O Quickener of nations? I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty and the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ali and surnamed Jinab, as bidden by God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. O Jinab! The Lord of all men hath come, yet the people remain wrapped in heedlessness and veils. They have cast aside their God and followed their desires—verily, they are in strange drunkenness. They have cast certitude behind their backs, clinging to the suppositions and idle fancies they possess. They have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have denied Him to Whom the Mother Book hath testified in the final return.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Be fair before God—by what proof did ye believe in the Manifestations of the past, and by what evidence do ye deny this bounty whereby the horizons have been illumined? Say: O son of Baqir! Canst thou present thyself before His face with thy ropes and staves? And canst thou contend with the Knight of utterance in the arena of inner meanings and exposition? Be fair before God—if thou

deniest God's Most Great Book, by what proof can that which thou holdest be established? Fear God, then judge fairly concerning Him Who hath appeared before the faces of the parties.

O son of Baqir! Present thyself before His face to hear that for which ears were created to hearken unto. Then behold this horizon whence hath dawned the Day-Star of loving-kindness and favor. Hast thou attained through thy vain imaginings, and art thou content with what thou hast? Nay, by My Cause whereby We have subdued the lands! If thou desirest verses, they have encompassed all regions, and if thou seekest clear proofs, We shall show thee, shouldst thou stand before the Gate. This is My hand wherefrom hath shone the Sun of God's Revelation, Lord of Lords, and this is My heaven wherefrom have been sent down the verses of God, He Who causeth the dawn to break. Were thou to turn with the ear of thine inmost heart, thou wouldst hear from the pebbles: "The Revealer of verses hath come!" and from the plants: "He Who was promised in God's Books, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained, hath come!"

O son of Baqir! Hear My counsel for the sake of God, then present thyself before His face to behold what eyes have been prevented from seeing. This is the Day whereof Moses gave tidings, and whereof the Messenger of God, Lord of all religions, brought glad-tidings. Canst thou produce what the Wronged One hath produced through power and sovereignty? Nay, by His very Self, the True One, and by His Cause that hath encompassed the lands! We summon thee to the light while ye summon Me to the fire, and your call is naught but error. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in utterance. Blessed is he who hath turned and hearkened, and woe unto every obstinate infidel.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! We saw thee in a state of intoxication and bewilderment when thou wert present before the Wronged One in a spot which God had made the Dawning-place of lights. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy presence, caused me to hear Thy call, shown me Thy beauty, guided me to Thy path, and revealed unto me that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the eternity of Thy kingdom and dominion. My Lord! Thou seest me standing at the door of Thy grace, voicing Thy praise amidst Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-place of Thy utterance and the Dayspring of Thy mysteries to ordain for me that which shall preserve me from turning to any besides Thee and from inclining toward other than Thee. My Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, enkindled with the fire of Thy love and detached from those who have denied Thee and Thy verses. My Lord! Write down for me, with the Pen of Thy bounty, that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Pen of Oneness! Make mention of him who is named Taqi with a remembrance whereat all remembrances proclaimed:

> "By God! He Who is the Remembered One hath appeared with majesty and power!"

The harm inflicted by the world and the opposition of the peoples did not deter Him. He stood before the faces of the divines and princes and taught them that which would draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords.

O Taqi! We have counseled thee with that which will exalt thy station. He desireth naught save that which will draw thee closer to God, the Lord of all men. The Kawthar of life hath flowed from the Most Exalted

Pen of God. Blessed is he who hath drunk thereof and rendered thanks unto his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Beware lest the conditions of men and the doubts of the divines grieve thee. Turn unto the Most Sublime Horizon and say:

> "My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for them that love Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the Unconstrained."

Cast away what the people possess and take hold of the Book of God with such strength that the clamor of the wicked ones, who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament and have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, shall not deter thee.

We make mention of Our loved ones there whose names were not presented before Our face, and We give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for them by the Pen of God in the Mother Book. O people of God! Let not the might of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return frighten you. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My friends, and upon those women who have believed in God, the Revealer of verses.

BH00369: He expoundeth whatsoever He willeth

Section 1: "He expoundeth whatsoever He willeth..."

He expoundeth whatsoever He willeth.

All praise is befitting and worthy of the Most Great Cause, which hath delivered the world and its peoples from the oppression of the ungodly and the hatred of the infidels, and appointed them their station beneath the blessed Lote-Tree of Justice, and gathered them together. Exalted be His grace, magnificent His compassion, glorious His grandeur and His bounty!

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of existence. Two letters from the Name of God "J", upon him be My glory and favor, attained the Most Holy Court. In truth, they are ever gazing toward the horizon of the Revelation in all conditions, and remain alive and steadfast in hope of rendering service. The Supreme Pen beareth witness to his mention, praise and service, and his answer, should God will and desire it, shall be revealed and sent in detail.

Regarding the matter of souls turning toward various regions for the purpose of teaching God's Cause and spreading its traces, it is not permissible to insist upon anyone. The proclamation of the decree hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. Assuredly, none of the friends can remain content with any shortcoming, nor have they fallen short, nor will they fall short, in that which hath proceeded from the Source of the Command. Praise be to God, each one hath attained that which hath no likeness or equal. All this is from God's grace and favor.

At present, should they turn for a while toward the land of M, it would be acceptable in the sight of God, inasmuch as the friends in that land have not for some time been blessed with the traces. We bear

witness that they have arisen, have turned, have heard, and have responded to their Lord, the Speaker, the Utterer, the Caller, the Commander, the All-Wise.

O Ism-i-Jud! O Javad, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! For some time, according to outward appearances, thou hast not been honored with a mention, and the replies to thy letters which thou didst send to the Most Holy Court have until now been delayed. This is due to the turmoil and discord in the world. However, the Ancient Beauty beareth witness before the faces of the world that thou hast attained unto acceptance and the propagation of the Cause of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

That household and its members have ever been remembered, and the recent affliction hath caused grief. We testify that she attained in the earliest days and took the chalice of certitude in the name of her Lord, the Most Merciful, and drank therefrom, draught after draught, cup after cup, in the name of her Most Glorious Beloved. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to inscribe for her from the Pen of Bounty the reward of attaining His presence and of standing before His countenance. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon her in the highest Paradise, at every moment, mercy from His presence and loving-kindness from His own Self, and to make her among those who circle round His Cause in all His worlds. May He strengthen the people of that household to manifest beautiful patience and noble forbearance. Praise be to God! That honored lady hath ever gazed toward the horizon of manifestation and hath been content with God's good-pleasure.

In the days when destined tribulations befell the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—this blessed verse was revealed from God. His exalted Word:

> "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 as a reward, and better as a hope."

By the life of God! Verily she is in an exalted station and a resplendent dwelling place. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty, and the light radiating from the horizon of My Kingdom, and the glory of My loved ones and chosen ones and of all who dwell in My earth and My heaven, be upon her and upon those who make mention of her through that which hath been revealed from My Pen and the heaven of My Will, which hath encompassed the dominion of earth and heaven. The one bearing the Remembered Name hath mentioned the loved ones of God in each of the villages, and all are illumined before the Divine Throne with the light of remembrance and adorned with the glory of His special favors. We beseech God to aid them to remain steadfast in this Cause, through which, when it was made manifest, the limbs of every idolater trembled while the hearts of them that are sincere were tranquillized. Grace and mercy and loving-kindness from God be upon them and upon His sincere and patient servants.

O Samandar, upon thee be the Glory of God and His bounty! Mention hath been made of his honour Aqa Siyyid Mahmud of the people of Kakan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the hidden and the manifest. We console and comfort him in that which hath befallen him through God's irrevocable decree, and bid him to patience and forbearance, and We give him the glad-tidings of that which God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, hath ordained for him. Five descendants of the Apostle of God—may all else

besides Him be sacrificed for His sake—among the males, have ascended by the command of the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, and the ungodly uttered unseemly words. Therefore was revealed the blessed Surih "Verily We have given thee the Kawthar," and likewise the aforementioned blessed verse descended from the heaven of divine bounty, and the revealed verses transformed his grief into supreme joy. We hope that his honour Mahmud will be so seized by divine attraction that he will utter the blessed words: "Thine is the praise, O God of the world, and Thine the glory, O Thou Desire of the nations!"

The Word of God hath wrought miracles and manifested wondrous signs, yet the heedless and the doubtful remain deprived and forbidden. Say: O Mahmud! He hath purified thee from thy transgressions and forgiven thee through His grace and His mercy which hath preceded existence itself. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen, and unto Thee be glory, O Sovereign of generosity and bounty! The friends of that village, both men and women, and likewise those of other villages, have all in this hour been blessed by the fragrances of God's remembrance. Say: Glad-tidings unto you, O people of the villages! By the life of God, at My remembrance of you, the ocean of My bounty surged and the fragrance of My favor was wafted abroad. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who hath guided you to My straight path. We counsel you to steadfastness in this momentous Cause.

O Samandar! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His bounty. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before your faces the gates of His grace and bounty, to assist you in exalting His Word, to protect you through His sovereignty, and to preserve you through the hosts of His wisdom and His utterance. Verily, He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty. As for what thou hast mentioned regarding the trust of his honor ʿAbdu'l-Hadir, who is present before the Throne, in these days wisdom requireth no movement, nor will it require it. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given Thy servants to drink of Thy sealed wine through Thy Self-Subsisting Name, and for having made known unto them the horizon of Thy Manifestation and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the atmosphere of Thy will. I beseech Thee by Thy radiant and effulgent light, and by Thy mighty and wondrous Name, whereby the realities of names were shaken and the manifestations of wickedness and indecency lamented, to adorn the temples of Thy servants with the raiment of godliness and their heads with the crown of steadfastness and detachment, that they may not be frightened by the might of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the aggressors. O my Lord! Open unto them the gates of Thy bounty and grace, then aid them with the hosts of Thy justice. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, to Whose power the tongues of all created things and the realities of all beings have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Giving. Within Thy grasp lie the reins of all affairs in their beginning and their end.

Section 2: "O Ism-i-Jud! Mention hath been made of His…"

O Ism-i-Jud! Mention hath been made of His honor, the Name of God Jamal, and of His honor Aqa Mahmud, upon whom be the glory of God and My loving-kindness, and his son Ata'u'llah, and the two sons of the departed and exalted Kamalu'd-Din, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness—Aqa Nur and Ali—and their mother. Praise be to God, they have been and are remembered, both before and after. We have desired to make mention of ʿAta'u'llah, that My call may draw him to a station wherein he shall behold naught save the manifestations of God's majesty and His signs that have encompassed the

kingdom of earth and heaven. We beseech God to assist him in serving the Cause and to enable him to achieve that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We make mention of Aqa Nur who attained My presence and quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty. We testify that he is among those who have won the mention of My Name in My days and who circled round My Sacred and Beloved House. And We make mention of him who is named ʿAli, who attained My presence at the time of departure from the House. We beseech God to remember him in His Preserved Tablet and to ordain for him that which shall endure as long as My Name, the All-Compelling, shall endure over all who witness and are witnessed.

We make mention of their mother, My handmaiden and My leaf who attained in days when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. We beseech God to ordain for her in the highest Paradise the best of the hereafter and of the former times. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

We make mention of Mahmud who won the mention of My Name in the Scriptures and Tablets, and We have sent down for him that which shall endure as long as My mighty and inaccessible dominion shall endure. O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward the land of Ha and Mim, then make mention of My loved ones there, that they may rejoice in the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Lord of existence. By the life of God! We love to make mention of them through verses the like of which the ears of contingent beings have never heard, as a token of Our grace, for I am verily the All-Merciful, the Mighty, the Loving. The loved ones of that land have ever been and are remembered, but the Pen hath outwardly paused from their mention as a wisdom from Us, though inwardly their names have never been erased from the tablet of My heart and My Preserved Tablet.

O Muhammad-i-Baqir! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We testify that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn unto it when most of the servants turned away, and thou didst drink the choice wine of love when it was forbidden to all in the land save whom God, the Lord of the Promised Day, did will. Thou hast been and art remembered in all conditions. Earth and heaven and all things bear witness to God's loving-kindness, grace and mercy toward thee and thy kindred. The Prison Land is ever subject to trials, and in most times the idolaters have been a barrier and hindrance. We beseech God to ordain that which shall cause your names and remembrances to endure. Ye have not been and shall never be erased from sight, as attested by what hath been sent down for thee and those with thee in this Clear Tablet.

We make mention of Javad who hath attained that which was inscribed and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. By the life of God! He hath been beneath the gaze of My loving-kindness, as My Clear Book doth testify. Each of his kindred hath been mentioned. We send Our greetings unto them, convey unto them Our peace, and give them the glad-tidings that their names have been inscribed in the Tablet from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

In these days corruption hath appeared from every direction. The loved ones of God must therefore fix their gaze upon reformation, and remain sanctified and pure from corruption. Now, praise be to God, most kings and rulers bear witness to the absence of corruption in this community. In truth, the station of the people of God is that of kindliness, mercy and love towards all peoples. We must give thanks to God,

exalted be His glory, at all times that He hath adorned His loved ones with patience, submission and contentment, such that in the land of Ya, despite the flames of hatred and animosity, none arose in defense. That which they were commanded became manifest from them. Blessed are they and joyous are they. For three days the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in praise of those souls, and there was revealed in their name that which hath no likeness or parallel in the realm of utterance. Joy be unto them and a goodly return.

His Honour the Trusted One, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, repeatedly mentioned before imprisonment the loved ones of that land, and likewise mentioned the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God. That honoured one should give to all, on behalf of the Wronged One, the glad-tidings of what hath been revealed in the divine Tablet. Say: O sons of the Friend, who have drunk of My choice-sealed wine and have attained unto that which the detached ones and honoured servants have attained! Rejoice in that the Tongue of Grandeur hath moved to mention your names and make remembrance of you from His praiseworthy station. The Trusted One hath mentioned you in various papers, therefore We make mention of you in such wise as to attract the hearts.

Grieve not over what hath befallen the loved ones in the land of Ya. We have changed oppression into victory and its signs have appeared, and soon that which lay hidden in God's knowledge shall be made manifest, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Beloved. Take ye the chalice of certitude in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom despite every malicious denier. This is the Day wherein the Mount calleth out with the most exalted call and the Tree uttereth that which hath bewildered minds. By God! That which was concealed from eyes hath appeared and the mystery of God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath been revealed. We counsel you with the wisdom We have sent down in the Tablet and with that which draweth people nigh unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

We make mention of My handmaidens there and counsel them with the Most Great Chastity. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the mention of her Lord and hath heard what hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We have borne all tribulations for your salvation. To this beareth witness the Tongue of My grandeur in this outspread scroll. We beseech God to protect His sheep from the wolves of the earth and to aid them through the angels and the hosts.

We desired to return to the land of Qaf and adorn this leaf with mention of My loved ones there and My chosen ones whom We have not mentioned outwardly. We testify that they have turned, have attained, and have drunk from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the Sovereign of sovereigns. Blessed are they and joy be unto them and unto those who love them and who hear their call in remembrance of this forbidden Remembrance. We make mention of My handmaidens and My leaves there and give them the glad-tidings of My manifest and evident grace. God shall soon make manifest their station among the handmaidens and exalt them through His sovereignty which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath My Pen moved and My tongue spoken, as a grace from Me to My loved ones and My handmaidens in this mighty and sublime station.

The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who have cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings and have taken what hath been sent down for them from God, the Omnipotent, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH00422: The Epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath opened…"

He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be to God Who hath opened the gates of divine knowledge through the keys of utterance and hath revealed that which had been hidden from time immemorial and concealed from minds and eyes. Glory, praise, peace and splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause who have inhaled the fragrance of the Day of God and have turned to Him with illumined hearts, and who have taken the chalices of prosperity in My Most Great Name from the hands of bounty. These are servants whom God hath described in His Books, His Scriptures, His Psalms and His Tablets, and whom He hath made the Hands of His Cause in His lands. Upon them be mercy from His presence and loving-kindness from His own Self. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Mighty, the All-Giving.

O Haydar! Thy letter hath come into the presence of the Most Great Scene, the place wherein the Lord of Destiny hath spoken and made mention of His loved ones, and revealed unto them that whereby their names, their remembrance, their spirits, and their deeds in this Straight Path shall endure. Upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Haydar! Rejoice and give thanks that thy letter hath gained the ear of the Wronged One, even as sorrows have encompassed Him from all sides through that which the hands of those who have broken the Covenant and denied the signs of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, have wrought. Blessed is the servant who hath turned and stood before all with such steadfastness as hath thrown into confusion the hearts of the transgressors.

Say: O people of God! Put away corruption and tyranny, and take hold of justice and equity. By My life! Ye were created for the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. Within His grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have drunk the wine of divine knowledge from the hands of My bounty and who have arisen to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O My loved ones in that land! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He will protect you and guide you unto God, your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and the earth.

O Haydar! Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God, then judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of the oppressors. I was silent until God gave Me utterance, and I was still until His Will set Me in motion. The Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, bear witness unto this. Put away tyranny and take hold of justice. Verily, He will preserve you and be with you in every world of the worlds of God. He is the Protector of him who turneth unto Him and the Guardian of the sincere ones. We have created all beings for this Day, yet the people are in manifest doubt. They see, yet they deny; they hear, yet they turn away. Verily, they are accounted among the most lost in My clear Book.

We have desired at this time to make mention of My loved ones whose names were inscribed on a white leaf. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. O Husayn-ʿAli! The face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this exalted station and hath mentioned thee in such wise as to enrapture the

Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise. Blessed are the fair-minded! Say: The Bayan circleth round Him and the Book standeth before His face, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: Through Him the ocean of utterance hath surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, could ye but know it. Say: Through the Pen He hath outstripped the swords of the nations and hath forbidden conflict and strife, and hath abrogated holy war. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. This is the Hidden One to Whom the Books have testified, and this is the News whereof Muhammad, the Messenger of God, and before Him every trusted Messenger gave glad-tidings.

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! The Pen from this Prison hath turned towards thee and revealed that whereat all things have cried out, and the Kingdom and the Dominion, the Majesty and the Glory have called out: "Unto God belongeth this wondrous and glorious Day!" We have made mention of thee and thy father in such wise as shall endure and remain steadfast in the Book of God, the Ancient. Be thou thankful for this supreme bounty and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, for having adorned me with the ornament of recognition and guided me to the Dayspring of utterance. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy verses and their influence to make me steadfast in Thy love such that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the ascendancy of the idolaters who have cast behind them Thy Covenant and have followed what hath appeared from the daysprings of fancy and idle imaginings shall deter me. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the dawning-places of Thy knowledge and the daysprings of Thy wisdom to aid me to assist Thy Cause through the hosts of trustworthiness and true religion. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy firm and unshakeable command."

O ʿAli! The discourse of the Mount hath returned through the appearance of its Interlocutor, and the Tree hath cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of this exalted station!" Blessed is the ear that hath gained the honor of My call and the heart that hath turned to My luminous horizon. Blessed is the eye that the desires of self have not prevented from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God with such power as hath rendered powerless all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: O loved ones of God! Do ye hear and do ye remain patient? Where is the sighing of your hearts and the lamentation of your souls? Have ye recognized what hath appeared in truth, or are ye among the hesitating ones? Say:

My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal, my Object of worship, and the Ultimate End of my desire! By Thy might and majesty, Thy greatness and power, I long to lay my face upon every spot of Thy earth that perchance it may be honored by having been touched by the feet of Thy loved ones. O Lord! Forgive the transgressions of Thy servants and Thy loved ones, and ordain for them that which shall preserve them from all else save Thee in Thy days. I testify that Thou art the Generous, that Thou art the Merciful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Most Great.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Yadu'llah and remind him of that which hath flowed from the tongue of Grandeur in the Kingdom of utterance, that he may give thanks and be of those who are thankful. We beseech God to strengthen thee to take hold of His Book with such power as the might of the world cannot withstand, and with such steadfastness as the doubts of nations cannot shake. Verily

thy Lord is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth through this Name whereby the limbs of the world have quaked, save those whom God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath willed.

O Ruhu'llah! We sent forth the Spirit aforetime and gave the people glad tidings of this announcement whereby the earth and heaven were transformed and the hearts of the transgressors were troubled. And before Him We sent Moses with clear signs and commanded him to announce unto the people the Day of God, the Mighty, the Great—this Day wherein the Interlocutor of the Mount hath been established upon the throne of Manifestation and calleth out with the most exalted call:

> "O concourse of earth and heaven! By God, that which was hidden in knowledge hath appeared and He hath come through Whose manifestation the eyes of the near ones have been solaced."

Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from this station which hath been built in My Name, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Section 2: "O Nasru'llah! Victory hath come, yet the people…"

O Nasru'llah! Victory hath come, yet the people are wrapped in thick veils. The oppressor threateneth Me with tribulations while God promiseth Me victory. Verily, He is the most truthful of speakers. Say: He hath manifested His Cause with such sovereignty as cannot be weakened by the hosts of the world nor hindered by the clamor of the ignorant who have held back the servants from the Law of God, the Protector, the Almighty over every small and great one.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who was named Siyyid Muhammad, who soared on wings of longing to the Daystar of the horizons until he attained that station which God had made the circling-point of the sincere ones. O Muhammad! Remember when thou didst seek the ultimate goal and the loftiest summit, and didst traverse the path when thou didst attain unto the Guide in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou didst cross land and sea until thou didst enter the fortified City which was foretold in the Psalms and before it in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Thou didst stand before the Gate which was opened by the Key of Grace to all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Thou didst witness and hear the Call, and didst attain unto that which had been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Prophets. Thou didst appear before the Throne of the Lord, and didst hear His call and behold His horizon. This perspicuous Tablet beareth witness to this. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy hearing and thy sight. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to stand firm in the Greater Steadfastness and to ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for those who have drunk the choice wine of martyrdom from the hands of His bounty. Verily, He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and loveth him who loveth Him. He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We bear witness that thou hast drunk the choice wine of reunion when all were forbidden save whom God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, did will. Say: My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, my Goal, my Adored One, my Beloved! I love to make mention of Thee throughout the regions of Thy earth and to call upon Thee at all times by Thy Name amongst Thy servants. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath dominated all existence, both seen and unseen, and by Thy Command whereby Thou hast

subdued the world and the hearts of the nations, to make me speak Thy praise and call out Thy Name with wisdom and utterance. Then I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty whereby the limbs of every ignorant one did tremble and the heart of every opposer was disturbed, to ordain for me from the Pen of Grace that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Kind.

