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BH00489: The Most Great Book of God speaketh and saith…

Section 1: "The Most Great Book of God speaketh…"

He is the Hidden, the Manifest, the One Who speaketh forth in this very hour.

The Most Great Book of God speaketh and saith:

> "O concourse of earth! Fear God, and follow not the idle fancies of those who have denied the grace of Him Who hath sent Me down, and made Me a herald of His Name and a chanter of His beauteous praise."

The Mother Book crieth aloud and saith:

> "O company of humankind! Fear God, and follow not your passions. Follow rather Him Who hath sent Me down from the heaven of His wondrous Revelation."

And the Mother of the Bayan, standing before the faces of all religions, proclaimeth:

> "O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful. He hath come for Whose sake the lovers of the earth and its pillars offered up their lives. Be not of the heedless."

Rejoice, O concourse of earth, and then arise to aid your Lord with the hosts of heavenly virtues. This is the Day whereon the traces of delusion have been effaced, and the light of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus hath there appeared that which was treasured in the knowledge of God, the Desire of them that truly know.

O Pen! Turn thy face toward My people and say:

> "O people of God! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have cast aside vain imaginings and laid hold upon the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds."

O ʿAli-Qabl-Akbar! Thou hast been mentioned in the Most Great Outlook, that station at the mention of which the oceans of inner knowledge surged and the sweet savours of the All-Merciful were stirred, and all things proclaimed:

> "The kingdom and the dominion belong to God, the Desire of all who are in the heavens and on the earth."

O steadfast one, O ʿAli-Akbar! Call to mind the days when thou didst stand in Our presence and hear the call from the tongue of the Wronged One, Who was imprisoned by reason of what the hands of them that

turned away had wrought. We desired the honour of the people of the world, while they sought My abasement. We bear witness that, with God, the Almighty, the All-Praised, they are among the most great losers.

Say: O people of Nun and Jim! Ye have been remembered before the Wronged One, and have attained unto that which hath been withheld from most men. This is attested by the Lord of creation, of Whom the Point of the Bayan gave tidings, and before Him the Seal of the Prophets; to this bear witness the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Glorious.

He Who is named Zayn al-Muqarrabin hath inscribed your names in His perspicuous Book. Once again have We sent down for you that which hath caused the mouth of the Kingdom of the Bayan to smile—a mercy from Us and a favour from Our presence upon you and upon every soul who turneth unto My Path and attaineth unto My great praise.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Baqir! Hear the cry raised in the quarter of ʿAkka: it is from the champion in the arena of the Bayan, at the mention of Whose name the very foundations of those who denied the proof of God, His testimony, His greatness, His sovereignty, His Manifestation and His might are shaken with earthquakes. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds in this vain life—a decree from the presence of God, the Just, the All-Powerful.

Say: "O my God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and thanksgiving, and unto Thee be gratitude and glory, inasmuch as Thou hast made mention of me and hast sent down for me that wherefrom the fragrance of Thy proof hath in all the realms been diffused, and the sweet scent of the testimony of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, hath been shed abroad.

> "O Lord! Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee, holding fast to Thy cord, and drinking the wine of Thy knowledge from the cup of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Spirit and his longing at the hour of his ascension; by his rapture when Thy command fell upon his ear; by his attaining unto the court of Thy holiness and his standing before Thy Face; and by his enkindlement with the fire of Thy love when he attained unto Thy meeting—that Thou mayest ordain for me every good Thou hast decreed for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful."

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and My loving care. The page thou didst send hath reached the Wronged One; We have made mention of My loved ones with a remembrance that hath drawn the hearts of the righteous. Convey to My servants what hath been sent down in the heaven of My Will, and give them the glad-tidings of My Manifestation and My establishment upon the throne of My majesty, and illumine their hearts with the lights of My loving-kindness that have encompassed all horizons.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named ʿAbdu'llah, whose name hath been honoured with the mention of God, the Lord of all directions. Dost thou find an ear to hear My call which hath been uplifted in this quarter, before which all quarters have bowed themselves? Dost thou perceive an eye to behold that which hath shone forth and gleamed from this horizon, whereby earth and heaven have been illumined, and at whose appearance the Mount hath proclaimed and the trees have cried aloud?

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast heard the call of the Wronged One and hast quaffed His sealed wine in His Name, the Self-Subsisting. We entreat God to strengthen thee and My loved ones there with that which shall draw them nigh unto the Day-Spring of lights, ordain for them the good of the life to come and of this first life, and grant them in this Cause that which shall rejoice eyes and hearts alike.

Say: "Unto Thee be praise, O my God, for that Thou hast turned toward Thy servant and hast sent down for him that wherefrom the fragrance of Thy mercy hath been diffused amongst Thy servants. I entreat Thee by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, by the cry of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the lamentation of the lovers in Thy days, that Thou mayest confirm me in steadfastness in Thy love, in such wise that neither the misfortunes of this world, nor its assaults nor its might nor its ingratitude, shall cause me to stumble. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou wilt. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained."

O ʿAli! Give thanks unto God for that thou and My loved ones have attained unto My Most Exalted Remembrance, unto Whom belong the treasures and riches of earth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful; Him will not withhold the clamour of the divines of Iran, who have taken their idle fancies as lords beside God and have wrought such deeds as have caused the denizens of nearness to lament in the loftiest height.

We have, indeed, forgiven such as in My days turned their faces toward the Countenance, and the hands of My grace have brought them into the Paradise of My mercy and the Heaven of My favour. Verily, I am the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O party of God! Rejoice in My remembrance and My loving providence. By My life! There hath been sent down for you that whereby the supreme rejoicing hath seized the dwellers of the cities of My love and the people of the pavilion of My glory. This is attested by every tongue that hath spoken or shall speak, for sovereignty and loving-kindness are both in the grasp of My might. Blessed is he who doeth that which hath been enjoined by My command; I verily am He Who commandeth in all conditions.

Section 2: "We make mention of My loved ones who…"

We make mention of My loved ones who have carried out what they were commanded in My Book, and We entreat God to make the recompense of their deeds treasures with Him. Verily, He is powerful to do what He willeth, by His Name whereby He hath subjected all who dwell in the lands. Let not the heedlessness of the heedless, the cruelty of the oppressors, nor the turning away of every doubting rejecter grieve you. Rejoice in that We have adorned your deeds with the robe of acceptance—a mercy from before God, the Lord of streaming rivers.

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory, My care and My mercy. Rejoice in My lovingkindness that shineth in this hour, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing.

We entreat God—exalted and blessed be He—to cause to descend upon His loved ones, from the heaven of grace and bounty, that which shall exalt them amidst His servants and assist them, at all times, with the hosts of wisdom and utterance.

O ʿAbbas! The Lord of men speaketh before all faces, yet the people understand not. Verses are sent down upon them, yet they are unaware. They have followed mere surmise, and turned away from God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. They behold, and yet deny; they hear, and yet turn aside. Verily, in the Book of God, the Lord of faces, they are accounted among the dead. We counsel thee and My loved ones to trustworthiness, piety, resignation and contentment, and to whatsoever befitteth this Day whereof the realms of the seen and unseen have been illumined by its light.

O ʿAbbas! Cast away all that men possess and lay hold upon My Preserved Tablet. It was, in very truth, treasured in the eternity of eternities and hidden in the realm of knowledge. To this testify honoured servants.

God hath heard the call of His loved ones and hath answered it, as a bounty from His presence, with that which shall cause their names to endure so long as the kingdoms of earth and heaven shall last.

Say: "O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation, Thy appearance, Thy mounting the throne, Thy rising up and Thy sitting down, and all that shineth from Thy presence, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou wilt, and in Thy grasp are held the reins of whatsoever hath been and shall be."

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who, time and again, attained unto Thy presence, stood before Thy face, and visited Thee in the prison, in the Mansion, and in yet another place, that joy may seize him in whatsoever state he may be, in this hour—a decree from before God, the Lord of lords.

We give thee glad-tidings, O youth, Qabl-ʿAli, of that which hath been ordained for thee from the presence of God, the Lord of the outpouring rains. Verily, He hath forgiven My servants who have not broken His Covenant and have circled round His Cause at eventide and at dawn.

We have made mention of thee aforetime with a remembrance which God hath ordained to be a means for the exaltation of His Most High Word, and a ladder for the ascent of such as have set their faces toward the Most Great Goal, at morn and at even.

We praise and thank God on thy behalf, for that He hath strengthened thee to confess when every tyrant, every arrogant soul, denied My Cause.

Unto Thee be praise, O my God, my Lord, my stay and my support, for that Thou hast aided Thy servant to turn toward the lights of Thy Face and to appear before Thy Throne. I bear witness that he hath sought the furthermost goal and the loftiest height, and that neither the ranks of Thine enemies nor the might of those who denied Thy right and disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return have withheld him therefrom. Thou hast inscribed for Me, with the Pen of Thy bounty, that which hath drawn him nigh unto Thee in spirit and in fragrance. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Lord of all peoples.

O Isma'il! Hear the call of the Most Great One. He hath made mention of thee, and maketh mention of thee, in verses which the treasures of the earth cannot rival. To this beareth witness Him with Whom is the knowledge of the Book.

Ponder upon those who were seized by the attraction of this call, so that they hastened to the place of sacrifice and offered up their lives in My path, a path at whose mention every proud and arrogant soul hath lamented.

Behold him who was named Isma'il in the city called Zawra' in the Kingdom of Names: he offered himself with his own hand in the path of God, the Desire of all mankind. And another sacrifice in another land, who turned his face toward the Most Great Goal and laid down his life, in spirit and in fragrance, in the path of the All-Merciful. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Lord of all religions. There is no city but a sacrifice hath therein spent his life for the love of God, subject to the winds that blow.

Say: "Unto Thee be praise, O my God, for that Thou hast made known unto me Thy Cause, shown me Thy Path, sent down Thine verses, and enabled me to turn toward Thy horizon. I bear witness that Thou hast revealed Thyself and brought to light that which was treasured in knowledge and hidden from the eyes."

Say: "O my God, my God! I bear witness to the sanctity of Thy Cause and the purity of Thine own Self, and to the blood that hath been shed in Thy love; to the hearts that have been rent in Thy separation; to the livers that have melted in Thy remoteness; to the hands that have been raised unto the heaven of Thy bounty; to the ears that have readied themselves to hearken unto Thy sweetest call, which hath been uplifted in the loftiest station; to the eyes that have attained to the visitation of Thy presence and have beheld the horizon from which the orb of Thy beauty hath shone; to the souls that have waited for the wondrous tokens of Thy grace and mercy; to the stronghold which Thou hast made a prison for Thine own Self; to the lands that have been dyed red with the blood of Thy chosen ones; to the hearts that have turned toward the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy fellowship—that Thou wilt strengthen Thy servant and Thy servants to perform such deeds as Thou hast enjoined upon us in Thy perspicuous Book.

Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, Whom naught can hinder among created things nor any name or form restrain from what Thou hast willed in the realms of earth and heaven. Thou, in truth, art the Lord of might and power; there is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the All-Wise."

O ʿAli-Qabl-Akbar! Remember My loving-kindness and My mercy, even as We have remembered thy standing before Our Face and thy service before the gate of Our mercy, and glorify thy Lord by night and by day.

The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty be upon thee, upon whoso hath transcribed My Book and made mention of My loved ones, and upon every steadfast and upright soul.

BH00481: Praise be unto God, Who hath caused the Sun…

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting; exalted be His glory, the Almighty.

Praise be unto God, Who hath caused the Sun of singleness to dawn from the horizon of detachment, and hath cast the flashes of its effulgent rays upon the mirrors of them that are sanctified and glorify His Name.

He it is Who hath lit, in the deepest gloom of darkness, the lights of His Most Great Name, and hath kindled the Lamp of pre-existence in the very pole of the world. His is might, and majesty, and grandeur, and eternity, and dominion, and glory. His mercy hath compassed all things, His power hath encompassed all things, His bounty hath been perfected, and His loving care fulfilled.

He created the realm of possibility for the sake of man, and created man that he might know His own Self, the All-Merciful. He hath commanded him to hallow His Essence, to render thanks unto Him, to extol and praise His Name, to magnify His majesty, His greatness and His beauty. Blessed is he who attaineth unto His knowledge, obeyeth His command and sovereignty, and beholdeth, with the eye of the heart, His proof. And woe betide the heedless and the veiled!

Remembrance and praise, and the very essence of glory and splendour, rest upon those by whom the tongue hath spoken with wisdom and exposition, by whom the pages of existence have been adorned with the margins of knowledge and understanding. Through them hath man come to know his Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful; through them hath every poor one laid hold on the hem of the wealth of God, the Omnipotent, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting; through them hath every feeble one clung to the robe of the might of the Lord of power and bounty.

O God, Thou Lord of mankind and Possessor of the mysteries of destiny! With what tongue shall I describe Thee, and how shall I befittingly set forth that which appertaineth unto Thy greatness and Thy majesty, Thy might and Thy beauty, Thy sovereignty and Thy perfection, Thy power and Thy independence? Whenever I ponder Thine overwhelming strength, O King of creation, I find my tongue powerless to render even the description of the least of Thy handiworks and the weakest of Thy creatures. How then shall I describe Thine Essence, exalted above all attributes; Thy Self, uplifted above all mention; Thy Reality, hallowed above all comprehension and thought?

By Thy glory, O God of the worlds and Lord of the heavens and the earth! I am confounded, and the knowers are confounded; I am bewildered, and the lovers are bewildered; I am astonished, and all the peoples are astonished. For I behold that Thy praise and Thy glorification are enjoined upon every one of Thy servants, yet I witness that the highest of praises is unworthy of the court of the majesty of Thy grandeur.

The mention which Thy creatures make of Thee and the descriptions which they ascribe unto Thee are but their likening Thee unto that which hath been imprinted upon their minds—things unbefitting the sovereignty of Thy singleness—or their comparing Thee with that which hath occurred to their fancies—things unworthy of the kingship of Thy oneness. For they apprehend naught save that which their imagination can fashion, that which resembleth themselves and beareth affinity unto them, being in the plane of their own rank and degree.

Thou, however, through the sovereignty of Thy unity, art exalted above likeness and resemblance and all similitude. How, then, canst Thou be known by thoughts or described by words? All that the praisers recount of Thee, in Thy loftiness and Thy greatness and Thy majesty, they conceive as a limit in power and might, commensurate with their own state, their own degree, and the shortness of their own

understanding. Thus all that they say and remember remaineth confined within the bounds of limitation, while Thou art exalted above the limitations of men and the confines of contingent being.

Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou! How great is Thy power and Thy sovereignty! How exalted Thy station and Thy proof! Verily, we are all prostrate before Thee; we tremble before Thy dominion; we turn our faces toward Thy presence; we stand at the threshold of the gate of Thy bounty; and we speak of the wondrous tokens of Thy grace.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Originator of existence, Lord of the unseen and the seen, to assist Thy loved ones to celebrate Thy remembrance and praise, and to proclaim Thy Cause in Thy lands. Make them, O my God, standards of steadfastness among Thy creatures and signs of guidance amidst Thy creation. Lead, through them, such as have wandered in the wildernesses of allusions, and have withheld themselves from knowing Thee, O Lord of earth and heaven.

O thou who drinkest from the goblet of certitude and dwellest in the shadows of the love of the Lord of all being! Thy letter hath reached this servant and I have read the sweet savour of thy words. I entreat God, the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, to enable thee to that which is best for thee in this world and the next, and to grant thee supreme steadfastness in His Cause amongst mankind. Verily, He is the Most High, the All-Glorious. All things between earth and heaven bear witness to the love of these noble ones for you and your remembrance of them; and God is, verily, a witness unto that which I say. There is no God but He, the All-Mighty, the All-Laudable.

O Thou beloved of the heart! Whenever I ponder the people of the lands and their heedlessness of the Cause of their Lord, the Fashioner of existence, in this Day of Reckoning, I am bewildered. With the tongue of my inmost heart and of my outward speech I cry: O my God and my Lord! Since Thou didst create them for Thine own knowledge, how canst Thou leave them to wander in the deserts of heedlessness, far removed from the Sun of Thy knowledge that hath risen from the horizon of power and might? It beseemeth Thy all-embracing grace and Thy boundless loving-kindness to gather all, through Thine irresistible might, beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Name, and to make them to know, through Thy prevailing power, the revelation of Thy most perfect Light.

I entreat Thee, O Thou Creator of the realm of possibility and Revealer of the religions, that Thou withhold not Thine outpourings from Thy lands, for in Thy hand are the kingdoms of bounty and bestowal, the realms of grace and munificence. No God is there but Thee, the Bestower, the Giver, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Verily, O Thou who art the Beloved, say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Are ye still slumbering? Are ye veiled from the Cause of your Lord? The Sun hath risen and attained the zenith of its noontide height, and from every direction the lights of majesty and glory have encompassed you. If ye deny this Cause, to what cause will ye cling, and unto which quarter will ye turn?

Will ye not reflect upon the ages past and the centuries long gone by? If the hints and allusions of the divines have withheld you—He hath spoken, and His word is truth: “Most of His adversaries have ever been the divines.”

And if ye be veiled by the sayings of the jurisprudents, He hath verily declared—and His word is the truth:

> "The divines of that age shall be the most evil divines beneath the canopy of heaven."

Have ye beheld among the contemporary doctors of religion such as He—may my soul be offered up for Him—hath described of the true divines? Nay, by the Lord of the heavens and the earth!

He, exalted be He, hath said—and His word is truth:

> "As to those divines who safeguard their own selves, preserve their faith, oppose their passions and obey the command of their Lord—upon such it is incumbent that the people should follow them."

By the Lord of existence and the King of the unseen and the seen! I am bewildered, and the horizons are bewildered, at your heedlessness and your remoteness from your Lord, the Lord of the Day of Reunion. Have ye not seen the divines hastening unto the obedience of lust and desire, and turning away from the command of the Lord of all being? See ye in their aim aught save love of this world? Do they seek aught save leadership and the seizing of the reins of the masses for personal ends and selfish passions?

If they glory in what they possess of sciences, know ye that true knowledge is the knowledge of the Known; whatsoever is beneath this is mere illusion and surmise. He hath spoken, and His utterance is truth: "Knowledge is a single point, which the ignorant have multiplied." And if they claim a proof other than this, say: "Bring then your proof." Verily, We are present among you, that we may supplicate and call upon God concerning His Cause, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

By thy life, O dearly loved one! They draw not nigh, but flee from the scenes of trial, even as their likes fled aforetime in ages and centuries past. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Hath your love of the world, with its adornments and delights, debarred you from turning unto the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful? Have ye not reflected upon its extinction and passing-away, upon its slight endurance and fleeting stay?

Hath the glory of the Chosroes endured, or the wealth of the Caesars, or the might of the Pharaohs, or the sway of the tyrants? Where is their majesty and their splendour, their graciousness and their comeliness? Where are their thrones and their palaces, their wide dominions and their exultation? Look now upon their graves! They have descended from the loftiest stations to the lowest depths; they have been borne down from the trellised gardens to the upturned tombs, from exalted couches to pits that lie so near at hand.

Doth any glory abide save the glory that is within the shadow of the Name of your Lord, the Most Great? Doth any remembrance endure save the remembrance of him who hath entered beneath the canopy of the knowledge of your Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Generous?

Take ye heed, O people of insight, and be ye admonished, O people of reflection! How often have We seen the most honoured of men, by denying the Sun of Reality, falling to the nethermost degree; and beheld the lowliest of servants, through the knowledge of his Lord, the Fashioner of existence, ascending unto the loftiest heights! Mighty is he who seeketh shelter beneath the shadow of God; abased is he who layeth hold on aught else save Him.

Say: Make haste, then, unto the shadow of the mercy of your Lord, the Most Exalted, and act in accordance with that which He hath enjoined upon you in His Book. He, verily, will raise you up unto the most sublime degree and the most exalted rank. All good lieth in your following your Lord, the Omnipotent, the All-Bountiful; and all loss is in your turning away from the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and in your abandoning His commandments, which are the very cause of life for them that are in the realm of being and the greatest means of salvation for the people of true knowledge.

Say: Busy not yourselves save with that which shall be an adornment for man in the world; manifest naught save spiritual qualities among the nations. Desire not for the children of men that which ye would not desire for your own selves. Prefer not your individual advantages and private gain above the common good.

Adorn your outer being with piety, and your inner being with truthfulness, faith and loyalty. Cast not your souls into the perils of lusts and vain desires; commit not that which ye have been forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of earth and heaven. This is that which shall profit you in this world and the next, if ye but hear it for your own sakes. Otherwise, He verily is independent of your good and your evil, your association of others with Him and your recognition of His oneness, your disobedience and your worship.

Thou, O beloved one, pay no heed unto the people, their heedlessness and their veils. Rather, look unto the proof of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, which shineth like the sun in the zenith of heaven. Did but anyone, in the light of his inborn nature, but turn his ear, he would hearken from every atom of the atoms that "He, verily, is God; there is no God but He, the All-Sufficient, the All-Praised", and from every leaf among the leaves that "He, verily, is the Victorious, the Powerful, the All-Glorious, the Peerless."

In this great Day, it behoveth us to be as mountains, steadfast upon the path of our Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise, in such wise that no storms of the allusions of the veiled, nor tempests of the deeds of the heedless, shall move us. Let us arise to serve the Cause, turning neither to left nor to right, severed from all save God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey, on behalf of this servant, exalted praise unto every believing man and woman of the kindred, and announce to them the loving care of their Lord, the Possessor of names. And send forth glorification and splendour upon the countenance of him whose name is signified by the letters Mim and Ha', and say:

> "O thou dear one! The Name of God hath made mention of thee and hath borne witness to the degrees of thy love for the Lord of all things and to thy sincerity toward God, the Lord of earth and heaven."

I beseech God, the Lord of pre-existence and the Sovereign of nations, to protect you by His Most Great Name, to grant you the choicest good in this world and the next, and to confirm you in that whereby your mention shall endure amongst the people of creation and your spirit be made to shine resplendent in the Highest Horizon.

Glory and praise be upon you and upon the sincere servants of God. The people of the Household magnify His Name over thee and over thy household and all thy kindred. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds, and glory be unto God, the Lord of the heavens and of the earth!

BH00482: Praise be to God, Who standeth alone in majesty…

Section 1: "Praise be to God, Who standeth alone…"

He is God, the King, the True One, the Manifest.

Praise be to God, Who standeth alone in majesty, Who is unique in might and greatness and beauty; Who, in the sheer simplicity of His Being, is sanctified above all likeness and similitude, and, in the very essence of His Identity, is exalted beyond the knowledge of them that are endowed with excellence and perfection.

He it is Who hath brought existence forth out of non-existence, and hath inscribed upon the tablet of the heart the mysteries of knowledge and wisdom, and hath taught man that which he knew not. The reality of His Essence the minds can never fathom, nor can any path lead unto the knowledge of His very Self. He is He Who revealeth Himself unto the world with the lights of the Sun of His wondrous Cause, and Who ruleth over the nations by His Most Great, His inviolable Name. Whoso attaineth in these days unto the knowledge of Him hath verily attained unto a station most exalted.