We have desired at this moment to make mention of one from whom We perceived the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of this exalted station, and We wish to conclude the Book with his remembrance, that the choice wine of utterance may draw him to a station wherein the call is raised by command of the Ancient Ordainer. We arose one day desiring another land, and when We arrived We beheld its willows arranged in rows. We rested beneath their long hanging branches, and whenever the winds of will moved them to the right there was heard from their rustling "The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty," and to the left was heard from them "The Hidden One hath appeared with His name, the Self-Subsisting," as though they gave glad tidings to the trees of the world of this Cause which hath appeared through God's Will, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Son of Glory! Hear the call raised from the Mount of Knowledge at the right of the Spot of Proof from the Divine Lote-Tree:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous."

We beseech God to assist thee to know that which most of His servants are prevented from knowing. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and earth.

We have manifested the Cause and revealed in diverse books that which shall appear in future ages and centuries. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things, yet the people are in strange doubt. They see, yet deny; they hear, yet turn away. Verily, they are among the misguided before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: Be fair, O people, then help your Lord with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the Lord of lords. Say: The bounty hath been completed and the proof perfected. Fear the All-Merciful, O concourse of servants in the lands.

We beseech God to open before thy face the gate of utterance and to confirm thee in propagating His Cause with proof and evidence. Let not the derision of enemies grieve thee, nor the might of those who have denied God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink the cup of Thy knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty and for illumining my heart with the light of certitude through Thy grace and favor. My Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty, clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy, beseeching at the door of Thy generosity, and hoping for the wonders of Thy favor. I beseech Thee by the blood that was shed in Thy path and by the breasts that were pierced for the exaltation of Thy Cause and the manifestation of Thy Word, to assist me with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, that I may help Thy Cause among Thy servants and make mention of Thee with such remembrances as shall draw unto Thee the hearts of Thy creation.

My Lord! I am Thy servant who hath confessed his transgressions before the waves of Thy forgiveness and his sins before the dawning-places of the Day-Star of Thy pardon. How many nights did I sleep upon my couch, heedless of Thy manifestation and of hearkening to Thy most sweet call as it was raised between earth and heaven! And how many days was I occupied with my affairs, hesitating in Thy Cause! My Lord! I am he who confesseth his poverty, his want, and his need before the kingdom of Thy wealth, Thy pardon, and Thy bestowal. By Thy glory! I am ashamed to make mention of Thee or to describe Thee save that Thou adorn my head with the crown of Thy pardon and my temple with the ornament of Thy forgiveness. Alas, alas, for that which hath escaped me in Thy days!

My Lord! Thou seest the sinner standing before the gate of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the dawning-places of Thy revelation to make me steadfast and firm in Thy announcement whereby the feet of Thy creation have slipped save those whom the hand of Thy generosity did rescue. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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BH00426: O ʿAndalib! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

Section 1: “O ʿAndalib! Upon thee be the Glory…”

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise!

O ʿAndalib! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all worlds! We address thee in the Persian tongue. Verily, We love to make mention of thee and give thee glad tidings of My grace, My bounty, and My mercy which have preceded thee and aided thee in teaching My Most Great Cause and My Mighty Message. God knoweth, and thou knowest, that the Pen of God hath never ceased to make mention of His servants and counsel them. We have bestowed upon them that which will preserve them, exalt them, strengthen them, and draw them nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Time and again have We made mention of that which leadeth to the elevation, advancement and refinement of souls, and the conditions required of teachers have shone forth from the horizon of divine Tablets. We beseech God to aid all to achieve that which draweth hearts near and attracteth them. The Most Exalted Pen lamenteth and declareth: Today the people of Baha must guide the people of the world through deeds and character, and lead them to the straight path.

One night in the realm of vision, We addressed one of the claimants to love who dwelleth outside this land with this blessed verse:

> “Thou wast created to aid My Cause, yet thou didst aid Mine enemies through deeds more powerful than the hosts of kings and rulers.”

Other verses were also revealed to him, and We have mentioned this verse in certain Tablets. Ask thou of God to raise up souls who will arise to aid the Cause of the Wronged One with perfect sanctity,

detachment and severance—an arising that no laxity can overtake nor sitting down follow. The loved ones are few and the enemies many.

O ʿAndalib! Upon thee be My glory! Strive that perchance the servants may not be deprived of the waves of the divine ocean of inner meanings. Most are veiled by names, which have become the greatest barrier, thus preventing them from drawing nigh to the Most Exalted Horizon. Say: O people of Baha! Should unseemly conduct appear from any one of you, that one hath been and is an helper of the enemies of Truth, for heedless souls, upon hearing of a reprehensible act, kindle the fire of corruption and begin to spread it, attributing it to the Source.

Repeatedly hath this exalted word descended from the Most Exalted Pen: The hosts that can render victorious the Truth are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and the leader and commander of these hosts is the fear of God. By My life! Few indeed are the ears worthy of hearing this call. From the beginning of the Cause We have borne countless afflictions that perchance the heedless souls might become aware and attain to that which beseemeth them.

The Cause of the True One is even as the sun, luminous and resplendent. In the Land of Sad, His Honour Ashraf offered up his life in the path of the Desire of all the worlds, and with perfect steadfastness, resignation, and acquiescence, he set out for the shrine of faithfulness. After the martyrdom of that Wronged One, mention was made of Hadi of Dawlat-Abad, and fear and agitation seized him. That unjust one ascended the pulpit and cursed the Origin and End by name and title, and declared his dissociation to such degree that the son of the wolf bore witness to his faith in the assemblage. For two days of this evanescent life he committed acts that set ablaze the hearts of the near ones and caused the tears of the sincere to flow. This life is proof of hypocrisy, and that martyrdom beareth witness to harmony and concord.

Nevertheless, some have not awakened and shall not awaken. What hath come to pass that the servants reflect not upon the martyrs of this Cause? The Two Luminaries, despite their honour, wealth, and eminence, offered up their lives with such steadfastness that the Concourse on High was left bewildered. Likewise, before them, Kazim and those with him—upon them be the glory of God and His mercy and bounty—in every land, with perfect constancy, sanctified souls sacrificed their lives for this Name.

If the people of the Qur'an have not awakened, it is a simple matter; the people of the Bayan who turn away are likewise in this state. In Badi' one must reflect:

> "We brought him forth and began his creation. When his creation was completed and his formation perfected, We sent him forth like a ball of fire. Neither the might of days nor the power of nations prevented him."

Yet none is aware.

It were better that we turn our gaze to the Tablet of Wisdom and cleave fast unto this verse:

> "Look not upon creation and their ways, but upon the True One and His sovereignty. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

Today all things speak, but no hearer is to be found, save whomsoever thy Lord willeth. In one of the Tablets, written in His own hand, these words are recorded: "The Book speaketh—what doth it say? It saith: The Hidden One hath come.' The musk-pod speaketh—what doth it say? It saith: The Musk of inner meanings hath come.' The shell speaketh—what doth it say? It saith: The true Pearl hath come.' The horizon speaketh—what doth it say? It saith: The Most Great Luminary hath come.' Mount Sinai speaketh—what doth it say? It saith: The Interlocutor hath come.' The Lote-Tree speaketh—what doth it say? It saith: Behold My fruits and hearken unto My rustling.' The ocean speaketh—what doth it say? It saith: Behold My majesty and My waves.' The sun speaketh—what doth it say? It saith: Behold My rising and My effulgences.' The Wronged One speaketh—what doth He say? He saith: 'Might and glory belong unto God and unto His chosen ones."'

Each day pearls of wisdom and gems of utterance appear from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen, yet seekers endued with justice and equity are as non-existent and lost. Say:

> "O my God! O my God! Deprive not Thy servants of the Kawthar of Thy mercy, nor of the showers of Thy bounty and bestowal. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, and by whose utterance the realities of all things have been attracted, to assist the heedless to turn unto the gate of Thy grace and to return unto the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful."

O 'Andalib! Upon thee be My glory! Cast these hidden words before the servants, that perchance they may return from passion unto guidance, and from rebellion unto righteousness.

O Friends! Extinguish the lamp of error and kindle within your hearts and souls the everlasting beacons of guidance, for ere long the assayers of all being will accept naught but the purest virtue in the presence of the Adored One, and naught but spotless deeds shall be accepted by Him.

The following is written in the first line of the Tablet and concealed in the pavilion of God's protection:

O My servant! Let not a single breath deprive thee of the imperishable sovereignty, and forfeit not the celestial dominion of Paradise for a fleeting desire. This is the living waters of Kawthar, flowing from the fountain-pen of the All-Merciful. Well is it with them that drink thereof.

O earthly plant! How is it that thou wilt not touch thy garment with sugar-stained hands, yet with a heart defiled by desire and passion thou seekest intimacy with Me and yearnest to enter My holy dominions? Far, far be it from you, from that which ye desire!

Section 2: "O 'Andalib! The purpose is that it be…"

O 'Andalib! The purpose is that it be made known to all that from the earliest days the Supreme Pen hath commanded all to sanctification, detachment, and that whereby the Cause is exalted. These sublime words were revealed in the Tablet of Majesty: "Today the helper of the Truth hath been goodly deeds and praiseworthy character." Repeatedly hath this exalted word been revealed from the Supreme Pen: "The harm to this Wronged One came not from the chains and fetters of the Land of Ta, nor from the oppression of the tyrants of the Land of Mim. Rather it came from souls who claim to love Him and count

themselves among the people of Baha, yet are found to be obedient to self and passion." Today must the friends be illumined with the light of piety and enkindled with the fire of detachment. This is the counsel of the Truth, exalted be His glory, both aforetime and hereafter. Well is it with them that act!

In truth I say: from whomsoever appeareth the fire of desire and passion, he is not and hath never been of the Truth. The friends must be adorned with the ornament of detachment, piety, trustworthiness and religion. In the Hidden Words We have said:

> "O ye that are fair in the outward and dark in the inward! Your likeness is as the clear, bitter water which to outward seeming is crystal pure but of which, when tested by the divine Assayer, not a drop is accepted. Yea, the sun's rays fall alike upon the dust and the mirror, yet differ they in reflection even as doth the star from the earth, nay measureless is the difference!"

The influence of the Word hath ever been dependent upon sanctification of self. Say: O my God, my God! Illumine the hearts of Thy loved ones with the light of Thy knowledge, and aid them to champion Thy Cause through utterance from which the fragrance of Thy sanctity is diffused. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy bounty, nor from the outpourings of Thy days. I beseech Thee to assist them in whatsoever good Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thou didst mention the loved ones of the land of Shin and likewise other lands. The excellence of that blessed land among hallowed regions is evident and manifest as the sun. Blessed is it and blessed are its people who have drunk the wine of revelation from the chalices of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Thou didst mention certain souls and their enkindlement with the fire of divine love. Praised be God, each one hath attained unto the waves of the ocean of utterance. We have mentioned them all with a mention that is sanctified above change and effacement. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Give them My glad-tidings, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the lights of My wondrous utterance. The Afnan of that land, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness, have attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. We beseech God to manifest through them the standards of His might in His lands and the banners of His guidance amongst His servants.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-ʿAbdu'l-Hamid, glory be upon him, and of his attraction and ardor. Praise be to God, he turned to the Cause in its early days and attained the honor of meeting and reaching his goal. We beseech God to assist him that he may arise to serve the Cause, that perchance certain unseemly deeds may be transformed into pure and goodly acts.

O servant before Ha and Mim! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison and take hold of the reins of the Cause with wisdom and utterance. Give the people to drink, at one time from the choice wine of utterance, and at another from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Say: O people! By the True One, ye were created for this Day. Cast aside vain imaginings and their manifestations, and conjectures and their sources. The veil hath been removed and the Creator of all things hath come with the banners of verses and the standards of clear proofs. Hasten with your hearts and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Day of Return, and glory be unto Thee, O Master of all necks. Thus have We sent down the verses and

expounded them in truth and sent them unto thee, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as to cause the hearts of the wicked to tremble. Today the servants are heedless; were they to become aware and find their purpose, all would arise to serve. Their divines have kept them back from the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to assist all to turn in repentance, for verily He is the Kind, the Forgiving.

Specifically for some of the aforementioned friends, exalted, wondrous and holy Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of God's will. God willing, they shall drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and receive their portion from the ocean of true unity. He is the Giver, He is the Bestower, He is the Generous One.

Verily We make mention of the friends of God in Mim and Ya, then Mim, and We have sent down for them Tablets from the heaven of loving-kindness and favor. We beseech God to grant them the bounty of attaining His Tablets and to gladden them with that which He hath ordained for those who have turned unto Him from God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: My God, my God! By Thy power, raise up one who will arise to serve Thy Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall deter him, nor shall the might of potentates frighten him, nor shall the clamor of the powerful weaken him. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in the hands of the heedless among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Ancient King and Sovereign of nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for those who have entered beneath Thy shadow the reward of attaining Thy presence and that which Thou hast destined for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of all that was and shall be.

And We make mention of My handmaidens and My leaves who have believed in God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O handmaidens of God! The Wronged One beseecheth God to draw you nigh and to assist you to be chaste, virtuous, righteous and God-fearing. Aid your Lord through pure and goodly deeds and blessed, praiseworthy conduct. O handmaidens of God! The world hath been encompassed by extinction. Blessed is the soul whom the concerns of the days have not kept back from the Lord of all names. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee, O ʿAndalib, and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning this momentous News.

As commanded, deliver a copy of this blessed Tablet and the other holy Tablet which was revealed in thy name to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid, upon him be the glory of God.

BH00459: The Epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

Section 1: "The Word of God hath appeared…"

He is the One Who speaks with grace and commands with justice.

The Word of God hath appeared from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance, and the Light of Revelation hath shone forth from the Horizon of Sinai. That Word is the blessed word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth," and that Light is the light of the appearance of the Desire of all worlds. O Taj! Blessed is he whose heart is adorned with the crown of the Most Great Name and whose temple is

adorned with the ornament of detachment. We have ever remembered and will continue to remember the chosen ones. The calumnies of the calumniators and the opposition of the ungodly have not prevented the Supreme Pen from remembering, during the nights and days, the true loved ones and spiritual friends. The denial of the Day Star of affirmation hath not deprived it of sincerity and purity, nor hath its darkness prevented the light of justice from shining forth and being manifest. Exalted be His determination, His power, and His utterance!

O Taj'd-Din! This Wronged One dwelleth imprisoned among the heedless, without helper or defender. Therefore hath every oppressor risen up in opposition and objection. The oppressors of the world have found an arena and have attacked Him Who is without helper or defender. However, the opposition and objection of all have been, in the sight of God, and continue to be, as the buzzing of a fly. Quite apart from truth, the people of Persia have throughout their lives been occupied with the descriptions of worthless souls and have remained heedless of and veiled from the Manifestations of power and the Dawning-places of might. Beseech ye God to transform oppression into justice and to sanctify and purify the eyes from the ophthalmia of idle fancies. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Glory be to God! The rain of divine mercy is, at all times, pouring down from the clouds of the grace of the Lord of the Day of Judgment, and the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Truth are manifest and visible. Nevertheless, all remain attached to and occupied with the dawning-places of idle fancies and the rising-points of vain imaginings.

Today the Kingdom of Utterance proclaimeth before the faces of all religions, without any concealment or disguise, saying:

> "O people! Fear God, then turn unto the horizon wherefrom the Sun hath shone forth and the Light hath appeared, and wherein was inscribed by the Supreme Pen that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Lamp of Salvation, which calleth out with the most exalted call and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Say: O party of God! Aid your Lord through the hosts of verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful."

O Taj'd-Din! When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from this perspicuous cup, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Aim, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having enabled me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and helped me to enter Thy court through the means of earth and heaven. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations, by Thy Name through which the ocean of bounty surged before the faces of all beings and the sun of faithfulness shone forth from Thy most exalted horizon, to strengthen Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the heedless nor the armies of the ungodly may frighten them, nor may the might of the oppressors who have denied Thy proof and turned away from Thy countenance weaken them. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou hast made me to attain unto Thy presence, to hear Thy call, and to behold Thy horizon. I beseech

Thee to ordain for me that which will profit me, preserve me, and draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Verily We have desired to make mention of Abu'l-Qasim who attained the presence when the Temple of the Manifestation was established upon the Throne of Utterance and summoned all to that which would exalt them and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O Abu'l-Qasim, blessed art thou for having turned thyself toward and heard the call of the Wronged One whilst He was imprisoned in the hands of the heedless. He hath mentioned thee time and again in such wise that thy remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I bear witness that thou didst hear My call and attain unto My presence and didst speak in My beauteous praise. When the choice wine of utterance seized thee, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having guided me unto Thy path and acquainted me with Thy Cause whereby the hearts of Thy creatures were stirred. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through Whose manifestation all names bowed down, and by Thy Command whereby Thou didst subdue earth and heaven, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for them that have aided Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

And at this moment We make mention of him who was named ʿAli before Muhammad, who drank the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty and turned toward My direction until he attained My presence and heard My call and beheld My horizon. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath acted in accordance with that which was enjoined in the Book of God, the Lord of this glorious and wondrous station. O thou who speaketh My praise, say: My God, my God! Thou seest the hands of my hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy bounty and mine eyes fixed upon the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge to aid me to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants.

O Lord! I testify to Thy unity and Thy singleness, and to Thy power and might and grandeur and sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm and the One Who holdeth dominion over all existence, to make me in all conditions turned toward the heaven of Thy grace and withdrawn from Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and have disbelieved in Thy signs. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

And at the end of the Book We have desired to make mention of him who was named Zaynu'l-Abidin, to whose orientation and devotion the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified, when most of My servants whom We created for My recognition and to stand before My gate and to serve My Cause, the Mighty, turned away from Me. O Zaynu'l-Abidin! The Lord of all worlds calleth thee and counseleth thee with that which will elevate thy station among His servants, and concerning trustworthiness which He hath made a mercy and wealth and blessing for all in the land. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Goal, and glory be unto Thee, O my Object of Worship! I testify that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all existence, both seen and unseen.

I beseech Thee by the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Source of Thy clear tokens, and by Thy sovereignty whereby the limbs of the heedless among Thy servants and the doubters among Thy creatures trembled, to open before the faces of Thy loved ones the doors of Thy mercy with the keys of Thy grace. Verily Thou

art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Section 2: "Verily We have desired to turn…"

Verily We have desired to turn from the direction of the Prison toward him who was named Ali before Askar and make mention of him with such mention as shall comfort the eyes of them that are nigh. O Ali-Askar, We bear witness that thou didst turn toward God on a day wherein most of the servants turned away from Him, and didst hear His sweetest call in the prison of ʿAkka when He was imprisoned in the hands of those who cast the command of God behind their backs, following the manifestations of idle fancies. We bear witness that thou didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter and that which was revealed in His wondrous Book. When thou didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

O my God, my God! My heart hath been set aflame by the fire of Thy love, and my breast illumined by the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy command whereby Thou hast subdued the nations, by the pearls that lay concealed in the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the mysteries that were veiled from the eyes of Thy creation, to aid me in all circumstances to act as befitteth Thy days. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which shall make me steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee in such wise as no remembrance of the peoples can equal, nor all that existeth in the world. The Mother Book in the Final End beareth witness to this. We have remembered thee time and again, and have sent down for thee that which hath diffused amongst the servants the fragrance of bounty and favor. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which the passage of ages shall not alter. I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, and by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed all things, to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

We make mention of Our loved ones in Shin who were not deterred by the whisperings of the doubters—those who hear the verses and deny them, who witness the clear proofs yet turn away from them. These are indeed among the most lost. They have taken their vain imaginings as lords besides God. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are in manifest error. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, the Master of the world to come and of this world, to assist His loved ones there to aid His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

We make mention at this time of him who hath turned to My countenance, won My call, stood at My door, drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty, and who hath been named with Shin and Kaf in this wondrous and glorious Tablet. the ungodly seized and imprisoned him without any proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to aid the oppressors to justice and

to adorn them with the ornament of equity. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. O Shukri, hear My call from the precincts of My prison. It consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee from the hosts of the deniers. Behold the grace of God and His mercy, that He remembereth thee in prison after seeing thee in another manifest prison. We have made thee Our partner in affliction and tribulation, in captivity and ordainment. Verily, thy Lord loveth whatsoever befalleth Him in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Grief and distress have seized some of My loved ones there. Nothing is hidden from Our knowledge. Every person of insight beareth witness to this.

We desire at this time to make mention of one of My Afnan who hath been named with Ba before Qaf, and to bring him glad tidings of God's grace, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. His letter came before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for him that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere to soar. We beseech God to send down upon him a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily, He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Glory and remembrance and praise be from Us upon Our loved ones who were not frightened by the clamor of the oppressors nor the doubts of the suspicious away from God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The gate of knowledge hath been opened with the key of utterance, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Master of this wondrous Day, hath appeared. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain in grievous blindness.

O Murtada! Hear the call from this most exalted horizon. Verily, He remembereth thee in the prison, as a token of His mercy and loving-kindness. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, for thou hast drunk from the chalice of tribulation in the name of the Lord of all names, and hast partaken thereof for the love of His sanctified, mighty and inaccessible Name. There hath befallen thee what befell Us at the hands of the oppressors. We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation, and have witnessed what hath come upon thee in the path of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We testify that tribulation hath not deterred thee from turning unto Him, nor have the veils of the heedless obscured thee from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and bounty be unto Thee, O my Lord, for having remembered me in Thy days and for having sent down unto me that which hath diffused the fragrances of Thy utterance throughout the world. I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested Thy Cause through a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven, by Thy Most Exalted Word, through which Thy signs and ordinances have been spread abroad, to make me content with whatsoever hath befallen me in Thy love and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH11689: All praise befitteth the Desired One Who, through…

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

All praise befitteth the Desired One Who, through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen, hath conquered the peoples of the mortal realm, and through its hidden Kawthar hath bestowed new and wondrous life upon decayed bones. Exalted, exalted be His favor! Exalted be His mercy! Exalted be His

greatness and sovereignty! Who can reckon the wondrous tokens of His grace, the sum of His commandments and favors? He it is Who hath made a single word from among His words the standard of guidance from His presence and the banner of His Cause amidst His servants. Through it He hath manifested the Resurrection and its mysteries, the Hour and its signs. Blessed is he who hath recognized that which hath appeared from His presence, and blessed is he who hath witnessed that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His bounty.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon His loved ones and chosen ones who have hearkened unto His most sweet call and have attained unto the word "Yea, verily"—yea, verily, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names! These are servants who have attained, honored servants, steadfast servants. They are the helpers of God, the hands of His Cause, and the dawning-places of His most beautiful names and attributes. They have taken the choice wine from the hand of His bounty despite His enemies, and have drunk in His name before the faces of His creation. Verily He is the Supporter of His loved ones, the Strengthener of the pillars of His Cause, the Exalter of His loved ones, and the Revealer of their stations and conditions in His kingdom. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The exalted letter with its offerings of utterance and meaning reached this evanescent servant. In truth, each of its words was a chalice filled with the Salsabil of love and affection, adorned as it was with the praise and glorification of the Lord of creation and the Master of all beings. Repeatedly was it read, and with each reading a fresh fragrance was wafted to the nostrils of truth. Glory be to God! Its sweet scents spread wide the carpet of joy, and its perfumes brought a sanctified gladness transcending mortal station. Thereafter, having sought the Most Exalted Paradise and Supreme Heaven, it was presented before the Lord of all humanity and attained the honor of His attention. Then did the ocean of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, surge, and the Speaker of Sinai spoke forth, while seated upon the Throne of Revelation, that whereby the treasures of divine knowledge were revealed in the contingent world before the faces of all religions, and the Herald called out from the direction of the Prison:

> "Hearken unto the Call of God, raised from the most exalted station."

His blessed and exalted Word is:

He is the Light that shineth and gleameth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge.

O Muhammad-Husayn! Rejoice that God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, has willed that His Pen should move to make mention of thee. Time and again have We remembered thee and sent thee diverse Tablets wherein every word surged with the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Compelling, the Knower of the seen and unseen, and from whose horizons shone forth the suns of bounty and grace. Thy Lord chooseth whom He willeth and loveth whom He loveth and remembereth him in such wise as to preserve his name and trace throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. The Wronged One remembereth thee amidst His tribulations as a token of His favor unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of all being.

Neither the oppression of the enemies nor the power of any veiled potentate could hinder Him. While seated upon the throne of justice, the servant who was present brought thy letter and read it before His

face. From it We perceived the fragrance of thy submissiveness, humility and devotion to God, the Lord of this praiseworthy station. Blessed is thine ear for having heard God's call, and thine eye for having beheld His signs, and thy tongue for having voiced His praise amongst His servants. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. I testify that through tribulation He hath upraised His Most Great Name and revealed that which lay hidden in the treasury of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Beloved.

We have enjoined upon all trustworthiness, godliness, truthfulness and fidelity. Among the people are those who have cast the command of God behind their backs and committed that which hath caused the faithful ones to lament. They have embraced wickedness and indecency and cast away righteousness and piety, and have uttered such calumnies as no ear in the world hath ever heard the like. He Who speaketh in this Frequented House beareth witness unto this.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest Thy sheep amidst the wolves of the earth and Thy trusted ones in the clutches of treachery. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the ocean of Thy verses and the lights of the dawn of Thy Revelation, and by Thy Call which Thou hast made the Water of Life for all creation, and by Thy Name through which the hearts of all religions were stirred, to adorn Thy servants with the ornament of truthfulness and justice. Enable them to guide those who missed their way when the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation were manifest, then aid them to return unto the court of Thy pardon and forgiveness and to stand before the gate of Thy bounty and generosity. O Lord! Deliver Thy servants from the oppression of the oppressors and the dominion of the heedless. Then preserve them through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and Who hath dominion over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance! Thou hast heard My sweetest call in the eloquent tongue, and We wish to remember thee in the luminous language. This Wronged One hath ever been in the hands of the enemies. They have brought to pass that which none but God can reckon. In these days the wolves of the earth have surrounded Him and are secretly engaged in bringing harm to this Wronged One. Yet God knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts conceal. Whatsoever befalleth in the path of God is beloved. We have joined tribulation to the word of Jacob. Though We are seen in these days without helper or assistant, God shall soon raise up the treasures of His earth and reveal its riches—these are men who shall be raised up for the triumph of the Great News in such wise that no impediment or barrier shall stand in their way. These are the dawning-places of God's power and the manifestations of His might. No matter shall prevent or veil these shining and resplendent gems. Glory be to God! The people of the Bayan have not yet perceived the fragrance of this Day. They are seen to be more veiled than the followers of the previous Dispensation. Say:

I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of the heavens, by Thy Lamp which hath desired naught except the reformation of the world and hath taken neither glass, nor crystal, nor any protector save Thee, to illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge and to adorn their heads with the crowns of justice and equity. O my Lord! Thou seest the oppressors united in frustrating Thy Cause and the stations of Thy trusted ones. I beseech Thee by Thy all-encompassing Will and Thy prevailing Purpose to protect them from the evil of those who have violated Thy Covenant and

Testament, and have denied Thy most great signs and mighty evidences. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Convey to the loved ones of that land the greetings from the Wronged One—greetings whose fragrance will attract the hearts and minds and lead them to the luminous horizon. Counsel all on behalf of the Wronged One to observe trustworthiness, religious devotion, and the fear of God, the Lord of existence and the Educator of the seen and unseen. We have repeatedly stated that in this Most Great Revelation, triumph is achieved through wisdom and utterance, not through sword and spear. Under all conditions, they must occupy themselves with winning hearts and uniting souls.

Goodly deeds have ever been and will continue to be the hosts of God, and praiseworthy character the guide of His servants. That which causes the people to shun and avoid is neither acceptable nor adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure. Although the First Point appeared from the Most Exalted Kingdom in Muharram—which is indeed beloved to the soul and the cause of joy and gladness and the source of delight and happiness—yet most people, due to their lack of awareness, might misconstrue any expression of joy in those days as, God forbid, indicative of hatred and animosity. Therefore, wisdom requires that those days be observed with reverence. Thus did this Wronged One, while in Iraq during the days of Muharram, make mention of His tribulations and attend certain gatherings of lamentation, out of mercy and kindness to the servants.

The Exalted One—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—also observed the sanctity of those days. Whatever causes people to draw nigh and leads to their acceptance and attention should be embraced until such time as the Cause becomes manifest to them. Convey this firm decree to the servants that all may become aware and hold fast to that which God hath willed. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee, and who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It is hoped that the friends of God will arise to triumph the Cause with pure and sanctified hearts and with the aforementioned hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. From the horizon of every Tablet shineth forth the Sun of wisdom and utterance, and all are commanded to follow it. God willing, that beloved one will make the heedless souls aware of the divine commandments and prohibitions. Had the people acted according to God's will until now, Iran and indeed other countries would have been illumined by the light of His Cause. This evanescent servant ever supplicates:

> "My God, my God! Assist Thy loved ones to that which will manifest Thy favors upon Thy creation and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty in Thy dominion. O Lord! Purify the hearts of those who have turned to Thee with the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and ordain for them that which will adorn them with the ornament of justice and equity in Thy days. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wise."

Your esteemed irrefutable treatise was received and accepted. God willing, it will be sent in these days, and permission for its publication has risen from the horizon of utterance. The servant beseecheth his Lord that He may, through your sincerity, humility, acceptance, mention and utterance, open the doors of

people's hearts. Verily, He is the God of mankind and their Educator through His name, the Educator, the All-Wise.

A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of the world's peoples, Who hath not deprived any seeker from the effulgences of the Luminary of His Word. The new petition of that loved one was received before the countenance of the King of the Kingdom of Utterance and was illumined with the light of acceptance. For each of the names mentioned, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty and sent forth. Praise be to God that that loved one became the means of abundant grace, and likewise became the cause of the descent of the rain of the All-Bountiful's mercy.

The revelation of verses is of such magnitude that all are powerless to reckon it. From all directions, by night and by day, petitions arrive and gracious replies are given. And if there is sometimes delay, it is for two reasons: first, that through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, your honor dwelleth in the most exalted station, namely that of certitude and assurance, therefore in delay there is no harm; and second, due to the abundance of replies to petitions that have newly been received. Surely that loved one is content and grateful, for he hath repeatedly partaken of heavenly sustenance and true bounties. Well is it with your honor!

On one occasion this supreme utterance was heard from the tongue of the King of the Kingdom of Names regarding your honor. His mighty utterance is:

> "O servant present! His honor M.H. hath arisen to serve. Verily We have made him the cup-bearer of the Kawthar of God's utterance, the Lord of the worlds."

Glory be to God! Such is the bounty that the possessors of tongues and pens are unable to describe it. To this testify the leaves of the Paradise of God, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

If wisdom permitteth and alloweth, convey on behalf of this servant greetings and praise to the loved ones of that land. God is aware that in most times I beseech from the Goal of the world's peoples that which is immortalized in the Mother Book. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. We are God's and unto Him shall we return.

BH00471: He is the One Who speaks before all faces…

He is the One Who speaks before all faces that which draws the servants near to the Lord of existence.

God, Lord of the Throne and earth, has testified before the creation of beings that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God testified before the creation of His earth and heaven, and His attributes and names, that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

O Pen! Illumine the world through the appearance of the Ancient King and the Most Great Name, whereby all on earth were thunderstruck save those whom the hands of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Compassionate, the Generous, had taken hold of.

Then make mention of him who left his home, turning towards God's Most Great Kaaba, and traversed the way until he arrived at the Prison Land and stood before the Gate when he heard the call of God, the Powerful, the Supreme over all in the heavens and earths. He was named Hussein in the Book of Names. He has attained and taken the choice wine of utterance from the generous hand of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and drank thereof in His name, the Powerful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Hussein! Thank thy Lord and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy Announcement, made me know Thee, and taught me Thy straight and manifest path."

We have desired at this time to make mention of God's friends and loved ones as a bounty from Us, and verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Hasan! The Ancient Countenance has turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and mentioned thee in such wise as hath enraptured the hearts of the knowing ones. The Trusted One mentioned thee before, and We have revealed for thee that which caused the ocean of knowledge to surge in the contingent world. Blessed is the Most Merciful Who mentions His friends and will mention them as a bounty from Him. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who has turned to God, believed, and heard the call of God, the Lord of Lords.

O Tongue of Utterance! Make mention of one of thy handmaidens and a leaf among thy leaves who attained the presence of him who was named Rida in the Spirit in the Book of God, the Lord of all beings. O My leaf! Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Countenance when every heedless doubter turned away.

And blessed is My other leaf whom We mentioned before through that which the trees proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Powerful, the Compelling." We beseech God to ordain for you both what He has ordained for His handmaidens who circle the Most Great Throne at morn and eventide.

And We make mention of the son-in-law who was named Hussein with a mention around which all mentions revolve. O Hussein! Thank God for having made thee recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and caused thee to speak His praise. He is verily the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

O Ali Agha! We have mentioned thee time and again, and We revealed for thee before that which brought joy to the eyes of the righteous. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee in the evening and at dawn.

O Muhammad! Remember when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came, the learned ones turned away from Him and every idolatrous unbeliever opposed Him. Blessed is the servant who heard His call, attained His traces, and spoke His praise throughout the lands. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the bounteous hand of their Lord, the Creator of existence.

O Rida! Your Lord bears witness that you hearkened unto the Call and turned unto Him when most of the servants turned away. I bear witness that you set your face toward the most exalted and ultimate Goal until you attained the precincts circled by the Concourse on High, and heard My most sweet call, and beheld My most glorious horizon. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loves thee and heeds thy word in this Cause whereby the mountains were moved. Time and again have your letters reached the Wronged One, and We found therein your ardor in the love of God and your steadfastness in His Cause whereby the idols were struck down. Know you who has turned toward you and recognize you who has set his face in your direction? Say: … [the text is incomplete: see Or.15726.001]

BH00494: The Epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He calleth out before the people of the world

O Aqa Baba! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Most Glorious! Knowest thou Who calleth thee? The Most Exalted Pen of God. And dost thou recognize from which horizon? From this luminous and resplendent horizon. Rejoice in thy Lord's favor, for the Pen of Utterance hath been moved to make mention of thee by the Most Merciful, that it may draw thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt hear from all atoms: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds." The river of mercy hath flowed from the right hand of the Throne, and the ocean of grace hath surged forth as a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath cast away that which the people possess on the Day of God and hath taken the chalice of eternity in My Most Glorious Name and drunk therefrom, despite every doubting learned one.

Verily, We have heard thy call once in the night, and again in the day, and yet again at dawn. Thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Behold, then remember what befell the Wronged One when He was in prison beneath chains and fetters. God aided Him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and brought Him forth with such sovereignty as amazed the hearts of them that know. When He departed, He turned toward Baghdad, and when He arrived, that which the All-Merciful had revealed in the Qur'an was manifested. And He blew the second blast, whereupon the denizens of Sinai were struck down, save whom God willed, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We rent asunder the veils with the finger of might and uncovered that which lay hidden in the treasure of God's protection, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great.

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 providence, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. When thou receivest and readest them, turn thy face toward the Prison and say:

Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all nations and by the breaths of Whose revelation the world is perfumed! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all hearts and illumine both the unseen and the seen, to assist me in that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty and clinging

to the mantle of Thy generosity and benevolence. I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the limbs of the oppressors trembled and the hearts of the aggressors were consumed, through Whom those in the graves were raised and the secrets of all hearts were revealed, to elevate me through Thy Name amongst Thy servants and to establish me in the service of Thy Cause amidst Thy creation. Aid me, then, O my God, through wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Blessed art thou and happy art thou, for thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain. Thou didst hear the Call and wert blessed with uttering the words "Here am I, here am I, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" The purpose of the worlds of hearing and sight hath been and still is to witness and hearken unto the Divine Call and the Horizon of Revelation. Yet the heedless servants denied God's mercy and bounty, and disbelieved in the gift of recognition and the feast of certitude. The cause of the prevention of the servants and its reason have been the divines of the age. Glory be to God! Despite their lamenting and wailing with a hundred thousand cries and supplications for the appearance of the Promised One and His meeting, when He was made manifest they did what caused the Primal Point to choose ashes as His resting place. O thou who art attracted by My verses and soarest in the atmosphere of My love! Strive that the servants may not, like the previous party, be afflicted with vain imaginings. Blessed is the soul that hath purified itself from the tales current amongst men, that it may hearken unto the Most Exalted Word.

Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants unto that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and purify them from that which beseemeth not Thy days, and enable them to act according to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. O my Lord! Leave them not to themselves, disappoint them not from the gate of Thy grace, and deprive them not of the ocean of Thy utterance. Thou art He Whose atoms have testified to Thy generosity and bounty, and to Thy power and might. Enable them, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy Cause, to return unto the court of Thy glory, and to turn unto Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty, the Ever-Flowing, possessed of abundant grace.

Convey My greetings to the friends, that perchance the fragrances of these greetings may intoxicate them and cause them to hold fast unto that which is befitting. The intoxication that proceedeth from the wine of recognition bringeth joy to the world of being and bestoweth gladness. The friends must, in spite of the enemies, guide the ignorant servants to the divine ocean of knowledge and wisdom through wisdom and utterance.

Glory be to God! The signs of power exist in all things, and verses descend like rain, showering down, and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation without veil or concealment. Nevertheless, through the words of Kandi and Ibn-i-Dhi'b and their like, they have been deprived of the Dayspring of divine revelation and the Dawning-Place of celestial light. And the people of the Bayan are seen to be more heedless and more veiled than all others. By My life! They have not perceived the fragrance of the Day of God and are more veiled and remote than even the Shi'ih sect. Blessed are the people of Baha who, should they see the Primal Point pause in His Cause, would likewise pause in what hath appeared from Him. This is the station of the most great steadfastness. I have mentioned all that is

befitting for My Cause and My Revelation and My rising and My establishment. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Witness and the All-Wise Observer.

The honoured Muhammad—upon him be the Glory—hath repeatedly made mention of thee and hath sent thy letter to the presence of the Wronged One. The servant in attendance submitted it, and this Most Sublime, Most Luminous Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty, that thou mayest drink therefrom, through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, My sealed wine, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and thanks be unto Thee, O Desire of the nations, in that Thou hast remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison when I was in the midst of sorrows through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought."

Blessed be thy tongue for having testified to that which God hath testified, and thy heart for having been illumined with the light of recognition. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee a light that shall walk before thy face in all His worlds. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

There hath now come to pass what was hidden from all eyes and veiled from understanding, in that the Source of thy Lord's loving-kindness hath willed to open the door of forgiveness unto thy father and thy brother. By My life! Through My remembrance, the ocean of forgiveness and bounty hath surged from the presence of God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names. The grace of thy Lord hath at this moment encompassed them both, and My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken and said: The glory be upon you both, and the light be upon you both, and the spirit be upon you both, and the fragrances of revelation be upon you both, and the sweet perfumes of the Robe be upon you both. We beseech God to send down upon you both, at all times, mercy from His presence and loving-kindness from His own Self, and to make you to be of those who associate with His chosen ones and His Prophets in the Most Exalted Paradise. He, verily, is the Sender of verses, the Revealer of clear tokens, and the Lord of all names and attributes.

O thou who art mentioned! Thou hast attained unto that which no thing can equal. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of Names. He hath made mention of thee in such wise that the light of utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed and said: The glory shining forth from the horizon of this Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and them that hear mention of thee in this Most Great Remembrance and Momentous News. Verily, the Ocean desireth to manifest itself through other waves, that it may give glad-tidings unto the loved ones of God of His mercy and His grace and His bounty. There is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Commander, the All-Wise. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the mention of the Most Great God and hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from the utterance of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O ʿAli-Asghar! Thou hast attained unto the mention of God, the Lord of Destiny, once before and now yet again. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath held fast unto righteousness in the days of God, the Lord of all beings, and hath turned away from vain desire. He is, verily, among the sincere ones in My perspicuous Book.

We have sent down the verses wherein are My commandments and My laws through which We have preserved My servants and aided them with truth. Yet most of the people are heedless. Take My Book with power from My presence and put aside that which is with those who have denied the mercy of God and disbelieved in that which hath been sent down from His presence. They are, verily, among the abject. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have taken the cup of My bounty from the hand of My loving-kindness and have drunk in this Name whereby the limbs of the idolaters have quaked.

O Muhammad-Qablil-Hasan! The faithless hunters have aimed at the Most Exalted Station, and the oppressors of the earth with swords of hatred have intended harm against the Temple of Eternity. They desired to extinguish the light of God through their calumnies, but the Wronged One stands unveiled and uncovered before the multitudes. Neither their might nor their ranks have deterred Him. He speaks that which He is commanded by the Wise Ordainer. Glory be to God! Despite having heard every call and witnessed the signs of God, they persist in denial and rejection. Naught shall befall us save what God has decreed for us. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds through the justice of the All-Knowing Judge. Be not grieved at anything. The world shall pass away, along with the might of its princes and the clamor of its divines, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness in this firm and impregnable Cause.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn, who has turned to God in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. The fragrances of the revelation of the Ancient King have encompassed the world, yet the peoples are in evident doubt. Say: My God, my God! Thine is the grace for having awakened me, and Thine is the praise for having made me know Thee, and Thine is the glory for having taught me Thy straight path. I beseech Thee, O Ancient King, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all created things, and by Thy Command through which Thou hast manifested that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured in the repositories of Thy wisdom, to aid Thy loved ones in that which will exalt them among Thy servants. By Thy Name, ordain for them every good thing Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the stars of wisdom and utterance, as a command from Us and a favor from Our presence. Blessed are they who perceive and blessed are they who discern.

O Aqa Baba, upon thee be My glory! We have desired to seal thy Tablet with the mention of one who loved Me and held fast to My cord and spoke My praise and attained My presence and drank the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and arose to serve My Cause among My servants, and was named Javan-i-Ruhani in My mighty and wondrous Book.

As commanded, send this blessed Tablet and whatever else has been and is being sent to those regions to his eminence the illumined one, that is, Javan-i-Ruhani, upon him be the everlasting glory of God, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

BH00500: O Rajab-ʿAli! The promised Day hath come…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Rajab-ʿAli! The promised Day hath come and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud amidst the people on this Day wherein all things circle round the Cause, and the Mount speaketh forth: “By God! The Lord of the Manifestation hath appeared and that which was hidden from all eyes and hearts hath been revealed!” The world hath been honored by the appearance of the Ancient King, yet most of the people comprehend not. Lo! The Kawthar calleth out “Drink ye!” but the people drink not. The Salsabil summoneth all to the Glorious Lord, yet most of mankind perceive not. The proof hath been perfected, the bounty completed, and the heavenly table sent down, yet the people know not. They deny God’s grace and mercy—nay, they understand not.

The servant who hath attained Our presence hath mentioned thee, and We have remembered thee in this decisive Tablet through which floweth the Euphrates of the wisdom of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath turned and drunk therefrom, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. We desired to mention those whom thou didst mention and give them glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness that dispelleth all doubts, that the attraction of the verses may draw them to a station wherein naught is seen save the effulgences of the light of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be.

O friend! Hear the call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing in the most exalted Paradise: “God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving.” Rejoice that thy mention hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in this praiseworthy station. Say: Make your faces sincere for the sake of God and your deeds pure from doubt and ostentation. This is what ye were commanded aforetime in a written tablet wherein the Most Exalted Pen inscribed the mysteries of the seen and unseen.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Mihdi! Verily We have sent down the Book with truth and manifested clear proofs before the faces of the servants. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who hath been debarred from that which hath appeared from God, the Lord of existence. Thy name was present before the Wronged One, and He hath remembered thee with that which hath caused the fragrance of utterance to waft throughout all possibility and perfumed the kingdoms of the seen and unseen. Say: None knoweth the interpretation of what hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen save the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. The Sun of proof hath shone forth from the highest horizon of the world by the command of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me and turned toward me from the direction of the Prison. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, whereby the cities of justice and equity were illumined, to make me in all conditions hold fast unto Thee and Thy verses, and to cling to the hem of Thy bounty.

O Malik-Qabli-Muhammad! Hear the call from the direction of ʿAkka: “Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed.” He knoweth what is in the heavens and what is on earth and what was hidden from the eyes of the mystics. Hear what is cast unto thee from the verses of thy Lord—verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. He it is in Whose hand are the

destinies of the heavens and earth, and the decree of all things in a clear Book. That which hath appeared hath renewed the realities of all things, and the Herald hath proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.”

When thine eyes gain the grace of beholding thy Lord’s verses, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have been so attracted by Thy verses that they cast away all else but Thee and hastened with their hearts to the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy holiness. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, gazing toward the horizon of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to accept from me and from my brothers in the Cause that which hath proceeded from us in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have desired at this time to make mention of him who hath been named Aqa Jan, that he may render thanks unto his Lord for this clear remembrance. O Aqa Jan! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to grant thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure amongst His creation and thy name amongst His servants. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ʿAli! Today the Concourse on High are proclaiming “The Lord of all beings hath come,” yet the heedless and ignorant people are deprived of hearing and are forbidden from the outpourings of the true Benefactor in these days. Praise be to God, the souls of that village are mentioned by the Supreme Pen and their service is accepted. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of deeds and virtuous character, and to strengthen them in that which shall endure as long as His names endure. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Habibu’llah, that this remembrance may draw him to the station which God hath made the point of adoration for those near unto Him. We have remembered thee before, and at this time, as a token of grace from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Let not the conditions and events of the world sadden thee and prevent thee from the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity. Arise and say: Unto Thee be praise and glory, unto Thee be thanks and splendor, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, inasmuch as Thou hast turned unto Thy servant and illumined his heart with the light of Thy knowledge and hast sent down for him that which shall endure as long as Thy names and attributes endure. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the cawing of the crows, nor the clamor of the ungodly, nor the oppression of the tyrannical can frustrate. Ordain for me that which shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and of earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention at this time of the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God in Ha and Mim, that they may rejoice in God’s remembrance in His days and be of the thankful ones. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath remembered you before, and at this time with a clear remembrance. The Trusted One hath mentioned you before, and Abu’l-Fadl thereafter. We have sent down for you that from which the people of Baha perceive the fragrances of bounty and bestowal. Verily, your Lord, the All-Merciful, heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. We counsel

you to manifest great steadfastness, and to observe trustworthiness, chastity and faithfulness. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the strong one whom the hands of oppression have not weakened, and the seeing one whom the incidents of the days have not prevented from beholding this shining horizon.