Exalted is His Essence above association with accidents and causes; hallowed is the simplicity of His Being above limitation by the boundaries of the thoughts of creeds. He sitteth upon the throne of loftiness and imperishability, and resteth upon the couch of grandeur, power and bounty. No one can bar the course of His mighty command, nor can aught hinder the outpouring of His all-embracing grace. He, verily, is the One, the Single, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Peace be upon that Manifest Peace which hath shone from the dawning-place of majesty; and the radiant Light which hath flashed from the horizon of the Cause of the Lord of names; and the resplendent praise which hath risen from the dawn of eternity—upon the Manifestations of the Cause of God in the world of being, the recipients of His Revelation between earth and heaven; those through whom the veils of idle fancy were rent asunder, the hidden Light of His Name was made to shine upon the world, the nations were encompassed by the rays of the Sun of His guarded Cause, and the rills of His treasured favour flowed throughout existence. Through them hath God guided the people of error unto the horizon of glory and majesty; through them hath He drawn the yearning ones nigh unto the garden of nearness and beauty. And upon those also be peace who are guided by their lights, follow in their footsteps, apprehend their mysteries, seek blessing from their breaths, are illumined by the radiance of their lamp, and who have forsaken the world and all that is therein out of longing to meet their Lord, the All-Bountiful, and yearning to attain the station of His reunion, exalted, all-glorious.

O thou who hast been drawn by the magnet of love into the realm of steadfastness! Thy letter, which the pen of affection had adorned with the traces of ink, hath reached this servant, and it hath given utterance to the subtleties of the love that gloweth within thy heart. Blessed art thou, for thou hast laid hold on the Sure Handle and hast attained unto the meeting of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. Thou hast recognized that from which the greater part of the people of the world have been debarred.

This is a bounty which no created thing can equal, nor can it be weighed against all that is in the hands of nations and peoples. It behoveth thee—and all who in this most exalted, most honoured, most glorious

Day have laid hold on the Most Great Name—to arise, at morn and even, to serve the Cause of God; to guide, with wisdom and utterance, the hosts of the erring unto the realm of grandeur and majesty; to lead the servants, with the jewels of knowledge and understanding, unto the gardens of the knowledge of the Lord of religions; to direct the heedless, through the subtleties of spiritual qualities, unto the presence of the Lord of all horizons, in this Day of the Covenant and of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

There is, in this Day, no station greater than that of proclaiming unto the people of the world the Word of the Cause of God, the Possessor of names. Blessed is he whom God strengtheneth in this mighty Cause and confirmeth in steadfastness upon this straight Path.

Ponder thou upon this wondrous Day, and upon the heedlessness of the people of the earth with regard to this weighty, this momentous Cause. How immersed are they in idle thoughts and vain imaginings, and how veiled from the lights of the knowledge of their Lord, the All-Knowing—He Who hath set in motion the circle of existence and planted the standards of His proof in the visible realm!

The man of understanding is bewildered at the vehemence of the denials of the rejecters, the multitude of the fancies of the heedless, and the repeated veiling of the ignorant. How is it that they have failed to discern their own salvation in this world and the next, and have remained oblivious of that which would profit them in the realms of their Lord, the Most Exalted?

Do they behold any station more glorious than this most noble station? Do they witness any remembrance more exalted than this most mighty remembrance? Do they descry any light more luminous than this most upright Light? Say: all greatness belongeth unto God, all power belongeth unto God, all sovereignty belongeth unto God, He Who hath manifested His Cause, made plain His decree, shed abroad His light, and disclosed His revelation.

O thou beloved one! When I beheld thy letter and read thy words, I entered the presence of the All-Glorious, and laid thy remembrance before thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Then surged the ocean of bounty and heaved the fragrance of grace, and from the Source of bestowal there flowed unto thee that whereat all existence was stirred. His word—may the souls of them that yearn be offered up for Him—came forth, saying:

O noble one! Upon thee be My glory. Today, the third day of the Feast of Ramadan, the Greater Branch hath, on thy behalf, attained unto the court and visitation of Fa'id. We beseech God to make this deed for thee a treasure in His presence; verily, He is the Faithful, the All-Knowing.

Each one of the mentioned friends hath been commemorated by the Pen of the Most High; they have quaffed the choice wine of My utterance, the Kawthar of My remembrance, the Salsabil of My favour and the ocean of My bounty, the All-Glorious, the Wondrous. Convey to each of them, from the tongue of this Wronged One, the cry of "God is Most Great!" Say:

O My loved ones! This is the Day of remembrance and praise, if ye but knew; the Day of steadfastness and faithfulness, if ye but understood. Your names have been presented before this Wronged One, and We have sent down for you that wherewith the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful hath

diffused throughout the realm of existence. Blessed are ye, and blessed is whoso drinketh of My sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to aid you with the hosts of utterance and to draw you nigh unto Himself. Verily, He is the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

We desired, furthermore, to make mention of him who is entitled Abdu'llah', that he might rejoice and be among the thankful. Say: O Abdu'llah! Shatter the idols of the fancies of men with the arm of certitude—a command from the presence of God, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, to assist thee, to confirm thee, and to raise thee up in this Cause, that thy name may be inscribed in His Mighty, His Wondrous Book.

Section 2: "O Muhammad Qabl-i-Rida! Hearken unto the call proceeding…"

O Muhammad Qabl-i-Rida! Hearken unto the call proceeding from the direction of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath appeared and hath manifested whatsoever He willed, as a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We enjoin upon thee and upon such as have believed that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted amongst His servants. Blessed is he who heareth and respondeth; and woe betide the deniers!

O Ghaffar! Through thy mention of "the All-Forgiving" in this perspicuous Tablet, say: My God, my God! I bear witness that Thou hast appeared, and hast sent down Thy Book, and hast manifested Thine evidences, and hast summoned the peoples, from behind the veil, unto the dawning-place of Thy most great signs and the manifestation of Thy most excellent names. I beseech Thee to enable me to celebrate Thy remembrance and to serve Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Muhammad Qabl-i-Husayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and calleth thee, that He may draw thee nigh unto the All-Informed. Cast idle fancies beneath thy feet in despite of every ignorant and far-removed one. Say: The Day hath come, and the people are holden within a thick veil. They hear and yet deny; verily, they are of those who, in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, are accounted among the most great losers.

O thou youth, Qabl-i-ʿAli! The promise hath come to pass and the Promised One hath descended from the heaven of bounty and hath revealed that which had been hidden from all eyes. Beware lest the veils of the divines shut thee out from God, the Lord of mankind. Say: O concourse of men! Deal in fairness, for the sake of God, with regard to that which hath appeared in truth. He it is Who created you for His Days. Turn ye, with radiant faces, unto the Most Exalted Horizon, whereon the tongue of utterance proclaimeth: God, there is none other God but He, the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. Blessed is he who turneth, hearkeneth and cometh; and woe betide every obstinate disbeliever!

O Muhammad Qabl-i-ʿAli! The ocean of utterance hath surged, the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath spread abroad, the mysteries have been disclosed, the rivers have flowed, and yet the people, for the most part, remain in doubt and dissension. They have denied the proof of God and His testimony and have been ungrateful for His favour; verily, they are of the people of error. Blessed art thou for having turned; and woe unto every scheming opposer! Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and unveiled what had been treasured up in the knowledge of God, the Lord of lords.

O Jabbar! Verily, the Almighty hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with conclusive speech. The Hour hath come, and its signs have appeared, and the Light hath shone forth from the horizon of power. Blessed is he who fulfilleth the Covenant and breaketh not the pledge of God when He cometh with might and sovereignty.

O Ahmad! Recite that which the All-Merciful sent down in the Furqan:

> "On the Day when men shall stand before the Lord of the worlds."

That hidden treasure hath now been disclosed, and He hath revealed what He willed, as a mercy from His presence; yet most of the people are among the heedless. Say: Fear God, and follow not every distant wrongdoer. Lay aside the books of the people, and take firm hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

And We make mention, in that place, of the handmaids of God, and beseech Him to ordain for them that which He hath decreed for the women of the Company on high. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The glory from Our presence rest upon you, O company of the beloved, and upon every soul that is firm in the Cause and steadfast on the Path. Praise be to God that the honoured ones have been mentioned by the tongue of greatness, and that the bounties of God have streamed forth from the fountain-head of grace. The names of the friends of the earth that were recorded in the letter of the one entitled "Name of Bounty" have all been presented in the holy court, and individually have they been lovingly commemorated. Convey unto them what hath been sent down for them from the heaven of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Merciful.

On behalf of this servant also, let each of them be remembered with a wondrous remembrance and an exalted glorification.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Lord of mankind, O Possessor of the mysteries of fate! I beseech Thee by the Light that hath shone forth from the Most Great Horizon to strengthen those who have arisen to serve Thee and who have laid hold on the hem of Thy Cause, that they may exalt the standards of remembrance and praise in the world of humanity, and guide Thy servants, with wisdom and utterance, unto the realm of firm conviction.

O my God! Thou hast manifested Thy Cause, made plain Thy proof, sent down Thy verses and disclosed Thy clear evidences. I entreat Thee, by Thy great bounty and Thy all-encompassing grace and Thy ancient Name and Thy straight Path, that Thou suffer not Thy servants to be debarred from the rays of the Sun of knowledge in these days, wherein Thou hast embroidered the horizon of existence with the rising of the Orb of wisdom and exposition.

Look not, O my God, upon their heedlessness and their veils, but upon Thy grace and Thy loving care; not upon their weakness and poverty, but upon Thy power and Thy might. Draw them—even if by chains—unto the horizon of Thy favour and the paradise of Thy knowledge. Thou, verily, art He Whose bounty hath encompassed all created things and Whose mercy hath preceded all that are in the realm of

contingency. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thou art the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Protect, O my Hope, Thy loved ones beneath the shade of Thy guardianship and Thy protection from the evils of the wicked among Thy creatures, and clothe them in the robe of steadfastness upon the path of Thy love. Verily, Thy Name hath subdued the world and Thy sovereignty hath vanquished the nations. In Thy grasp lieth the kingdom of destiny. There is no God but Thee, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful.

Send down, O my God, Thy blessings upon the recipients of Thy Revelation in the world of being and the sources of Thy Command, O Lord of names—those through whom the orbits of existence revolve and through whom the decrees of creation, in secret and in open, are ordained. And upon those also who have kindled their lamps from the Light of their knowledge, been guided by the sweet accents of their utterance, been led by them unto Thee, bowed in submission before their behest, and, through their counsels, have severed themselves from all save Thee and arisen, even as they have arisen, to serve Thy Cause.

Verily, Thou art the Bestower, the Giver, the All-Compassionate. There is no God but Thee, the All-Watchful, the All-Powerful, the Munificent, the Most Tender. Let the friends of God, wheresoever they may dwell, when they meet Thy loved ones, remember them with wondrous praises and subtle glorifications.

The spirit and the glory rest upon thee and upon them, one and all.

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BH00533: Praise be to God, Who hath with the fire…

He is God, blessed and exalted be His glory.

Praise be to God, Who hath with the fire of knowledge ignited the Sadratu'l-Insan, the Lote-Tree of the human reality, and therewith illumined all horizons on the Day of Reunion. When the hidden secret was unveiled and the treasured symbol disclosed, the people of the Covenant hastened unto the dawning-place of Beauty, whilst the people of dissension fled into the darkness of remoteness—inasmuch as the eyes of their hearts were powerless to behold the effulgence of the lights of concord shining from the horizon of intimacy and unity.

Glorified, glorified is He! Exalted is His Cause and His proof! He hath sent down His verses that He might guide His servants unto the gardens of fellowship and love; He hath taught them the paths of rectitude and led them unto the meads of unity. Whoso hearkeneth, with the ear of the heart, unto His binding, irrevocable decree, attaineth unto the Most Great Effusion and, by the light of faith, is delivered from the darkness of ignorance and obstinate denial.

Blessed are they who have recognized this Great Day, attained unto this all-embracing bounty, and trodden the straight Path in the shadow of the Lote-Tree of the knowledge of their Lord, the All-Glorious,

the All-Bountiful. Through the grace of their All-Knowing Lord have they been saved from the ancient error. They are the dwellers in the pavilion of the Most Glorious, the voyagers upon the Crimson Ark sailing upon the ocean of majesty and anchored beneath the Verdant Dome upon the shore of eternity.

Blessed are they, in that they have clung to the cord of faithfulness and entered the gardens of unveiling and reunion. May God stablish their feet upon the path of His mighty Cause in this Day whereon the limbs of the mighty have trembled before the manifestations of Thy command, O Lord of names! Thou art witness that they have forsaken the world out of longing to meet Thee, and have fled from the concourse of the nations to the shadow of Thine own knowledge.

I beseech Thee, by Thy Most Great Name and Thy most potent, most perfect proof, to guard them, beneath the shadow of the Lote-Tree of Thy protection, from the malice of the wicked among Thy creatures, and to assist them, at all times, to guide Thy servants, with wisdom and utterance, unto the fountainhead of knowledge and understanding. Deposit, through Thy bounty, such power in their words that hearts may thereby be drawn unto the shore of Thy knowledge and souls may be guided unto the dawning-place of Thy science and Thy wisdom.

Thou art, O my Hope, my Lord, my Light and my Glory, He Who hath created the realm of possibility and all that is therein for man, and hath fashioned him to know Thine own Self and to attain unto the loftiest stations beneath the shadow of Thy Most Exalted Name. Cast them not away after Thou hast summoned them unto Thee, nor deprive them after Thou hast brought them forth to attain unto the mine of Thy bounty and grace. Look not upon their weakness, their poverty and their shortcoming, but upon the sovereignty of Thy might, the kingship of Thy power, and the subtleties of Thy bounty and Thy mercy. Thou art He Who hath named His own Self “the All-Bountiful”. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great.

O thou who hast approached the river of love, and taketh thy rest beneath the shadows of the Lote-Tree of the Cause of the Lord of existence! What thy fingers of love and concord and thy pen of yearning and longing have traced hath reached us. I perused it with the glance of affection and perceived the fragrance wafting from the blackness of its ink, for it was compounded with the musk of tenderness.

I entreat God, the Lord of existence, the Possessor of hosts, the Ruler in the realm of the unseen and the seen, to protect thee beneath the shadow of His guardianship, to grant thee to drink of the heavenly draught of His bounty and favour, and to assist thee, through the Most Great Wisdom, to guide His servants unto the gardens of His knowledge. Verily, He is powerful over all things; He is the Subtle, the All-Informed.

The letter from Abkhanab hath been received, and the degrees of affection and the stations of love are therefrom evident and manifest. The seed hath been cast upon the soil of the grace of God—exalted be His station and magnified His bounty. We beseech and hope that, through His encompassing favour and His all-embracing mercy, He will preserve the people of Abkhanab at all times, and confirm them in that which is best for them in this world and the next. His bounty hath encompassed the world, and the Sun of His loving care hath risen from the horizon of the Cause in the plenitude of its sweetness and light.

Alas, alas for the souls and woe for the human hearts which remain deprived of this Greatest Bounty and withheld from this imperishable favour! For long centuries, one succeeding another, they have been promised this Supreme Manifestation, and they have ever exhorted one another to accept and enter into it. And now, despite the manifest proof and the dawning of the Sun of certitude, they are, as we behold, veiled and bereft.

Consider: that which today hath become the cause of the people's waywardness is that very thing which, in former Manifestations, withheld men from entering the precincts of acceptance and attaining unto the City of Reunion. It is one and the same thing, which in every age hath been known by a certain name and mentioned under a certain term. Thus, aforetime, they said: "The hand of God is chained." Now, this same meaning they set forth in other words and in another guise. In like manner have they limited the Manifestation of the Promised One by conditions and restrictions, and have regarded any other mode as impossible—although in the perspicuous Book it hath been stated: "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and shall not be asked of His doings."

Moreover, in every age it hath been witnessed that the divine Manifestations have appeared in a manner contrary to the expectations of the people. In truth, were the servants to take former events as the measure for subsequent matters, they would never remain, in any wise, shut out from recognizing the Name "the Self-Subsisting" in this Day of God.

Consider: had all that the Jews were awaiting been fulfilled, in the days of the appearance of the Spirit of God, Jesus, they would assuredly not have remained, even until now, deprived. Likewise is it with the followers of the Gospel. And now behold the people of the Qur'an: they too are afflicted with that selfsame malady. Holy God! In what age and time have the imaginings of the people been the measure for the appearance of Him Who is the Manifestation of the very Self of the All-Merciful? Exalted is He above all such limitations; glorified is He above all that the heedless ascribe unto Him!

O thou beloved one! When thou beholdest the loved ones of thy Lord in the land of Ba', there, on behalf of this Wronged One, convey unto them the cry of "God is Most Great" and remind them of the days of their Lord. Say:

By God, the True One! This day is your day. It behoveth you, after having attained unto the grace of God, the Lord of names, and having entered beneath the canopy of the knowledge of the Lord of earth and heaven, to arise for the service of the Cause, throughout the realm of being, with wisdom and utterance, with tenderness, bounty and loving-kindness.

All that hath been created in this world shall pass away; that which endureth is your standing forth to serve the Cause amidst mankind, and your service in the path of your Lord, the Fashioner of creation. Look not upon the heedlessness of the people, nor upon the veils of the dwellers in the lands; in the sight of the power of the Ancient King they are as naught.

He, exalted be He, hath singled you out for the knowledge of Him, hath adorned your bodies and your hearts with the raiment of His grace and His love, and hath decreed for you in His Kingdom that which shall remain as long as His Most Beautiful Names endure. There is no God but He, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

From the perusal of thy letter, O honoured one, in the Most Holy Presence, and from the mention of thy name laid before the Countenance, the tongue, enkindled, was directed toward thee and gave utterance to these luminous verses. It is He—exalted be His glory—Who speaketh from the Most Exalted Horizon:

> "O Sadiq! Thy letter, which thou didst send unto the Greater Branch, hath come and hath been honoured by the glance of this Wronged One in His great Prison. We have read it, and have answered thee with these verses whereby the horizon of the world hath been illumined and made to shine. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast turned, and heard, and seen, and attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to strengthen thee to safeguard that which He hath vouchsafed thee—verily, He is the Compassionate, the Gracious—and to enable thee to celebrate My remembrance and praise with wisdom and eloquence. Verily, thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Upon thee be My glory, and upon My loved ones in that land, and upon every steadfast and upright soul.

O Sadiq! My glory be upon thee in all conditions. With wisdom gaze upon the hosts of God; be occupied, with the remembrance of the True One, among the people of God; and show forbearance and consideration toward the heedless, lest clamour be raised and the hearts of the weak be perturbed. The Rightful One—exalted be His glory—is bounteous; His mercy hath in truth preceded, and His loving care hath encompassed all. Thus must His loved ones also consort with His servants in utmost love, compassion and tenderness.

If they find a land receptive, let them cast therein the precious seed of the Word of God; otherwise, "unto you your religion, and unto them theirs." Strife and contention are, in any wise, wholly forbidden. In one of the Tablets, holy war with sword and spear and such like hath been declared unlawful; the striving incumbent now is the striving with the utterance of the All-Merciful.

By the life of God! The sword of the Word is sharper than the sword of steel—this exalted word hath, again and again, flowed from the Pen. In all circumstances look with the eye of wisdom. Verily, thy Lord is the Counsellor, the All-Knowing.

As to the mention thou madest of Jinab-i-Mashhadi ʿAli-Akbar—he who hath ascended unto God—it was laid before the Countenance.

O Sadiq! Blessed is he, in that his name hath been mentioned before the Face, and for him there hath been sent down that from which the fragrance of forgiveness hath shed its perfume throughout the realm of existence. Exalted be thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who bestoweth and withholdeth and decreeth for whomsoever He willeth that which He willeth. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Thou didst enquire concerning what he hath left behind. Know thou that all such matters are entrusted to consultation. Would that he had been enabled to discharge, with his own hand, the Huqúqu'lláh! May God forgive him, as a favour from His presence; verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Consult, then, regarding his affairs; whatsoever is in accord with wisdom, that do ye. He heareth and seeth; verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Thou hast also mentioned Mashhadi Isma'il and Mashhadi Yusuf. Each, through the grace of God, hath attained. For each of them a word of forgiveness hath been sent down. Blessed are they, and woe betide such as have denied the proof of God and His testimony, disbelieved in His verses and waged war against Him in person—they, indeed, are of those who, in the Book of God, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, are numbered among the most great losers.

Convey, on behalf of this Wronged One, the cry of "God is Most Great" unto the friends of that land. All have attained unto the grace of God. We entreat Him to adorn them all with the Most Great Steadfastness, and to enable them to act in accordance with that which hath flowed from the Pen of the Most High in the Book.

In these days, letters have come from the land of Badar-Sayyid, and the answers have been revealed and despatched. It is Our hope that all may partake of their portion from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth to the straight path; He is, in truth, the All-Glorious, the All-Fair.

Conclude thou by remembering the friends of God, from this Servant, with a wondrous, exalted glorification, and bear unto them all the glad-tidings of the loving care of the Well-Beloved—exalted be His station.

And upon thee and upon the loved ones of thy Lord be glory and praise.

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Introduction

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

O Pen! Make mention of him who turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon in the earliest days, when all who dwell in the realm of creation turned away from Him save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did please. He it is who turned towards Me and attained, who spoke My praise and soared in My atmosphere, who entered My prison and heard My call, and bore witness unto that which shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. We have verily heard thy call and answered thee, and have seen thy letter and remembered thee in this Perspicuous Tablet.

Say: O people! This is the Day of God wherein none save Him shall be mentioned. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of the mischief-makers. All things have borne witness unto the Lord of Names, yet most of the people remain sunk in slumber. Say: O people of the Bayan! The books of the world shall profit you not this day save through this Book which proclaimeth before the faces of the nations that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Herald came unto you and informed you of My Revelation and My sovereignty, and gave you glad-tidings of My bounty and My mercy. Fear ye God and be not of them that turn aside. Were it not for My Revelation, He would not have

manifested Himself, nor would the Bayan have been sent down from the kingdom of the All-Merciful. Be fair, O people, and reject not the truth through what ye possess, if ye be of them that comprehend.

Say: Consider the people of the Furqan and their vainglory. They regard themselves as the highest, most learned, most excellent and most God-fearing of all parties, yet when the appointed time came and the horizon of the world was illumined by the Luminary of Revelation, they turned aside and disbelieved, until they pronounced judgement against Him for Whose separation they had lamented. Know ye that they are in manifest loss. Say: O people of the Bayan! Abandon their path and follow not in their footsteps. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command you, if ye be of them that hearken. Oppose not Him Who hath come unto you with the kingdom of verses, the standards of clear proofs, and the banners of names and attributes. Leave behind what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Whosoever hath recognized this Revelation hath attained unto the Word of Unity and witnessed what God had witnessed ere the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee to strengthen me with such steadfastness as shall cause the hearts of the croakers to quake.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon thee and upon them who have turned towards the Most Great Sea, detached from the world. They are verily the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, whom My Herald hath mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, and I am the All-Knowing Witness.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Thy servant Abdullah, that the remembrance of the All-Merciful may draw him to the horizon of certitude, that station wherein whoso attaineth unto it, the hosts of the world shall not frighten him, nor shall the powers of the nations weaken him. Thus hath the command been sent down from the heaven of the will of the Lord of eternity at this time wherein the world hath been illumined by the lights of His resplendent countenance. Say: Hearken unto the call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily it shall raise thee up and draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thy letter hath been presented and that which thy tongue of recognition hath uttered hath attained unto the hearing of thy Lord, the Hearer, the Answerer. Be thou thankful unto God for this most great favor, then preserve it through His Name, the Preserver, the Powerful, the Mighty. We have heard and answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the day-star of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. When thou discernest the fragrance of utterance and the breezes from the kingdom of knowledge, arise and say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me, and made me known, and guided me, and taught me, and made clear to me Thy straight path from which most of Thy servants have turned aside, save those whom Thou hast rescued through Thy power that encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee by the vessels of meaning upon the sea of Names, and by the mysteries of Thy enduring Book, O Creator of heaven, to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby princes have

lamented and divines have cried out, and the hearts of those who have taken lords beside Thee have been perturbed. 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 Forgiving, the Merciful.