O Yari! He who was named Rajab-ʿAli hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee and those who have believed in God, the One, the Peerless, the Strong, the Powerful. Rejoice in this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Yari! He loveth the presence of His loved ones, but the oppressors have come between Us and them. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to decree for those who desired to attain His presence the reward of meeting Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Hearken unto the Call, hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the direction of the Most Great Scene, and say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise for having guided me, and unto Thee be glory for having strengthened me to hold fast unto that which Thou didst command me. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty, through a drop whereof Thou didst adorn non-existence with the ornament of being, to ordain for me that which shall strengthen me to hearken unto Thy most sweet call and the rustling of Thy Supreme Pen. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy favor a blessing from Thee and a mercy from Thy presence, and ordain for me that which shall profit me. Verily, I know not what is with Thee, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Pen! The Most Great Name desireth to make mention of him who attained the presence of the Countenance and circumambulated the House—he who was named Rajab-ʿAli—that the rapture of his Lord's remembrance may seize him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of manifest grace.

O Rajab-ʿAli! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee, drawn thee nigh, and caused thee to attain His presence through the agencies of the heavens and earth, and for having shown thee His horizon and made thee hear His call. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We make mention in this station of thy wife, and give her glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. O My handmaiden! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. Rather, give thanks unto thy Lord and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Beloved of the nations, for having caused me to turn towards the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty and to speak Thy praise, when the divines of Iran and the people of idle fancies denied Thee, violated Thy Covenant and Testament, and disputed Thy proof."

O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden clinging fast unto Thee and acknowledging that which hath been sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her of the wonders of Thy bounty. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My handmaiden! Know thou that Rajab-ʿAli hath attained Our presence and visited the Wronged One in thy stead, and We have accepted him as a token of Our grace. Thy Lord, verily, is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention in this station of thy son, who hath been named Asadu'llah, with such remembrance as the Concourse on High shall celebrate. O Asad! The One, the Single, hath turned toward thee from this station that thou mayest be among the thankful ones. Say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy luminous countenance and by the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy service, Thy remembrance, and Thy praise amongst Thy creatures. Thou art indeed the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

We desire to make mention of My handmaiden Tahirih and My other handmaiden, and give them glad tidings of that which hath stirred the cord of grace and bounty in this Most Exalted Station, that they may rejoice in the days of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath desired for you both a bounty from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for them both that which He hath ordained for His handmaidens who have turned unto Him and circumambulated the Most Great, the Supreme Throne of God. Thus have We sent down the verses from the kingdom of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Possessor of Names and Attributes, as a bounty from His presence upon His servants and handmaidens. He, verily, is the Rememberer, the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the Mighty.

O Ramadan! The blessed Ramadan draweth nigh, and the people of Baha in this prison shall fast. In most Tablets We have counseled all to wisdom, for it is the cause of the exaltation of God's Word among His servants and the means of preserving those in the land. Hold fast unto its requirements. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. By My life! I love worship in God's path, tribulations in His love, and afflictions for the manifestation of His Cause. Blessed is he who hath heard My call and acted according to that which was commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. We have remembered thee with verses before which all the remembrances of the world shall bow down. To this testifieth every fair-minded, discerning one.

O Mashhadi Muhammad! He who hath attained My presence hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through this clear remembrance. By My life! Wert thou to inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, it would raise thee to a station wherein thou wouldst behold naught in existence save the manifestations of His power and the revelations of the lights of the Day-Star of His firm and mighty justice. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto gracious patience.

O Ja'far! Thou hast attained mention by the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Horizon. Its traces are the cause of salvation for the world and its peoples, and His bounty is the cause of the dawning of the manifestations of the Most Great Luminary. When thou hast attained unto that which hath been revealed for thee, turn thy face toward God and say: Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to hearken unto Thy call, to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty in Thy

days. O my Lord! Thou seest me yearning for the wonders of Thy grace and mercy. I beseech Thee to preserve me, through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, from the evil of every cawing raven, from the oppression of every oppressor, and from the harm of every remote and ignorant one. Verily, Thou art the Single One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH00537: Ziyarat-Namiy-i-Siyyidu'sh-Shuhada

This is a Visitation Tablet revealed by My Most Glorious Pen in the Most Exalted Horizon for His Holiness the Prince of Martyrs, Husayn ibn ʿAli—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for him.

In His Name, the Comforter, the Consoler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is the One promised in all the Books and Scriptures, mentioned in the hearts of those near unto God and the sincere ones. Through Him the Tree of Utterance hath called out in the Kingdom of Knowledge:

> "O followers of all religions! By the life of the All-Merciful, the days of sorrow have come, for such tribulation hath befallen the Dayspring of proof and the Dawning-place of evidence as hath caused the dwellers of the pavilion of glory in the most exalted Paradise to lament, and the inhabitants of the tabernacle of grace in the supreme Heaven to cry out."

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery through Whom God hath revealed the secrets of what was and what shall be. This is the Day wherein the Sign of the past hath been fulfilled by "the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Throne and the exalted Seat." On this Day have the banners of idle fancies and vain imaginings been reversed, and the decree "Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return" hath come to pass.

This is the Day whereon appeared the Great News which God and His Prophets and Messengers had foretold. Therein did those near unto God hasten to the sealed Choice Wine and drink thereof in the name of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. On this Day did the cry of lamentation rise from all directions, and the tongue of utterance proclaimed:

> "Grief be unto the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, affliction be unto the beloved of God and His trusted ones, and sorrow and anguish be unto the Manifestations of God's Cause, the Lord of what was and what shall be!"

O dwellers of the cities of names, and ye who abide in the lofty chambers of the supreme Paradise, and O faithful ones in the Kingdom of eternity! Exchange your white and crimson garments for black raiment, for the Most Great Calamity and the Supreme Affliction have come to pass, whereat the Messenger of God hath wept, the heart of the Immaculate One hath melted, and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise have raised their lamentations, as have the inhabitants of the Most Glorious Pavilion and the companions of the Crimson Ark who recline upon the couches of love and faithfulness.

Alas, alas for the wrongdoing whereby the realities of existence were set ablaze and that which befell the Lord of the Seen and the Unseen at the hands of those who violated God's Covenant and His Testament,

who denied His proof, rejected His bounty, and disputed His signs! Alas, alas! May the spirits of the Concourse on High be a sacrifice for thy calamity, O Son of the Divine Lote-Tree and the Mystery enshrined in the Most Exalted Word!

Would that the decree of beginning and return had never appeared, and that eyes had never beheld thy body cast upon the dust! Through thy tragedy, the ocean of utterance was prevented from its waves of wisdom and knowledge, and the breezes of the All-Glorious were cut off. Through thy sorrow were traces effaced, fruits fallen, the sighs of the righteous ascended, and the tears of the chosen ones descended.

Alas, alas, O Prince and Sovereign of Martyrs! Alas, alas, O Pride and Beloved of Martyrs! I testify that through thee the sun of detachment shone forth from the horizon of creation, the temples of those near unto God were adorned with the ornament of righteousness, and the light of divine knowledge radiated throughout the kingdom of creation. Were it not for thee, the decree of the Kaf and the Nun would not have been manifested, nor would the seal of the Choice Wine have been broken. Were it not for thee, the Dove of Evidence would not have warbled upon the branch of utterance, nor would the Tongue of Grandeur have spoken amidst the concourse of religions.

Through thy sorrow appeared separation and parting between the “H” and the “W”, and the cry of the believers was raised throughout the lands. Through thy calamity, the Supreme Pen was stilled from its shrill voice, the ocean of bounty from its waves, the breezes of grace from their wafting, the rivers of Paradise from their flowing, and the sun of justice from its shining. I bear witness that thou wert the Sign of the All-Merciful in all creation and the Manifestation of Divine Proof and Evidence among religions. Through Thee hath God fulfilled His promise and manifested His sovereignty. Through Thee hath the mystery of divine knowledge appeared in all lands and the Sun of Certitude hath shone from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Through Thee have appeared the power of God and His Cause, and the mysteries of God and His wisdom. Were it not for Thee, the Hidden Treasure would not have been revealed, nor His firm and irrevocable Decree. Were it not for Thee, the Call would not have been raised from the Supreme Horizon, nor would the pearls of wisdom and utterance have appeared from the treasuries of the Most Glorious Pen.

Through Thy tribulation was the joy of the Most Exalted Paradise transformed, and the cry of the denizens of the Kingdom of Names was raised. Thou art He through Whose acceptance all faces turned toward the Lord of existence, and the Divine Lote Tree proclaimed:

> “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen.”

All things were as one in both their outer and inner reality, but when they heard of Thy tribulations they were separated, scattered, and appeared in different forms and diverse colors. All existence is a sacrifice unto Thy Being, O Dawning-Place of God’s revelation and Dayspring of His Most Great Sign! All souls are a sacrifice unto Thy tribulation, O Manifestation of the Unseen in the kingdom of creation! I testify that through Thee was established the law of sacrifice throughout all regions, and the hearts of the lovers were melted in separation. I testify that the Light lamented Thy tribulations and the Mount cried out because of what was inflicted upon Thee by Thine enemies. Were it not for Thee, the All-Merciful would not have been revealed unto the Son of Imran on the Mount of Knowledge.

I call upon Thee and make mention of Thee, O Dawning-Place of detachment in creation and Mystery of Manifestation in the realm of invention! Through Thee was opened the door of generosity to the world and the light of ancient days shone forth among the nations. I testify that by the raising of Thy hope-filled hand were the hands of all created things lifted toward God, the Revealer of verses, and by Thy turning toward the Most Glorious Horizon did all beings turn unto God, the Manifestor of clear signs. Thou art the Point through which was detailed the knowledge of what was and what will be, and the Mine from which appeared the gems of sciences and arts. Through Thy tribulation was stayed the Pen of Destiny and tears flowed from the eyes of the detached ones. Alas, alas! Through Thy grief were the pillars of the world shaken, and existence nearly returned to nothingness.

Thou art He at Whose command every sea surged, every fragrance wafted, and every wise decree appeared. Through Thee was established the law of the Book among the peoples and flowed the river of mercy in the hereafter. I have turned toward Thee, O Mystery of the Torah and the Gospel, and Dawning-Place of the verses of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful! Through Thee was built the city of detachment and was raised the banner of righteousness upon the highest peaks. Were it not for Thee, the fragrance of divine knowledge would have been cut off from the realm of possibility and the breeze of the All-Merciful from all lands. Through Thy power appeared the power of God, His sovereignty, His glory, and His might, and through Thee surged the ocean of bounty and the Sovereign of Manifestation was established upon the throne of existence.

I testify that through Thee were the veils of glory rent asunder, the limbs of the misguided ones trembled, the traces of idle fancies were effaced, and the fruits of the tree of vain imaginings fell. Through Thy most pure blood were adorned the cities of the lovers, and darkness seized the light of all regions, and through Thee did the lovers hasten to the place of sacrifice and the yearning ones to the Dawning-Place of the light of reunion. O Mystery of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I know not which of Thy tribulations to recount in the world, which of Thy afflictions to spread among the nations. Thou art the Recipient of God's knowledge and the Dawning-Place of His Most Great Signs, the Rising-Place of His remembrance among all beings, and the Source of His commandments in the kingdom of creation.

O Most Exalted Pen! Say: The first light that hath shone forth and appeared, the first fragrance that hath been diffused and wafted upon thee, O thou tender Leaf of the Sidrah of the Bayan and Tree of Certitude in the paradise of divine knowledge—through thee hath the Sun of Manifestation risen, the Speaker on Sinai uttered His call, and the decree of pardon and bounty been made manifest amidst the concourse of creation. I testify that thou wert the Path of God and His Balance, the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His power, the Source of His firm commandments and His penetrating ordinances.

Thou art the City of Love, whose hosts are the lovers, and the Ark of God, whose sailors and passengers are the sincere ones. Through thy utterance surged the ocean of knowledge, O Spirit of Knowledge, and from the horizon of the heaven of proof shone forth the Orb of Certitude. At thy call in the field of war and conflict rose up the lamentation of the Dawning-Places of Beauty in the paradise of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Through thy manifestation was raised the standard of righteousness and piety, and were erased the traces of tyranny and iniquity. I testify that thou wert the treasury of the pearls of

God's knowledge and the repository of the gems of His utterance and wisdom. Through thy calamity the Point left Its exalted station and took for Itself a position beneath the letter Ba.

Thou art the Most Great Tablet wherein are inscribed the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be, and the knowledge of the first and the last. Thou art the Most Exalted Pen through whose movement were set in motion the earth and heaven, and all things turned toward the lights of the countenance of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. Alas, alas! Through thy calamity arose the wailing of lamentation from the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Maids of Heaven took for themselves an earthly station in the Most High Paradise. Blessed is the servant who lamenteth for thy calamities, blessed is the maidservant who crieth out in thy tribulations, blessed is the eye from which flow tears, and blessed is the earth honored by thy holy body and the place which gained the distinction of thy gentle form.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O God of Manifestation and the One revealed upon the Branch of Sinai! I beseech Thee by this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of detachment, whereby was established the decree of trust and resignation throughout creation, and by the bodies that were dismembered in Thy path, and by the hearts that were melted in Thy love, and by the blood that was shed in the land of submission before Thy face, to forgive those who have turned toward this Most Exalted Station and this Most High Summit, and to ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall make the fragrance of their acceptance and sincerity imperishable in the cities of Thy remembrance and praise.

O Lord! Thou seest them attracted by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation and detached from all else in Thy days. I beseech Thee to give them to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy eternity, then write down for them, from the pen of Thy grace, the recompense of attaining Thy presence. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by Thy Command whereby Thou didst subdue the kingdom of earth and heaven, and by Thy Call whereby were enraptured the denizens of the realms above, to assist us in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and in that which will elevate our stations in the court of Thy glory and the precincts of Thy nearness.

O Lord! We are Thy servants who have turned toward the revelations of the lights of the Orb of Thy Manifestation, which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance before the faces of Thy creation, to assist us in such deeds as Thou hast commanded us in Thy Perspicuous Book. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O our God and our Master, by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things and by Thy might which hath surrounded all existence, to illumine the throne of tyranny with the lights of the sun of Thy justice and to transform the seat of oppression into the throne of equity through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH00571: Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court…

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted Court of the Almighty Who was not deterred by the opposition of the opposers, the denial of the deniers, the tyranny of the oppressors, and the chains of the deceivers from His purpose. Through His Most Great Word, He guided the people of the mortal realm to the supreme horizon, made manifest the mysteries of the Resurrection and the signs of the Hour, and illumined those who have turned towards Him and are fair-minded with the lights of the Kingdom. Glorified be His power, exalted be His majesty, manifest be His proof, perfect be His favor, and complete be His testimony! Blessings and peace be upon the Hands of His Cause among His creatures, whom neither names prevented from drawing nigh unto the ocean of His bounty, nor the ornaments of the world from beholding His signs. These are the servants who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation and the Kawthar of immortality in His days—blessings from which waft the sweet savors of His generosity and munificence.

O Jalal! Some time ago that which was revealed especially for the loved ones, from whose fragrance the decayed bones were stirred and from whose breezes the realities of existence were moved and adorned. The loved ones in diverse lands each attained unto the ocean of divine utterance and were illumined with the light of recognition. The honored Siyyid ʿAli-i-Akbar appeared before Us and made mention of the loved ones in the land of Nun and Ya and other regions, and each was blessed with the Kawthar of the utterance of the Most Merciful and the sealed wine. His grace hath encompassed all and His mercy hath preceded all. We beseech God to aid the loved ones in those regions that they may detach themselves from the ladder of names and ascend unto the heaven of inner meanings. The companions of this Revelation have been and are such souls as were not deprived of what is with the Lord of the Beginning and the End by what is with the parties, and turned from what is with the peoples to what is with God. These are the dawning-places of divine power and the daysprings of heavenly steadfastness. Thy letter hath once again in these days arrived and attained unto the gaze of favor and audience.

O ʿAli-i-Aqa! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of the recognition of the Desired One of the worlds and hast quaffed from the Kawthar of utterance. Know thou the station of this bounty and say: Thine is the glory, O Lord of bounty, and Thine is the favor, O Master of all beings! I testify that Thou hast manifested that which was hidden in the treasury of infallibility and concealed from all creatures, and Thou hast guided this servant of Thine to Thy Most Great Announcement whereby the hearts of the nations were stirred. I beseech Thee not to debar me from the gate of Thy generosity and bounty and from the ocean of Thy verses. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad-i-Hasan! The deeds of some have become the cause of grief. Today the helpers of the Cause of God are goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Repeatedly hath this exalted word been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: The harm to this Wronged One came not from the chains and fetters of the land of Ta, nor from the oppression of the tyrants of the land of Mim, but rather from those souls who claim to love Him and count themselves among the people of Baha, yet are found to be enslaved by self and passion. Today the loved ones must be illumined with the light of righteousness and set ablaze with the fire of detachment. This is the counsel of God—glorified be His majesty—both in the past and future. Well is it with them that act accordingly.

Render thanks unto the Desired One Who hath made mention of thee on this night and hath revealed in thy name that whereof every letter is a brilliant lamp and a shining light for the people of the earth. When thou attainest unto this bounty, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of heaven and earth and Sovereign of might and glory!

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named ʿAbdu'l-Karim, that he may give thanks to his Lord, the All-Bountiful, Who hath come with His mighty Command, despite every perfidious sinner and accursed enemy. The fire of treachery and hatred hath been kindled in the great city. One who claimed to love hath shut the eye of justice and opened the eye of tyranny, and another joined with him. They have committed that which hath caused the hearts of the detached to lament and wail. For the sake of wealth they turned away from the Self-Sufficing Lord. This Wronged One hath come for the sanctification and purification of souls, and hath accepted countless afflictions for the exaltation and advancement of His loved ones. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to assist them to return and to perform deeds whereby the station of God's Word and His Cause may be exalted. Thus have We sent down the commandments and ordinances from the heaven of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and attained that which the near ones have attained.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Shin, from whose soil wafteth the fragrance of love and fellowship through the appearance of the Lord of creation, Who gave tidings unto all of the Sovereign of all paths and took their covenant before His own. Thus may they give thanks unto their Lord, the Ever-Mindful, the All-Bountiful.

O Abu'l-Qasim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee in this remote prison, that thou mayest know and be of the thankful. Say: O people of God! Aid your Lord through purifying yourselves. By My life! It behooveth every servant to abandon self and desire, and to hold fast unto righteousness and godliness, as bidden by God, the Creator of all things and the Lord of the kingdom of names. Today the enemies wait to observe unseemly deeds and to cast upon the servants that which preventeth them from turning unto God's path and the tidings mentioned in His divine Books. Goodly deeds are the cause of the servants' drawing nigh unto their Source. Repeatedly hath this exalted word been uttered by the Lord of all being: One pure deed will cause the essence of earth to transcend the heavens and reach the Dayspring of Revelation.

O people of God! Strive! O people of God! Endeavor! that perchance the idols of self and desire may be destroyed through the power of detachment, and godliness may be established upon its throne. Soon shall extinction seize the world and all that is therein. One must prepare for God's everlasting realms and become worthy of attaining His presence. This is His irrevocable decree. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it, and woe unto every heedless remote one.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! In these days complaints have come from every direction, and the Hands of the Cause have related strange tales concerning certain teachers which were and are unseemly. In truth I say, from whomsoever appeareth the fire of desire and passion, he is not of the Truth, and never shall be. The teacher must be adorned with the ornament of detachment, godliness, trustworthiness and piety. This is the command of God, before and after. Blessed is the servant whom desire hath not kept back from the Lord of all being. In the Hidden Words We said: O thou who art fair in appearance yet inwardly

defiled! Thou art like unto clear but bitter water, which to outward seeming is crystal pure but of which, when tested by the divine Assayer, not a drop is accepted.

The sun's reflection is visible in both dust and mirror, but know that the difference between them is as vast as the distance from the highest star to the earth, nay, immeasurably greater. The influence of words hath ever depended and shall depend upon sanctification of self. Blessed art thou, for My Pen hath moved to make mention of thee in My prison, at a time when sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions through those who follow their desires and attribute themselves to this hallowed, mighty and wondrous station.

O Abbas! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to hold fast to Thy sure handle and to cling to the hem of Thy garment. I beseech Thee by Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to make me so steadfast in Thy love that neither the doubts of the hypocrites may hinder me from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor the whisperings of the froward keep me back from turning to the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Strengthen my heart through Thy power, and illumine my sight with the light of Thy countenance. Thou, verily, art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Who is the Supreme Ruler over all who are in earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Haji Mirza, that he may drink from the Word of God the Kawthar of immortality and may recognize the station of this Announcement through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Cast away what the people possess and take what We have revealed unto thee with a power that the oppression of the wicked cannot weaken. We have made mention of Our loved ones, both before and after, in such wise as hath illumined the horizons. O people of Baha! Beware lest the veils of names withhold you from God, the Revealer of mysteries. All must arise with complete dedication to serve the Lord of mankind. This is My counsel. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted upon that which hath been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Jalal! Repeatedly hast thou been blessed to hearken unto the divine call. We beseech God to aid all to perform such deeds as would attract hearts and exalt His Word. Today, goodly deeds and character, together with divine wisdom, are the helpers of His Cause. The events that transpired in Muharram in Iraq have caused upheaval and clamor, and likewise in another place, for the people know not that a different matter hath occurred and conditions have changed due to a new development. Therefore, those who have drunk from the wine of wisdom must observe wisdom and refrain from that which causeth shock and perturbation of hearts and minds, until such time as God shall bring about His purpose and reveal its hour. Likewise, words that cause flight and denial are not permitted. The servants must be educated like children—first with gentle nourishment until they progress to meat and its like. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. The handmaidens of God and those related to thee have been and are remembered. Give glad-tidings to all from Me. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Glory be upon My loved ones and My handmaidens, and upon all who are steadfast and upright.

BH00602: Praise be to God Who hath through His Most…

He is the Herald from His Most Exalted Horizon!

Praise be to God Who hath through His Most Exalted Word revealed that which lay hidden in the treasuries of His protection and concealed in the repositories of His preservation. He is the Almighty through Whose command the ocean of utterance surged in the world of being and the luminary of grace shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Through Him was the standard raised before the faces of all people, and through Him was manifested the oneness of God, His sovereignty, His power and His might. Salutations, glorification and splendor be upon the Hands of His Cause who have cut across all paths and ways to exalt His Cause and establish His Most Great Word whereby the realities of all things were attracted and the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaimed in the Most Exalted Paradise:

> "The King hath come with an authority before which the heavens and earth cannot endure, and with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the kingdoms of command and creation."

He is the One through Whose appearance the countenance of the Mother Book smiled in the Ultimate Goal and summoned all unto God, the Lord of all men. And upon those who hearkened to their call, honored their dwelling-place, and acted according to that which they were commanded in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords.

O friends of God and His party! His honor Baqir, who hath been surnamed Baha'i in My eternal Book, appeared before My face and mentioned you. Therefore have We mentioned you and revealed for you that which hath caused the fragrance of Mine utterance to waft and the ocean of My grace to surge. Verily your Lord is the All-Merciful, the Beneficent. O My Afnan in the lands! Upon you be My glory and My loving-kindness. Hearken unto My call from this Most Exalted Station and Most Sublime Summit. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We testify that ye have attained unto the recognition of God, the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names, have believed in Him and turned toward His horizon when the servants who denied His manifestation and His proof turned away and uttered that which none of the ancients had uttered.

O My friends in Ta! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily when it is raised, the countenance of utterance smileth and the earth and heaven speak:

> "The Promise hath come and the Promised One hath come with the standards of signs from God, the Possessor of existence."

O Hands of My Cause! Blessed are ye for having turned with radiant faces and attained unto the recognition of your Lord when the limbs of all names trembled. I bear witness that ye have drunk My Sealed Wine from the chalice of the bounty of My Hidden Name, Who speaketh at this moment before the faces of all who are in the heavens and earth, and giveth them glad tidings of that which hath appeared and become manifest from the horizon of the heaven of God's mercy, the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. Blessed is he who hath loved you, heard mention of you, and arose to serve you. He is of those who have attained in My Perspicuous Book.

At this moment My Will hath desired to mention My friends in Qaf and Mim with verses whereby the hearts of those who believed when they heard the call of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, are attracted. O My friends there! We counsel you to remain steadfast with the Most Great Steadfastness lest your feet slip through the whisperings of those who denied the proof of God when it was sent down in truth and disbelieved in Him Who speaketh among you with the most exalted call:

> "Verily there is no God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen."

O Land of Kaf! The breezes of the Manifestation passed over thee at the dawn of His Day. Didst thou perceive them or wert thou of the heedless? O My friends there! We have heard your call and witnessed your turning. Verily your Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the ear that hath succeeded in hearing and the eye that hath beheld My Most Great Signs. These two are under the shadow of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Land of Sad! Where are My loved ones and My friends? I testify that in thee the fire of hatred was kindled, and by it were consumed the hearts of the pure ones through whom the Sun of Certitude shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge, and the Herald proclaimed from every direction:

> "He Who was hidden hath appeared and He Who was treasured in God's knowledge, the Lord of this exalted station, hath come!"

O My loved ones therein! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have heard My call and turned with your hearts to My horizon and drunk the choice wine of divine knowledge from the hand of My bounty and acknowledged that which hath been sent down in My Great Book. We have, as a token of Our grace and mercy from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed, veiled your names.

O people of Nun and Jim! My "Ha" hath appeared before My face and desired from the ocean of My bounty your mention. We have made mention of you through that by whose light earth and heaven were illumined. He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet beareth witness unto this. O My loved ones therein! The Spring of Divine Utterance hath come, and We have caused to rain from the clouds of Our mercy the showers of Our favors. Blessed is the heart from which have sprung the ears of wisdom which We have enjoined upon all in Our Great Tablet. Well is it with you for having borne tribulations in My path and endured afflictions in your longing for My good-pleasure. We beseech God to confirm you in steadfastness and to ordain for you through His Most Exalted Pen every good thing which He hath revealed in His Book. Verily, He is the Ancient Revealer.

O Pen! Turn thy face toward Alif and Ra and say: Where is your mention and your praise, and where is your turning and your ardor, and where is your attraction and your detachment? Let not the might of the divines frighten you, nor the power of the mighty weaken you. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and be not of the silent ones. You had a station with God—soon shall every steadfast one behold what hath been ordained for him from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Why do I see you silent and mute in the mention and praise of God? Hath heedlessness overtaken you, or are ye among the fearful? Arise in My Name, take the cup of immortality, then drink therefrom in remembrance of Me, the Wondrous. We have created you and manifested you for My service. Let not

the clamors of the babblers hinder you. We counsel you as We counseled you before—to be trustworthy and God-fearing, truthful and faithful, and to that whereby the Word of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. Blessed is he who hath cast away corruption and risen in reform—he is of those brought near in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O My loved ones! We have commanded you to righteousness and piety, and forbidden you oppression and wickedness and whatsoever causeth the servants to grieve in the realm of creation. I am the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Make it your concern to aid the servants and that whereby their hearts may be gladdened. Your Lord commandeth you to that which profiteth you and forbiddeth you from that which harmeth you. He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wise.

O My loved ones in all regions! The fragrance of divine utterance hath been wafted abroad when the Speaker on Sinai spoke. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and woe unto every heedless remote one. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through utterance whereby the servants may be attracted. This is what We commanded you before and at this time.

O people of Dal and Vav and their environs! Rejoice that We have found from you the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of this glorious station. We testify that ye have turned unto God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne, and there befell you in His path that which caused the Supreme Paradise to lament, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. We have indeed revealed for My loved ones in the Tablet which We sent down from the heaven of My Will for those who have soared in My atmosphere and held fast to the cord of My love and voiced My praise among My servants and clung to My luminous hem.

At this moment We make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, who arose to serve My Cause and to teach that which hath been sent down in My Book. We testify that he hath attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and I am He Who knoweth and counteth all things.

O Pen! Turn thy face toward Ha and Waw, then make mention of them with words wherewith the trees speak forth, even as the Tree of Sinai spoke unto Moses, He Who conversed with God. O My loved ones! We testify that ye have attained unto My verses and My signs, and there hath been sent down for you in the Tablets that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. We beseech God to aid you to remain steadfast in this mighty steadfastness, such that the doubts of the divines who have hindered men from drawing nigh unto the momentous Announcement of God shall not cause you to slip.

O My loved ones! We testify that ye have been beneath the glance of My tender care. Your names have been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have not revealed your names nor made mention of them save as a mercy from Our presence and a wisdom from One Who is a wise Judge.

O My loved ones in the cities and villages! This is a Day wherein signs have appeared, verses have been sent down, and evidence hath been made manifest. Take heed lest ye deprive yourselves of that which hath appeared through grace. Cast aside vain imaginings and turn unto this assured Light. This is a Day wherein the Balance hath been set up, the proof hath appeared, and the mountains have passed away

like clouds—this is what the All-Merciful foretold in the Qur'an. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it, and woe unto them that turn away.

O people of God! Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great Ocean which surgeth before all faces in the name of the Almighty, the Powerful. The rivers of utterance have flowed, and the breezes of the All-Glorious have wafted, and the Spirit crieth out in the wilderness of faithfulness:

> "Here am I, O Lord of all beings! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of names! Here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of the knowing ones!"

O My loved ones in Ya! The Wronged One hath turned toward you from the direction of ʿAkka and remembereth you with that which shall cause your remembrance and your names to endure in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Let not the happenings of the world grieve you. By My life! It shall pass away, and that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, shall endure. Tribulations have encompassed Us from every direction, and there hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors that which hath caused all things to lament and every informed soul to cry out. We desired for them the supreme bounty, while they desired for My Self the ultimate abasement. We beseech God to adorn them with the ornament of justice and to enable them to return unto Him. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Compassionate, the All-Merciful.

BH00608: Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through…

He is the Answerer from the Most Exalted Horizon

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through His Most Great Name, whereupon the limbs of the idolaters among the nations did tremble, and the faces of the believers were illumined amidst these intense and gloomy darknesses, and the doves of the Supreme Paradise warbled, and then the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary was raised in the most exalted Paradise. He hath come, through Whose advent both the kingdom of earth and heaven were honored. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Light and glory be upon the Hands of the Cause amidst humanity, whom God hath purified from tyranny and immorality, and adorned with the raiment of piety. These are honored servants whom God hath mentioned in His Books, His Scrolls and His Scriptures, both in the past and future, and hath preferred them above many of His creatures. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have arisen this day in this exalted station, and We desire to make mention of God's friends and loved ones, to give them glad tidings of His grace and draw them nigh unto Him in this Day wherein We are encompassed by the fires of sorrows from those who behold the sea and its waves yet deny them, and the sun and its radiance yet turn away from it, and the heaven and its stars yet object to them. Indeed, they are the worshippers of vain imaginings, to which the Tongue of Grandeur doth testify in this mighty stronghold. Say: O people, shatter the idols of self and passion with the arm of God's utterance, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. Then shall ye behold what no eye hath seen and hear what no ear hath heard, to which God's perspicuous Book doth testify at this moment. The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet most of the people remain heedless.

O Muhammad! Thy letter hath attained Our presence, sent by him whom We named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in My mighty Book, and it was presented by one of My Branches whom We named Diya. We have answered thee with verses whose fragrances have been diffused and whose perfume hath been wafted. Blessed is he who hath found them and attained unto them, and woe unto every remote heedless one. We make mention of My loved ones who have turned toward My horizon and soared in the atmosphere of My love and uttered My beautiful praise.

O Manzar! The Lord of Destiny hath made mention of thee from His Most Great Scene with verses through which God created ears among the Concourse on high specifically to hearken unto them. Know thou the station of this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of grace and favors, and in Whose right hand is the kingdom of justice and equity. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleaseth. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Na'im! We have mentioned thee before and sent it unto thee that thou mightest rejoice and be of the thankful. Say: Were it not for the Glory (Baha), who would stand before princes and divines? And were it not for Him, who would proclaim between the heavens and the earth? Be fair, O people, in what hath been sent down in truth and appeared in justice, and be not of the wrongdoers. By God! There hath appeared what hath never appeared in creation, whereunto the Mother Book doth testify in this exalted station.

O ʿAli-Aqa! My name Mihdi, upon him be my glory, hath made mention of thee aforetime, and We have sent unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of My mercy that hath preceded all who dwell on earth. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having caused my remembrance to endure in Thy perspicuous Book. I beseech Thee to aid me and Thy loved ones to perform such deeds as would be honored with Thy gracious acceptance and from which the sweet savors of Thy good-pleasure may be wafted. This is my hope and the hope of them that are nigh unto Thee. O Lord! Assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the ranks of kings and rulers may not deter them.

O Muhammad-i-Mashhadi! Dost thou know Who maketh mention of thee at this hour, and dost thou recognize Who calleth thee from this most luminous and most holy Spot? By My life! Wert thou to truly know, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of yearning in this hallowed, glorious and resplendent atmosphere. The people have cast the Ocean behind their backs, hastening unto idle fancies and vain imaginings. Thus hath the Ocean of Utterance surged before the faces of all religions. Blessed is he who hath attained and hath said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord and my King, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved and my Adored One!"

I testify that Thou hast adorned the Tablets with Thy mention and Paradise with the breezes of Thy Revelation, and hast honored the earth with Thy footsteps, and illumined the horizons with the light of certitude and hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. Blessed be My name Jamal who hath drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the chalice of My bounty and hath voiced My praise amongst My servants in days wherein the faces of the

ignorant have been darkened and the feet of the mystics have slipped upon the path of God, the True King, the Manifest One—save whom God hath willed, his Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Blessed is he who hath heard His call in this Most Great Remembrance and followed Him in this wise Command.

O ʿInayatu'llah! This is a Book inscribed by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and this is a sealed tablet, a command from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath shattered the idols and taken up the chalice of utterance in My Name before the faces of men, and hath drunk in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. The Day is come, yet most of the people comprehend not. The Light hath shone forth, yet most of the people recognize it not. They have cast justice behind their backs, clinging to tyranny, yet they perceive it not. Say: My God, my God! Adorn my head and the heads of Thy loved ones with the crowns of detachment and their temples with the raiment of godliness.

Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. O my Lord! Aid me in that whereby Thy Most Exalted Word may be uplifted amongst mankind, and enable me to achieve that which Thou lovest and pleasest. O my Lord! I am Thy servant who hath turned unto Thee and held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and the next, and whatsoever beseemeth the ocean of Thy generosity, O Thou Lord of existence!

O Habbu'llah! We have commanded all to be trustworthy and religious, and to that whereby the station of man may be exalted, yet the people have wrought that which hath caused the Pen of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, to weep. The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, and the Tree of Utterance hath cried out when He Who conversed on Sinai was established upon the throne of Revelation:

> "O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful. This is He but for Whom I would not have revealed Myself nor uttered a word. Fear God, then hasten unto Him. There is no God but He, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. If anyone denieth Him, by what proof can he establish aught else besides Him? Be fair, and be not of them who see and deny. This is He through Whom the standards of verses were hoisted and the banners of signs appeared, and through Whom every tongue hath spoken. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of creation."

O Muhammad-Rida! Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He hath come, He by Whose name the scrolls of God, the Lord of lords, were adorned. We have remembered thee with that which neither the treasuries of kings nor the wealth of servants can equal. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in the final return. Blessed is he who remaineth serene, whom armies cannot frighten, and strong is he whom the might of the wicked cannot weaken. We have sent down from the heaven of grace that which encompassed all regions. Yet when the light shone forth and the people felt secure, they emerged from behind the veils and committed that which caused the hearts of the righteous to melt. Say: O people, fear God! He hath come unto you with oceans of verses and proofs, and hath called all on earth unto God, the Lord of creation. Glorify thy Lord with praise and remind the servants of that which will draw them nigh unto the most exalted station.

Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every denying infidel. The glory of God be upon thee and upon thy daughter who hath believed in God in the final return.

O ʿAli-Qabl-Muhammad! This Name hath come and given glad tidings to the people of My manifestation, My appearance, My grandeur, My power, My might and My sovereignty. Yet when I came with the standards of guidance and success, My servants turned away from Me, denied My manifestation and disputed My verses. Thus did their own souls deceive them. Verily they are in heedlessness and error. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and revealed unto me that which delighteth eyes. O Lord! Drive me not from the door of Thy grace and deny me not from the ocean of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Chosen One. O Lord! Aid Thy servants unto virtues through which Thy Cause may be exalted among Thy creation and Thy glory in Thy lands. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Husayn! We have sent down unto thee a Tablet that no other tablets can equal, and We have remembered thy father with such remembrance as hath melted hearts. Grieve not over anything. Trust in all matters in Him. He is the Powerful, the All-Forgiving. We beseech God to punish those who wronged thy father and pronounced judgment against him without proof or evidence. The servants who circle the Throne have wailed in grief for him at morn and eve. Grieve not over anything. Verily he dwelleth now within the pavilion of My glory, surrounded by angels and the Spirit from God, the Revealer of verses. We have remembered the sons of him who ascended unto God, the Lord of religions, and We have remembered al-Ashraf whom the wolves of the earth devoured out of hatred toward God, the One, the Almighty.

The son of the wolf opened his mouth and his followers devoured him. Verily he is in abasement and loss. Soon shall he see the recompense of his deeds as did his father, and the angels of torment shall cause him to enter with wrath from God, the Powerful, the Compelling. We promised him in the Tablet of Proof concerning the evil punishment that would befall him. And We remember at this time My handmaidens and counsel them to fear God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. The glory from Us be upon you, O My loved ones, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid you in that which will attract the hearts of the servants. He is verily the Powerful, the Protector, the One Who speaketh before the faces of the parties.

BH00712: In My Name that prevaileth over earth and heaven!

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From the right hand is raised the Call of God, and from the left is manifest the Name of God, and before the face appear the signs of God, and above the head existeth the Word of God. Blessed is the soul that, through the attraction of the Divine Word and the key of heavenly bounty, hath opened the door of detachment. He is the educator of the servants and the servant of the Cause of the Lord of creation.

O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My bounty. In this Most Great Revelation there hath been sent down that which was not revealed from the beginning of creation until now, and there hath appeared that which hath been sanctified from similarity and likeness. Observe how the attraction of the

Supreme Word hath influenced the world of creation. Reflect upon its traces and fruits. The tribes of lovers were attracted by the mention of the Luminary of the horizons and were sent to the place of sacrifice. And He illumined the peoples of the cities of longing with the light of His manifestation in such wise that the gems of existence held neither station nor rank in their eyes. Detached from all else, they set their faces toward the court of the Most Glorious.

The power of the world produced no weakness, and the might of nations became no barrier. Exalted, exalted be His all-encompassing power and His prevailing Will! The harm inflicted upon this Wronged One hath outwardly exceeded human capacity; nevertheless, it did not prevent God from His purpose nor hinder the exaltation of His Word. Your honor is aware of the calumnies of the calumniators, the oppression of the oppressors, and the lies of the barking ones. Yet before the manifestation of God's Cause, all these were seen as non-existent, nay, utterly lost.

Regarding what thou didst mention about Ibn-i-Rajab'Ali and his calumnies—that party hath not spoken, nor will they speak, the truth. They attribute to Yahya the treatise of the exalted Khal (the Bab's maternal uncle) which was outwardly called "Iqan" out of wisdom. By God's life! He is incapable of understanding it. Such deeds appeared from that source of tyranny as had no parallel in the world. The fire of his self consumed and destroyed the veil of the Most Great Infallibility. Despite there being several women in his household, most of whom are known by name and reputation, yet he did not spare the honor of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake.

That shameless one committed that which caused the Ancient Beauty to be afflicted with great sorrow for a time. This incident occurred during the days of exile of the Truth, exalted be His glory. Similarly, for the sake of two days of worldly life, he caused the martyrdom of Dayyan and Khalilu'r-Rahman, sending a woman to the government house for begging. He ordered the execution of the honored Mirza ʿAli-Akbar, who was reportedly one of the relatives of the Exalted One (the Bab), and had him martyred. He caused the unfortunate Abu'l-Qasim, who had been with him for several years, to be lost through great injustice, for it is known that in the absence of the Ancient Beauty, he had sought the daughter of the honored Aqa Muhammad-Karim, sending one note with a bottle of perfume, a handkerchief, and a knife.

Her parents rejected this, and afterward gave her to Abu'l-Qasim. This became the cause of enmity and the manifestation of the fire of hatred. God protect us and you! All the companions who were in that land are aware of this incident.

Among the events that occurred was that Mulla Rajab-Ali himself came from Karbila to Baghdad for two months to complain about Siyyid Muhammad. His son knows what transpired between them. After he voiced his complaints, We said: "O Rajab-Ali, abhorrent deeds have been heard of from that land. It is said they have resorted to theft, even biting off pieces of the holy shrine with their teeth, and likewise they have stolen the possessions of pilgrims to the illumined shrines." He swore that these acts were from Siyyid Muhammad, who had gathered a group engaged in such deeds, and there existed utmost enmity between him and Siyyid Kamal. The friends in the land of Kaf are aware; if one were to inquire of those three souls, perhaps he would confess. In any case, Mulla Rajab-ʿAli said: "I told the Siyyid these actions are not good." In response he said: "You are unaware of the matter."

In brief, after this Wronged One's return to Iraq, a sorrow descended that had no equal, until finally through sufficient healing words and loving counsels these impure deeds and their stench were eliminated. The Cause of God was so exalted that the people of Iraq of every kind attained the Most Holy Court, and on the day of the move from the house to the garden, the learned of that land, such as the late Alusi and others, came forward and cried out, and the people of Iraq from the Governor to military chiefs, judge and others were present in the Imam's garden. Surely you have heard of the gathering of the servants on that day and the love of the people.

O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! Later they did not observe the sanctity of Muharram, considering the rising of the Imams from their graves. This grievous error caused the people to withdraw and keep their distance. Glory be to God! We came from Iran to Iraq by the command and permission of the sovereign, and after some time Yahya arrived, and later the command to proceed to the great city appeared, and this Wronged One, in response to the plea of ministers and princes, departed. Each day he would make some demand, and then it was decided that he should proceed to Iran with the trust of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. After the move, he went towards the Threshold.

When We arrived in Mosul, it was observed that he had stayed in that land waiting for Our arrival, though inwardly he denied the presence and approach of all, and his foolish followers accepted this. In brief, wherever We turned, he followed from behind. Seventy people in that journey saw and heard his deeds, actions and words. Nevertheless, the utmost kindness was shown to him, for had he been disappointed in this matter, he would never have turned in the direction this Wronged One turned. Every fair-minded and perceptive person bears witness to this. One must reflect upon the outward deeds to become aware of the degrees of opposition. In brief, there are many matters. We conclude them with the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! God willing, through the favors of the Lord of Destiny thou shalt attain to that which hath no likeness or equal. We testify that thou didst turn unto Us when most of the servants turned away, and thou didst arise to serve the Cause when the people were wrapped in heedlessness and error. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Beware lest the clamor of men debar you from the Creator of heaven. Associate with the people of the earth with pure hearts and radiant breasts, and seek from God for all that which is the cause of eternal salvation and everlasting remembrance. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what thou hast written about Hadi-i-Dawlat-Abadi having in these days resorted to the recitation of elegies—God knoweth that that oppressor hath appeared with such deceit and craftiness as hath had no equal. He hath denounced certain ones to the oppressors. When that transient shadow failed to achieve his rejected purpose, he raised the standard of sedition and hanged the wronged Siyyid, and committed that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid all to do that which beseemeth His days. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And may He cause to appear before the faces of His loved ones that which shall adorn them with the ornament of joy and gladness. Verily He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Great.

The splendor that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and hearken unto thy words for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00717: Glorified be He Who doeth whatsoever He willeth! Verily…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving! He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Ever-Relenting!

Glorified be He Who doeth whatsoever He willeth! Verily He is the Commander of earth and heaven. Neither the hosts of names nor all that exists in the realm of creation can withhold Him. He is, in truth, the Just Ruler, the Trustworthy.