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We have desired to make mention of him who hath desired to drink of My sealed wine, sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! Thy name was presented and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love. We have answered thee with an utterance whereby the world hath been adorned and before which all mention hath bowed down. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto God in His days, and the tongue that hath spoken His praise, and the foot that hath arisen to serve His invincible Cause. Say: By God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout creation. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and turned toward this exalted station.

When thou hast attained unto His verses and His proof, say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having remembered me while I was in the hands of those who were heedless of Thy Cause and desired to shed the blood of those who turned unto Thee and dwelt in Thy presence and bore witness to that which the tongue of Thy grandeur had testified before the creation of Thy heaven and earth—that verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: I beseech Thee, O my God, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause that there may appear from me that which shall endure as long as Thine excellent names endure. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

O Ha before Sin! Hearken unto the call of God, the True King, the Manifest. It hath been raised from the white spot beside the crimson tree planted on the mount of knowledge, the station of the manifestation of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower. And We make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who is named Abdu'llah, that he may rejoice in the bounty of God, the Lord of lords. O Abdu'llah! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and We have perceived from it the fragrance of thy sincerity to God, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy call and thy yearning in the love of God and that wherewith thou didst commune with thy Lord, the Lord of names and attributes.

The Wronged One hath heard and answered thee with verses that neither the circumstances of the world nor the succession of ages and centuries can alter. They shall endure as long as My most excellent names and exalted attributes endure. To this doth the Creator of heaven bear witness from the most sublime station. Cast aside all else but Me, then take the cup of life in My name, then drink therefrom the wine of divine knowledge by My leave and bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus have the heavens of bounty revolved in thy Lord's name. Be thankful and say:

Praise be to Thee, O Dawning-Place of verses and Manifestation of clear signs! From the horizon of grace hath shone forth the sun of permission as a mercy from Us upon thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Let not the requirements of wisdom, wherewith We have commanded all in the Scriptures and Tablets, oppose Him. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom in all conditions. Verily it shall

profit thee by the command of God, the Lord of all men. Glory be upon the people of glory who were not disturbed by the cawing of every lying impostor—they who violated God's Covenant and Testament and disbelieved when God came with the standards of verses.

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We make mention of him who has desired the Countenance and hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of existence. This is the Day whereon mankind hath arisen before God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day concerning which God gave tidings and proclaimed unto His servants through His words:

> "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God."

Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. This is the Day whereon the mountains have been set in motion, yet most of the people understand not.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard thy call to God, the Lord of the frequented House. Thy yearning hath attained unto Our hearing, and We have revealed for thee that which no earthly thing nor any treasure among treasures can equal. Hold thou fast unto the Most Great Name and cleave unto the hem of God, the Lord of the exalted Station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken and summoned all unto His praiseworthy habitation. Among the people are those whom the attraction of their Lord's verses hath so seized that they have cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity. They came, heard, responded, and attained unto that which was recorded in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in My Preserved Tablet.

I desired for thee the grace of forgiveness from the clouds of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. We, verily, have cleansed thee, as a bounty from Our presence, with the waters of loving-kindness and favor. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Tender, the All-Bountiful. If thou inhalest the fragrance of My words and attainest unto the traces of My Pen, make mention of My days and of that which befell Me at the hands of Mine enemies—those who cast the Cause of God behind their backs, in that they followed every rejected divine and every forsaken ignorant one. They pronounced judgment against Us—those very ones who, when Our name was mentioned, arose and spoke in seeming reverence; yet when We manifested the Cause, they turned away from Us and objected unto Us with such injustice that the people of the Kingdom on high lamented thereat.

We exhort thee unto that whereby the Cause of God shall be exalted. This beseemeth whoso hath turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon in this promised Day. Glory rest upon the people of Baha who have held fast unto the Covenant of God and His Testament, and have wrought according to that whereunto they were bidden in His perspicuous Tablet. Praise be to God, the King of kings and Sovereign of the kingdoms of eternity.

O bearer of the letter Ha! Hearken once more unto the Call issuing from this Lote-Tree, before Whose manifestation the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary, the Heavenly Paradise, the Most Exalted Paradise, and whatsoever hath been created through the Word of God, the Lord of all worlds, have bowed in

adoration. Verily, in every state doth He summon mankind unto the Lord of the Throne above and the earth beneath, and doth remind them of the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

At this moment We have purposed to make mention of My handmaid and My leaf, who turned unto God and believed in Him at a time when the men of the earth turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath willed. Rejoice thou in that I have remembered thee and turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. By My life! All that is seen upon the earth can never equal this. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, and blessed the handmaid who turned, believed, and attained unto the knowledge of the Best-Beloved, when the veil was rent asunder and the All-Bounteous appeared invested with manifest sovereignty.

Render thanks unto thy Lord, then remember Him in the night seasons and in the days, for verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing. How many a handmaid hath heard the Call of God, and how many a servant hath turned away and been numbered, in the Book of God, among the ungodly. Bliss be thine, inasmuch as thou hast quaffed the sealed wine in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which He hath ordained for His devout handmaids, and that which shall profit thee in this world and in the world to come. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH00542: O Mihdi! The world is in turmoil and none…

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

O Mihdi! The world is in turmoil and none has recognized its cause. Tribulation and adversity have encompassed it. The earth shall not find rest save through the call “Be thou calm!”, yet in view of the foundation of divine policy and the principles of heavenly ordinances, there has been and continues to be restraint in the utterance of the Word. Aforetime this most exalted Word descended from the Supreme Pen: The tabernacle of world order is upheld by two pillars—reward and punishment. In view of the recompense for their deeds, mankind is seen to be in loss and affliction. In these days, this servant, present before the Wronged One, has, as bidden, written certain pages wherein exalted words attributed to the Crimson Scroll have been recorded as befitting the occasion, written in such wise that should anyone desire to see them, there would be no harm in this, for therein are not mentioned those things that would cause clamor and excitement among men.

Brief mention has been made of various utterances from the All-Merciful. Send a copy thereof to Afnan A. and H., glory be upon him. It would be well-pleasing if, at each occasion, a Tablet or utterance from the Mother Book could be sent, for the divine Word increases the spirit and guides the heart to the ocean of joy and freedom.

O My Name Mihdi! Reflect upon the world’s upheavals. By My life! They shall not cease but shall increase with each passing day. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. The people have been and continue to be deprived of the call of Truth and its sweetness. Strange it is that they are even deprived of the call of the world itself, for the world, by the command of the Ancient Lord, continually raises its voice to the highest pitch. One such call was the Chief of Iran who moved about like lightning, at times in the West, at times in

the East, South and North, striving day and night to order the realm and increase its wealth, yet in the end returned empty-handed.

By the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing! Had he possessed but one word from God it would have been better than all he saw and heard and spent his life pursuing. However, in his final years he committed no act causing grief, therefore naught but good should be spoken of him. And as he was related to one of God's loved ones, perchance the word of forgiveness may descend for him from the kingdom of the All-Merciful's favors, [and] in certain instances good words did proceed from his tongue. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Mihdi! Raise thy hands in supplication. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Perchance the people of the world may be aided to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with, and become detached and independent from vain and unprofitable pursuits. The servant in attendance here laid before Him the letter from Afnan, glory be upon him, and likewise your honor submitted some matters again. That he has acknowledged his shortcomings and sought forgiveness—blessed is he, and exalted is he who has been made to know humility and supplication in the days of his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The hardships they have endured in God's path and the services they have rendered are all remembered before God and recorded in the Book. The divine days which all sought to comprehend were found, after their dawning and shining forth, to find all asleep and heedless, save whom God willed.

That which has been written concerning Mirza Badi', upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—may they ever be confirmed in that which brings down divine mercy. From this station We send Our greetings to him who is named Abdu'l-Ali and give him glad tidings of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. He has attained to that which God desired. Today, whosoever shows love to the relatives of the exalted martyr, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory and mercy and favor, and attends to their affairs, is beloved and accepted before the Wronged One.

As for the matter of the horse trader, it would be better and more fitting. However, that which has been or will be sent as a gift cannot be sold, while that which is in the name of Huquq may be sold without objection. This is what the Pen has spoken from the presence of the Ancient Lord in His noble station.

Concerning what was written about the Blessed Place, this matter rests with the Afnan themselves, upon them be My glory. Let them proceed as they deem best. God willing, they have been and will continue to be successful in their charitable works. By My life, all that the people possess shall perish, while that which has been ordained by the Mighty, the Powerful shall endure.

Shaykh Muhammad-ʿAli must also attend to this matter. Instructions were given to him who bears the Name of Generosity to write and summon him. The right of the sister of the King of Martyrs, upon them both be My most glorious splendor, must be discharged, and this matter is essential. The law of Huquq is most great in God's sight. Blessed are they whom the perishable ornaments of the world have not deprived of trustworthiness. Blessed is he whose head is adorned with the crown of trustworthiness. What his honor "S", upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, has written concerning the taking of the ledgers—excellent is the news and excellent the deed. God willing, may they be aided to achieve that which leads

to exaltation, glory and prosperity. As for people's property that the government has seized, its payment is not incumbent upon the heirs—that is, the martyr, upon him be My glory, is not indebted.

Regarding the land, it is a praiseworthy deed. We have made it a piece of Paradise and named it the Verdant Spot, as a favor from Us. The choice rests with its owner. The burial of others without permission is not allowed, unless it would cause corruption. In such case, one must act according to the requirements of wisdom.

Mention was made of Mulla Husayn in the Afnan's letter, therefore he has attained to the Wronged One's remembrance. God willing, may they know the worth of God's Word and its station, and drink from the cups of the words of the Kawthar of steadfastness, that they may not be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful. From this station We send Our greetings to him and to those who have believed in God in that place, and We give them glad tidings of what God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, has ordained for them.

O My Afnan! The most important of all matters today is the teaching of the Cause—with spirit and fragrance, wisdom and utterance. Convey greetings to each of the friends in that land as wisdom permits, and remind them of what has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, that perchance the clamor and might of the people may not prevent them from the Truth. Great is this Day. Blessed is the soul that has fulfilled its covenant and has arisen to serve its Lord in such wise that the affairs of the world have not kept it back from God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Glory be upon you and upon My Afnan and upon those who have acknowledged that which has been sent down from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

O Mihdi! The Pen of the All-Merciful in this first dawn of the blessed month of Ramadan turneth toward the Tablet and saith: The leaf which the honored Afnan A. and H., upon them be the Glory of God, sent in thy name was presented in its entirety before His countenance. May they, God willing, be ever assisted in serving the Cause. Verily this shall profit them in the hereafter and in this life, and in the worlds of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what they wrote about Mirza Badi'u'llah, his coming to this land is not permitted. The Most Exalted Pen hath previously warned that the Prison Land is in turmoil beneath its surface, though outwardly it appeareth calm. Know ye the melody of God and ponder upon it, O people. Verily He speaketh the truth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Moreover, there is no space available, and most are in great hardship and difficulty due to the cramped conditions. Their affairs have been and continue to be looked after by the Afnan. It behooveth everyone to care for them according to their means. Thus hath the All-Merciful commanded, both before and at this time.

They mentioned A. and S. Were he to hear what We have commanded him, he would see what he seeth not today, from One Who is All-Informed, All-Knowing.

Likewise was mention made of the son of the Lesser Martyr. May he, God willing, attain the grace of the True One. The fragrances of love are wafted from him. It behooveth him to beseech God to protect him and make him steadfast in this Great Cause and upon this Straight Path.

Regarding what was written about Mosul, Abu'l-Hasan from the land of T., and Samandar from the land of Q., as well as others from other lands, have submitted this matter. We have commanded the servant in attendance to send to the Afnan a copy of what was revealed from the heaven of God's Will in reply to Abu'l-Hasan, that they may consider it. What the Afnan, upon them be the Glory of God, have done in this regard is acceptable in the presence of God, for they acted for God and in His path. The deeds of each are witnessed and recorded in the Book. Let them give thanks to God for this great bounty. O Mihdi! Praise be to God, through divine grace their mention hath been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court, and time and again they have been adorned with and have attained the ornament of His favor. The Glory be upon them.

This is a copy of what was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance in reply to him who is named Abu'l-Hasan: Concerning what you wrote about Mosul, they said it would have been better had they heeded the glad tidings and "give thou good news to the patient ones" after the blessed words "We shall surely test you." Although drought hath overtaken most lands this year, yet the spreading of such matters by the friends might cause certain incidents. The mention and spreading of such matters should always occur with permission. Verily He knoweth His servants better than they know themselves. He is indeed the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And whosoever desireth with utmost willingness and yearning to pay the Huqúqu'lláh should give it to such as your honor and the trustees, and obtain a receipt, so that whatever transpireth may occur with God's leave and permission. Verily He is the Teacher, the All-Wise.

The servant

BH00547: O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory!...

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

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! The Most Great Branch hath appeared before the Face. The letters of the friends written to thee have each been mentioned in the Most Holy Presence and recorded by the Supreme Pen. The letter of Mirza Aqa which he sent to thee attained the honor of being heard. He made mention of the barking ones—from Kerman appeared that which flowed from the Supreme Pen in the Most Holy Book, and that which is now hidden shall be made manifest. Those who in past ages and centuries counted themselves among the righteous and deemed themselves the most learned of the earth's scholars—on the Day of Manifestation the station and rank of each became clear and evident. By the life of God! The recompense of their deeds seized them and they returned to hell.

The deniers among the people of the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings. Through their attachment to names they have been deprived of the Dawning Place of the lights of inner meanings. The verses have encompassed the world and the evidences have shone forth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of will, yet still some remain deprived and veiled. Say: This is not a Cause that can be prevented by the cawing of crows or the clamor of divines. Its light hath shone forth from the horizon of proof with such brightness that neither veils can conceal it nor coverings prevent it.

Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Ancient Beauty was in the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath heard the call and taken the wine of steadfastness from the hands of power and bounty, and hath drunk, detached from all names. By the life of God! He is indeed of the people of Baha, as hath been testified by the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne above and the earth below in this exalted station.

Verily We make mention of him who made mention of thee, as a token of My grace, for I am indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Mirza Aqa! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He hath made mention of thee before, and doth so at this hour, by the command of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy letter which thou didst send unto My Name, upon him be My glory, hath reached Us. We have seen it and heard thy call, and have answered thee through this wondrous Book. Say: O people of God! Be not grieved by hardship, for after it cometh ease.

By the life of God, had people not risen up to deny God's blessing, His grace would now have encompassed all the world. For blessings have infinite meanings and degrees. Among these is the outpouring of the True Bestower which is manifest and resplendent in His days. In one station, the blessing is God's verses themselves, which are the food of the spirit, and upon which dependeth the primary education of the servants. In another station it is the love of God, glorified be His majesty—that blessing whose measure and station the pillars of the world are powerless to define. It is the cause of fellowship and the source of unity among the servants, and it is that which guideth people to the most exalted horizon.

Were but one of its effulgences to fall upon cities and lands, it would attract all and draw them to the place of sacrifice. It is the transformer and the director by God's command, glorified be His majesty. It is that which kindleth the fire in hearts and souls, and through it the divine Lote-Tree uttereth the blessed Word. Its description cannot flow from the pen nor be concluded by the tongue. In another station the blessing is virtuous character, an adornment that befitteth all forms. Blessed is the soul that is adorned with this ornament—such a one is accepted before God and beloved among men. Were the Supreme Pen to desire to describe this station as it truly is, numerous volumes would result.

We shall be brief, as is the way of the righteous, and make mention of the souls aforementioned, that haply they may drink of the choice wine of utterance and become detached from all else but God. In ages and centuries past they worshipped various gods while considering themselves believers in the unity of God. But when the Greatest Light shone forth from the Most Exalted Horizon of the world, it became clear and evident to all that they were idol-worshippers. They martyred the Lord of the world, yet to this day have not become aware. Today is the day of true belief in God's unity. All have been created by God's Word. The Most Great Infallibility belongeth exclusively to God, exalted be His glory—none shareth with Him in this station. The Letters, whether of the past or future, are all created beings, and the source of all is the Divine Word, and the educator of all is His grace.

Blessed is the soul that today attaineth unto the lights of true belief and comprehendeth the meaning of the blessed words "Verily there is no God but Him." Ponder, O people of insight! Reflect, O ye who are endowed with vision, that perchance ye may catch the fragrances of the All-Merciful. Though some veils have been rent asunder by the finger of power, others remain, for were all to be rent at once, the foundations of the world would be shaken and all peoples would be seized with trembling.

O Pen! Set aside these remembrances and mention those whose remembrance one of My loved ones has desired, that he may thank his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We make mention of Our loved ones who have gathered in the house of him who was named Husayn, and We remind them of that which befitteth the Day of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O My loved ones! One of My servants hath made mention of you, and We have mentioned you in verses which nothing in all creation can equal. Give thanks unto God for this great favor. Rejoice in that your names have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen while the Wronged One was in His manifest prison. By God! The Most Great Announcement, whereof Muhammad the Messenger of God gave glad tidings, and which the Interlocutor foretold aforetime, and concerning which the Spirit of Truth gave tidings, hath made mention of you. Be ye strong in the Cause with a power that the conditions of creation cannot weaken, nor the clamor of the babblers who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and have denied Him in Whom they formerly believed render ineffective.

The Book of God, speaking from this sublime station, beareth witness unto this. From this station We send greetings to the faces of Our loved ones and give them glad tidings of My favor which hath preceded existence. Blessed is he who standeth firm whom clamor hath not caused to sit, and blessed is the speaker whom the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, have not silenced. Cast behind you idle fancies and shatter the idols of vain imaginings in the name of your Lord, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the shrill voice of My Pen been raised and the rustling of My Lote-Tree. Blessed are they who hear.

O My Name! We have made mention of Our loved ones in Kaf. Give them glad tidings of My grace, My mercy, My loving-kindness and My favor which have encompassed all that was and shall be.

And mention was made of Mirza Shukru'llah who hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath been awakened by the breezes of the Revelation and hath risen from the graves of heedlessness and idle fancies. O Shukru'llah! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee. This is a most great favor. Hold thou fast unto it and be of the thankful ones. Say:

My God, my God! This is Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden who desireth to drink the choice wine of revelation from the hands of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy love whereby all created things were set ablaze, to enable me to turn wholly unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. O my Lord! Aid me to stand firm in Thy Cause, then write me down among Thy servants who believe in Thy unity. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

And We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Ja'far that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Say:

My God, my God! I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the heaven of Thy bounty, the ocean of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bestowals. O my Lord! I am the weak one who hath clung to the hem of Thy strength, and the disturbed one who hath turned to the horizon of Thy tranquility and Thy power. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My Name! We have observed the letter of the beloved one—upon him be My Glory—which he sent in the name of Jud. The fragrance of divine love was wafted therefrom. We beseech God to confirm him and set his affairs aright—that is, whatsoever is in accordance with wisdom. By the Sun of the horizon of proof! He hath ordained and continueth to ordain that which is best for His loved ones. Ask thou God to set His people aflame in those regions. O people of God! Be not grieved. God hath been and will ever be with you. Each one of you must manifest such qualities as will cause the people to turn and be attracted. O dear one! Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and say: This is the day of steadfastness and the day of service. We beseech God to protect all.

O Ali! Upon him be My glory! You have ever been remembered and still are remembered. Repeatedly have you been blessed by the Most Exalted Pen. O Ali! You have been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to send down upon you and His party from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence and a grace from His side. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

We make mention of Ibn-i-Shahid, upon them both be My glory, and bid him to steadfastness. O people of God! You must manifest yourselves in such wise that no opportunity remains for the barking ones—that is, their hopes may be transformed into despair. Say: O Ali-Akbar! Fear God and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. This is He but for Whom the Books of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, would not have been revealed. Through Him was every Messenger sent and every Book revealed. The Preserved Tablet in His presence bears witness to this. Fear God and follow not the people of idle fancy. We have previously commanded you to manifest the Greater Steadfastness. With your Lord is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Nothing escapes His knowledge. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We convey greetings to the people of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor. We beseech Him to aid all to that which causes the exaltation of His Cause and His Word. Cast behind you all who are on earth and say: Praise be to Thee, O our God, our Goal, and our Beloved, for having made known unto us the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Dayspring of Thine inspiration, and the Manifestation of Thy Self, and for having drawn us nigh unto Thee, and for having caused us to hear Thy call, and for having shown us Thine all-highest horizon, and for having given us to drink of Thy sweetest Kawthar. O Lord! We beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, to make us of those whom neither the allusions of the divines nor the doubts of the theologians have deterred. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH00561: Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds…

Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds, Who at all times hath caused to be revealed and made manifest from the Most Exalted Pen the mention of His loved ones and chosen ones. In these days ye have surely heard what hath befallen the Choice Wine through the tyranny of the aggressors and the calumnies of the slanderers. By the life of our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth! They have exchanged truth for falsehood, trustworthiness for treachery, acceptance for rejection, justice for tyranny, and fairness for oppression. Through this every fair-minded one hath lamented, the sighs of every assured one have

ascended, and the tears of every seeing one have fallen. I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist them to return unto Him, to turn in repentance at the door of His bounty, and to stand before the throne of His justice. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. And this is what was revealed for him who was named ʿIbadu'llah. His word, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors:

O Ibadu'llah! By the life of God, the Wronged One is in manifest grief. My grief is not for My imprisonment and what hath befallen Me from Mine enemies, but from those who claim to love Me yet have wrought that which hath caused My sighs to ascend, My tears to fall, and the Tablet and the Pen to lament. The clear Book of God beareth witness unto this. We have manifested the Cause and sent down the verses, yet most of the people are heedless. Those who denied God's proof and evidence have fallen, and violated His covenant and testament. We beseech God to assist them to return. Verily, He is the Forgiver, the Generous. The Herald hath called from every direction, yet most of the people are transgressors. Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of revelation and recognized Him Who was mentioned in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. In the establishment of Him Who conversed on Sinai upon the throne of Revelation, and the arrival of the Glory in the prison of Akka are signs for those who are discerning.

Say: O concourse of men! Cast aside what the people possess and take My Choice Wine, sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name. Then drink thereof despite every ignorant remote one and every doubting learned one. Thus hath the light of utterance dawned from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

O Hasan, son of Mirza! Behold what hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of this exalted station. Then hear what hath been raised from this Most Sublime Horizon and say: O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the cries of those near unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and the lamentations of the sincere ones in Thy days, and by the ocean of Thy verses and the dawning-place of Thy revelation and inspiration, to strengthen me in such steadfastness as shall not be shaken by the hosts of the heedless nor the ranks of the oppressors. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant.

I desire naught but to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by the lights of the dawn of Thy Manifestation not to disappoint me and Thy loved ones in what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy perspicuous verses. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy Cause and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy holiness. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy Most Exalted Word. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Bashir-Muhammad in luminous language. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth, and He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be to God! He hath believed and continueth to believe. His likeness is as one who occupieth himself with a drop while the ocean itself existeth. It is not known by what proof and testimony he hath believed in the Primal Point and, before Him, in the Prophets. By My life! He hath not recognized the fragrance of the Day of God. The Primal Point, with utmost helplessness, proclaimeth with His most exalted call:

“O people of the Bayan! On that Day be ye not veiled from Him by the Bayan and its verses, and commit not that which the people of the Furqan committed.” Today the Divine carpet is spread forth and the people of Baha are engaged in praise and glorification with utmost joy and gladness. We beseech God that He deprive not those who have turned towards Him from the waves of the ocean of mercy, and withhold them not from the lights of the Luminary of proof which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of will. Take hold of the hem of grace with the hands of supplication and say:

> “Unto Thee be glory, O Lord of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the backs of the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings were broken, and by Thy Command, whereby what was and what will be were subdued, to ordain for me the reward of those who heard Thy call, hastened to the door of Thy bounty, and quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of Thy bestowal. Thou seest, O my God, what hath befallen Thy loved ones, Thy chosen ones, and Thy trusted ones in Thy lands. The oppressors have hamstrung Thy crimson She-camel and devoured Thy sheep, O Lord of all beings, and have committed that which hath caused justice to lament and equity to cry out. O Lord! Thou hearest the sighing of the sincere ones and beholdest what hath befallen them at the hands of the oppressors. I beseech Thee by Thy power which encompasseth all created things to protect Thy loved ones from the mischief of Thine enemies. Then guard them with the hosts of Thy justice. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the power of the world nor the strength of nations can withhold. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to forgive me and my son, and whosoever hath held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

O Pen of Eternity! Make mention of him who hath been named Haydar-ʿAli, that the sweet savors of utterance may draw him unto a station wherein he shall behold naught save the sovereignty of God, His grandeur, His glory and His power. Thus have We sent down the verses and set them forth in truth, and He is the Mighty, the Commander, the Powerful.

We have verily witnessed thy devotion and heard thy call. We have summoned thee to the right hand of the Garden of Paradise that thou mayest hear and see that which the learned of the earth and its mystics have been prevented from beholding, save whom God hath willed, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

None should hesitate today regarding this momentous Announcement. It behooveth every soul, upon perceiving the divine fragrances and hearing the Call from the direction of the Throne, to say:

> “Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the mystics and Beloved mentioned in the hearts of the sincere!”

I beseech Thee by Thy radiant Light and Thy pervading, resplendent Cause to assist me in that which will exalt Thy Cause and the station of Thy Word. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, and I desire naught save the wonders of Thy grace. Thou art He by Whose will the Supreme Pen moved and that which was hidden and treasured in the hearts of the chosen ones was revealed. I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which the winds have encompassed, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all

names, to enable me to arise to serve Thee and to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that neither the onslaught of hatred nor the roaring of enemies shall deter me. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me a champion of Thy Cause and a guardian of what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Isma'il! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Remember what My Herald hath uttered in remembrance of Me and of My station, saying:

> "I have written a gem in His remembrance—verily He cannot be known through My allusion nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan."

With utmost clarity doth that Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen declare that He cannot be known through My allusion nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan. Time and again have We mentioned this verse and other passages that have flowed from the Pen of the Herald. Nevertheless, those who have turned away from the Bayan do at the very first instance seek to adduce proofs from the Bayan…. [two pages missing]

O Muhammad Qabl-i-ʿAli! The Supreme Pen at this moment speaks these exalted words: O people of Ta! He Who was recorded in the Books, inscribed in the Scrolls, and mentioned in the hearts, has come. We beseech God to aid Him through you and through your steadfastness. Verily, He hears and answers, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

These days have no likeness or similarity. Strive that perchance ye may attain to that which is the cause of the guidance of creation. Today the Path calls out and the Balance counsels all with justice and equity. Blessed are they who have attained unto hearing and act accordingly.

Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, for He hath made mention of thee in His Most Great Prison in such wise that thy mention and thy name shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of this glorious station.

O Sadiq! Truthfulness and uprightness have ever been among the great divine attributes. Blessed are they who have clung fast thereunto. Such calumnies have reached Us as have caused the Spirit to lament and every trustworthy and truthful one to cry out. I do not complain of My grief and sorrow. I am patient in tribulation and render thanks unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. I have borne afflictions in His path and witnessed that which none other hath witnessed. To this testify all fair-minded ones possessed of knowledge and all the learned that are endowed with insight.

Trustworthiness, religiosity, chastity, truthfulness and purity are the distinguished garments of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he who adorns his temple therewith. He is indeed among the successful ones in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Beautiful. O Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Baqir! Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made known unto me the Source of Thy commandments and the Dayspring

of Thy laws, Whom Thou hast established as Thy station in Thy land. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the lights of Thy Throne, and by the Scroll which none hath known save Thyself, and by the showers of the springtime of Thy grace, and by the mysteries of Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, to make me so firm in Thy love, so steadfast and resolute that neither the oppression of the idolaters, nor the clamor of the heedless, nor the onslaught of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment may move me.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge my heedlessness and hesitation in Thy days. I beseech Thee to enable me to make good what hath escaped me, then ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the recompense of one who hath quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH00582: My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love!...

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

My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love! The noble and exalted letter, which was a treasury of fragrant meanings and the dawning-place of sufficient and healing utterance, illumined the eyes of this evanescent servant and enlightened the heart. Indeed, boundless joy was experienced, for its outward expressions were sweet and its inner meaning indicated faithfulness and firm establishment in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God that at all times the breezes of the mention of the Desired One of all things waft from thy heart, tongue and pen in constant succession, appearance and manifestation. Well is it with thee and with us! That which thou hadst written concerning the distribution of verses and their dispatch to the known place is understood. Thou hast not shown, nor dost thou show, any laxity in service to the Cause, but rather carriest it out to the extent of thy capacity, nay beyond that. Again, well is it with thee and pleasant it is for us!

As for what thou hadst written about the person who came from Europe and who had inquired about the nature of the claim, the laws, and the primary purpose of this community, it was presented at the Throne. He—exalted be His glory—saith:

O physician! The laws were indeed revealed in those days, but We did not send them forth, in Our wisdom, nor is it permissible that he whom thou hast mentioned in thy letter should be apprised of them. We verily see the days in travail. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When the time cometh, We shall send them forth in truth as a grace from Us to all the worlds.

And as for what he asked thee about the foundation of the Cause, say: Thou wouldst not hear from me even if thou hadst an attentive ear. Turn with it to the rock and thou wilt hear from it in the loudest cry: “By God! That which was hidden in the treasuries of inviolability and power and in the repositories of might and mysteries hath appeared with such sovereignty as cannot be hindered by the veils of the evil ones nor by the imaginings of the heedless!” Then turn to the thickets and thou wilt hear from them: “The All-Possessing, the Most High hath come!” Then hasten to the mountain peaks and they will say: “The Lord of all creation hath come!”

Thus do all things speak, if thou be of them that hear. Hast thou not heard that the Spirit said that if these were to hold their peace, the very stones would cry out? Thus doth He inform thee, with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Dost thou inquire about the sun after its appearance at high noon, and seek after Him Whom the very essence of understanding is ashamed to be associated with? Wipe thine eyes with the fingers of submission, then look, and thou wilt see Him at the center of possibility, speaking in the name of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: This is He Who was promised to you in all the Tablets of God, and of Whom Isaiah informed you. Return thy gaze to the Torah and the Gospel that thou mayest know the decree of this Day and detach thyself from what thou hast, turning to the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This is not the day of questioning. The Beginning hath appeared in the End with the sovereignty of grandeur and majesty, calling all to the Dawning-Place of the evidences of your Lord, the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great. Beware lest thou be of those who awaited the days of the Messiah, but when He came with the truth, they pronounced His death sentence and were of the most lost. The Dove, beneath the talons of the enemies, calleth out at the highest pitch in such wise that the hosts of heedlessness cannot frighten It, nor can what hath befallen It from the wrongdoers prevent It. Reflect thou upon It and what hath befallen It from the people of hatred, and what It uttereth in the heaven of creation, that thou mayest leave creation behind thee, turning to the Dayspring of lights, and say: "I believe in God, O Thou Who art imprisoned and estranged!"

O physician! The mention of such remembrances is not permissible today. It must have been evident to you that the Supreme Pen has not yet moved according to its own motion, for it has ever been mindful of people's weakness and the need to be gentle with them. Nevertheless, observe how great is that which hath been sent down from His presence, and what lieth concealed in the heaven of thy Lord's will. Yet these unjust people, despite these manifest proofs, sacred conditions, firm manifestations, clear signs, and all-encompassing evidences, are still intoxicated. The vain imaginings of people have been forbidden from the Most Exalted Horizon, and the person mentioned was not truthful. His purpose was merely to send news, for European travelers are greatly desirous of new information to boast about in their own lands. Indeed, there are groups specifically assigned to travel to various regions and send back new reports—this was his intention. In any case, give him no document, for he will publicize it in that very land. In truth, this response that was revealed was out of kindness to you, not specifically for the inquirer. End.

This servant submits that one of the leaders of this group, who is very well-known, sent a petition to the Most Holy Court, and a specific response was revealed for him, a copy of which was sent. If deemed advisable, you may show it to him, but interpretation is not permitted—let him understand whatever he will. Be very vigilant regarding the Cause, for protecting the Cause is today more necessary than all else. For many times such persons have come specifically to investigate, having no purpose except to discover what is hidden and then object to it after gaining knowledge. In all circumstances be watchful, for the malevolent ones have been and are engaged in sedition. In all conditions, keep your eyes on wisdom. He is our Protector and your Protector in this world and the next. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

As for what you wrote concerning your brother, upon him be the Glory of God, this is what was revealed for him from the heaven of grace and favor:

> "O physician! The mention of thy brother hath been made before the Throne…"

to the end of His mighty and exalted Words.

Regarding what you wrote about the land of Kerman, God willing, a specific Tablet will be sent for the person mentioned. However, it is incumbent upon the loved ones in that land and elsewhere to strive themselves in such matters. In one instance, these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of will:

> "The loved ones must move like the arteries in the body of the world. They must not remain deprived from serving the Cause for a moment, nor be heedless of any of its members."

We beseech God to give all to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in such wise that the winds of the doubts of the ungodly may not move them, and to purify the earth from the defilement of those who have denied God and followed every ignorant rabble. They are indeed the most lost of all creatures before God, the Most High, the Great.

Concerning what you wrote about constantly instructing the companions not to admit strangers or inform them of matters, yet they neither listened nor listen—you are right, for firm decrees have repeatedly been revealed from the Source of the Cause regarding this matter. Nevertheless, some of the loved ones have not heeded and have been deceived by the ignorant. We beseech God to aid them to follow that which they have been commanded.

As to what was written about the wife of Aqa Muhammad, what his honor has done is certainly meritorious and appropriate. The Book of Laws was revealed in the language of verses in this land, and likewise some were revealed in Persian in the Land of Mystery. However, permission for their dissemination has not yet dawned. Since mention of the aforementioned wife was made twice in his honor's letter, this servant presented it at the Most Holy Court, and afterwards extracted and sent those verses concerning marriage from the Book of Laws. God willing, they will reach their destination, otherwise the laws are available. In any case, this is the decree as has been revealed in detail from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will. Blessed are they who act upon them.

Since it was arranged that whatever is mentioned should be responded to point by point in its entirety, it is therefore submitted that his honor's letter dated the 10th of the month of fasting was received. The petition of Sassoon and mention of Khudadad and other letters and their contents were all presented before the Throne. This is what was revealed for Sassoon and Khudadad from the Lord of Creation:

> "Blessed are they for having attained unto that which they were commanded in the Tablets of God…"

As to what was written in the previous and subsequent letters that news had arrived of the Ancient Beauty's intention to proceed to Iran—yes, this matter is essentially correct. Several consultative meetings were held and such was their intention. This news caused alarm among the clergy, but they soar on the wings of their own desires and are occupied with their conjectures. The Command is in God's

hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. In any case, this news has spread widely in Iran itself, reports have come from all directions mentioning this matter, and someone specifically came and gave details. If the incident of Badi' (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God) had not occurred and they had intended it, the Ancient Beauty would certainly have proceeded, for He explicitly stated so in that Tablet. However, after this incident the matter appears difficult—the Command is in God's hands. We shall see what God wills and what He ordains.

Furthermore, the petition of his honor Mustafa (upon him be the Glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Most Glorious) which contained mention of the loved ones of God and verses of Master ʿAbu'l-Hasan was presented at the Most Holy Court and was accepted. They said its reply would be sent after the second news.

They said to convey to all wondrous, sublime, most wondrous and most glorious greetings from the True One. Soon We shall send down for them from the heaven of Will that which their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, hath desired.

BH00577: Praise be to God, Who in this Day hath…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of majesty and might.

Praise be to God, Who in this Day hath lifted the veil of concealment from the face of meanings, and in Whose advent the secret of the "twofold utterance" hath been disclosed. We praise Him with such praise as shall illumine the dawning-places of hearts, and make them ready for the shining of the lights of the countenance of the Well-Beloved.

He it is Who hath kindled, amid the darkness of idle fancies, the lamp of the knowledge of His beauteous, all-knowing Face, and Who, in the wilderness of heedlessness and error, hath made manifest the paths of approach and guidance. He hath commanded the people of knowledge and understanding to unveil the veils of the followers of the religions, and hath spoken with utmost clarity in expounding the realities of the verses, in such wise that the light hath encompassed all directions, and the effulgences of the Sun of everlasting life have prevailed over all who are in heaven and on earth.

Exalted, exalted is His great bounty in this blessed Day! Glorified, glorified is His firm and mighty Cause in this radiant morn! The minds can never apprehend the essence of His Cause, nor can they attain unto the knowledge of its reality. Even as we hold His very Essence sanctified above knowing and describing, so too is His Cause exalted above being compassed by understanding or comprehension. How shall the thoughts of men reach unto the court of the knowledge of Him? He hath said—and His word is truth—"Vision comprehendeth Him not."

Glorified art Thou, O my God, Thou Who hast manifested Thy mighty Cause, sent down Thy perspicuous Book, and commanded Thy servants by that which Thou didst reveal therein of Thine irrevocable and most firm decree! How can I remember and praise Thee, when I know with certitude that Thou canst not be described by words, nor known by the essences of minds and thoughts? And how can I keep silence in this station, when I am well aware that the tongue hath been created for remembrance and utterance, to celebrate the subtleties of Thy praise, O Lord of the realm of being and King of all contingent things?

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the blood of the martyrs shed in Thy path, by the burning of the hearts of Thy loved ones when the winds of trials and tribulations blew in Thy love, by their steadfastness in Thy Cause, their severance unto Thee, and their lowliness before Thee, to strengthen me in that for which Thou didst create my tongue, and to enable me to perform that which Thou hast bidden me—that I may call upon Thee in the nights and at the break of dawn, commune with Thee at the extremities of the day, describe Thee with the highest of praises, extol Thee in terms above the reach of minds and thoughts, and glorify Thee with such glorification as shall cause the breasts of Thy tried and faithful ones to dilate.

O my God, my Lord, my Hope! I praise Thee for that which Thou hast bestowed upon Thy bond-slaves in this Most Great Manifestation. Thou didst assist them to turn and to accept; Thou didst aid them to direct themselves and to attain—after they had been secluded in the corners of remoteness and abasement. Thou didst clothe them in the vesture of nearness and reunion—after they had wandered in the deserts of estrangement and separation. Thou didst lead them to the cool waters of guidance—after they had strayed in the wastes of heedlessness and error. Thou didst single them out for the subtleties of Thy favours, and didst adorn them with the robes of Thy bounty and loving-kindness.

This is naught but the outpouring of Thine abounding grace and Thy mighty loving-kindness; otherwise, where would capacity and acceptance be found? None attaineth save by Thy power and Thy might.

Glorified art Thou and exalted! Thou hast created, provided, honoured, and enriched. There is no hindrance to Thy bounty, no repeller of Thy decree, no limit to Thy generosity. Even as Thy very Essence is exalted above beginnings and endings, so too is Thy act hallowed above firstness and finality. Whatsoever is attributed unto Thee or proceedeth from Thee is sanctified, even as Thyself, above the knowledge of Thy creatures and the comprehension of Thy servants.

The very quintessence of oneness and knowledge is this: that Thou canst not be known by minds nor commemorated by tongues. The loftiest of praises can but recount the marvellous effects of Thy handiwork. The description of the possible world must revert to what it perceiveth in the realm of contingency, and the praise of the creature be limited to the wonders of Thy creation and the evidences of Thy Cause and Thy power.

O Thou Revealer of the religions! This is a boundary beyond which no soul can pass; no rank in knowledge hast Thou ordained for us higher than this. If Thou deign to accept our remembrance, Thou art the Best of those who are remembered; and if Thou accept it not, still art Thou the Best of those who are praised and thanked. Thy acceptance of the remembrance of Thy servants is but a pure favour from Thee, O Lord of the Day of Calling; and Thy non-acceptance is naught but the consequence of lack of capacity and the deficiency of existence when brought before the court of Thy majesty.

O Lord of the unseen and the seen! Since Thou hast commanded me to remember and praise Thee, I heed it not and mention Thee amidst the peoples. I entreat Thee to protect Thy loved ones beneath the shade of Thy guardianship and Thy care, to adorn them with the lights of the Sun of Thy tenderness among Thy creatures, and to grant them supreme steadfastness upon the path of Thy love. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful; there is no God but Thee, the Giver, the Bestower, the All-Loving, the Compassionate, the All-Merciful.

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of His love, who speakest as did the Burning Bush, and takest thy portion from the lights of the Lamp of this Manifestation in this hallowed, far-famed Day! The breaths of the musk of affection have been diffused from the traces thy pen hath inscribed, and the breasts of the people of unity have been cheered by inhaling that fragrance.

Well is it with thee, thou who hast attained unto the position of the favour of thy Lord, and dwellest beneath the shadow of the care of Him unto Whom is thine ultimate return and abiding place. It behoveth thee to soar with the wings of joy and gladness, and to rise, with the pinions of delight and exultation, in the firmament of the bounty of thy Lord, the Ordainer of reunion and communion.

By thy life, O beloved! I marvel at what floweth from thy pen—mention of griefs and sorrows in this Day whereon the world hath been set in motion by the outpourings of the favours of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Such bounty hath appeared as the tongue of remembrance is powerless to set forth, and the pen of thanksgiving is unable to record.

I beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen thee at all times in the fulfilment of gratitude and thankfulness with a joy such as the tongues of the dwellers on earth are powerless to describe, and to enable thee to write letters in such wise that no breath of sorrow wafteth therefrom. For if joy and gladness be not made manifest in this blessed Day, at what time shall the goblets of rejoicing be quaffed, and when shall we arise, in gladness and delight, to make mention of the Cleaver of the dawn, thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Forgiving?

This verily is the Day of gladness. Blessed is he who rejoiceth in what it proffereth of the bounty of God, the Lord of existence and the King of the unseen and the seen. And happy is he who clotheth himself in the garment of joy in the days of his Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving.

O thou beloved one! When thy letter arrived, I laid it before the countenance of thy Lord; and this is what hath shone forth from the horizon of His exalted utterance. Exalted be His grace:

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

O Jamal! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thou hast repeatedly recalled that which hath already been mentioned. Verses have been sent down; clear proofs have been made manifest; the light of favour shineth from the horizon of bounty, and the radiance of grace is gleaming forth.

Glorified be God! The sun of certitude hath risen from the loftiest horizon of the world, and the dove of utterance singeth upon the highest branch; yet, for all this, a people are busied with calumnies and engage in lying words. Falsehood was condemned aforetime; nevertheless that which is more grievous hath now been wrought by that veiled soul, Dawlatabadi, devoid of fairness, who hath turned away from the sweet, reviving waters of the Euphrates unto the foulness of corruption, and from the revealed verses unto vain slanders. Without awareness, he hath done that very thing which the people of a former dispensation had done: at every moment a new discord is made manifest and a new outcry raised.

For years the party of the former religion besought God—exalted be His glory—for the appearance of His Manifestation. But when the gates of encounter were flung open, ye beheld what they did and what they said. In truth, the pen and tongue are ashamed to recount it. And now this heedless man, Dawlatabadi, moved by idle fancies, raiseth his voice and speaketh, and hath once more plunged these ignorant souls into the same slanders of the past, causing them to be assailed anew by those calumnies. It is unknown by what proof he professeth faith in the First Point, or on what basis he turneth away from the path of God.

Such heedless souls are not worthy of mention. From God do We implore that He may confirm His friends in whatsoever will exalt the blessed Word.

We entreat God to open before thy face, and before the faces of such as love thee for the sake of God, the gates of grace, prosperity, bounty and bestowal. Verily, He is the Lord of names, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou beholdest me standing at the door of Thy bounty, imploring the marvellous tokens of Thy grace and favour. I beseech Thee by that command wherewith Thou didst send down the Table from heaven upon Thy servants, and cause the rains of Thy mercy to pour upon Thy creatures, to send down, from the cloud of Thy munificence, upon this Thy servant, a favour from Thy presence, a blessing from beside Thee, and a mercy from Thy side. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Convey, on My behalf, the cry of "God is Most Great" unto him who is called Husayn, who came and attained, at the time when this Wronged One was in the Most Great Prison, by reason of what the hands of the heedless had wrought; and unto My loved ones, who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament.

We make mention also of thine household in this station, and announce to her My special care and My great bounty. This, touching her, is that the hands of the divine Will have aided and succoured her and enabled her to attain unto the Encounter. Upon thee, upon her, and upon him whose name is Habb'u'llah, it behoveth you all to give thanks unto your Lord night and day. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

As for Jinab-i-Ibn-ʿAttar and Jinab-i-Buzurg, upon them be My glory and My grace; they circle, by permission, about the Throne these days. Blessed are they! We beseech God to confirm them in steadfastness in this mighty Cause.

The light of glory that hath shone from the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon such as hearken unto thy words in this Most Great Cause, at whose revelation the limbs of the nations have trembled. Verily, thy Lord is He Who speaketh, remembereth, expoundeth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy second letter hath likewise been received and perused, and also a third; but the straitness of time hath occasioned some delay in reply. Our hope is that thou mayest ever remain dwelling and guarded

beneath the shade of the protection of God, and that each day thou mayest be adorned with the robe of special favour and nourished by the bounty of grace.

Convey, on My behalf, a wondrous, exalted glorification unto Jinab-i-Habb'u'llah and the members of his household, and announce to them the glad-tidings of the loving care of the Well-Beloved—exalted be His glory.

The spirit, the glory and the praise rest upon thee and upon all who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH00584: O Ism-i-Jud! The letter which [person's name] had written…

O Ism-i-Jud! The letter which [person's name] had written to you—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—was presented at the Most Holy Court. Among its contents was mention of Mirza Habibullah, who was guided to the Most Exalted Horizon through the guidance of a Name of Beauty and attained unto the straight path. Convey to him greetings from the Wronged One and gladden him with the fragrances of the garment of utterance wafting from the City of the All-Merciful, that he may perceive the sweet scents of My grace and the fragrant breezes from the garden of My luminous and resplendent Revelation. Say: Be not grieved at separation, for He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of them that have attained unto the ocean of reunion through His leave, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Today all souls must regard themselves as between the fingers of the All-Merciful and move according to whatsoever He willeth. They must consider their own movement, will and desire as non-existent. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station. Whosoever attaineth unto this lofty station in this Day is accounted among the people of Baha in the Tablet of eternity recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Were this station to be unveiled and made manifest to the peoples of the earth, all would be seen circling round the Word of God. God speaketh the truth and guideth whom He willeth to His straight path.

Rejoice, O Habib, in My remembrance of thee, then be content with whatsoever hath been ordained by the Just, the All-Wise. God hath loved and continueth to love His loved ones, but the decree of prohibition hath been and will continue to be based on wisdom. Verily He seeth, He informeth, He heareth and He judgeth. He is, in truth, the Judge, the All-Informed.

O Ism-i-Jud! Among the contents was mention of [initials] F and R in the letter of [person's name]—upon him be My loving-kindness and mercy. We make mention of him in truth as a token of Our grace, that joy may so take possession of him that he may soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful in the innermost mystery, that none may hear the sound of his wings. Thy Lord, verily, is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

God willing, may they soar with utmost joy and delight in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful and be mindful of wisdom. For should the antagonists and unbelievers, whom the intoxication of pride hath debarred from the fragrances of these days, hear the sound of the wings of them that circle in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of the worlds, clamor would arise and the clamorer would appear with a hundred thousand wiles.