O thou who art immersed in the ocean of transgression! By My life, what hath been attributed to thee and what hath become known of thy deeds hath grieved Me. By God! Such sorrow hath seized Me that the Pen hath been prevented from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all nations. We have heard its lamentation and its cry concerning that which hath befallen its Beloved in days wherein every mouth should smile, every sorrowful one rejoice, every hesitant one hasten forward, and every seated one soar on the wings of longing. Yet there hath appeared that which hath caused the liver of righteousness to melt and justice to wail before God, the Lord of all mankind, by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One on a day wherein the fire of passion was kindled amongst men.

Grief hath overtaken Me on account of that which hath seized the crown of thy head and the adornment of thy temple. The hand of destiny hath stripped thee and rendered thee deprived of the outpourings of thy Lord's days, the Lord of all names. It behooveth thee to weep, and I weep for what hath befallen Me and thee through thy evil deeds. By God! Deeds have wailed because of thy actions, and the Book of Forgiveness because of thy disobedience, and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have been consumed by the desires of thy self.

Thou wert created to aid My Cause, yet thou didst support Mine enemies through deeds more powerful than the hosts of kings and sovereigns, and thou didst abandon Me to the tongues of Mine enemies which were sharper than swords and more penetrating than the venom of serpents. Thus doth the Lord of Religions lament upon the dust before all faces.

I know not by what word to speak nor by what mention to recall that which hath befallen Me at the hands of those who claim to love Me. Shall I say what Jacob said—I complain of my distress and grief unto God? Nay, by My soul! I desire not to complain of tribulation, suffering and ordeal. Rather, I give thanks unto God in His decree and destiny, and I shall exercise beautiful patience. He is the Help in time of need against what they describe.

Can anyone stand against His decree and destiny? Nay, by His own Self, the Truth! Verily He is the Self-Subsisting in His Cause, the Executor of His judgment, the Supreme Ruler by His sovereignty. He is the Praiseworthy in His deeds, the Obeyed One in His judgment, and He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

By My life! My condition and circumstances have transcended mention and utterance. While I was sitting upon the ashes, crying and weeping for Myself and for what had befallen Me from the loved ones, at that moment a letter arrived and was presented by the servant who was present before Me.

We heard a cry, uttered by the Maiden of Heaven, and a lament, voiced by the fruits; and therein He said:

O my God, my God! My deplorable state has reached such a pass that all remembrance is cut off, and my rebellion has attained such a degree that neither turning to Thee, nor remembrance, nor return, nor seeking forgiveness can profit me. I have violated Thy sanctity after Thou didst enjoin me to preserve it amongst Thy loved ones. By Thy glory! My transgression has become as fire consuming my deeds and devotions. Is there for me, O my God, any station of return whereat I might turn in repentance unto Thee? I testify that through my rebellion the rain of mercy has been withheld from the clouds of Thy bounty, and the manifestations of the lights of grace from the Daystar of Thy forgiveness.

O Lord! The ocean of rebellion advances toward Thee, and the mountain of error turns to the court of Thy generosity. Thou seest me, O my God, immersed in the sea of disobedience and consumed by what hath befallen Thee through my evil deeds, O Ocean of forgiveness! By Thy might and Thy majesty! I am ashamed to seek pardon from Thee or ask Thee for forgiveness, for through my deeds the fire of despair and deprivation was ignited, and I was not inclined to return, O Lord of forgiveness and beneficence.

In such state there occurred to my mind a remembrance from among the remembrances which flowed from the Pen of Thy Command in the Book of the Righteous. Though my deeds have made me despair of Thy tenderness and mercy and forgiveness and bounty, and deprived me of Thy grace and generosity and benevolence and favors, yet I cannot say that my rebellion has overwhelmed the ocean of Thy forgiveness, or that through my error the traces of Thy favor have been erased and the waves of the ocean of Thy pardon have been stilled.

Since this is so, then Thou seest me, O my Beloved and my Purpose, bereft of every rank and good deed and kindness and virtue, clinging to the cord of Thy generosity to which all beings have testified, and to Thy grace to which all things have borne witness. Deal with this abject one who hath acknowledged Thy glory and power, this poor one who hath confessed Thy might and riches, this wearied one who hath testified to the kingdom of Thine utterance.

Thereupon the tongue of my inner and outer being is silenced through my shame and rebellion and abandonment of what Thou didst command me. By Thy glory! I have cast aside my pleading and hope and deeds and will, looking to Thy grace and Thy will. Do with me as Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the One praised in Thy deeds and obeyed in Thy command.

And when another letter arrived from him and was opened, hearts and souls wailed from its lamentations, and from its despair the livers were burned and tears flowed. Then the gates of grace and bounty were opened, and the door of mercy and faithfulness.

We said: Do not grieve, even though your error has stripped the temple of the Cause of its robe of glory and dignity. But thy Lord's mercy has preceded both the righteous and the wicked. Verily thy Lord forgave Adam with a word from His presenceâ€"the father of mankind acknowledged his error and was forgiven.

The oceans of rebellion cannot stand against a drop from thy Lord's ocean of forgiveness. We have purified thee with the Kawthar of return and forgiven thee through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, and He is the Ever-Turning, the All-Compelling, the Unconstrained.

However, from thy deed appeared that which had never occurred to anyone among those who circled round the Cause in this Most Great Prison. O Muhammad, rejoice! By God, God hath forgiven thee and purified thee by His binding command among the nations. Today thou art before God among those who have no sin. Whoso imagineth otherwise is among the worshippers of vain fancies in the sight of God, the Lord of all beings.

Say: O people of Baha, fear God and be not among the heedless. How did ye precede with speech after We had described the people of Baha as those who precede Him not in speech and who act according to His command? And they spread indecency after We had forbidden them from it. Those who love that indecency should spread among the people of Baha have no share in God's grace and mercy, nor have they any station beneath the canopies of His grandeur.

Behold, O people of the Bayan, what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. I seek refuge with God, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing:

"Verily they who brought forth the lie are a band among you. Do not consider it an evil for you; nay, it is good for you. Every person among them shall have what he hath earned of sin, and he who took upon himself the chief part thereof shall have a grievous punishment. Why did not the believing men and believing women, when ye heard it, think good of themselves and say: This is a manifest lie?' Why did they not bring four witnesses thereof? Since they have not brought the witnesses, they are liars in God's sight. Were it not for God's grace and mercy upon you in this world and the next, a grievous chastisement had befallen you for that which ye spread abroad, when ye uttered with your tongues and spoke with your mouths what ye had no knowledge of, and counted it a light thing, while with God it was grave.

And why, when ye heard it, did ye not say: It is not for us to speak of this. Glory be unto Thee! This is a mighty calumny.' God admonisheth you that ye never return to the like thereof, if ye be believers. And God maketh clear to you the signs, and God is Knowing, Wise. Verily those who love that indecency should spread among the believersâ€"for them is a grievous chastisement in this world and the next. God knoweth, and ye know not. Were it not for God's grace upon you and His mercy, and that God is Kind, Merciful… O ye who believe! Follow not the steps of Satan, and whoso followeth the steps of Satan, verily he commandeth indecency and wrong. Were it not for God's grace upon you and His mercy, not one of you would ever have been pure; but God purifieth whom He will. And God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing."

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BH00732: In the name of Him Who caused the suns…

In the name of Him Who caused the suns of holiness to dawn from the horizon of sublime glory, and in the name of our Lord, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid.

O Word of Holiness! Rejoice within thyself, for God hath made thee sanctified from the intimations of them that are veiled. O Countenance of Fellowship! Be glad within thine essence, for God hath purified thy heart with water that hath flowed from the right hand of the mighty throne, and hath singled it out for His love, and hath caused thy face to turn unto His face, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Powerful. O Leaf of Divine Knowledge! Take delight in thine inmost being, for the radiance of bliss hath shone forth from thy countenance, and the breezes of grace have encompassed thee, and thy Lord hath given thee to drink from the cup of holiness and the pure wine of paradise.

Thereafter, two leaves from thee, which gave voice to the melodies of the birds of the divine Lote-Tree, reached Us, and from their wondrous tunes, heartfelt joy and inherent gladness were made manifest. Praise be unto Him Who created thee and fashioned thee by His word "Be" and it is, and raised thee up in truth, and inspired thee with that which gladdeneth the hearts of the yearning ones and kindleth the fire in the souls of the lovers. I swear by the Sun of the dawn of inner meanings that its heart-attracting fragrances perfumed the paradise of the heart, and its sweet scents guided the city of the soul with the holy fragrance of the Beloved. Well is it with thee, O servant, then blessed art thou, O servant who hath arisen to serve thy Lord, and hast committed thy affairs unto Him, and hast turned thy face toward the court of His good-pleasure. Thus doth God raise up whom He willeth, and transform whom He willeth, and change whom He willeth, how He willeth, and none hath wished save as He, by His command, hath wished, and thus hath His will encompassed all in the worlds through His sovereignty.

Furthermore, thy petitions were presented before the Throne and were read in their entirety, and were accepted in His presence, and this is a bounty sufficient for thee and sufficient for all the worlds. Then from the heaven of grace and favor and the clouds of holy benevolence, the rain of mercy was showered upon thee in such wise that none save the Ancient Being Himself hath been or shall be capable of reckoning it. A wondrous, sublime, and most exalted Tablet was revealed especially for thee, and a Tablet for thy brother, and a Tablet for thy sister, and a Tablet for Aqa Muhammad Hasan, whose names were mentioned in thy letter, were brought to mind before the Throne, and from the horizon of favor, according to what God had ordained for them, wondrous and sublime verses were revealed and sent forth, that their eyes might be consoled, their hearts gladdened, their breasts sanctified, and that they might be numbered among the thankful. And praise be to God, for He is the Beloved of them that know.

And furthermore, that which you mentioned regarding being blessed by divine grace and attaining the presence of God—indeed the sincere lover has had and shall have no other aim. This was mentioned before the Throne and I submitted it, and from the right hand of the Throne these words were revealed:

> "O Kazim! Praise God that thy letter, purified from the allusions of all who are in the heavens and earth, was presented before the Greatest Scene. Blessed art thou in that nothing prevented thee—thou didst, through the power of the Friend, shatter the idols of the Glorious One and didst tear asunder, through God's might, the veils of all else but Him."

And at this time, which was the most mighty of times and most noble of seasons, mention of thee was made before the Throne. Now be content with this much, for the corruption of the new opposers has come between the eyes of the loved ones and the Beauty of the Adored One. Therefore be patient, then show forth yet more patience, until God brings His command. Verily He doeth what He willeth through

His command and judgeth as He pleaseth through His sovereignty. None can repel His command or reverse His decree. Verily He is the Sovereign, then the Protector, then the Omnipotent, then the Most High, then the Powerful. And verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Here end the words of God.

We hope, God willing, that at all times the grace of the Lord of the Worlds will assist you through the outpouring of the fire of love and the manifestations of rapturous utterances, in such wise that from its fire frozen hearts shall melt and through its rapturous manifestations the veiled hearts shall be attracted. Praise be to God that He enabled you to suddenly rend all veils and, without allusion, to dwell upon the Most Glorious Horizon. O how wondrous is this bounty! By God the Truth, were people to be even slightly aware, they would surely observe that a bounty hath appeared the like of which hath never been nor shall ever be from the beginning of creation. Alas for those who are veiled and heedless! We hope that this fire which was ignited in that Tree shall ever increase, for verily He is the Answerer of those who petition and the Bestower upon those who seek.

And furthermore, unity with the loved ones of God hath been and shall ever be supremely beloved in the sight of God, especially with the Name of God Jinab-i-Javad, upon him be the glory of God and His radiance. And upon thee be the Spirit, then the Light, then the Glory, then the Majesty.

Regarding the matter of the 600 tumans which you gave to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Rida-Quli, and concerning which you had mentioned that guidance be given from the Source of the Cause as to what should be done, I laid the matter before the throne. He answered:

> "Write: Do not concern yourself with this, for the world and its ornaments have no permanence. We have accepted from you double that amount, for verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Whatever transpired in the past, when you mentioned it before your Lord, therefore no blame resteth upon you. Divine grace is of such magnitude that He accepteth from you that which you have not done in His path, by virtue of that which hath appeared in your heart whereby the treasures of the heavens and earth are created—and that is My love. This indeed is the Truth, and after Truth there is naught save manifest error. When thou didst attain unto this, thou didst attain unto all good from One Who is Mighty, Powerful. However, strive thou to protect it from the arrows of those who have disbelieved and associated partners with God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Thus hath thy Lord's favor been completed unto thee, and His grace upon thee, and His bounty toward thee, that thou mayest thank God, thy Lord, and that thy face may be illumined at all times with the lights of manifest holiness. Through this the hearts of the wicked are consumed and the hearts of the righteous among the concourse of the near ones are made glad."

Remain settled and occupied with your affairs in complete calm and dignity, for it is beloved before God that each soul should exert maximum effort in his affairs, after placing his trust in God, his Lord. Therefore, continue to engage in your commerce, which hath ever been and shall ever be beloved before God. Likewise hath the Tongue of God spoken this word:

> "O Kazim! Soar with thy love unto God, inasmuch as the breezes of joy have wafted over thee from all directions. Yet thou canst not comprehend what hath befallen thy Lord from one

whom He reared night and day and taught speech as they teach parrots in India. When he had learned a word or part of a word, he grew proud before God as leadership over the rabble of the earth possessed him, until he pronounced the death sentence against Me without any proof from My All-Powerful, Almighty, Invincible Self. Would that he had stopped at that! When the hosts of victory were sent down and God preserved His invincible and mighty Self, he raised an outcry and reversed what he had intended against My wronged, grief-stricken, sorrowful Self, after he and all people knew that I had ever been powerful over him and knew what was within him. Despite this, I concealed and protected his person from the harm of every harmful one and from the injury of all creatures. When the sun of assurance dawned upon his back, he stirred within himself and stung Me like a serpent each day, nay, each moment. Thus were the words of God fulfilled in truth and justice, and there is none to change His firm, fixed, mighty and wondrous words."

BH00754: Praise befitteth the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court…

In the Name of God, Lord of Earth and Heaven!

Praise befitteth the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of the Desired One, Who hath made manifest the secrets of hearts and revealed that which lay hidden in the innermost minds. Alas! Alas! for that which hath befallen the Embodiment of sanctity, detachment, trustworthiness and fidelity! The arrows of greed, avarice and passion have assailed Him. That soul, despite the love shown by the Afnan, hath committed that which causeth every trustworthy one to lament and every truthful one to weep. We counseled with trustworthiness; he responded with treachery. We exhorted with truth; he adorned himself with falsehood. He transformed justice into tyranny and trustworthiness into betrayal through his deeds. Every conscious one is bewildered by the heedlessness of that negligent soul. The seat of love hath become the manifestation of enmity, and the place of gratitude hath turned to complaint. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist all to that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make known unto them that which shall profit them and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

The letter of Mirza Abdul-Karim, upon him be the peace of God, was perused, and the fragrance of love was wafted from its words, and likewise did the light of steadfastness shine forth. And from the latter portion of the letter of his honor Fadl, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, it was evident that he hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath spoken in praise of his Lord.

That which was mentioned concerning the martyrdom of the departed one was heard. Blessed is he in that God gave him to drink a draught from the cup of fidelity, and a portion from the chalice of detachment, and a drink from the ocean of martyrdom. At the time of his ascension, the holy souls and illumined realities welcomed him after the lights of pardon and forgiveness had encompassed him. Joy be unto him and unto those who remember him and will remember him with goodness. Verily God is the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Generous.

The cause of this affair was the events that occurred in Muharram. After the incident took place, that which they have mentioned regarding informing the government and ruler of the country was acceptable. It is necessary for those in authority to be informed of such matters. However, in questions

and answers it should be said that we were and are true Muslims, but there is a difference that has arisen, namely that we were promised the appearance of a Qa'im from among the descendants of the Prophet. And this group known as Babis say that His Holiness has appeared, while a faction among the Islamic sects who consider themselves Shi'ih deny this Manifestation and say that He must appear from the imaginary Jabulqa and Jabulsa—which are names of two cities—with fabricated signs. This matter became the cause of discord, and that Qa'im [the Bab] Whose appearance we accepted was martyred, and this incident became the cause of universal hatred and rancor.

In the early years, repeated conflicts and disputes occurred in Iran. That Qa'im gave us glad tidings of the appearance of the Name of the Self-Subsisting, Who would appear afterwards. This blessed Manifestation strictly forbade all from conflict and dispute in the Book, and firmly commanded in the Tablets association and love with all religions. As He hath revealed in the Most Holy Book: "Consort with all religions with amity and concord." In another place He hath said: "To be killed is better for you than to kill." And likewise in Persian He saith: "If you possess a precious pearl or an exalted jewel, show it and present it. If it is accepted, the purpose is achieved; if not, leave it with him and pray for him, but do not treat him unkindly."

Now it is nearly forty years that conflict and dispute have been entirely removed through God's grace and favor. During these successive years, in every land they have repeatedly martyred individuals from this oppressed community, yet the latter did not retaliate and left it to God. The martyrdom of that oppressed one which occurred in these days is a true testimony to the oppression of this community and the tyranny of the enemies. This oppressed community seeks from God comfort, bounty, glory and well-being for all, yet the enemies in response have been and are engaged in killing and plunder. Now we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to manifest a helper and protector for this oppressed community. Verily He hath power over all things.

And the cause of this slaying and pillage hath been certain divines of Persia, who, without any proof or evidence, have pronounced the decree of martyrdom against this company. The Sovereign of Persia—may the All-Merciful aid him—hath, however, for some years past, refrained from molesting this people; nay rather, he hath extended his protection unto them, and at times preserved them from the malice of the ignorant. We entreat God, exalted and glorified be He, to assist His Majesty in safeguarding the wronged from the rising-places of oppression and tyranny. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.

As for the mention of ʿAkka alone, it suffices. Repeatedly during the month of Muharram these events occurred. At the time of departure from Iraq, We counselled all to observe wisdom and that which would lead to the prosperity and success of all. However, after the Wronged One's arrival in the great city during the month of Muharram, some acted in ways that caused great commotion. For the generality of people, not having attained even a drop from the ocean of knowledge, imagine—God forbid—that this community's beliefs or their love for that Holy Being has diminished or weakened. Far be it! Rather, the joy of those days relates to their belief that the Imams have returned and appeared, in accordance with Shi'ih belief, for among the authenticated traditions is that at the appearance of the Qa'im, the Imams of the Qur'an will arise from their graves and appear. They are unaware that in these days another Cause has appeared and the hidden treasure has been revealed.

Such actions are not permissible in days like these, for they are contrary to wisdom. Most people are heedless and veiled from the Truth, oblivious to it and focused on themselves. Therefore, that which causes separation is not beloved in God's sight, for separation leads to estrangement and remoteness. Be patient, O people of justice! Soon days will come when all shall understand the purpose and arise to serve. The honored martyr, whom the mercy of his Lord encompassed from all directions, due to the effulgences of the light of love and the revelations of the radiance of affection, did not observe wisdom as was befitting, and thus occurred what occurred. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

Today one must hold fast to that which causes the attraction and orientation of the servants. O friends of God! Hold fast to that which draws hearts and souls. Deeds that cause upheaval and kindle the fire of hatred are not permissible and are not acceptable. This Revelation is for the union of all, not separation. What has appeared thus far has been and is without harm, and the steadfastness of some souls has become manifest. We beseech the True One to confirm all in all conditions. What is needed today is the unity and agreement of the friends. All must exert mighty efforts in this regard.

We have made mention of the friends of that land, but due to wisdom it was not sent. We shall send it soon. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O My loved ones! Observing wisdom and obedience to government are among God's binding commands. Hold fast to them, as bidden by One Who is a sincere counselor, trustworthy.

BH00771: O Amin! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

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

O Amin! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have seen and heard thy letter which thou didst send from the Land of Ta to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. The Supreme Pen hath ever mentioned all the peoples of the world and counseled them to trustworthiness, righteousness, and that whereby the Word is exalted. Thou and the loved ones of this Revelation have all borne and continue to bear witness that the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath opened a gate of mercy through His Most Noble Name, the like of which hath not been seen from the beginning of the world until now. Blessed are they who have attained and who have hearkened unto and answered their Lord, the Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Thou didst make mention of the loved ones of Van. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the dewdrops of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of all worlds. We counsel them to trustworthiness and righteousness and to that whereby the laws and ordinances of God are uplifted. Blessed is the soul who in this day layeth down and raiseth up his head upon his couch with the intention of reforming the world. The best of all deeds is to show forth love towards all the peoples of the world. The party that hath truly been and continues to be an obstacle to this most great bounty and this most great favor is the Shi'ih party. Their beliefs and vain imaginings have deluded them. We beseech God that He may aid that

party to return from oppression and tyranny to justice and equity. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thou didst make mention of Khuy and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Jalil, and likewise of the enthusiasm of the loved ones in those regions. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and to ordain for them that which shall enable them to spread love and affection and to unite their hearts in harmony. We have previously made mention of Jinab-i-Jalil, upon him be My glory. Today the loved ones of the Wronged One must arise to accomplish that which is the cause of success and prosperity. The primary purpose is to extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity that lieth concealed and hidden in the hearts of the people of Iran. However, through the hosts of tender counsels and wise exhortations, this Wronged One beseecheth from God whatsoever conduceth to the development of the world and the refinement of the souls of the nations.

O Amin! Reflect upon the hypocrites and the calumniators. The events that occurred at the Threshold were a sign from God so that certain oppressors might recognize and comprehend that which is hidden. All of this occurred due to the seduction of Shaykh Muhammad-i-Yazdi and his guide who is on the island. Beseech God that He may make the servants aware. In brief, that which became manifest in that city was a proof for the manifestations of justice and equity, that they might know what befell the Wronged One in numbered years. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Patient, and He commandeth thee to exercise gracious patience. No one should oppose the opposers. Leave them to God. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

We have previously made mention of the brother of Jinab-i-Jalil who ascended. We beseech God to forgive him through His grace and to send down upon him from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. A most holy and most exalted Tablet hath been specifically revealed and sent down from the heaven of favor for Jinab-i-Mirza Aqa. I beseech God that He may aid him in that which is the cause of loftiness and elevation.