In Iraq, a passage was revealed to one of the friends, namely Haji Mirza Musa—upon him be My mercy and loving-kindness—the purport of which is this: If thou drinkest the oceans of joy in divine love and knowledge, let no trace of moisture appear on thy lips, for people have not comprehended and will never comprehend exalted stations in one step. Therefore must the loved ones of God manifest wisdom and engage in quickening souls according to measure. Wisdom is, in all conditions, among the greatest of divine commandments in the Book. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and acteth according to that which hath been ordained by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ali! By My life! Faryab perished in longing for these days and attained not unto thy station. O Ali! Hearken with the ear of thy heart unto the divine words and beseech God that thou mayest find their sweetness. Through one "Say" the whole world would find utterance and be adorned with the ornament of expression, while through another "Say" the most great silence would be made manifest, meaning it would never attain unto the exalted station of utterance. Hearken thou unto My call, then act according to what We have revealed in the Qur'an. Say: "God" then leave them to their vain disputes. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Samandari! Convey My greetings to him and say: All praise be to Thee, O my God and my Beloved, my Lord and my King! I praise Thee, acclaim Thee, glorify Thee, sanctify Thee, magnify Thee and exalt Thee by the perpetuity of Thine Essence, Thy Being, Thy Kingdom, Thy Dominion and Thy Names, for having awakened me by the traces of Thy footsteps as Thou didst walk in Thy domains. When I awoke and arose, Thou didst meet me, make me know Thee, deliver me, and guide me through Thy bounty and generosity—though I deserved it not—to this station for whose separation the near ones lament, O my Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Strive thou to be mentioned by the name of Truth in all the worlds. Hold fast unto virtuous conduct and cleave unto that whereby the attributes of thy Lord, the Most Holy, the Mighty, the Wondrous, may be elevated. By My life! Those souls who have succeeded in achieving goodly deeds and praiseworthy character have been and shall ever be the helpers of God. Blessed are they who have attained!

Thou didst seek permission to attain My presence. My love desireth to grant permission, but My wisdom preventeth it by My binding and wise decree. The glory of God rest upon thee, O Jud, and upon Samandari and his brother, and upon those who have shown forth the Greater Steadfastness in this mighty Cause.

O Samandari! A letter addressing the Most Holy Court mentioning Abd and Jud—upon them be My glory—was sent by Haji Nasir, upon him be God's loving-kindness. The entire letter was presented at the Most Holy Court and was honored with acceptance. O Nasir! By the life of God, thou hast spoken the truth, and the Truth hath heard thy call and confirmed what thou hast manifested in His blessed, mighty and wondrous love. What thou didst write hath attained unto God's testimony. The hand of grace hath taken thee and delivered thee by the power from thy Lord. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. Thy letter touched the hearts of the loved ones, and its influence reached such a degree that the Supreme Pen makes mention of it. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Thou hast attained unto My imprisonment, My presence, My meeting, and My gracious mention.

In truth, no one hath been or shall ever be capable of offering praise, thanksgiving and glorification to God as befitteth His station. How many among the learned who considered themselves as oceans of knowledge and counted themselves among the heaven of wisdom have today failed to attain unto a single drop of the most pure wine or to comprehend a single word of divine knowledge. Although in every heavenly Book they were promised the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, the cleaving of heaven, the raising of the cry, the establishment of the path and the balance, the gathering together of all things, and the seating of God, exalted be His glory, upon the throne of oneness and His manifestation upon the seat of singleness, yet when the Sun of Knowledge shone forth and the lights of the dawn of utterance appeared, they were found in such a state of heedlessness and ignorance that they could not be likened to or compared with any creature.

However, through divine grace and mercy, thou hast drunk from the ocean of recognition and partaken of the most pure wine, and hast attained unto the knowledge of the Lord of Destiny. His is the praise and the glory, His the greatness and the majesty, His the thanks and the splendor, His the loftiness and the exaltation, His the bounty and the favors. The grace is in His hand—He singles out whom He willeth from among His servants. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

In the previous year several Tablets were revealed especially for certain loved ones of God who dwell in those regions, but until now their dispatch was delayed due to wisdom. And now in the name of Jud, upon him be my Glory, We have commanded that they be sent gradually. Some of those Tablets were revealed in response to petitions, and some were not. God willing, may all those souls attain unto this supreme bounty and this most great mercy. And specifically for two well-known individuals, two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and God willing will be sent. Verily We give them glad tidings of what God hath ordained for them. Blessed are they and their tongues. God shall soon make manifest what they have done in His path. He verily is the Announcer of Glad-tidings, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Nasir! Thou didst send a gift and present a detailed account. Be thou grateful that We accepted it as a token of Our grace. The first attained acceptance and the second was honored with the confirmation of thy Lord, the Giver, the Mighty, the Great. The Glory be upon thee and thy two sons. We beseech God to assist them to serve thee and to please thee, and to make known to them thy station and rank. He verily is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My Tongue in the heaven of My utterance! Make mention of My servant who was named Javad in the Kingdom of creation, and give him glad tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all created things.

O Ism-i-Jud! The matters of Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God, were mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and specifically for the souls mentioned, exalted Tablets were revealed and sent. God willing, may they attain unto them and drink therefrom the water of everlasting life. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon him and upon those who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

And We make mention of the Nightingale who warbled and sang upon the branches of the Tree of Praise in the name of the Lord of Names. Blessed is he and blessed is she who spoke in praise of her Lord. That which he and she composed was presented before the Throne, and that which they both composed was recited by the servant in attendance before the Face, and attained the hearing of God, the Single One, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise. He shall surely reward them both out of His grace. He verily is the Giver, the Mighty, the Generous.

And regarding the journey of Jinab-i-Nabil-ibn-i-Nabil, upon them both be the Glory of God, in these days delay is preferable. Thus doth command him the Wronged One from His exalted station. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon the faces of My servants in those regions who have fulfilled My Covenant, held fast unto My Testament, have arisen to serve Me, and have drunk the choice wine of assurance from the hand of My bounty. By the life of God! They are the ones who have turned unto God and they are the sincere ones. Soon shall their stations be made manifest from the presence of the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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BH00607: O Mihdi! Upon thee be My Glory and My…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness! From the Supreme Prison there hath flowed from the Pen in thy remembrance that which caused the hearts of ardent lovers to soar unto God, the Lord of the Day of the Covenant. Thou hast been blessed with My call time and again, and with My verses repeatedly. God shall soon raise up from every word that which shall recount this most exalted station. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent, the Unconstrained. Beware lest the veils of the world prevent thee, or the oppression of those who have denied God, the Lord of Lords, weaken thee. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful. Cast behind you the idols of names, turning unto God, the One, the Alone, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. This is a Day wherein none save Him is mentioned, as attesteth the Mother Book which is with Him. Say: Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and deny not Him Who hath come unto you with God’s signs and sovereignty. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

We have desired to make mention of him who was named Hashim, that he may rejoice in God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. O Hashim! Hear the call from the supreme horizon, from the Ultimate Lote-Tree in the prison of ʿAkka: Verily there is none other God but Me, the One, the Alone, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. Cast aside vain imaginings, turning to the horizon wherefrom hath shone the Sun of Certitude from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest anything prevent thee from this Most Great Announcement, or any matter grieve thee in this Straight Path. Say: O people of the earth! I have forsaken the religion of a people who believed not in God, the Lord of the Glorious Throne. Beware lest the swords of the enemies frighten you, or the derision of those who have denied the Day of Judgment grieve you. Thus have We caused thee to hear the warbling of the Dove of Divine Knowledge upon the highest branches. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath turned and said:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

O Muhammad-Qabli-Isma'il! Hearken unto the call of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. He maketh mention of thee and those who have believed, whereby the eyes of the mystics have been gladdened. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and hast heard My most sweet call from the direction of My prison, turn toward the Kaaba of God and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy guidance and for having revealed unto me from the treasuries of Thy Most Exalted Pen the pearls of bounty and bestowal. I beseech Thee by the repositories of Thy revelation and the Daysprings of Thy Cause to ordain for this poor one, through the Pen of Thy bounty, that which will exalt him through Thy Name. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things past and future.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! We have made mention of thee as a bounty from Our presence, and We mention thee as a mercy from God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty and hath heard My most sweet call from My most exalted horizon on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. Grieve not at the clamor of the wayward, and fear not the might of the oppressors. Take hold of the Book with the power proceeding from God, the Lord of the exalted Throne, and say:

My God, my Lord, and my Support! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book to aid me to serve Thy Cause in Thy days. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Ancient Beauty! Turn Thy face from the direction of the Most Great Prison toward him who was named Rida in the books of names, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Rida! We make mention of him who was named Muhammad—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—whom the breezes of Revelation stirred and whom the hand of might raised up to serve this glorious and mighty Cause. We have made mention of him and those with him through verses that all the books of the world cannot equal, as doth testify the Mother Book in this exalted station. O Rida, say:

Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all beings and Ruler of the Kingdom of Names, for having made me to speak Thy praise, to turn unto Thy Kaaba, and to circle round Thy will. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Throne and by Thy Most Ancient and Most Mighty Name to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Most Exalted Pen! Hear My sweetest call, then make mention of him who hath turned unto Thy horizon and desired to enter the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness—he who was named Ahmad in the Kingdom of Names and whose name hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur in this clear moment. Blessed art thou for having turned and heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and for having attained unto the mention of God and His signs that have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Beware lest the veils of names prevent thee from drawing nigh unto their Creator and their Manifestation. Take hold, with the hands of resignation, of the hem of thy Lord's mercy, and say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, enkindled with the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, and attracted by Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by that which lay hidden and treasured in Thy knowledge, to aid me to be steadfast in this Cause whereby all things have cried out and proclaimed:

> "O concourse of earth and heaven! By God! The Lord of all beings hath come with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth."

To this doth bear witness the Most Great Book of God in this mighty Prison.

The Most Great Branch and My loved ones there have mentioned thee time and again, and he who was named Husayn, who arose to serve the Cause in its earliest days, hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee through this wondrous Book. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which will cause the fragrance of the garment to be diffused throughout all regions and the sweet savors of holiness to spread among His servants. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. He is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We make mention of Our loved ones who have not broken God's covenant and His testament, and who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in His days. We ask for them divine success and confirmation in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O My loved ones! Know ye the value of these days and hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. These days shall pass away, and whatsoever is seen and shall be seen will return to nothingness. Therefore must they who are immersed in the sea of oneness and have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon arise to mention and praise God and to serve His Cause throughout the nights and days. These sublime words were previously revealed from the tongue of the Wronged One:

Death to the veiled ones, pain to the frozen ones; The King of Days hath come, that Perfect Treasure hath come,

That Hidden Mystery hath been revealed, Despite the will of common folk.

And likewise in another place:

That divine Horseman with sovereign crown, With the diadem of "I am God", like dawn emerged from night

Say: O people! None can prevent the influence of the Most Exalted Word and the Supreme Pen. By a power and might hath the Cause been made manifest, the like of which the essence of creation hath never witnessed. We beseech God to set ablaze His loved ones with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree—a fire which neither the happenings of the world nor the oceans of rejection and hypocrisy can extinguish or diminish. Ye are today the daysprings of acceptance and the dawning-places of the love of the Eternal Beloved. Ye must raise the hands of hope toward the heaven of God's generosity in such wise that through them may be uplifted the hands of all created things, and manifest such power that the might of all beings shall fail to weaken it.

Take ye the Book of God with the power and sovereignty bestowed by Him. He is with you and will aid you with His sovereignty. Verily, there is no power save His power and no sovereignty save His sovereignty. He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Commander, the All-Wise. We were with you in your [gathering], aware of your state, and We heard your mention and praise of God's Manifest, Speaking and Clear News. At this point We wish to conclude this Tablet with mention of Mulla Ahmad-ʿAli.

O Ahmad-i-ʿAli! We testify that thou hast drunk the choice wine of thy Lord's utterance time and again, and He hath given thee to drink of the Kawthar flowing from the Supreme Pen. Be thou thankful and numbered among the grateful. Thou hast ever been beneath the glances of Our loving-kindness. Illumine the loved ones of the City of Nun and Ya with the effulgent lights of the Luminary of utterance, the Goal of all the worlds. They have striven in God's path and aided His Cause with a power that neither the might of tyrants nor the assault of pharaohs could withstand. Blessed are they in that the Goal of the world hath, in the Most Great Prison, taken up the chalice of utterance in their names and drunk therefrom in remembrance of them in this hallowed, luminous, transcendent, glorious and exalted station. Give them glad-tidings from Us and remind them from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. We have mentioned thee in numerous Tablets and ordained for thee that which the treasuries of earth cannot equal, as this clear Book doth testify.

The loved ones must, one and all, with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance, awaken those who slumber and deliver those who waver from the limitations of the ungodly. The former people clung to [names] and were thus deprived of their Goal. Therefore were they barred from the ocean of mercy of the Ancient Lord Who hath appeared through His Most Great Name, and they remain, like the Jewish people, wandering in the wilderness of perplexity. O My loved ones! Strive ye, perchance ye may preserve the world from the suppositions and imaginings of the past and bestow upon it the living waters. Ye are the divine cup-bearers. Praise be to God, His Holiness the Afnan is present in that land. Ye must, in consultation with him, hold fast to whatsoever conduceth to the exaltation of existence. God will soon manifest that wherewith He hath given you glad-tidings in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

BH00617: My spirit and my being be a sacrifice unto…

In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

My spirit and my being be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Spirit, through Whom the breath of the Spirit hath wafted from the direction of Thy nearness, and the fragrance of the garment of Thy reunion hath been diffused, causing these decayed bones to quiver. The glorious letter of that beautiful Countenance, which was adorned with the crown of grandeur, magnificence and glory to the name of our Lord, the Glorious, the Most Glorious, came as a spiritual diadem adorning the head of this ephemeral one, and the fragrances of the garment of sanctification were inhaled from its holy words, free from incidental allusions and the indications of vain imaginings.

Glory be unto God, then power, might and dominion be unto God, Who, by a gesture of the finger of His power, rent asunder the all-encompassing veils of names, and were He to will and make another gesture

with His other sacred fingertip, He would raise up the entire kingdom of names and the heaven of essences in their reality. Then would appear the word: “Immortality belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Glorious, the Most Glorious.” And furthermore, with this same exalted finger He created a new creation, such that were all the worlds of origination and invention to become embodiments of names and desire to utter or speak a single letter from the letters of the Book of Creation other than that which hath been revealed from the Most Glorious Pen of God, they would all be considered absolute nothingness and sheer non-existence. Exalted, exalted is the power of our Lord, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Omnipotent!

Praise be to God that your honor is manifest before the Most Great Scene as one of the powerful, steadfast souls, and is adorned with the ornament of a new creation. We beseech God that through the effect of thy steadfastness He may manifest powerful souls and firm feet that may stand firm in the Cause and aid the All-Merciful with the swords of utterance. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And regarding your previous request for permission to attain His presence, this servant beareth witness that at all times the decree of nearness and attainment unto His presence is established concerning your honor. These are now the days wherein we must all dedicate all affairs to the service of the Cause and occupy ourselves with teaching. Praise be to God that the True One, glorified be He, hath confirmed and assisted your honor, and you have been and are engaged in services to the Cause. May my soul be a sacrifice for thy devoted efforts!

Concerning the beloved friends in the land of S and M, about whom they have written both before and after, mention of all has been made before the Divine Throne, and infinite expressions of loving-kindness have dawned from their Source upon all. All have been and are beneath the glance of mercy and the gaze of loving-kindness, and the Tablets of God have also been sent down from the heaven of His Will. God willing, they will gradually be dispatched, and all shall be nourished from the inexhaustible ocean of grace. Convey this evanescent one’s expressions of devotion, self-effacement and glorification to all of them. May my spirit be a sacrifice unto them for having recognized, turned unto, believed in, and become certain of God. We beseech God that they may remain steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, and be among the firm ones. In the Tablet addressed to your honor, all have been mentioned by the Ancient Tongue.

Convey the glorification of the True One to all. The petitions that were sent with Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, met with circumstance, and in the great city all were destroyed, and indeed they acted with wisdom. Your honor should write the details to the people of Kha.

Two Tablets specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib were revealed more than a year ago but did not arrive. Now they have been sent and should be delivered. A single number of exalted Tablets were revealed, some sent without names. Your honor should consider them and deliver them as appropriate, and gladden and illumine all with the manifestations of God’s infinite bounties and the effulgences of the Sun of His most glorious mercy. The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, its twigs, fruits and leaves, all remember your honor with most wondrous and exalted praise, mention and glorification. Furthermore, convey this evanescent one’s expressions of devotion, love and glorification to your honored father and mother, upon them be the glory of their Lord, and likewise to all

relatives and kin and all who attain your presence. I trouble all with expressions of devotion and countless glorifications. God willing, may all remain firm and steadfast in the path of the Cause through the influence of your holy breaths and spiritual emanations, in such wise that the false indications and ungodly allusions of the opposing souls may neither prevent nor veil them.

By God! O my beloved! Verily the Cause is mighty, and mightier than all that is mighty, nay mightier still than that, and thy Lord is the Most High, the Mighty.

According to your command, you must act with great wisdom in this journey, and strong emphasis has been laid on this matter. God willing, this has been and will continue to be observed.

Furthermore, among the incidents that have occurred is that two individuals and their sister in the Land of Mystery exhibited such behavior that, by God besides Whom there is no other God, the like of it has never been heard of in creation. When God forbade them from what they did, they turned away and objected until they denied God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. In all days and nights they engaged in what they were forbidden from. They mocked God's messengers and emissaries, and from them appeared that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle around thy Lord's throne, the Mighty, the Generous, to lament. They were never truly followers of my Faith, but in the Land of Mystery they secretly engaged in opposition and objection until one saw the overwhelming might of his Lord and repented at the time of death, and God forgave him—verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

After his passing, Rida-Quli came and repented—verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, possessed of manifest grace. Though his inner hypocrisy was known, due to the precedence of mercy and the all-encompassing grace, it was concealed until he arrived at this prison and openly began misleading some, for he found the True One imprisoned and oppressed. He drank wine openly and his sister would drink and appear before the Countenance. Thus did it come to pass with the Beloved. This has been mentioned that thou mayest be informed. And this was among their better deeds—we seek God's refuge from their other acts. When their rebellion, tyranny and ingratitude reached their height, God cast them out and left them in the torment of hell. They departed and said what none before had said. Fie upon them and their faithlessness!

Whatever divine verses they possessed, they added some fabricated ones and gave them to the people of this land, creating great mischief. But their efforts in this vain life came to naught. Verily He is the ruler over what He wills. They attributed all their reprehensible deeds to the True One. Observe how, despite God's great mercy and all-encompassing grace, they rebelled such that when they sought forgiveness it was not accepted. Thus they returned disappointed and at loss, and now they have united with Satan—God's curse be upon them. Those souls wrote such letters in the Land of Mystery against Iblis and his followers and sent them in all directions. In any case, O My loved one, they have manifested such hatred the like of which has not been seen. They oppose all the Prophets and Messengers. We beseech God to seize them with His justice. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Furthermore, for some time verses had not been revealed from the heaven of divine will, the door of meeting was closed, and the Countenance of the Desired One sat alone in the house. For several days now the clouds of favor have risen and the rain of mercy has descended. God willing, mighty tablets will

continue to be sent from the divine direction, that thy eyes and the eyes of the knowing ones may be gladdened thereby. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Additionally, regarding the outcast soul, a brief note has also been written to Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the glory of God—they will observe it. Also, convey from this servant an exalted greeting to Aqa Mirza Sayyid Husayn from the people of Ta and Fa, and write to them in detail so they may be informed. And the spirit and glory and holiness and splendor be upon thee and those with thee among the people of Baha.

In most of the revealed Tablets, whether Persian or Arabic, the Pen of the Lord of Creation has, both implicitly and explicitly, forbidden the servants to turn towards this direction, and there has been much emphasis, warning and admonition in this binding commandment from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful One. You must specifically forbid this and not allow anyone to turn in this direction, for manifest harm lies therein. In one of the exalted Persian Tablets, these words were revealed—exalted be His glory:

> "Forbid the loved ones of God from turning towards this direction. Say: O friends! harm will befall the very root of the Tree through coming and going. Beware lest ye transgress that which hath been ordained in the Book. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Similar blessed passages, and even more severe and emphatic ones, have been revealed in numerous places, but we have confined ourselves to this one passage. We must all beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant us the grace to act according to His command and walk in the path of His good-pleasure. Verily, He ordaineth naught for His servants save that which is better for them than the kingdoms of earth and heaven. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

There are two petitions in the envelope which this servant has submitted. Please deliver them to the two names, upon them be the Glory of God.

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BH00636: Praise be unto Him Who, by the skill…

He is God—glorified be His glory, all-embracing His bounty.

Praise be unto Him Who, by the skill of the hand and the movement of the pen, hath unveiled the mysteries of wisdom and utterance, and hath lit, within the darkness of ink, the shining constellations of knowledge and true understanding, that all existence, both in secret and in open, may bear witness that greatness belongeth unto God, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised; that might pertaineth unto God, the King, the All-Loving; and that wisdom is His, the Most High, the One worshipped and adored.

And praise be unto Him Who, by the light of certitude, hath rent asunder the veils of the idle fancies of the deluded, and hath caused the effulgences of the Sun of His manifest Cause to shine in the blackness of ignorance and error, that they who are endued with sight may behold His Most Great Horizon, may hasten unto the quarter of His Most Luminous Presence, severed from all that hath passed away and all that shall be, clinging to the hem of His Most Holy, His Most Sanctified Cause, and may testify that unto

Him belong power and dominion, strength and choice. He, verily, is the One, the Single, the All-Glorious, the All-Chosen.

And praise be unto Him Who, by His Most Exalted Word, hath once again brought into being, through the breath of His inviolable Command, His wondrous creation, and hath made them to behold His exalted mystery in the Day whereon, in His Most Great Name, He hath called unto Himself every noble and every lowly one, and summoned, unto His Most Bountiful Light, every suckling child and every full-grown soul, that the knowers might bear witness to the perfection of His proof, that the peoples might acknowledge the completeness of His favour, and that the sincere might glorify Him in the realm of His foreordained mercy.

Exalted is His mighty Cause! Exalted is His upright Light! Exalted His ancient sovereignty! Exalted His straight and glorious Path! There is no God but He, the One, the Single, the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

O God, Thou by Whose Names the standards of wisdom and knowledge have been raised aloft in the realm of existence, and by Whose remembrance the banners of learning and exposition have been planted among the religions! Every time the knowers have plunged into the ocean of Thy knowledge, they have found no pearl of comprehension wherewith to encompass the reality of Thine Essence; and whenever the learned have sped across the wilderness of seeking to grasp the secret of Thy Being, they have failed to reach the City of knowledge and the homeland of certitude, but have wandered in the darkness of impotence and deprivation.

The loftiest thought of the mystic knowers and the highest imagining of the thinkers embraceth not even an appointed measure of understanding of but one trace of the evidences of Thy supreme power. How then shall they apprehend the inmost reality of Thine Essence, O my Lord, the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting?

What relationship is there between this feeble bird and its attainment unto the atmosphere of Thy might, and what kinship between this impotent, insignificant creature and his standing upon the heights of Thy sovereign power? For man possesseth no way of knowing Thee save by recognizing Thy traces in the world of being, and by inferring therefrom the existence of the mysteries of Thine unseen Self in all that is. Whoso claimeth a road unto the knowledge of Thee other than by Thy tokens is verily veiled from Thee and hath failed to discern the realities of the mysteries.

Glorified art Thou! Far be it from Thee to be known by the knowledge of Thy creatures, or described by the tongues of Thy servants, or encompassed by the perceptions of Thy bondsmen. The very essence of oneness and of true knowledge is our confession, in Thy presence, of our helplessness and annihilation before Thy Face, O Lord of the Kingdom of might and eternity; and the very kernel of remembrance and utterance is our acknowledgment of our poverty and shortcoming when Thy light shineth forth from the Sinai of Thy Revelation and the fire of Thy Command blazeth high on the Day of Resurrection.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee to assist Thy loved ones to perform those deeds whereby the realities of the denizens of the realm of possibility may be the recipients of Thy gentle grace; that, with the pinions of remembrance and the feathers of utterance, they may soar into the atmosphere of knowledge and the

firmament of true understanding; that they may behold Thee manifest in the Kingdom of power and might; and that they may witness Thee resplendent in the Realm of glory and exaltation.

Where is the seer, and where the wise and searching seeker? Hast Thou any veil save light, or any covering save Thine own manifestation? Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou! From everlasting Thou hast ever been revealed upon the horizons of existence with the lights of vision, and unto everlasting Thou wilt continue to dawn, from the rising-places of eternity, in the plenitude of power, glory and majesty.

I entreat Thee, O Lord of pre-existence and King of names, by Thy Greatest Name and Thy most perfect, most consummate Command, to aid such as Thou hast illumined their hearts with the lights of the Sun of Thy remembrance, and their breasts with the effulgences of the Orb of certitude in Thy days, and hast adorned their heads with the crowns of Thy bounty and their temples with the robes of Thy grace and loving-kindness—that they may exalt, with wisdom and utterance, the standards of Thy Cause in the realm of being, and guide Thy creatures unto the City of knowledge and true understanding.

Protect them, O my Hope, beneath the shade of Thy guardianship from the evils of the wicked amongst Thy servants, and ordain for them that which Thou hast promised them in Thy perspicuous Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of love and whose tongue is quickened with the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of being! That which thy pen, dipped in ink, hath traced hath reached Us, and it hath set forth what lay hidden in thine heart of the subtleties of love and unity. I beseech God, the Lord of names, to ordain for thee that which is best for thee in this world and the next, to adorn thee in the world of creation with the vesture of His bounty, and to confirm thee in His remembrance, His praise, and the service of His Cause, even as He hath confirmed thee in former days. Verily, He is the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

When I beheld thy letter and perused thy words, I entered the court of the Divine Presence and laid what thou hadst written touching the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, before Him. Then did the fragrance of grace surge forth, and from the fountain-head of bounty there streamed unto thee that whereat the whole of existence was stirred. His word—exalted be His utterance, magnified His loving-kindness—went forth, saying:

In My name, the Compassionate, the All-Loving

O Nightingale! Praise be to God, for thou hast attained unto victory, unto service, unto remembrance and unto praise. Thou hast been remembered by the Pen of the Most High with a mention that no remembrance uttered by the peoples of the world, nor any praise spoken by the tongues of the nations, can rival. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this evident favour.

O Nightingale! Thy melodies, oft-repeated, have been heard, and blessed art thou for that which thy tongue hath voiced in glorification of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have heard what thou hast set forth, and from it We have inhaled the fragrance of thy turning, thy sincerity, and thy orientation unto God, the Lord of the heavens and of the earth. That which thou didst send hath come into Our presence and hath

been honoured with the robe of acceptance. We beseech God to reinforce thee with the hosts of the invisible and the visible, and to ordain for thee every good which He hath sent down in His perspicuous Book.

Convey, on Our behalf, the cry of "God is Most Great!" unto My loved ones, and illumine their hearts with the lights of My guidance, and say: O my God, my God! Accept from us that which our tongues utter in prayer before Thy Face and in communion with Thee. Aid us to hold fast unto Thee and unto what hath been sent down from Thy presence, and do Thou enable this Thy servant to guide Thy creatures and to lead them unto Thy straight Path. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my Lord! Thou beholdest me standing at the door of Thy grace, imploring the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty for Thy loved ones. I entreat Thee that Thou wilt not deprive them of that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book; for Thou art, in truth, the All-Powerful, at Whose single Letter the seas have surged, the winds have blown, and the lights have shone forth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed art thou, O beloved one, for the words of grace which thou hast spoken; upon thee hath the Sun of bounty shone from the horizon of the utterance of the Lord of existence. I beseech His transcendent favour that He may make thee a sign of guidance in the lands and a pillar of steadfastness among His servants. Verily, He is the Lord of creation, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

By thy life, O beloved! Whenever I ponder the people and their deprivation from the light of the Cause, I am bewildered at this most great heedlessness and this grievous waywardness—how they have forsaken that which would profit them in this world and the next, and have wandered in the deserts of self and passion.

Say: O people! Reflect upon the ages that are past and meditate on the times gone by. Do ye behold a Cause more exalted than that which hath now appeared in the world, or a decree more gentle and more sublime than that which hath shone forth from the Source of the command of the Lord of pre-existence in this Most Great Manifestation?

Have ye any means for clothing yourselves with spiritual attributes and attaining unto the qualities of the All-Merciful greater than that which hath been sent down by the Most Exalted Pen in this Most Glorious, Most Excellent Day? Nay, by my Lord, the All-Glorious! Not a single letter of that which hath been revealed in this supreme Manifestation can be weighed against all that hath been sent down aforetime.

In this Most Blessed Day, from the Pen of pre-existence there hath been revealed that which God hath made to be a ladder whereby souls may ascend unto the Realm of the grace of the Lord of the Dawn, and wings wherewith the spirits may soar beneath the shadow of their Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Holy.

In the Tablets there have been sent down the subtleties of the science of ethics and the mysteries of the ordinances of governance. Blessed is he who apprehendeth their meanings and recognizeth the marvellous structure of their words.

By thy life, O beloved of the heart! They are the very cause of salvation for the servants, the very means of life for the dwellers of the lands, the foundation of repose, concord and unity, the root of love, intimacy and friendship. A day shall come wherein the heedless shall be awakened, the sleepers aroused, and they will lay fast hold upon the commandments of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Blessed is he who, in this Day, apprehendeth the Will of God, the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting, and followeth his Lord, casting aside his own desires. He hath, verily, attained unto good in his first life and in his last.

Convey, on behalf of this Servant, the cry of "God is Most Great" unto those who have been drawn by the magnet of the Most Exalted Word, who have attained unto the carpet of intimacy and fidelity, and who have quaffed the draught of the knowledge of God from the chalice of eternity.

Upon thee and upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of existence and the King of the unseen and the seen. Praise be unto God; verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

BH00642: Praise be to God, Who manifests the jewels…

He is the Sanctified beyond the recognition of all created things!

Praise be to God, Who manifests the jewels of knowledge and wisdom through the divine and eternal signs, Who adorns the hearts of the people of certitude with everlasting and transcendent evidences, Who embellishes the tablets of contingent being with enduring and perpetual traces, and Who inspires the hearts of the faithful with mystic and unifying meanings. He is the One Who has concealed within the darkness of words the fountain of life, and has deposited within the mystery of verses the realities of knowledge and wisdom, and has veiled within the potentiality of evidences the subtleties of wisdom and utterance. Glorified, glorified be His sovereignty and how mighty is His proof! He created existence and made known the path of attainment, and adorned His sincere ones in the unseen and visible realms with the robes of nearness and acceptance.

Blessed are they that attain, and joy be to them that arrive! Prayer and peace be upon the Dawning-Places of revelation and inspiration through whom the Way was made manifest and the Proof became evident, and through whom every seeker hastened to the court of the knowledge of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. And upon those who gathered their traces, who were guided by their lights, who walked by their lamp, and who weighed their deeds with their balance. They are among the people of the Crimson Ark sailing upon the sea of grandeur. Upon them be the glory of the Lord of Names every morn and eve.

Glorified art Thou, O Master of all necks and Ruler of the beginning and the return! With what tongue can I mention the signs of the might of Thy oneness, and with what utterance can I explain what hath appeared in creation from the traces of the sanctity of Thy unity? The lights of the sun of Thy singleness have encompassed all directions, and the manifestations of the outpouring of Thy mercy have enveloped all created things. Blinded be the eye that is deprived of beholding the dawning-places of the suns of Thy power on the horizons, and every tongue that hath not spoken in praise of the manifestations of Thy might and power on the Day of Meeting. Perish the hearer who heard not the striking of the trumpet of Thy Cause on the Day of the Covenant, and destruction unto the rider who raced not in the arena of Thy

love on the Day of Manifestation and Effulgence, and remoteness to the human who attained not to the knowledge of the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Source of Thy Revelation in this Day wherein leg was wound about leg.

O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Through the wonders of Thy power Thou hast manifested in the world that which the understanding of nations is powerless to comprehend, whereby Thou hast made clear the Way and made evident the Proof, and given the seekers to drink of the Kawthar and Salsabil. There remaineth no symbol that Thou hast not revealed, no word that Thou hast not interpreted, no verse that Thou hast not made clear, and no evidence that Thou hast not expounded. Yet despite all this, O my God, I witness that Thy servants remained heedless in Thy days, recognized not the dawning of the sun of Thy beauty, and perceived not the fragrance of Thy garment which was diffused in the days of the manifestation of the Exponent of Thy Self, the Dawning-Place of Thine Essence, the Dayspring of Thy signs, and the Mine of Thy evidences.

Thou beholdest, O my God, Thy servants whom Thou didst create for this Manifestation wandering in the wilderness of heedlessness and delusion, and unmindful of that which hath appeared through Thy grace of the hidden Mystery concealed and the promised Symbol recorded in the Tablets and Scrolls. I beseech Thee by Thy conquering power, Thy all-encompassing mercy, and Thy all-pervading will, to manifest in existence that which will draw all unto the Promised One, O Master of the seen and unseen! Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose bounty hath encompassed all beings. Look not, O my Hope, upon the weakness of Thy servants and the heedlessness of them that dwell in Thy lands. Aid the receptive beings to attain unto Thy manifest Law proceeding from the right hand of power and might. Verily Thou art the Master of creation and the Sovereign of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

O thou who art the object of the glance of favor and adorned with the robe of bounty, who calleth out in the lands in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen! What thou didst write with the pen of love hath been received, and what was contained therein of the verses of love and unity hath been read. I beseech God, the Lord of the worlds and the Possessor of the Most Great Name, to preserve thee beneath His shadow and to assist thee in teaching His Cause and spreading His signs, and to provide thee at every moment with the bounty of His generosity and the Salsabil of His grace. Verily, He is the Kind, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.

Grieve not over the delay in sending the writing. By thy life! My heart is occupied with thy remembrance and the remembrance of those who have remained steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. At every moment I desire to manifest what is in the heart of the degrees of love, but for everything there is an appointed time and for all things a season. Nothing moveth except by the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Purposeful. Inasmuch as I relied upon what lay hidden of the degrees of concealed love, I paid no heed to the delay in reply until the time came when I moved the pen of love to manifest what was in the heart. I beseech my Lord, the Possessor of creation, to assist thee in that which shall endure throughout the duration of His most excellent Names and most exalted Attributes, and to make thee a

standard of guidance among creation and a sign of steadfastness among all beings. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

O thou who art beloved! Reflect upon the manifestations of the Cause and the heedlessness of the people of the earth. Man is bewildered by the veiling of the people of the lands. I know not in what valley they wander or to what thing they cling. Do they not see the rising of the Sun of inner meanings from the horizon of utterance, and do they not behold the dawning of the Luminary of knowledge and wisdom at the pole of possibility? Is there in their hands a greater proof than that which hath appeared in the world, and have they a stronger argument than that which the Sovereign of nations hath brought forth? Say: O ye who are veiled! Come, let us together supplicate concerning the Cause of God, the Possessor of what was and what shall be. Should We find what ye possess to be stronger than what We have, We shall be as We have been among the fair-minded, and should ye find what We have to be greater than what is in your hands, be fair and be not among the heedless.

Hath there appeared in any cycle from among the cycles the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, save as it hath appeared today from the horizon of power and might? Abandon what hath been woven by the hands of idle fancy and turn ye toward the direction of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Reflect upon the past centuries and ages. Did anything prevent the people of the Gospel from turning to the Mighty, the Beautiful, in the days of the rising of the Sun of the Qur'an except these vain imaginings which were built by the hands of heedlessness and forgetfulness? And were the people of the Torah veiled from the light of the Sun of Oneness on the day of the appearance of the Spirit except by what was inscribed by the pen of conjecture upon the pages of ignorance and heedlessness?

It behooveth you in these days wherein the world hath been adorned with the lights of the Most Great Name and the body of contingent being hath been honored by the Word of knowledge and wisdom, to weigh every matter with the balance of reason and to leave unto the deficient what hath been uttered by the heedless and ignorant, and to hasten with your heads to the source of bounty and grace. It beseemeth not man to follow what others among his fellow men have spoken. It behooveth all to reflect at every moment upon spiritual progress and not to sully themselves with that which preventeth them from ascending to the heights of knowledge and wisdom. O thou who art beloved!

By Thy life! Man is astonished at the heedlessness of the people of the Bayan, even more than the people of the Furqan. They have veiled themselves from the light of the Cause after Our Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, guided them and perfected His proof unto them every morn and eve. Verily, he who sacrificed himself in His path for the Point of the Bayan, and was engaged at all times in His remembrance and praise, denied Him on the day of His manifestation and turned away from Him when the sun of His beauty dawned, following him who was veiled from the appearance of the light of divine knowledge by the veils of heedlessness and forgetfulness. How strange that they should content themselves with a mere trickle and deprive themselves of the ocean of the knowledge of their Lord, the Mighty, the Omnipotent!

Grieve not at what thou seest of the people in their error. Arise to promote the Cause of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, with the wisdom which He hath sent down in His Tablets and enjoined upon His loved ones. Ask thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, in all circumstances, not to deprive His

servants of the ocean of His utterance and to guide them, through His supreme power, to the dayspring of His revelation and the source of His signs. Whenever thou turnest to the regions and associatest with the righteous ones, convey unto them the greetings from this Servant and remind them of the days of their Lord, the Generous, Who showed them the straight path.

Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! It behooveth you to stand firm in the Cause in these days wherein your Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious, hath been manifested unto all creation. Beware lest the tempests of trials and the storms of tribulations move you, or the doubts of the people of the Bayan veil you from the Dayspring of bounty and benevolence. Regard them as mere nothingness before the Command of your Lord, the Ancient of Days and the Sovereign of nations. I beseech God, your Lord, the Most Glorious, to protect you in His shadow and ordain for you the best of what is in His Book, and make you the standard of steadfastness in His lands and the sign of guidance among His servants. Verily, He is the Kind, the Generous. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great.

The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon everyone who is firm, steadfast and upright, and praise be to God, the Beloved of the mystics.

BH00649: Praise that is sanctified above the mention of all…

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

Praise that is sanctified above the mention of all created things and the description of all contingent beings befitteth the court of the holy nearness of the Desired One, Who through His blessed word “I loved to be known” brought the world of creation from nothingness into being, and with the fire of love set aflame the sanctified and detached souls and the radiant and receptive temples. That blessed Word became the dawning-place of light and the source of fire. One of its effulgences shone forth upon the Mount—its form appeared as fire, speaking forth the exalted and blessed words “Verily I am God,” and another effulgence turned toward the Mount—from it light was made manifest and the meaning of the blessed verse “the Mount crumbled to dust” was realized.

Glory be to God! Every possessor of power hath confessed his powerlessness and every bearer of knowledge his ignorance. Through a single call He so attracted the lovers in the wilderness of faithfulness that they readily gave up their lives and all they possessed, hastening with utmost speed to the place of sacrifice. How many of the weak ones, after hearing the call, were seen to manifest such strength and power that neither the might and majesty of the world nor the massed ranks of the peoples could prevent them from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon.

Hallowed and glorified is that omnipotent Sovereign Who with the finger of power unsealed the choice sealed wine and through the blessing of the Name of the Self-Subsisting bestowed it upon the company of them that are nigh, the believers and the sincere ones. I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge that whosoever attained unto a drop thereof forsook the world and all that dwell therein, and set his face toward the ultimate goal, the most exalted summit and the highest horizon.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the mysteries were revealed, the lights shone forth, and the trees yielded their fruit! I beseech Thee by Thy Name the Self-Subsisting, by Thy choice sealed wine,

and by Thy binding decree, to aid Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the vain affairs of the Pharaohs nor the might of the oppressors—whom this vain life hath deluded and prevented from turning unto Thee, O Lord of creation and Manifestation of the light of oneness—may hinder them.

Then preserve them, O my God and God of all names, my Creator and Creator of the heavens, from the arrows of the deniers among Thy servants and the allusions of the wrongdoers among Thy creation. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy manifestation and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause to open before the faces of the sincere ones among Thy servants, through the key of Thy grace, the doors of Thy bounty and favors. Then cause them to know, O my God, that which will so attract them to a station wherein neither the sorrows of the world nor the clamor of the nations will affect them, that they may take, through Thy name the All-Merciful, the cup of knowledge and drink therefrom once through Thy Most Great and Most Glorious Name and again through Thy remembrance, the Mighty, the Wise. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, and ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall abide with them in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom no power can frustrate and no strength can weaken. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Luminous.

Furthermore, this servant hath heard thy sweet mention and that wherewith thou didst praise God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. When he witnessed, saw, and drank from the cup of thy utterance the pure and choice wine in praise of God, the Lord of all names, he approached the praised station and presented himself before His face. Thereupon the tongue of the All-Merciful spoke forth in the kingdom of utterance—exalted and mighty be His Word:

In My Name, the Witnessing, the All-Hearing

O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! All the peoples of the world, of diverse parties, seek to grasp at some means whereby they might establish a cause that would perpetuate their name and remembrance. Thus it hath been heard how many souls in the western lands have sacrificed their lives for vain and futile imaginings, though it is clear to every person of insight that the deeds and acts of those heedless ones have not borne, nor ever shall bear, any fruit. The perpetuation of remembrance is praiseworthy when it is for God's sake and appeareth in His path, and its benefit returneth to all the peoples of the world. Multitudes have clung to every vain fancy to establish some cause or another, while this Most Great Cause which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will—from this are the people of Persia heedless and veiled.

By the life of God! This is that Cause which the passage of centuries and ages shall not alter, which extinction shall not overtake, and whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto God's infinite bounties in all the worlds. The friends of God, in whatsoever land they dwell, must have recourse to wisdom and consultation, and must hold fast to whatsoever will today draw the heedless to the ocean of awareness and awaken the slumbering from the sleep of negligence, that all hearts and minds may be illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Knowledge and be adorned with that which God loveth. This is everlasting dominion and eternal wealth. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which shall profit him in this world and the next, and woe unto the heedless.

The tokens of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, concerning that honored person are known and evident. And his honor, Name of God 66, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, had his petition reach the Most Holy Court, wherein was mentioned that distinguished person, upon him be the Glory of God. This servant presented the entire petition again before His blessed countenance on the blessed night of Friday, the first of the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani. By the lights of His countenance! A word was heard from the blessed tongue concerning that distinguished person which all the treasures of the world could not equal. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may crown him with the diadem of acceptance in this most mighty, most holy, and most exalted Cause. Were but an atom of this station to be unveiled, ye would behold all the honored ones of the world circling round it. God willing, may they attain unto the preservation of this supreme station and most exalted rank through the name of the Lord of Names. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

Concerning what you wrote about Raqsha (upon whom be God's vengeance and wrath), that vile one, being heedless, committed this most grievous sin and greatest error for the sake of a few dirhams. Were the peoples of the earth to reflect upon what befell him, they would all free and liberate themselves from the doubts of their suspicions and idle fancies, and turn towards the horizon of certitude. In the blessed Tablet of Burhan, one verse was specifically revealed concerning the Wolf, and this shall soon become manifest and evident. If one possessed of insight were to reflect upon the seizure of Raqsha and what was revealed in the Surih of Ra'is, as well as what was revealed in the Surih of Kings and the Tablet of Fu'ad, he would, in brief, gain some knowledge of the ocean of divine knowledge and His power, might and ascendancy. How excellent is the state of those souls who have drunk from the wine of fairness and who have gazed with illumined eyes upon the revealed verses and manifest, resplendent evidences. These are accounted as the most exalted of creatures in the sight of the Truth. However, the conditions of the world have, like dark dust, seized all, such that they are barred from beholding the lights.

O beloved of My heart! By the life of God, the consummate wisdom of God has in certain matters caused delay, otherwise you would have witnessed greater than what has transpired. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Almighty. Praise be to God that you have attained to the grace of God. Your mention and the mention of those with you have been and continue to be in the Most Holy Court, and this is a bounty that hath had and hath no likeness or peer. Verily, He speaketh the truth and in His grasp is the dominion of all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Wise.

Convey, if wisdom permitteth, My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of this evanescent one, and make mention of them. Let not time slip away, and let not opportunity pass. By the Beloved of all creation, a single moment of these days cannot be equaled by centuries and ages. Today is the day of mention and praise, and the day of obedience and service. Time and again this evanescent servant hath submitted this word to the divine friends and will continue to do so, through God's help and grace, until the manifest Truth shall come to him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Most Great and Most Exalted Branches—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—have each shown loving-kindness towards you and convey their greetings to you, as do those who circle round. The Glory of God rest upon you and upon the loved ones of God in

that place, who have cast aside what the people possess, hoping for that which is with God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00675: Praise and glory befit that Speaker to Whom all…

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

Praise and glory befit that Speaker to Whom all created things owe their existence, Who hath renewed the entire world through His Most Exalted Word that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, and Who hath commanded mankind to that which shall profit them in all the worlds of His creation. He is the All-Seeing One for Whose call all ears have been created, and He is the All-Perceiving One for Whose dawning-place all eyes have been brought from nothingness into being. Through His Will and by His hand the kingdom of all things hath been made manifest, and through His all-encompassing Purpose whatsoever He willeth and decreeth doth shine forth. All things testify to His power and the Concourse on High bear witness to His grandeur. He is the Peerless One Who hath ever been sanctified above all likeness and similarity and will forever remain so. There is none like unto Him; He is the One Who is manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

I offer praise, salutations and glory unto those servants who have tasted the sweetness of His utterance, who have hastened to the ocean of life through His bidding and leave, and who attained the choice wine when its seal was broken by His name and His finger. These are servants who have cast away the world and have taken hold of that which they were commanded in His Book that hath descended from His dominion and might.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the foundations of every idolater were shaken and every denier did lament, to aid those who have quaffed the Kawthar of Thy love to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Then make them, O my God, the emblems of Thy Name in Thy lands and the standards of Thy guidance in Thy realm. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no thing can hinder. Thou givest and withholdest, and Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thereafter, thy letter was received which, praise be to God, was illumined with the light of certitude and perfumed with the fragrance of divine love. This utter nothingness and complete nonexistence doth at all times beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may illumine all servants with the lights of certitude. Today is the springtime of precious things. Tongues, eyes, ears and hearts were created for this most holy and most exalted Day, yet most of the servants are seen to be bereft and deprived of this awareness. In the watches of the night and throughout the day they are occupied with His remembrance, yet remain veiled from Him. How strange is this talisman that hath appeared and how wondrous this magic that hath been made manifest! They spend their entire lives consumed in the fire of search, yet when the Object of their quest appeareth they turn away from Him. They are seekers, yet recognize not their Goal. They are worshippers, yet remain deprived of the Worshipped One. They possess ears, yet in the Book of God are reckoned among the deaf. They have eyes, yet are numbered with the blind.