You mentioned the believers of Avaghuli and likewise their expressions of devotion and love—blessed are they, and joy be unto them. A tablet has been revealed mentioning the four souls who have turned to you, and the favors of the Most Exalted Pen encompass these four souls, nay rather all. We beseech God to assist them through His Cause, enable them through His sovereignty, and draw them nigh through the hosts of His grace. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

As for your mention of the believers of every land, all have been blessed with the effulgences of the light of grace, bounty, remembrance and praise. We have beseeched confirmation for all. Today steadfastness is the greatest of all deeds, for the words of the past have emerged—that is, the utterances of the detestable Shi'ih sect who each day, claiming love for the Successor, added to their oppression and pride until finally they martyred the Master of the Successor and the Lord of the Successor—nay, the One through Whose word a thousand successors were created. And now they mount the pulpits with their turbans and cloaks and, God forbid, occupy themselves with cursing and reviling Him. In any case, We enjoin all to purify their hearts from these names and free themselves from these fabricated stations

which they have contaminated with their vain imaginings. Verily He speaks the truth and guides the way, and He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

We have commanded his honor Aqa Siyyid A.H. Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, to proceed to ʿIshqabad for the sale of properties, and likewise Afnan A.L., upon him be the Glory of God, should go and do what is necessary for the payment of debts. O Amin, upon thee be My Glory! It is strange that until now no mention has been made of the kindnesses of his honor A.L., and you know that unless a matter is outwardly presented, no wisdom or expediency becomes outwardly manifest. In truth, the aforementioned soul has shown great effort and love regarding these persons. All must act in a manner befitting this deed. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to grant him an abundant reward and to open before his face the door of grace and bounty. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Special Tablets were revealed and sent to the people of Avalughli. God willing, they will drink from the chalices of remembrance and the cup of utterance and the ocean of grace that lie concealed within the revealed verses. You mentioned Mirza Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise mentioned his love and enthusiasm and his giving during nights and days. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Time and again his mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to increase his service at every moment, and likewise his confirmation and success. Verily We have mentioned him before and mention him now as a mercy from Our presence and a bounty from Our part.

Thy Lord doth witness and see and hear, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Mention was made of Haji Ali-Akbar and Aqa Ali-Akbar. Each hath attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Reflect upon the ocean of God's loving-kindness, how He manifested A.H.M. and adorned him with the means of love and submission and contentment. The breezes of the verses that were sent down from the heaven of God's Will in his name have not ceased and will never cease. From the beginning of days until now he hath stood firm in service and hath spoken in remembrance. He and those with him all stand and are mentioned before the seat of the Wronged One. Soon shall the horizons of the world glory in his presence and his deeds and his remembrances, whereunto My perspicuous Book doth testify.

Praise be to God! That honored one hath ever been and still is occupied with the mention of the friends of God in cities and lands. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having manifested me through Thy power and enabled me to serve Thee and caused me to speak Thy praise and illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom, by the mysteries of the Realm of Might and the lights of Thy countenance whereby the realm of creation was illumined, and by Thy Most Great Book which speaketh before the faces of the nations, to assist me and Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in such wise that neither the promptings of the evil ones, nor the doubts of the deniers, nor the insinuations of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment shall keep them back.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and the penetrating power of Thy verses to ordain for Thy loved ones and Thy friends the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before the gate of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH00818: He speaketh forth in the Most Great Prison

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O ʿAli! Some time ago, there was revealed especially for the rulers of the earth that by which the fragrance of bounty hath encompassed all save those who cling to the cord of tyranny and hold fast to the hem of wickedness. Now again thy petition hath attained unto the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to aid all to hearken unto the Call raised from the Lote-Tree of Sinai and to arise to serve the Cause as beseemeth it. The Sun hath proclaimed, “The All-Bestowing hath come!” and all things have announced, “The Lord of Names hath come!” Blessed is the ear that hath hearkened and arisen to serve, and woe unto him who hath denied and was of the heedless.

O Jahanbakhsh! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the bounty of the True Possessor. All the treasures of the world cannot equal that which God hath bestowed. Faith, recognition and understanding are each a garment of God’s grace, glory be to His majesty. He adorneth therewith whomsoever He willeth of His creation and withholdeth it from whomsoever He desireth of His servants. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Know thou the worth of this blessed garment and deprive not thy heart of its adorning. We beseech God to aid thee and strengthen thee with the hosts of utterance. Verily He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O Naqi-Qabli-Khan! Today the Call is raised and the world is perfumed with the fragrance of the Revelation. He who desireth to hear, heareth, and he who desireth to see, seeth. From the beginning of this Revelation, when the ocean of bounty surged, We removed the word “never” and appeared without veil or covering. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard. We beseech God to aid thee to steadfastness in this Great Cause. Verily He is the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

O ʿAbbas-Qabli-Kha! The tale of Sinai hath returned and its mysteries are made manifest. The Blessed Tree speaketh, in this moment uttering: “I believe in Thee, O Lord of the worlds!” From this verse the loftiness of this Revelation is evident before the faces of the discerning and the perspicacious. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and beseech God that He may aid thee in that which causeth the fragrance of eternity to waft and the light of His good-pleasure to shine forth. Verily thy Lord is the Fulfiller of the needs of the seekers, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Ilyas Bey! The Lord of mankind saith: This is the Day wherein man can attain unto everlasting stations, eternal bounties, heavenly sustenance, and endless favors. Strive thou and beseech God that perchance thou mayest enter the depths of oneness and behold the world as non-existent and null. Knowest thou Who hath remembered thee from the precincts of the Prison? Say: God, the Speaker, the Utterer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise and to draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Merciful.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! We have heard thy call and have called thee from the realm of grandeur. Verily there is no God but Him, the Lord of all things, the Creator of earth and heaven. Rejoice that the face of God hath turned toward thee and hath remembered thee with that which shall endure throughout His

mighty and exalted Kingdom. Blessed is the ear and eye that hath today attained unto the hearing of the Call and the witnessing of His signs. Were a pure and sanctified ear to be found, it would hear from all things the glad-tidings of this Most Great Revelation, and no tidings in the world can equal these tidings. Say:

O my God, my God! I find myself in an ocean of joy through my heart being attracted to the signs of Thy Manifestation in Thy days, and I find myself in depths of sorrow by the prolongation of the days of Thine enemy. O Lord! Have mercy upon Thy chosen ones and sincere servants, then protect them from the wolves of Thy earth. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

O servant of God! Every soul hath testified and doth testify to the transience of this world; nevertheless they cling to it in such wise as transcendeth the reckoning of those who reckon. Heedlessness hath deprived all and barred them from the ocean of divine mercy. Blessed is he who possesseth might and who, through the Name of Truth, hath rent asunder the veils and attained unto the horizon of Revelation. Say:

O my God, my God! Aid me and Thy loved ones to turn unto Thee and to arise to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the needy seeking the kingdom of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of what is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

O servant of God! Verily the birds of the divine throne are caught in the talons of oppression. Today all must fix their gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and be detached from aught else. Greed and avarice have deprived the people from the mysteries of these days. The fire of lust and desire will not be extinguished save through the Will of God, exalted be His glory. Say:

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy standing and sitting, by Thy Will and Authority, by Thy recitation of verses, by Thy declarations and utterances, and by the manifestation of Thy Cause before Thy creation, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of the oppressors who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, and have committed that which hath caused every truthful and trustworthy one to lament, and every knowing and informed one to weep. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O ʿAli! Some time ago the petition of Khalil, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, attained the Most Holy Court, and for each of the names mentioned therein, a Tablet and verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of glory and bounty, majesty and splendor. Well is it with them and pleasant it is to them. Likewise, specifically for thee and for him who spoke before his Lord was revealed that which is sanctified from doubt and holy above similitude.

The loved ones have ever been and continue to be mentioned in the Court of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We hereby give glad tidings at this time to thy son who repeatedly uttered praise of his Lord. We heard his call and whatsoever was manifested from his tongue in praise of the Goal of all the worlds was honored with acceptance and hearing. Blessed is the tongue that spoke in praise of its Lord.

His poetry was recited before the Face, and those present, as well as those circumambulating, heard it and each mentioned concerning it that which is the cause of confirmation and the source of success. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the kinsmen, and adorn them with the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Utterance, the Goal of all the worlds.

We conclude Our words at this point by mentioning the two names We mentioned before, as a favor from Our presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Inspirer, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We counsel at the end of the Book Our loved ones and friends to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness, and sincerity. Today the helper of the Cause hath been and is goodly character and pure deeds. Blessed are they that act and happy are they that comprehend.

Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, has in these days again attained the Most Holy Court and repeatedly made mention of the friends of that land. In truth he has been and continues to be the helper of the friends and loved ones. In the petitions submitted he has made and continues to make mention of the friends in various regions, both past and present. He has been and remains the well-wisher of the world and all peoples. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions, even as He has assisted him. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

Light and glory be upon you, O friends of God and His chosen ones. We beseech Him to aid you in whatsoever He loves and is pleased with. There is none other God but He, the Lord of the Most Exalted Horizon, Who has appeared through His Most Glorious Name.

BH00840: The Epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

In the Name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O leaf of Mine, O My handmaiden who hath fixed her gaze upon My horizon, who soareth in the atmosphere of My love, and who hath clung to the cord of My bounty! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have preceded existence, both seen and unseen, and which have been sent down from the heaven of My grace.

Thy letter which thou didst send to the Trustee—upon him be the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds—hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which causeth all things to speak. By God! The gate of utterance hath been opened through that which the Mother Book hath pronounced at its final end.

We make mention of the Amir and give him the glad-tidings that We have accepted the Trustee as a representative on his behalf. We proceeded from the place named Bahji to the spot called Junayn, and with the Divine Lote-Tree were its branches and twigs, then those who circled round the Throne of God, the Lord of all worlds. Each one of them attained unto the presence and the meeting, rejoicing in the bounty of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! The Kingdom of God hath at this moment turned toward thee as a bounty from His presence and hath made mention of thee with that wherewith the heaven hath called out. Blessed is he

who hath turned toward it and hath attained unto the hearing of the remembrance of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Baha'u'llah! Thy letter hath come time and again before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with that which hath cooled the eyes of them that know, and We have mentioned thee each time, detached from pen and ink. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Isma'il! Thou beholdest the Sacrifice of God in this day walking before the people and speaking:

> "Verily there is none other God but I, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

He hath been sacrificed time and again through that which the hands of those who associate themselves with Him have wrought, while they commit that which hath caused the eye of God to weep in His exalted station.

We have mentioned thee before with that which the Tablet hath testified and which God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath written. Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and hath sent down for thee that which hath perfumed the earth with the fragrance of the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, in that He hath aided thee to turn unto Him, and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of all existence, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou the Possessor of proof and evidence! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Daysprings of Thine inspiration, to number me with such as have arisen at Thy call and have turned toward Thy horizon and have stood firm in Thy love, in such wise that neither the oppression of the kings nor the allurements of such as have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and have denied Thy meeting and have disbelieved in Thy bounty after its revelation from the heaven of Thy generosity and bestowal could deter them.

> "O Lord! Thou seest the weary one making for the kingdom of Thy utterance and seeking Thy bountiful grace and Thy mighty favor. Ordain for him that which beseemeth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

O Muhammad-Husayn, O thou scribe! Praise God, thy Lord, in that He hath written down for thee the recompense of recognizing the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses, and hath aided thee to turn unto Him and hath given thee to drink of the choice wine of utterance from the hand of His bounty. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

We have remembered those who are there in a measure that none can reckon save God, the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing.

O ʿAbdu'l-Wahhab! This is the Day of Return, while the factions are in manifest doubt. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their own vain imaginings and idle fancies.

Say: My spirit be a sacrifice to Thy loving-kindness, O Thou Who hast aided me to turn unto Thee, shown me the traces of Thy Pen, and caused me to hear Thy call! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy mercy to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

O Ghulam-Rida! Blessed is the gathering wherefrom My remembrance and praise have been raised, blessed the house honored by the arrival of My loved ones, and blessed the tongue that hath uttered My verses. We have manifested that which was treasured in knowledge and hidden in the stronghold of God's protection, illumining this radiant horizon.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear, to see, and to speak forth Thy remembrance on the Day of Judgment.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! We testify that thou hast attained unto the mention of God, both before and after. He mentioneth whomsoever He willeth with a mention that causeth bodies to rise from the graves of idle fancies. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desires and taken hold of guidance in the days of God, the Lord of lords. I bear witness that thou hast heard, turned unto Him, and attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of days. Know thou this most exalted station, then preserve it in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

O Husayn! the ungodly have violated God's covenant and His testament, and have denied His proof and His evidence, following every heedless doubter.

Say: O people of the earth! Hearken! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, desireth to give you glad tidings of that which will draw you nigh, profit you, and make you rich in His dominion. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the ocean of grace. Hasten unto the Dawning-Place of your Lord's verses, the Revealer of clear evidences.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in my name, which neither the treasuries of princes can equal, nor that which lay hidden in the earth. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book from Thy presence.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, submissive before Thy Manifestation and Thy sovereignty. Ordain for me that which will aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Help in Peril.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention once again of Thy servant who hath been named Baha, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. We have mentioned thee before with verses before which the world hath bowed down in submission. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear them and hath been illumined by their light. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He loveth him who hath loved Him, remembereth him who hath remembered Him, and sendeth down for whomsoever He willeth that which will draw him nigh unto His hallowed and wondrous court.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Creator and Provider, for having remembered me in Thy days, once in the Tablet and

again in the Book. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, to render me known through Thy Name and eloquent in Thy praise.

Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou hast prescribed for Thyself to answer him who calleth upon Thee, to aid him who holdeth fast unto Thee, and to bestow Thy bounty when asked. Have mercy on this servant of Thine and ordain for him that which will gladden his heart, solace his eyes, and enable him to call out among Thy servants through Thy Name, the Mighty, the Ancient.

This Tablet hath ended in thy name as a token of My favor unto thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Generous.

We wish to make mention of the Leaf whom We named in the Crimson Book as the Leaf of Paradise. Blessed is she! We bear witness that she hath believed in her Lord and hath attained in these days unto that which was withheld from the women of the earth, save those who turned unto God and believed in the One, the All-Informed, and who circled round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, at daybreak and at dusk. O Ruhani! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. We have made mention of thee in My Books, My Scriptures and My Tablets. My mercy which hath preceded thee and My loving-kindness which hath surrounded thee bear witness to this, and I am verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate, the Most Generous. We counsel thee and My handmaidens to manifest such virtues as shall waft the fragrance of My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Glory of God rest upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon those who have heard the Call and answered their Lord, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of all mystics and the Beloved of all worlds.

BH00894: Sanctified beyond all likeness and exalted above all diminution…

He is the One Who createth as He willeth in the realm of creation!

Sanctified beyond all likeness and exalted above all diminution is the Lord, the Possessor of the source and the end, Who through His all-encompassing power and His simple will caused the Sun of Truth to shine forth from the Dayspring of knowledge and wisdom, and illumined the world of limitations with the lights of the Luminary of unity. Every eloquent one confesseth his powerlessness to describe His might, and every articulate soul acknowledgeth and admitteth his inadequacy to praise His grandeur.

Glory be unto God! What a surging ocean it is, wherein the swimmers in the seas of knowledge and wisdom are powerless to swim in its depths, and the divers in the billows of learning and understanding fall short of bringing forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance therefrom. Every wave thereof is an eloquent book proclaiming His power, and every drop thereof is a conclusive proof manifesting His grandeur. Minds are bewildered in comprehending Him, and thoughts are perplexed in perceiving His waves. He surgeth by Himself and for Himself, and casteth forth the pearls of knowledge, wisdom and utterance by Himself and for Himself. Exalted is He above being comprehended through descriptions, and sanctified is He beyond being characterized by mentions.

The wondrous praise, glorification, magnification and splendor rest upon the Mirrors of His names and attributes and the Manifestations of His power among all created things—those Essences Who, through the subtle favors of grace, guided those lost in the wilderness of ignorance to the fountainhead of knowledge and wisdom, and led those bewildered in the desert wastes of remoteness to the goal of nearness through the gems of wisdom and utterance. Upon them be the blessings of their Lord as long as His most excellent names endure and His most exalted attributes remain.

Thus, the first letter of that spiritual loved one, which expressed degrees of affection and subtle intimacies of friendship and wisdom, became the cause of the expansion and gladness of hearts. In truth, it was a sufficient remedy for the malady of heartfelt sorrows and an adequate book for the manifestation of the signs of love. Praise be to the peerless Lord Who, through the subtle expressions of His bounty, has enabled His friends to achieve that which is befitting, and caused them to abide beneath the shade of the Tree of grace and favor. We beseech the wonders of His favors and are supplicants and hopeful of the subtleties of His benevolence, that He may ever cause that loved one to dwell beneath the shade of grace and be sustained by the fruits of bounty and the pure water of favor. He is the Generous One Whose grace hath no visible end and Whose bounty and bestowal hath no apparent limit. His giving hath encompassed His loved ones and His mercy hath preceded His chosen ones. Verily, He is kind to those who ask, gracious to those who seek, and merciful to those who hope.

At the time of hastening to reply, he attained the court of presence and mention was made of you. This is what shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. His exalted Word: "O ʿAli-Akbar! From every direction thy call is raised and heard. The Most Great Branch is now present with thy letter, therefore We make mention of thee again, that thou mayest thank thy Lord. By the life of God! That which hath appeared at the Most Exalted Threshold hath no parallel. Never was it imagined that treachery and falsehood and calumnies would appear in the world to such an extent. In any case, they acted according to the decree of their guide—surely you know who their guide is. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist the treacherous ones to trustworthiness, the liars to truthfulness, and the calumniators to justice and fairness. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, He is the Forgiver, the Merciful.

Convey My greetings to those who are with thee and give glad-tidings to all My loved ones of My grace and favor. Verily, We counsel them to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity. The treacheries committed have caused grief to the people of the city of justice and fairness. Each day a new calumny appears. Despite all their treachery and abominable deeds, they still claim to be speaking the truth. Thus do their souls entice them. We testify that they are among the most lost. The Glory be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever, nor any matter, hath prevented from drawing nigh unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." End.

O beloved of the heart and one who clings to the hem of friendship! Your latest letter has been received, which expressed your love for the Lord of destiny, your steadfastness in His Cause, your orientation towards Him, and your submission before Him. I beseech my Lord, the Mighty, the Most High, to protect you beneath the shadow of His loving-kindness and grace, and to aid you to serve His Cause morning and night.

As to what you wrote regarding the veiled ones and your meeting and discourse with them—well done! I ask God to assist you in rending asunder the veils of the deluded ones and burning away the shrouds of the heedless, and to guide through you His wandering servants to the paradise of recognition of His manifest Cause. By your life, O beloved, one is astonished at the heedlessness of these people—how they have veiled themselves from that which is best for them in this world and the next, and have clung to that which profits them not, oblivious to what the Creator of all things has intended for them. It behooveth us to grasp the hem of hope and supplicate God, the Creator of all things, morning and evening, to preserve us from their insinuations and to assist us in tearing away the greatest veil that has prevented humanity from turning to the most pure horizon.

The people are asleep, knowing not what benefits them nor distinguishing it from what harms them. Had they known, they would not have denied this Cause which has appeared only to safeguard their rights, elevate their souls, protect their stations, and enable them to attain what is best for them in their beginning and their end. Blessed is he who has recognized this supreme bounty, known his Ancient Lord, and whom nothing has prevented from turning toward the direction of his Lord's loving mercy.

O my God, my Lord, and my Hope! Praise be to Thee for having favored us on this momentous day with the recognition of Thy mighty and loving countenance, and for having taught us that which Thy servants have neglected, and for having guided us by the light of Thy luminous utterance to the paradise of Thy nearness and the gardens of Thy grace. Were we to thank Thee throughout all existence, we would be powerless to render thanks for even the least of Thy bounties which we have received in Thy days. I beseech Thee to grant us tongues that speak Thy praise and thanks, feet that stand firm on the path of Thy love, and hands raised toward the direction of Thy grace and loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. Protect us by Thy might beneath the shadow of Thy protection from the insinuations of the wretched ones and the idle fancies of the ignorant, and increase our certitude in Thy Cause and our sincerity in Thy love. Thou art the Beneficent, the Generous, the Possessor of abundant grace. There is no God but Thee, the One, the Single, the Most High, the Most Great.

Remember the friends of God who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and embellished with the robe of recognition, with wondrous remembrances and sublime glorifications. Spirit and glory be upon thee, upon thy family, and upon those who are with thee among the loved ones of thy Lord.

Remember the honored brother, upon him be the glory of God, who has attained the honor of meeting, with wondrous remembrances and sublime glorifications.

BH00910: Say: O concourse of the learned ones, the mystics…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Responding

Say: O concourse of the learned ones, the mystics and the rulers! Fear God and be fair in this Cause whereby that which was sent down from time immemorial by God, the Commander, the Ruler, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, hath been established. Say: We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of justice and fairness. Today the call of the Lord of Names is raised from the direction of Akka, to which the Mother Book beareth witness. Blessed is the one who hath not allowed the names and ranks of the

past to deprive him from the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desired One of the worlds. Say: O people! Know ye the value of this Day. The Lord, the Self-Subsisting, from His generous hand bestoweth the sealed wine. The gate of grace is open and the sun of bounty is shining from the horizon of the world. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make His servants aware and not deprive them of the outpourings of His days.

O Majid! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou should be occupied day and night in praise and thanksgiving to the one Desired One, for He hath confirmed thee and guided thee to the straight path of justice. Thou didst turn and attain the ultimate goal and the supreme height. His grace encompassed thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Desired One, and glory be unto Thee, O my Lord, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the living waters of immortality. I testify to Thy grace which, at the dawning of its Light, obliterated the traces of the grace of all peoples.

I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy mercy and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance to make me, in all conditions, hold fast unto Thee and Thy verses, and to remain fixed upon Thine horizon. I testify, O my God, that Thy generosity hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen, and Thy grace hath surrounded all that hath been created by the Command “Be.” I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the wonders of Thy grace and bounty, nor to deny me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trustees. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Majid! By the testimony of the Most Exalted Pen, thou hast been honored with a deed that hath no likeness or equal. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, in my standing and my sitting, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, in my prostration and my bowing, and glory be unto Thee in my sleep and my wakefulness, and majesty be unto Thee in all my conditions and states. I confess, O my God, in this station, to that which the Manifestations of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-places of Thy signs have confessed: that Thou art not remembered except through Thyself, nor described except through Thyself. Therefore, I have abandoned myself and all that I possess, clinging to the hem of Thy grace, Thy mercy and Thy generosity, that Thou mayest ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and honor me with Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Most Generous of the generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

Lo, We have desired to make mention of him who was named Valiyu’llah, that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. It is hoped that thou shalt attain unto the essence of this name and that there may flow from the Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth the Day of God. O Vali! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The former sect, for twelve hundred years and more, deluded by the claim that they believed in immediate succession, reached such a pass of pride that they reckoned themselves the most excellent and learned of all peoples; yet on the Day of Reckoning they were seen to be the most ignorant, abject and lost of all the world’s factions, and in their wretchedness they reached such depths that their divines pronounced death upon the Most Pure Blood, while their ignorant ones arose to abuse, revile and curse.