The friends of God must at all times beseech and supplicate the True One, exalted be His glory, for the deliverance of all, that perchance the people of the world may not remain deprived of this supreme bounty and may not be kept back from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness by vain words, perishable ornaments, and transient colored conditions. The True One, exalted be His glory, is gracious and His grace is all-encompassing; He is merciful and His mercy is evident. After becoming acquainted with thy letter, this evanescent nonexistence did at a certain time repair to the eternal station and presented himself at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! The servant in attendance has come with thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One in this remote spot. We have chosen exile out of love for God, the Lord of all worlds, and have accepted imprisonment for the manifestation of His firm and wise Cause. There hath descended upon Us in the Most Great Prison that which hath caused the Concourse on High to weep, and the dwellers of Paradise and those who bear the Throne of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great, to lament. And there descended upon Us before this, in the Prison of Ta (Tihran), that which made the eyes of the Messengers weep. We came for their deliverance and upliftment, yet they have imprisoned Us time and again.

The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! We summoned them to the supreme horizon, yet they barred Us from Our home and confined Us to the most dilapidated of dwellings. Thus was the matter decreed, and We are of those who give thanks. Blessed is he whom the affairs of creation have not prevented from turning, and he whom the power of the rulers hath not frightened from arising. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Your honor hath been and continues to be the recipient of God's favors. Today is the day of steadfastness, and today is the day of goodly deeds. Through word and deed must all peoples be guided. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to the hearing of divine verses and hath perceived their sweetness. God willing, may the friends of Truth be assisted to serve the Cause and be enabled to do that which He loves and with which He is pleased.

As to what thou didst write regarding the visit, it was submitted, and He said that previously this word was revealed from the Supreme Pen regarding this land:

> "Inwardly it is turbulent while outwardly calm. Soon shall its inward state manifest its outward condition, and its outward state its inward condition."

For this reason and others We have forbidden those who drink from the Kawthar of meeting from turning towards this land. The Sun of Justice is veiled behind the clouds of oppression, as every just and discerning one doth testify. The true friends have been and are longing for attainment unto meeting, and God, exalted be His glory, hath loved the meeting of His friends, but countless veils have intervened. Your honor must in all conditions observe wisdom and hold fast to the cord of consultation. If wisdom permits

and affairs are not hindered, permission for presence may be obtained. If they visit, there is and shall be no harm.

Praise be to God, they have been illumined by the lights of the sun of permission, but in all conditions, as commanded, they must observe the requirements of circumstances and wisdom. Verily, He aids whomsoever He willeth and ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey to the beloved Fuad who was mentioned in the letter—upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory—this servant's greetings and salutations. Since they had written of their intention to travel, I did not wish to impose any special burden. God willing, in whatever land, station or realm they may be present, may they be engaged in the mention of God, the praise of God, and service to God's Cause. Praise be to God, they have been and continue to be thus engaged—blessed are they! I request that you convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of this servant. If wisdom permits, God willing, may every possessor of speech and utterance arise to teach and attain this most exalted and glorious station. Every pure deed that is manifested today from the friends of God is itself a teacher, and in most Tablets this comprehensive and binding word has been revealed. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from the Exalted Truth that He may confirm the assured and steadfast souls in that which today causes the exaltation of God's Word. Verily the All-Knowing Lord is the Witness, the Hearer.

You mentioned Haji Ahmad—upon him be the Glory of God—and Aqa Mashhadi Ali and Aqa Khalil—upon them be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, they are remembered in the Most Exalted Court and have attained God's favors. I request that you convey special greetings to them on behalf of this servant.

Regarding what you wrote about the reply to Ibn-i-Dhabih—upon them be the Glory of God—this servant intended to express to them the degrees of sincerity and send them a letter. However, when mention was made of Jinab-i-Dhabih and his ascension in the presence of the Beloved of all creation, there was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur that which diffused the fragrance of favor and mercy. But now, since no command has issued from the Source of Command, this servant has also paused. God willing, whatever has been revealed from the Supreme Pen regarding this great calamity will arrive together with this servant's letter. For now, convey greetings to them on behalf of this servant. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to console his family and enable them to be patient and forbearing. Verily He is the Powerful, the Unconstrained. Glory be upon you and upon him and upon those who have attained to this mighty and wondrous Day. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00684: In My Name, the Sorrowful, the Stranger

In My Name, the Sorrowful, the Stranger

O Supreme Pen! I bear witness that Thou hast, at all times, called out to all who are in the realm of creation, summoned them unto God, and guided them to His straight Path. Not for less than a moment did I pause, but rather did I speak forth in the Kingdom of utterance that which drew the hearts of them that know. Through thy shrill voice every soul that turned to God, the Lord of all worlds, was drawn nigh, and through thy movement were all created things stirred to motion in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty,

the All-Praised. Through thee were made manifest the hidden mysteries in the Books of God, and that which was treasured in His all-encompassing knowledge was unveiled.

O Pen! Make mention of that which was visited upon My person by the hosts of the oppressors who turned away from Us and rose up against Us without any clear proof from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: O peoples of the earth! The promised Day is come, and He Who was promised calleth aloud with most exalted call. In every state doth He proclaim: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Beware lest ye oppose Him through Whom every Book was sent down, every Messenger dispatched, and every wondrous Cause made manifest. Beware lest the cawing of the crows and the turning away of the opposers debar you from the Most Exalted Horizon and this clear and manifest Path.

By God's life! My Pen lamenteth and saith:

> "O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and say not that which the idolaters said of old. Fear ye the Day whereon ye shall be questioned concerning your deeds in this vain life."

He, verily, is the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Say: If ye oppose this Cause with any proof that would establish what ye possess, then bring it forth, and be not of them that tarry. This is the Cause of which the Bayan gave tidings, and before it Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before him the Spirit, and before him He Who conversed with God. The Point of the Bayan standeth before the Throne, giving utterance to this Name whereby the limbs of all names have quaked and the foundations of the idolaters who cast the Book of God behind their backs have been shaken, having followed every heedless and remote one.

O Pen! Leave the mention of such people and turn thy face toward those who have turned unto God and believed in Him on a Day wherein the learned ones of the earth and their divines turned away, and those who followed them without My command before God—these are indeed among the abased ones. Make mention of the martyr who sacrificed his spirit with joy and fragrance in the path of My Name, the All-Merciful, with such steadfastness as amazed the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Then make mention of him who was named Buzurg, who heard the scratching of My Pen and soared in My atmosphere and turned toward My face and spoke forth My beauteous praise. We have made mention of him in numerous Tablets and have revealed for him from My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book that which shall never cease to shed its fragrance as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. To this beareth witness He Who is established upon the throne of grandeur with mighty sovereignty.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hear thou once again the call from the Lote Tree raised up above the luminous spot, as a bidding from God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Buzurg! The Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and remembereth thee with that which hath caused the sweet savors of revelation to be diffused throughout the world. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords!" My Most Great Branch hath presented

before Me thy letter when the Wronged One was seated upon the throne of sorrow by reason of that which the hands of the deniers of God, the Lord of creation, have wrought.

That which thou didst send through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, hath come before the Wronged One. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which shall rejoice thy heart and the hearts of them that have turned with spirit and fragrance toward My most exalted horizon. At this moment the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh, and My Branch writeth it as a token of grace from Me, and I am the Powerful, the Unconstrained. We make mention of thy sister, the consort of him who was martyred in My path, with a remembrance from My Most Exalted Pen before which all mention must bow down.

O My leaf and My handmaiden! By God, all things have lamented for you, and the Most Exalted Pen, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed art thou and blessed every handmaiden who hath loved thee and attained unto thy presence, and blessed thy mother whom We mentioned before, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We were with thee and with her and witnessed what befell you both, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge and with Him is the Mother Book. This is the Day wherein the banner "He is God" hath been raised aloft and the standard of divine power hath been hoisted upon the highest mountains. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call from the direction of the Throne, and blessed is he who hath beheld My Most Great Sign when it shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the Revealer of verses.

This is the Day wherein the ocean of My loving-kindness hath surged, and the sun of My grace hath shone forth, and the heaven of My mercy hath been upraised. Behold then, O ye who are endued with vision! O Buzurg! Say: O people of God! Beware lest the doubts of the divines or the allusions of them that have denied the Beginning and the Return withhold you. The Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery hath come, yet the people are in doubt and dissension.

We have desired at this moment to make mention of My leaf and My handmaiden whom We have caused to ascend unto the Most Exalted Companion, that it may be a treasure for her and a store with her Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. I bear witness that she turned unto God and hearkened and responded to her Lord whilst the people were in a strange sleep. By My life! The dwellers of the most exalted chambers in the highest Paradise and the celestial garden welcomed her—to this doth the Lord of Names bear witness at this moment, He Who proclaimeth that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Were her station to be revealed even less than the eye of a needle, all the tongues of the world would speak forth. Blessed is God Who hath preferred her and honored her and exalted her to such a degree that the leaves circle round her. The testimony of her Lord sufficeth her. By My life! Nothing that is seen or witnessed can equal it. Blessed are they who have recognized, and woe unto every obstinate denier!

O Muhammad! The Wronged One makes mention of thee at a time when the wicked have encompassed Him from every direction. He speaks the truth before the faces of the world even as He spoke before, in such wise that neither the clamor of the peoples nor the might of the princes of the earth and their divines could deter Him. Thus have We made manifest the Cause with clear proof and evidence. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto My days, hast heard My call, and hast done

that which was acceptable in the sight of the Wronged One. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty which hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Illuminator of all regions.

Thou hast at this hour attained unto a grace from Us and a pardon from Our presence, and verily I am the All-Powerful, the Compeller. Blessed are ye for having shown patience in the path of God and borne that which none before you hath borne. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. Thus have We purified you with the water of Our loving-kindness and made mention of you through My utterance whereby the horizons have been illumined. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of earth and heaven.

We make mention at this hour of My loved ones there who have testified to that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O people of God! We counsel you to be trustworthy, religious, chaste and faithful, and to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be, may be exalted. When ye have attained unto My verses and perceived the breezes of revelation, arise from your seats, turning toward the Wronged One, and say:

O God of earth and heaven, Lord of the world to come and of this world! We testify to that whereunto Thy tongue hath testified in the Most Exalted Horizon, and we acknowledge that whereunto Thy Pen hath confessed. We beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the stars in the heaven of Thy wisdom to aid us to stand firm in Thy Cause and to strengthen us in that which beseemeth Thy days. O Lord! We are consumed by separation from Thee and our hearts are melted in our remoteness from Thee. We perceive the fragrance of Thy manifestation yet know not from what place the fragrance of Thy garment wafteth, nor where the rustling of the Tree of Thy Cause and the murmur of the waters of Thy loving-kindness are heard.

We beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation to ordain for us, by the pen of Thy bounty, the reward of attaining Thy presence, of standing before Thy throne, and of appearing at the door of Thy majesty. Thou art He by Whose generosity all created things have testified and by Whose power all beings have borne witness. We implore Thee not to deny us that which is with Thee and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have offered up their spirits in Thy path. By the Martyr whom the Concourse on High doth visit, we beseech Thee to ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for them. Then protect us from the evil of those who croak and who hinder people from the ocean of Thy utterance, the sweet waters of Thy bounty and the choice wine of Thy loving-kindness. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful. Thou art worthy to answer prayers, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH00692: Immeasurable praise befitteth the threshold of the Peerless One…

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

Immeasurable praise befitteth the threshold of the Peerless One Who, through the effulgence of the Sun of inner meanings, hath adorned human hearts with the ornament of divine knowledge and embellished the temples of human existence with the robe of His recognition, rendering them distinguished thereby. The tongues of the world are powerless to mention the wonders of His bestowals, and the pens of all

nations fall short in recording the subtleties of His favors. His grace hath encompassed all horizons, and His bounty hath pervaded all existence. Should one gaze with the eye of insight upon the wondrous ordering of creation, he would be astonished and bewildered by the subtle favors of the Desired One towards him.

In the divine tradition He saith:

> "O son of man! I created all things for thy sake, and thee for My own sake. Flee not from Me."

Alas and regret that they are deprived of that for which they were created, occupied with their own idle fancies, and prevented from receiving the lights of the Sun of Truth. In this spiritual springtime, when all the world is verdant and flourishing from the divine breezes of knowledge, the trees of human existence have not stirred nor become verdant. Glory be to God! The heedless ones have not discovered that which is the good of existence and the tranquility of humanity in both the seen and unseen realms. All these trials and hardships are for the sake of guiding people to eternal good and perpetual ease, and for the elevation of the servants to spiritual realms and their attainment to the luminous heights of holiness. Yet the possessors of selfish desires have prevented the people from entering the precinct of acceptance and arriving at the city of attainment. We beseech God—exalted be His glory and magnificent His favors—to rend asunder, through His complete power, the veils that hinder, and to guide all to the direction of guidance and the dawning-place of knowledge and wisdom.

O thou who art turned towards the realm of immortality, who drinketh from the pure waters of the Salsabil of reunion, and who hath laid hold of the hem of faithfulness! Thy first and second letters arrived in succession and brought the utmost joy and delight. However, at that time, due to the frequency of occupations, the sending of a reply was delayed. In these days, while intending to write, thy third letter arrived and added joy upon joy. After reading thy letters, thou wert present before the Face and mention was made of thee. The Tongue of the Divine Will, addressing thee, spoke these exalted words, His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name that directeth the Tablet and the Pen

O Leaf! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all names, and the loving-kindness of God, the Creator of heaven, and upon the Ayn and the Ba who have attained unto the love of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, who have arisen to serve the Cause and performed that which brought joy to all hearts and souls. The river of names hath deprived people of the ocean of inner meanings. At times the word successor' became a veil, at other times the word mirror', and yet at other times words such as chief', noble', learned' and the like. Although through the power of the Supreme Pen some veils were rent asunder, others remain, for people are heedless and veiled. Until now they have not found true unity and have not comprehended the station of the Day of God. They cling to vain imaginings, return to vain imaginings, and are oriented towards vain imaginings. Praise and gratitude be to Him that thou hast attained and beheld the Most Exalted Horizon, and been honored to hear that for which ears were created. Strive that perchance thou mayest, with joy and fragrance, illumine the people of the world with the effulgent rays of the Sun of true unity.

Say: O people of God! Wisdom is a mighty shield; hold fast unto it and be occupied with rendering assistance to the Cause. By the life of the All-Merciful! Victory is through wisdom and utterance, and naught else is acceptable in the sight of God, for the people of God are for the betterment of the world. They must arise to that which will conduce to the exaltation and advancement of governments and peoples. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Certain Tablets have been revealed from the Supreme Pen in answer to some, and have not yet been sent. We beseech God to confirm them in the Greater Steadfastness, lest doubts and allusions prevent them from the Source of verses and the Revealer of clear proofs. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My loved ones there.

We hope that you may ever be blessed with the favors of the All-Knowing King and be confirmed and assisted in teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance. In truth, if in this glorious Day one renders a service and becomes the cause of guidance and enlightenment of one of his fellow beings, the mention thereof shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world and Sovereign through Thy Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the dominion of Thy power and the kingship of Thy might to make me steadfast in Thy service and to aid me at all times to guide Thy creatures to the source of Thy knowledge and the wellspring of Thy wisdom. O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Thou knowest that I desire naught but Thy mention and praise, and to arise in service to Thy Cause in Thy lands. I beseech Thee to withhold not from me Thy outpourings in Thy days, and to assist me in what I have purposed in Thy path. Grant me, through Thy all-encompassing grace upon all who dwell on earth and in heaven, the Kawthar of bounty and the Salsabil of immortality.

O Lord! Thou seest the servants heedless of Thy manifestations in Thy days and veiled from the effulgence of the lights of Thy oneness and the dawning of the Sun of Thy singleness. Strengthen those whom Thou hast caused to recognize Thy Self, whom Thou hast honored with Thy knowledge, and whom Thou hast adorned with Thy acceptance, to do what befitteth Thy days of manifestation: to detach themselves from all else and to confine themselves to that which endureth through the permanence of Thy sovereignty and dominion—namely, to guide creation to the paradise of Thy knowledge. Look not upon the heedlessness of the servants and the veiling of the lands, O Sovereign of the Beginning and the End, but rather upon Thy grace, Thy mercy, Thy generosity and Thy loving-kindness. Look not upon the weakness and impotence of creation, but rather upon the might of Thy power and the dominion of Thy strength. Preserve, O God, Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies who have remained heedless of Thy Cause and have committed what they were forbidden in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Lord of abundant grace. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Sovereign of earth and heaven! With what tongue can I thank Thee for the wonders of Thy bestowals, and with what utterance can I praise Thee for the manifestations of Thy grace and bounty? Thy mercy hath encompassed us from all directions, and Thy grace hath preceded us, O Lord of earth and heavens! How can nothingness describe the attributes of the Sovereign of eternity? By Thy glory! I am bewildered in Thy remembrance and astounded by the predominance of Thy kindness and the succession of Thy generosity and favor. Were I to praise Thee throughout the duration of the kingdom and dominion, I would not be able to comprehend the least of Thy favors, nor

could I describe the smallest of Thy bestowals—how much less Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and the attributes of Thy power, might, majesty, glory and dominion!

I beseech Thee to accept from me what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book, and to look not upon my poverty, want, abasement and lowliness, but rather upon Thy glory and power. Aid me to such remembrance as shall endure in Thy kingdom and shall be a cause for my attaining, at all times, unto the heights of Thy nearness. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Gracious, the Munificent, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Convey to the honored Habib Ruhani ʿAyn-Qaf-Ba sublime and wondrous remembrances and glorifications. Likewise to M.H., may the glory of God rest upon them both. We beseech God to strengthen them and grant them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. To the honored Aqa Mirza Mahmud, may the glory of God rest upon him, I send most wondrous and sublime glorifications, and I beseech and hope for God's grace and favor on his behalf. In the first letter, mention was made of the honored Aqa Jalil—glorify him on my behalf and remember him with beautiful remembrance. I beseech God to strengthen him, preserve him and grant him what is best for him. Verily, He is the Kind, the Generous. Remember all the friends with gracious remembrances and most sublime glorifications. Glory and praise be upon you and upon them all. As pressing tasks were successive, this was sent in the handwriting of one of the friends.

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BH00704: Ziyarat-Namiy-i-Babu'l-Bab va Quddus

Tablet of visitation for the first to arrive and the last to attain, may the souls of all on earth be offered up for them both.

In the name of Him Who is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

The peace that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of God, the Lord of all being, and the light that hath dawned above the horizon of His supreme mercy and His resplendent signs rest upon you, O ye who are the hands of His power in the kingdom of creation and the manifestations of His grandeur between earth and heaven!

Ye are they who were awakened by the gentle winds of the dawn of Revelation and were enraptured by the voice of Him Who spoke on Sinai. Ye are they who inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful when it wafted from the realm of divine knowledge. By your guidance the thirsty hastened to the onrushing waters of everlasting life and the sinner to the vivifying river of forgiveness and mercy. Ye are the signs of God and His straight Path amongst His creation. Through you all faces turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and every poor one sought the Wellspring of wealth.

At your suffering all things lamented, and every atom cried out between earth and heaven, and Adam forsook the Most Exalted Paradise and chose for Himself a place upon the dust. Ye are the dawning-places of power amidst the people and the daysprings of might amongst the righteous. Through you the

springtime of inner meaning appeared in the world of utterance and the All-Merciful shed His effulgent splendour upon all created things.

Ye are the hands of His Cause in His lands, and the stars of His bountiful care amidst His servants. Through you the daystars of knowledge dawned forth, the heavens of all religions were illumined, the lights of the sciences shone brightly amongst the nations, and the sphere of the arts was expanded throughout the world. Ye are the dawning-places of God's Revelation upon the earth and the daysprings of His signs in the world of creation. By your arising did the people arise to serve the Cause and the river of mercy flow out amidst humankind.

Ye are the pearls of the Hidden Sea and the letters of the Treasured Book. Through your sublime word the Book of Names was expounded and the portals of blessings were opened wide before the inhabitants of earth and heaven. Through you the injunction "Be thou" was enforced, the Hidden Secret was divulged, and the choice Wine was unsealed.

Alas, alas! By reason of your sorrow, the inmates of the all-highest Paradise were overcome with grief and the denizens of the kingdom of names were moved to lament. At your suffering, trembling seized the inhabitants of the Verdant Isle on the shore of the Sea of Grandeur, causing the sighs of such as are wholly devoted to God to ascend and the tears of them that are nigh unto Him to rain down. Ye are the books of God and His scriptures, the epistles of God and His tablets. By virtue of your gladness the faces of all beings were wreathed in smiles, and by reason of your sorrow all things visible and invisible did wail aloud.

Ye are the arks of God sailing upon the ocean of His Will, and the people of God who have arisen to champion His Cause. Through you the Most Great Announcement was proclaimed and the limbs of all men were made to tremble. Through your call every sleeping one was awakened, every seated one rose up, and every reclining one rushed forth. Through that call the negligent were raised from slumber, the ignorant were enlightened, the agitated were assured, and the tongue of every stammerer was unloosed. Through your sweet remembrance all people hastened to the Most Exalted Horizon and the Crimson Ark sailed upon the sea of names.

Ye are the dawning-places of the Will of God and the daysprings of His Cause, the embodiments of His command and the sources of His might. Ye are the storehouses of His knowledge and the treasuries of His secrets, the repositories of His decree and the exponents of His behest. Ye are the pearls of the ocean of His generosity and the gems of the mines of His munificence, the suns of the firmament of His grace and the moons of the heaven of His bounty. Through you the banner "He, verily, is God" was hoisted upon the earth and every stranger came to recognize his ultimate goal and his true abode.

Through your allegiance did the pure in heart rush to the field of martyrdom and offer up that which they possessed in the path of God, the Lord of all names. Through you did they who enjoy near access to God attain unto the living waters of immortality, and the true believers unto that which hath flowed forth from the Luminous Spot in the All-Highest Paradise before the Divine Lote-Tree.

I testify that through you the breeze of the All-Merciful passed over all created things and the sweet savour of the All-Glorious wafted over all regions. Through you the Throne was established upon the land

of Za'faran and the God of Mercy seated Himself thereupon. Through you the heaven of certitude shone resplendent and all things were moved to proclaim, "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Beneficent!" Through your names the suns of inner meaning dawned above the horizons of utterance, and the streams of divine wisdom flowed in the gardens of true understanding. Ye are those inner meanings that can neither be apprehended through words nor expressed through speech.

Blessed is the poor one who hath set out towards the orient of your wealth, the thirsty one who hath hastened to the shores of the ocean of your favours, the lowly one who hath sought the court of your glory, the ignorant one who hath looked to the dawning-place of your knowledge, the distressed one who hath drawn nigh unto the tabernacle of your majesty and the pavilion of your grace, the ailing one who hath longed for the heavenly river of your healing, the weak one who hath turned to the kingdom of your might, and the friend who hath reached the soft-flowing stream of reunion with you and been honoured with your presence, which excelleth all that hath been fashioned in the universe or appeared in the realm of creation.

Great indeed is the blessedness of the wayward one who hath rushed to the dayspring of your guidance, the slumbering one who hath been awakened through your remembrance, the dead one who hath been stirred by the breezes of your utterance and adorned with the ornament of life beneath your shadow, the seated one who hath arisen in your service, the eloquent one who hath celebrated your praise and turned to the fountain of your generosity, and the rebellious one who through your intercession hath reached the ocean of forgiveness.

Through the sweet call you raised did all things draw nigh unto God, the Possessor of all names, and by your turning to the Most Exalted Horizon did all faces turn towards the dawning-place of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Glorious. Through you the treasures of all names were brought forth amongst the people. Through you the hearts of His ardent lovers were set ablaze in the world of creation.