Glory be to God! Now too the deniers of the Bayan cling to a name from among names, remaining heedless and veiled from the Lord of all being and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names. O Vali! Arise to aid My Cause and purify hearts from rancor and hatred through My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names. He, verily, will aid thee and reinforce thee with the hosts of utterance. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

We moreover desired to make mention of him who was named Haji Aqa and give him glad tidings of this Revelation whereby earth and heaven have spoken forth. Rejoice, O people, in the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, through Whom the fruits have appeared, the rivers have flowed, the mysteries have emerged, the seas of knowledge and utterance have surged, and the fragrance of God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting, has wafted. Thy name was present before the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee that whereby the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused throughout the world. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

O Muhammad-Quli Khan! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of ʿAkka. Verily it hath been raised with such sovereignty as no hosts or armies can withstand. We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of all His worlds and to make thee steadfast in His love to such degree that neither the might of the people would frighten thee nor the roaring of any oppressor who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. When thou hast attained unto My verses and heard My call, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and for having remembered me with that which shall never perish, by virtue of Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy most exalted attributes. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, by the Daysprings of Thy Revelation and the Repositories of Thy knowledge, to enable me to serve Thy Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the allusions of the croakers nor the calumnies of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs and have turned away from Him Who standeth in Thy stead. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Encompassing over the seen and the unseen.

O Majid! Thou hast arisen for God, for His Cause and His Face, and hast attained unto that which hath been the hope of the sincere ones and those nigh unto God. Each of the souls mentioned hath attained unto that which shall endure and remain immortalized in the Book of God. We have repeatedly made mention of all the loved ones of that land, and We beseech God to make them all steadfast, inasmuch as in these days the enemies have encompassed them round about. Outwardly they act with humility and submissiveness, yet inwardly, from the Land of Ta unto the Great City, they are engaged in stirring up sedition. They have secretly incited certain people and kept them in that city. Each day bringeth fresh harm and manifest oppression, while the Wronged One, in the midst of tribulations and adversities, remaineth firm in the Cause and uttereth the divine decrees. Neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs hath deterred Him, nor the might of tyrants hath frightened Him. He calleth out with His most exalted Voice, saying:

> “O people! Cast away what ye possess, for He Who is the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come from the heaven of bounty with clear sovereignty.”

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon every patient and thankful soul. We conclude Our words with mention of Ibn-i-Dakhil, and counsel all to

observe trustworthiness, godliness, unity and concord. Blessed is he who hath hearkened and acted accordingly, and woe betide the heedless. Unity is itself one of the hosts of God, as attesteth every man of learning who hath turned unto God, the Lord of existence.

BH00961: O servant of God! Upon thee be the Glory…

He is God, there is no God but Him!

O servant of God! Upon thee be the Glory of God! We give thee glad tidings at the outset of this utterance that thy works have been accepted before God, the Lord of all worlds. The Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged thy turning, thy presence, and thy standing before the Gate that was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. We give thee yet another glad tiding that thou mayest share it with Nabil-i-[Ba], upon him be My Glory, that the sun of permission hath dawned from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having answered my prayer! My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy favor, O Thou the Desire of the hearts of all men, past and present!

We wish to fulfill all thy needs, as beareth witness the Supreme Paradise, the Most Exalted Heaven, and the dwellers of the Tabernacle of Glory in this lofty station. However, some matters proceed and others are stayed according to the requirements of God's wisdom, the Mighty, the Powerful. We give thee glad tidings again and again that We love thee and remember thee as We remembered thee before, and We reveal in thy name that which shall not cease to yield its fragrance throughout the eternity of My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

As for the matter of the sum thou didst mention, thou shouldst refer it to the Nasir, upon him be My Glory. It must reach him, and the Afnan, upon him be My Glory, must deliver it to him. This year, through the calumnies of the calumniators, there befell the Nasir that which caused the greatest sorrow. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants to be truthful, to return and to turn unto the gate of His bounty. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The heedless souls have committed that which hath caused grief to the loved ones of God.

As for thy desire to visit the Nasir, upon him be My Glory, and thy request for mention—blessed art thou for We have found thee among the faithful in the kingdom of creation. O thou who art present before the Gate! God, exalted be His glory, hath loved and continueth to love faithfulness. It is the ornament of the temples of the sincere ones, the near ones, and the sanctified ones. Whenever thou desirest, present thyself and perform that for which the people of the world have been created. Blessed art thou and blessed is he! This deed was accepted even before its manifestation. When thou seest him, give him My glad tidings, remind him of My verses, and illumine him with the effulgences of the Sun of My loving-kindness. We beseech God to assist him and his son who was named Habib and his other son who was named Asadu'llah in the Book of Names, to that which will exalt the Word of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

Thou didst mention ʿAli-i-Akbar, upon him be My Glory, and didst seek permission to attain his presence, meeting, and circumambulation as his deputy. This matter was illumined with the light of permission even before being mentioned. When thou seest him, stand before him and proclaim "Allah-u-Akbar" on My

behalf and say: Blessed art thou, O thou who art exiled in the lands for the sake of God, the Lord of creation! In these days there hath been revealed from the heaven of utterance of the Lord of religions that which causeth joy and gladness to the people of the cities of justice and fairness. Whenever thou desirest, act as deputy and representative. Thus hath the decree of permission been sent down from the heaven of God's command, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou didst mention Ali-i-Haydar, upon him be My Glory. We testify that he hath performed in the path of God that which the reckoners are unable to reckon. The love of him is binding upon all the loved ones of God. All must strive to discharge the debt that is due to him. O my God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant standing among Thy servants by Thy Name which was named Ali before Haydar in Thy Most Great Scene, and by another name which was inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. O Lord! Strengthen him with Thy sovereignty, then aid him and Thy friends and those who love Thee and are sincere toward Thee. Verily, Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

Whenever that honored one desires [to go] on his behalf and attain his presence and meeting, before setting out recite this verse and then proceed:

O my God, my God! Thou knowest and seest that I desire to turn toward Thy most exalted station and visit Thee through him who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Strengthen him with the hosts of Thy utterance and wisdom, then open before his face the doors of Thy riches and bounty. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones and Thy friends and servants to love him and support him. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

O servant of God! Upon thee be My glory! Blessed art thou for what thou hast mentioned, and happy art thou for what thou hast described. We testify that he is among the triumphant ones, and there hath been sent down for him that which the treasures of the world cannot equal. We beseech God to strengthen him and preserve his trusts with Him. Verily, He is the Protector, the Trustworthy.

O ʿAli before Haydar! Upon thee be the ocean of grace and bounty from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. Thou hast been mentioned at all times before the face of the Lord of all mankind. We beseech God to enable all to do that which He loveth and is pleased with, and through which His Cause, the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and the earth, may be exalted.

And We desired to mention Qasim, upon him be My glory! We have mentioned him before and at this time for his having turned toward the Supreme Horizon when mankind turned away from it, save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, wished.

We have mentioned Our loved ones in Ba and Dal, and We have counseled and do counsel all with most eloquent utterance to trustworthiness and godliness and that whereby the station of man may be exalted in the contingent world. This Wronged One beareth witness that servants have been brought from nothingness into being for the betterment, fellowship and unity of mankind. Corruption and conflict have ever been and are condemned. The divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures have given the glad-tidings that the purpose of this Most Great Manifestation is none other than the reformation of the world and its

peoples, that perchance through the power of utterance military might may be abolished, and the world be governed through the power of love. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of trustworthiness, which is the best ornament for the world. Take hold, O servants of God, of that which ye have been commanded by One Who is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon thee, O thou who hast turned with all thy being unto God, the Mighty, the Praised.

BH00976: Praise be to God Who hath manifested…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful Herald!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested that which was hidden in the eternity of eternities and concealed from all eyes and sight. When He desired to reveal His grace that encompasseth all created things and to manifest His mercy that precedeth all contingent beings, He spoke the Supreme Word whereby the Herald called out from every direction:

> "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Possessor of all names and attributes!"

Praise be to God Who revealed Himself through His glorious Name unto the world. Then all created things turned toward the Most Great Ocean, each drop of which [announceth] to the servants the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai and the Dawning-Place of the Light that hath shone and gleamed from the horizon of God's will, the Revealer of verses.

Praise be to God Who hath made death a door to His presence, a means of attaining His reunion, and a cause for the life of His servants. Through it He hath revealed the mysteries of His Book and that which was treasured in His knowledge. Verily, He is the Almighty Whom the tyranny of the oppressors hath not weakened, nor have the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings [hindered].

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is the Dawning-Place of His glory, the Dayspring of His beauty, the Manifestation of His mysteries, the Revealer of His verses, and the Proclaimer of His evidences. He it is at Whose appearance before the faces of the world the limbs of the nations trembled and the ocean of His Most Great Name surged. Through Him the Supreme Pen moved and revealed its hidden pearls and treasured gems. Through Him the veils were rent asunder, the hearts of those endowed with understanding were set ablaze in their final abode, and all things proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom and Dominion, then Glory and Power belong to God, the Lord of Lords and the Commander on the Day of Reckoning!"

O My Most Exalted Pen! The Day of remembrance and praise hath come upon thee. Let not the malicious triumph of the enemies, nor the wretchedness of the ungodly, withhold thee from commemorating him who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Horizon, sanctified from the affairs of this world and from that which is possessed by the people of hatred and shamelessness.

Say: O Samandar! The Lord of destiny was, in truth, walking within the Most Great Vision, pondering the mysteries of fate, when lo, the call was lifted up from the right hand of the Most Exalted Horizon:

> "O concourse of earth and heaven! This is a Day whereon the River of fidelity hath sought the Ocean of bounty, and the Light hath hastened unto the Dayspring of Revelation. This is the Day whereon Sinai crieth aloud, saying: Rejoice, O people, in that the light of detachment hath shone forth from the horizon of creation, and that which had remained hidden from eyes and sight hath now been revealed."

Then was another call raised, and We heard the Ridvan of the Most Exalted Paradise announcing glad tidings unto the Ridvan of the Supreme Paradise, saying:

> "O forms abiding in the crimson chambers, and O maidens of restrained gaze within the domes of majesty and grandeur! Adorn your temples with garments of radiant light, and your heads with crowns of moist and ruddy rubies. Then prepare ye for the welcome of that most subtle, most holy, most luminous, most exalted Spirit Who hath ascended from the loftiest station of the city of lovers. By His turning and approach, all existence, both of the unseen and of the seen, hath been perfumed."

Thereupon yearning and attraction seized the Concourse on high and the dwellers in the Paradise of Abode, and the houris of the chambers came forth from their dwellings.

Then the Tongue of Utterance proclaimed above the realm of being:

> "O people of Paradise! At this hour he hath directed his steps toward the place circumambulated by the Prophets and the chosen ones. We bear witness that he hath sought this Most Exalted Spot, this highest summit, this Qiblih of the lovers in the Most Glorious Horizon, and hath quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the King of the kingdom of names, and the Kawthar of union from the Dayspring of Beauty."

Then did the Ancient Beauty circle once and yet again, and thereafter ascend, accompanied by a company of the breezes of Revelation and an army of the Manifestations of the Names of God and the Daysprings of His attributes. Before His face waved the banner of detachment. Thereupon there spread abroad from the fragrances of His love and the sweet savors of His severance that whereby conditions in the Most Exalted Realm and the highest stations were transformed in a manner that no speech can recount.

Thus did the Ocean of Utterance surge in remembrance of him who in the Most Holy, Most Glorious Tablet was named Muhammad, formerly ʿAli. By My life! Through him the light of the Cause shone forth, the breeze of grace was wafted abroad, and the Spirit of the Cause cried out before his countenance:

> "This is he who broke not the covenant of God nor His testament. This is he unto whose steadfastness the Tongue of God, the Most Glorious, hath borne witness in the Most Exalted Horizon."

The atoms themselves testified to his turning, his devotion, and his spending whatsoever he possessed in the path of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness, and My mercy. The Pen desireth not, in this Most Great bereavement, to make mention of aught save that whereby the hearts of men may be drawn,

so that the Most Great Joy may seize all humankind—a mercy, a compassion, and an honor from God unto those who have uttered His praise and have attained unto the reading of that which was sent down in his remembrance from the heaven of the grace of the Bestower in the place of return.

The radiant, resplendent light, and the dawning, shining Baha from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, be upon him, upon his family, upon his kindred, and upon those who have heard his call and his remembrance in this tidings, at the appearance of which all things, the Daysprings of the Names, and the Dawning-Places of Revelation in the human world of creation, proclaimed:

> "Might and majesty belong unto God, the Lord of all necks, Who speaketh before the faces of all peoples."

O Samandar! Upon thee be My Baha and My loving-kindness. Since His Holiness Marfu' in his testament made mention of this word:

> "Glory be to God! For the most part, whenever any soul heareth mention of death, sorrow and depression come upon him. Yet this least of servants, at the mention thereof, am gladdened, and by the thought of it am cheered. Though in another station, were I to die, the friends would be saddened and the enemies made glad, yet since I myself am joyful, let the friends also rejoice."

Thus were closed the doors of lamentation for the calamity whereby the hearts of creation are made sorrowful.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Thou the passion of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee, and the light of the hearts of the sincere! Thou seest Thy lovers holding their souls in their hands, and Thy yearners bearing their heads upon their palms, awaiting Thy wondrous and precious meeting, through which the fragrances of everlasting life have been diffused throughout all created things. O Lord! Bring them nigh unto Thee, then grant them the Kawthar of reunion with Thee at all times. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And at this hour We bring the utterance to its close with remembrance of him who hath ascended unto Us, and We say: My fragrances, My remembrance, and My praise be upon thee, and upon those whom neither hatred hath withheld from remembering him, nor the veils of heedlessness from extolling his praise. It behoveth every soul to remember him even as My Most Exalted Pen hath remembered him in this most mighty, most holy, most luminous, most glorious station.

BH00982: We have heretofore spoken in eloquent language…

In the Name of the Desire of all worlds!

We have heretofore spoken in eloquent language that which betokened pure grace and everlasting remembrance. Now We speak in the language of light that it may draw thee to the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's grace, the All-Informed Speaker.

By the life of God! From the earliest days until now, by night and by day, the Pen of counsel hath been in motion, and in the first rank and station Its purpose hath been naught but to quench the fire of hatred and rancor which blazeth in the hearts and breasts of the diverse peoples of the world. Thou art well aware of the differences among the people. We have forbidden conflict, corruption and strife, and have commanded all to that which giveth rise to justice, equity, refinement and grace.

God the All-Knowing beareth witness that We have had no purpose for Ourselves, and the tribulations We have suffered in this path are beyond reckoning. Every fair-minded soul hath testified and doth testify to this. Neither the opposition of the divines, nor the might of the powerful, nor the sovereignty of rulers did deter this servant. Were the possessors of majesty, wealth, bounty and glory to ponder, even briefly, upon that which hath been mentioned before and after, all would hasten toward the ocean of divine generosity, and would find themselves purified and sanctified from the dust of idle fancies and the darkness of vain imaginings of men, and would utter the blessed words "Now hath the truth become manifest."

This Wronged One hath spoken only for the sake of God, and thus did We acquaint all kings and cities of the world with that which is the cause and source of true bounty, heavenly sustenance and everlasting life, that they might arise to assist the Cause of God and remove hatred and rancor from their midst. Should the possessors of insight regard with fairness the pearls of wisdom and utterance which have emerged from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen by the command of the Lord of all beings, the tongues of their realities and essences would testify that Baha hath not spoken of His own desire, but rather by that which He was commanded by God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

Consider the Shi'ih sect: Now all their divines mount the pulpits to curse the Desire of the worlds. What hath been the cause of this wrong and the reason for this heedlessness? By the life of God! It hath been naught but imitation and limitation. That which is befitting and conducive to the salvation, prosperity and reformation of the world and its peoples is but one thing: that the servants should observe and hearken with their own eyes and ears.

O thou who art mentioned in His presence! Today the waves of the ocean of utterance are manifest before all faces, and the blessed Tree is adorned with new, wondrous and goodly fruits, and the splendors of the Sun of Truth are shining from the horizon of will, visible and manifest. Blessed is he who hath shown justice in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, and joy be unto him who hath witnessed and seen and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the News mentioned in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy!"

It is hoped that his honor will strive to exalt the Word of the Lord of all beings and shatter the idols of suppositions and fancies through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Today is the day of endeavor and service, that perchance through the efforts of steadfast souls the world may attain to that which is befitting and worthy. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. Strive, that perchance ye may, through celestial power, transform the abasement and heedlessness of people into elevation and glory.

The day before, these special words were revealed from the heaven of divine wisdom to one of the wise ones, and are mentioned here that they may increase his honor's resolve: O Wise One! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The power and structure of faith have weakened; the supreme remedy is needed. The darkness of the peoples' base metal hath seized them; the greatest elixir is needed. O Wise One! Hath the crown of victory possessed such power as to transform diverse and differing elements into a single thing, raising it to the station of pure gold? Though its transformation appeareth difficult and complex, yet in the sight of this Wronged One the transformation of earthly power into celestial power is possible. That which transforms this power is greater than any elixir. This station and this power are specially reserved for the Word of God. It is the essence that transforms fear into assurance, weakness into strength, and abasement into glory. One drop from the ocean of divine wisdom struck Badi' and like a globe of fire he sought martyrdom. His moisture was transformed to fire, his weakness to power, and his sluggishness to swiftness.

At this time, what is needed is to seek healing from the Incomparable Almighty for the diseases of ignorance, heedlessness, and vain imaginings. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to take hold of the reins of wisdom. Verily God is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee, and upon the learned one whom knowledge hath not veiled from the Known One, and upon the mystic whom mysticism hath not veiled from the Recognized One, and upon the unlettered one who hath broken the chains of limitation and believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

At the end of the book, these words, which are the cause and means of the greatest attainment for the peoples and the cause of deliverance in these days, are mentioned: If it becomes possible and the means of movement and permission are provided, let his honor, for the sake of God, journey to these parts for a while and spend some days in association, that he may become aware of the reality of the Cause. This will become the means of deliverance for some of the servants. Now the objectors among the people of Bayan are tormented by fancies similar to the fancies of the previous party, but after meeting both parties, that which is now hidden will be revealed and they will attain to true understanding.

This is a great undertaking and among the good deeds that had and has no likeness or equal. It is hoped that his honor will be assisted in what was mentioned and become the cause of deliverance for a number of the deluded ones. And this is not difficult for God. We beseech Him to open through thee the door of understanding to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and through thee to raise the standard of utterance to the highest heights. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

BH01009: Praise be to God, the esteemed letter arrived…

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

Praise be to God, the esteemed letter arrived and brought joy. The pen moves with longing at your mention and the world of creation is set ablaze thereby. The servant beseeches his Lord on your behalf for inexhaustible good, an unchanging station, unending sustenance, and unceasing bounty. Indeed, each of the blessed letters was like a cloud bestowing abundant rains of favor, refreshing the precincts of that station. This freshness seems to flow from the blessed verse "and from water We made all things living."

Glory be to God! The signs of grace and bounty have encompassed the world of meaning and utterance. Verily, God, exalted be His glory, is the One Who keeps count.

After visiting, reading, and experiencing joy and delight, we approached the Sacred Spot and, having received permission, made representation before the face of our Lord, attaining the supreme honor of being heard. He said:

"The honored Afnan ʿAli, upon him be My peace and My glory, stands before Our face and has attained Our favor. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before his face a door from the doors of His grace, a door from the doors of His bounty, a door from the doors of His mercy, and a door from the doors of His might and riches. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful. We ask of the Truth to assist him and grant him perfect patience in all matters. Verily, the nature of this world is to rise and fall, and We ask Him, blessed and exalted be He, to erase the latter and confirm the former. He is the Possessor of grace, ordaining what He wishes for whom He wishes, and He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Unconstrained. Say:

My God, my God! Transform hardship into ease, and sorrow into joy. Ordain for this Afnan of Thine that whereby Thy signs may be exalted among Thy servants and Thy Word in Thy lands. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty. I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy protection, the depths of Thy power, and the laws of Thy might and wisdom, to send down upon him from the heaven of Thy generosity a blessing from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Convey to the loved ones the greetings of the Wronged One and make such mention as will open the ears of the world and enable them to attain true hearing. For if one attains to this station, the world's events of any kind will neither sadden nor change him. The honored Haji, upon him be God's peace and favor, along with the honored Mustafa, upon him be God's peace, have turned toward that direction. Indeed, great success was ordained for them, and they have attained and been honored by what was revealed in the Book. Blessed is he! He has taken for himself a luminous station near the House. We beseech God to ordain for him what We have ordained for the sincere among His servants and the near ones among His creation. Blessed are the loved ones of God and joy be unto them. We testify that they have attained to that which most of the servants have not attained. They are among those whom God has assisted to turn toward His House and draw near unto Him, and He has ordained for them a blessing from His side and a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous."

Verily the servant confesseth that all His names have preceded existence itself, both seen and unseen, and His grace hath encompassed all things, and His bounty hath taken hold of all who dwell on earth and in the heavens, to such extent that the remembrances of the world are powerless to recount it and the descriptions of nations fail to describe it. I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make His loved ones the manifestations of His detachment, the dawning-places of His generosity and bounty, and the treasuries of His knowledge, and to ordain for them from the Pen of His command that which will exalt them in all conditions among men. He is the Lord of the beginning and the end.

This servant hath ever deemed it necessary to mention the Afnan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful. God is my witness that morning and night my tongue uttereth his praise and my heart is aflame

with love for him. I beseech God to increase each day His favors, bounties, grace and gifts unto him, that eyes may be gladdened by the lights of the Luminary of His generosity, He Who made him the cause for the manifestation of existence from nothingness and of bounty amongst the peoples. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Hearing, the Responsive.

Today is post day and surely glad tidings of your good health and the arrival of travelers will reach us. Indeed, such good tidings in letters are the cause and source of joy and gladness to heart and soul. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, will transform these tidings received in absence into tidings received in presence, that we may attain the complete blessing. At this moment, your mention was made in His presence and confirmation was sought, and likewise the mention of the travelers. The apple of the eye of the heart, Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon him be God's peace—God willing the decree of return will not be erased from his sight. I beseech God to bring him back to his true abode, that is, to His presence, in perfect health and with the utmost joy and delight. Praise be to God, at this moment he hath been mentioned before the Intended One. God's special favors be upon him and upon those whom God hath adorned with the light of recognition. Verily He hath power over all things.

The friends in that land are each remembered and are blessed with special favors. This servant beseecheth for them fellowship and unity, and bounty and blessing, and they are indeed attaining these. Verily God, blessed and exalted be He, hath manifested His favor and fulfilled His promise. He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. The beloved of the heart, Haji, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of creation, hath resolved to journey there, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on his behalf for that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance. And I request that you convey this lowly one's greetings, praise and mention to him, and write the details of the events of his return. We beseech God to assist him and us in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Generous in all conditions. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Generous.