The glory that hath dawned from the horizon of Mine utterance rest upon you and upon whomsoever hath turned towards you and fixed his gaze on the court of your glory. Through you the Dove of Eternity chanted and the birds of the Throne of glory warbled amongst the peoples, the seas surged and the winds blew, the lights were shed abroad and the skies were illumined. Through you the celestial Bird sounded its call, that which had been hidden was disclosed, the irrevocable decree was fulfilled, and the Hand of Mercy passed round the sealed wine. Through you the morn of certitude dawned forth, the lamp of vain imaginings was extinguished, and the gates of inspiration were flung open. Through you the secrets of the Book were divulged and the veils were rent asunder. Through you the emerald-green Nightingale warbled upon the Crimson Tree, testifying to that whereunto God Himself did testify ere the creation of earth and heaven.

Ye are the waves of this Sea through which every other sea hath surged and the mercy of God hath appeared in every land. I bear witness that ye are rivers branching out from the Most Great Ocean, luminous moons rising above the horizon of the world, and radiant lights shining upon its peoples. God hath made each of you a bough of this Ancient Root; an exponent of this glorious, this veiled and weighty Secret; a manifestation of His most noble Name; and a sign of His all-embracing grace. Well is it with him that hath been blessed by your breath during your lives and guided by your example after your deaths.

Through you God's bounty was fulfilled, His mercy encompassed all things, His testimony was established, His heavenly sustenance was sent down, His Word was perfected, His breeze was wafted, and His proofs shone resplendent amidst all creation.

By your suffering, the kindreds of the cities of names were seized with agitation, the Pen of the Most High wailed aloud, the inmates of the loftiest Paradise were sorely vexed, the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree withered, the Maids of heaven swooned away in their crimson chambers, the atoms of the universe cried out between earth and heaven, and the movement of the Pen of the Most Great Name was stilled in the realms of remembrance and praise.

Blessed is the one who hath been illumined with the light of your faces, hath drawn nigh unto the precincts of your court and circled round you, hath visited your resting-places and taken refuge with you, hath cleaved to the cord of your grace and held fast to the hem of your bounty, hath striven to the utmost in your path and suffered martyrdom for the sake of your love.

Through you the Supreme Horizon was illumined and all faces turned to God, the Lord of all Names. Through you were manifested His sovereignty and His might, His majesty and His grandeur. Ye are the lights of the Kingdom, the secrets of the Celestial Dominion, and the daysprings of the Cause of God in this nether world. Through you the sun of utterance shone forth, the ocean of understanding appeared, the heaven of certitude was upraised, and the throne of the All-Merciful was established in the realm of being.

Blessed are ye—the origin of your beings and their end, your outer temples and inner selves—and blessed is whosoever hath drawn nigh unto you and visited your graves, held fast to the cord of your favours, and clung firmly to the hem of the robe of your bestowals.

Lauded be Thy name, O Lord of Being and Possessor of all things visible and invisible! I beseech Thee by the showers of Thy mercy, through which Thy bounties and favours were manifested unto Thy servants, and by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom, to forgive me, and my parents, and every servant who hath clung firmly to this exalted station and hastened to this sublime habitation.

I entreat Thee, O my Lord, by that Word wherewith Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy chosen ones, to satisfy my needs and make me steadfast in Thy Cause, with my eyes fixed upon Thy horizon, wholly rid of all attachment to such as have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant hastening to the ocean of Thy forgiveness, desiring only that which Thou hast ordained for them that love Thee. Thou art, in truth, that All-Powerful One Whom the pursuits of Thy servants can never frustrate nor the clamour of the people deter from Thy purpose. Thou doest, through the power of Thy might, what Thou willest, and ordainest as Thou pleasest. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the All-Subduing, the Almighty.

BH00702: Praise be to God, Who hath made the path…

He is God, blessed and exalted be His glory.

Praise be to God, Who hath made the path plain unto the people of search, and hath made manifest His narrow way unto the possessors of scrutiny and diligent inquiry; Who hath illumined, by the effulgences of the Sun of divine knowledge, the dawning-places of the hearts of them that truly believe. Glorified and exalted be His sovereignty! By the magnet of His Word He hath drawn the hearts of the people of concord unto the City of intimacy and unity; He hath illumined the horizons and the lands with the wondrous splendours of His shining light, and hath adorned the bodies of the people of the Covenant, on the Day of Reunion, with the robes of His bounty, His grace, and His loving-kindness.

And glory rest upon that Light which hath shone from the firmament of majesty upon the Faith amongst humankind, and upon the recipients of Revelation and inspiration in the world of creation—those by whom the greatness of God, His might and His all-subduing power, have been made manifest; by the words that have proceeded from their mouths the books of existence have been embellished with the subtleties of wisdom and utterance, and the scriptures of the religions have been broidered with the jewels of knowledge and recognition. Through their guidance hath every true seeker attained unto the City of nearness, and every one that turned and was prepared hath been invested with the raiment of acceptance. And peace be upon those who have followed them and obeyed them, hearkened to their command and answered their summons, and, through their guidance, have turned unto the shore of the knowledge of their Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Lord of bounty, O Possessor of the secrets of the unseen and the seen! Exalted art Thou above my description and the description of the world, above my mention and the mention of all nations. How shall I dare to describe Thee, seeing that Thou art the King of might and eternity? How shall I venture to extol Thee, whilst Thou art the Lord of the Kingdom of power and independence? How shall I praise and thank Thee, when Thou art sanctified above all praise and glorification?

By Thy might! I see for myself naught but bewilderment in Thy praise, and discern for my soul naught save powerlessness in thanksgiving for the marvellous signs of Thy favours and the subtleties of Thy bounties. Wert I, throughout the duration of existence, to give voice to mine inability, my poverty, my abasement and lowliness before Thy might, Thy wealth, Thy glory and Thy exaltation, my heart would not find rest, nor would my bosom be set at ease.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who, through our own impotence, hast made known unto us the majesty of Thine omnipotence; and glorified art Thou, O Thou Who, by our poverty of being, hast guided us unto the Kingdom of Thine all-sufficiency and Thy power. The deficiencies of the realm of possibility have led us to the perfection of Thine Essence, O Lord of religions; and the weakness of contingent existence hath pointed us toward Thy strength and Thy dominion, O King of the unseen and the seen.

Exalted is Thy consummate wisdom, and magnified Thy perfect handiwork! Is there any seer to behold these clear signs? Is there any man of understanding to ponder these manifest tokens? None is able to know them save through Thy might, Thy power, Thy sovereignty and Thy strength.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of mankind and Possessor of the mysteries of destiny, to aid us in the knowledge of this hidden mystery and concealed symbol, and to make each one of us a tongue eloquent in

remembrance of Thee and in praise of Thee, and in thanksgiving for the bounties of Thy beauty; and to enable us, O Thou hope of all worlds and desire of them that know, to exalt the standards of Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures, and to spread abroad the traces of Thy Pen amongst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Bestower, the Giver, the All-Bountiful, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

O thou who hast turned thy face unto the Blessed Lote-Tree, who art beheld by the eye of the loving-kindness of the Lord of creation, and who dwellest beneath the shade of bounty and mercy! Thy letter, sealed with thine own seal, hath been received, and I have read that which was inscribed therein of allusions betokening the subtleties of thy love, and of words expressing the essences of thy affection.

I entreat God, the Lord of being and the Sovereign of the beginning and the end, to single thee out at all times with the raiment of His tenderness and the robe of His bounty and compassion; to make thee a banner of guidance among His servants and a token of steadfastness in His creation; and to protect thee, beneath the shade of His guardianship, from the malice of His creatures. Verily, He is the All-Glorious, the All-Generous. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great.

O Habib-i-Ruhani! After the perusal of thine honoured letter, which bore a sealed seal, and likewise of the second letter which thou hadst sent from Qazvin, both were presented in the Most Sanctified, the Most Exalted Court; and the mention of thine eminence was laid before the Countenance. There then streamed forth from the fountain-head of the bounty of the Lord of creation wondrous, exalted favours, and luminous verses were revealed concerning thine honoured self and those souls whose names thou hadst recorded in both letters. We hope that, through their reading, they will be set aflame and shall rejoice in the manifestations of divine grace.

As to the enclosed letter which the honoured Mirza Muhammad had written, its answer, in accordance with his request, was, through the intermediary of Jinab-i-Aslamu'llah—upon him be the glory of God and His splendour—despatched to him; and, previously, a Tablet in reply to his former letter had also been revealed and sent. Doubtless it hath by now reached him regarding some of the matters thou hadst mentioned.

The Tongue of the Divine Will hath spoken these luminous words:

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory. Jinab-i-Mirza Haydar-Ali—upon him be My glory—hath, for many a year, been supplicating in the Holy Court, and hath mentioned Habib-Ali-Haydar, that the bounties should reach him. They shall indeed reach him, and none is able to transgress against him, inasmuch as he is bound to foreign governments. For this reason the Tablets and correspondence were sent to him that he might deliver them. In the meantime, whatever Tablets were destined for certain individuals have been entrusted to him for transmission. Today, were one to look with the eye of fairness, the tongue would be silenced and the pen stay its hand; and these matters have been revealed in divers Tablets.

Jinab-i-Amin hath, in his own letter, made mention of thine eminence and of Jinab-i-Muhammad-Rida and of those souls who have appointed a monthly stipend for the aforesaid Mirza, and he hath expressed, on behalf of all, his good pleasure, joy and happiness.

As to what thou hast written regarding certain persons, the right is with thine eminence; but God counselleth all through His verses, and summoneth all unto His straight Path. Blessed is the man and the woman who hold fast unto His straight way.

Were those souls who ascribe themselves to the Truth adorned with that unique robe which becometh the Days of God, thou wouldst, in this day, behold all the people of the earth illumined.

O Jamal! Grasp thou the hem of the name ʻthe Concealer' and know, with assured certitude, that all matters are, in the sight of God, evident and manifest. His concealment hath been, and is, by virtue of His consummate wisdom. Forbearance is needful, but in such wise that it lead not to boldness.

And regarding that which thou didst write about the honoured Muhammad-Husayn—may the transcriber have set it as L. T. after it had been laid before the Most Sanctified Court, He said:

> "His case is known unto God; and all were commanded to silence, and to leave his right to God. May the spirit of whoso is in the Kingdom of command and creation be a sacrifice for His loving care, and a ransom for His mercy."

Such matters come to pass that all may know the reality of the stations of the Shi'ih hierarchy, and the true nature of those souls and the rank of the divines; that they may not again occupy themselves with mere names, nor kindle anew the fires of cursing and contention. These eyes and these ears have seen and heard; nevertheless, the cawing ones are striving to organize once again such a party. May God—exalted be He—protect Us and you, O concourse of the people of unity, from the evil of such as these.

Again, concerning the promised piece of land which thou didst mention: it hath in no wise been forgotten; but, in view of the all-embracing wisdom, its despatch is at present not possible. Should they be content with another piece which is not contrary to wisdom, it will be sent; otherwise, they must needs wait until the time is ripe and the sending thereof accordeth with the exigencies of the hour.

The dwellers in the Pavilion of Infallibility, one and all, make mention, in exalted terms, of thine eminence and thy household. Convey, on Our behalf, to Jinab-i-Habb'u'llah remembrance with tender, subtle praises, and magnify him with a mighty, all-glorious glorification.

We beseech God to safeguard thee and thy family beneath the canopy of His care, and to grant you, at all times, to quaff the draught of His bounty and grace from the stream of Tasnim. Verily, He is the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Whensoever thou dost meet the joyful friends of God in any land or station, remember them, on behalf of this Servant, with wondrous glorifications, and convey unto them the cry of a sublime, all-compelling "God is Most Great".

Peace, glory and praise be upon thee, O thou who dwellest beneath the shadow of the grace of the Lord of names.

BH00703: Praise be unto God, the King, the All-Praised, Who…

He is God, exalted be His glory.

Praise be unto God, the King, the All-Praised, Who hath brought us forth into the realm of existence, and hath taught us praise and glorification in the worlds of the seen and the unseen. He, verily, is the Possessor of the reins of bounty and grace. Every being and thing visible hath acknowledged His sovereignty, and all have confessed His power and His proof on the promised Day.

For the way unto any but Him is, in the sight of the knowing, barred; and every proof, in the eyes of the lovers, save that which establisheth His Cause, is rejected. His very verses are His evidence, and His own being is His affirmation. There is no God but He, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving.

And blessings and peace be upon the Manifestations of His impregnable, blissful Cause, the dawning-places of His Revelation—those who have summoned His servants to prostrate themselves before Him, have guided the seekers to the court of His knowledge, and have led the yearning unto the pavilion of His love. Blessed is he who hath awakened from the slumber of heedlessness, and woe betide the sleepers! Happiness be the portion of him who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and utter loss the lot of him who hath chosen to sit idle and remain unmoved. Glad-tidings be to those who have been faithful to the Covenant, have not broken the Testament of their Lord, and have stood firm upon His outstretched Path.

O thou beloved of the heart, thou who, on the Day of Return, hast clung to the Covenant of love! Thy first letter and thy second have both come to hand; I have read what they contained, and recognized the degrees of love and unity treasured within thy heart, which hath been illumined by the shining of the Word of thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Summoning.

When I beheld what thou didst desire might attain the honour of being presented and recited in the court of the All-Forgiving, I entered the forecourt of majesty and laid thy remembrance, and what thou hadst written of praise and glorification, before His Face. Thereupon the fragrance of utterance was stirred, the ocean of bounty and loving-kindness surged, and there was sent down for thee and for those whom thou didst mention in thy letter that which shall clothe you in the vesture of grace and adorn you with the robe of liberality. Verily, He is the All-Glorious, the All-Loving.

It behoveth thee to give thanks for this Most Great Bounty and to glory therein before the peoples and kindreds of the earth. I beseech God, my Lord, the All-Glorious, to guard thee beneath the shadow of the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Heights, to confirm thee in that which shall be best for thee in this world and the next, and to make thee a banner of steadfastness amongst the people of creation. Verily, He is the Most High, the All-Exalted.

Glorified art Thou, O King of existence and Lord of the Kingdom of bounty and loving-kindness! Thou hast created the world and hast made manifest the sovereignty of Thy Cause amongst the nations. Whoso hath known Thee, and apprehended the Word of Thy command, and tasted the sweetness of Thy love—he verily hath entered the Crimson Ark which, by Thy behest, ploweth the ocean of majesty; he hath attained unto the court of nearness and reunion beneath the shadow of Thy Most Exalted, Thy Most Glorious Name.

But whoso hath remained afar from the gardens of Thy knowledge, hath not been illumined by the Sun of Thy love, nor been guided by the light of certitude in the Day of the appearance of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy oneness—such a one hath wandered in the deserts of veils and hath strayed in the wilderness of idle allusion, and hath debarred his own soul from those favours which Thou didst ordain for such as draw nigh unto the shadow of the Lote-Tree of Thy Cause.

O my Lord! I entreat Thee by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, by the necks that have been severed by the swords of tyranny in the highway of Thy love, and by the sighs that have ascended from the breasts of Thy loved ones under the dominance of the fire of Thy affection, to aid Thy friends to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants, to confirm them in the Most Great Steadfastness in the midst of mankind, and to establish them in mighty constancy upon Thy straight Path. Then ordain for them, O my Hope, every good which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and hast promised to Thy lovers in Thy Scriptures and Tablets.

Do Thou, O my God, strengthen him who is designated by the letter Jim preceding the letter Sin, in that which shall be for his good in this world and the next. Give him, at all times, to drink of the Salsabil of Thy bounty and the Tasnim of Thy loving care. Make him a standard of constancy amongst Thy servants, and protect him, O my Lord and my Desire, by Thy Most Great Name from the malice of the wicked among the nations, that he may, at every moment, be a helper of Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Sustaining.

O thou beloved one! Whenever I ponder the Manifestations of the Cause and the might of the sovereignty of grace, and then behold the veiling of the people, I am confounded, and exclaim: “Glorified be He, the Ever-Abiding, the Unchanging!”

Say: O ye who raise objections! If ye deny this Cause, by what cause will ye cling, and unto whom will ye turn? The traces of this Revelation have encompassed the horizons, and its verses have filled every region. If ye reject these most mighty signs, by what thing will ye prove that which ye possess of Scriptures and Books? And if ye repudiate these luminous testimonies, how shall that which hath been recorded in former Books—of the traces of Truth in the days of past Manifestations—be known or established?

How long will ye sleep upon the couch of heedlessness and blindness? Lo, the Sun hath risen in the zenith of immortality, and its light hath illumined earth and heaven. Meditate upon that which hath shone forth, in this Manifestation, of steadfastness and constancy in the days when the rains of trials and afflictions poured down. Hath He not said—and His word is the truth—“Then wish for death, if ye be truthful”?

By God! There hath appeared, from the people of faithfulness, such constancy in the Cause of God, the Lord of all things, as the scrolls of all that hath been written are powerless to reckon. There is no land but hath been dyed with their blood, and no air but hath been rent with the flame of their sighs. Upon them there hath come that for which every atom lamenteth, yet they stood firm in such wise as to bewilder all that are in heaven and on earth. It hath been proven by conclusive argument that they, verily, are a people of truth, that unto their Lord they return, and that they have laid fast hold on the Sure Handle.

O beloved one—this is now set forth in the Persian tongue:

In truth, were men to ponder but this one sentence, they would bear witness that such steadfastness, such constancy, such endurance and patience at the very time when trials and tribulations rained down upon them, both in secret and in public, can never have been save through a divine power. At no time, in no age, hath such self-sacrifice in the path of the Well-Beloved been witnessed.

These souls who, ere the appointed hour had struck, regarded life with utmost tenderness, striving with all their might to shield themselves and preserve their ease, comfort and outward well-being—suddenly, they manifested such constancy that the joints of the heedless trembled, the limbs of the mighty shook, and the pillars of nations and governments quaked.

Glorified be God! Until that station of "abundant good, surpassing gain and everlasting sovereignty" is, as it were, witnessed with the very eyes, such contentment, such resignation, such joy and such exultation cannot appear from them amid those dire perils.

Say: greatness is God's, and power is God's, and majesty is God's, and might is God's. He createth what He willeth, in such wise as He willeth. There is no God but He, the All-Subduing, the Most High, the Most Great.

By God, besides Whom there is none other God! If a soul were to deny this Manifestation and these signs, he would be unable, in any age, to establish the truth of any divine Cause whatsoever. The verses of God have, like copious rain, been sent down by night and by day from the Day of Dawn until now. Tablets beyond number, and epistles and writings without end, have been revealed and are extant.

Whatever the community of the Qur'an bring forth as proof for the truth of their Faith, apart from the Qur'an itself, none hath seen with his own eyes; and to be satisfied with mere hearing is not permissible. The only clear, present, visible proof is the Qur'an, and none other.

Let them now weigh and then judge with fairness: if the truth of a Manifestation of God is established by a single Book, how can it be that a Revelation whose Books are beyond all counting should not be established?

By thy life, they are heedless, veiled from the Cause of their Lord, sleeping upon the bed of negligence.

Say: "Bring then your proof—of whatsoever kind it be—that we may enter the field of meanings and utterance, and beseech our Lord, the All-Bountiful, for His succour. If ye find a proof mightier than that which is in your possession, then deal in fairness and be not of the wrongdoers."

Convey, on behalf of this servant, a wondrous, all-glorious cry of "God is Most Great" unto the friends of God, and bear to all of them the glad-tidings of the grace of the All-Merciful. Our hope is that from the dawning-place of steadfastness ye may shine with the light of constancy and love; that at all times ye may be made the recipients of the divine favours, be honoured thereby, drink deep from the Tasnim of His bounty, and be nourished by the gifts of His grace and munificence.

The spirit, the glory and the cry of "God is Most Great" rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

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BH11396: Praise be unto Him Who speaketh, the Manifest…

Praise be unto Him Who speaketh, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Verily, We desire to remember and to recite that which We revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God:

> "Has not the time come for those who believe that their hearts should be humbled at the remembrance of God?"

Glory be to God! In the days and nights divine verses and celestial evidences descend like the outpouring rain from the heaven of will. Nevertheless, all remain heedless save those whom the hand of divine power hath seized and delivered from the mire of idle fancies. Today hath appeared that which God's Pen hath heralded and mentioned as glad tidings in all the Books of the past and future. What hath befallen the people that their ears are barred from hearing and their eyes deprived of witnessing? The divine Hand of bounty hath, in these luminous days, bestowed the choice wine of utterance and the fountain of true knowledge. No sincere seeker hath been denied a share of this most great bounty and supreme favor.

O people of God! This is the Day of joy and delight. In one of the Tablets these sublime words were revealed from the Supreme Pen: We say the day is the day of joy and delight. Joy from what? From the divine wine of the love of God in this spiritual morn. Blessed is the soul that hath sanctified itself with the living waters of the utterance of the Lord of all worlds and hath arisen with complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all names—a steadfastness which neither the might of the enemy nor the wealth of the wicked can shake or deter from true constancy.

Say: O people of God! This Day is God's Day. Cast behind you that which the people possess—their glory, their wealth, their power, their arts, their sciences, and their riches—and hold fast unto that which hath shone forth, gleamed, and diffused its fragrance from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of all worlds. In truth I say: should anyone arise to promote the Cause solely for the sake of God, his word shall undoubtedly penetrate all things, his remembrance shall prevail, and his call shall encompass all. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His light! His honor Asad, upon him be My Glory, is present and hath repeatedly made mention of thee, seeking bounty from the True Bestower, and hath forwarded thy letters to the Most Holy Court. Every word thereof hath testified to thy devotion, steadfastness and service. Thou didst mention the resolution of certain matters—this hath been accepted and adorned with the honor of His good-pleasure. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist thee to exalt His Word amongst His heedless servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

In these days, without veil or hindrance, without delay or postponement, the Ship of Utterance moveth upon the sea of inner meanings. Say: O people of God! Turn ye unto Him. The Day is the Day of victory—deprive not yourselves. Glory be to God! Some heedless souls who have turned away are deprived of hearing the divine call and beholding the pearls and jewels from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen. By what proof and evidence did they believe in the Herald, while remaining heedless and veiled from Him Who sent Him and from that which He revealed? Today all the Messengers cry out from the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven, saying:

> "O peoples of the earth! Purify yourselves from the promptings of self and desire, and set your faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Today He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation, and His call is raised from all directions."

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Gird up the loins of service and occupy thyself with the mention and praise of the Intended One, that perchance those who are far may draw nigh, and those who are astray may find the path. That which hath appeared hath no parallel or likeness from the beginning of creation until now. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, and blessed the eye that hath beheld His Most Glorious, the Best-Beloved Countenance.

The Book of God speaketh before all faces, walking and giving glad tidings unto the servants concerning the horizon from which hath dawned the Sun of thy Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving. Say: O company of the heedless! Leave what ye possess. By God! The Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Through Him the ocean of utterance hath surged, the breeze of divine knowledge hath wafted, and the mysteries of what was and what will be have been revealed. Behold! Behold! The river of proof hath flowed from His utterance, and the hidden treasure of God, the Mighty, hath appeared. By My life! Neither the doubts of those who have turned away from His Face, nor the allusions of every heedless and veiled one shall withhold Him.

Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My grace and mercy which have preceded existence, both seen and unseen. Say: Is there any doubt about God, or about that which hath been sent down from the clouds of His Will, or about His sovereignty which hath encompassed the hosts and ranks? Say: He desireth naught save to manifest the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, and to elevate your stations. To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in His mighty, treasured Book.

Say: O friends of God and His loved ones! Rejoice that your names have flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and your mention is preserved in His blessed, mighty and irrevocable Tablet. Thus hath the sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, as a grace from God, the Revealer of this unfurled scroll. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon My loved ones and friends, and upon all who are firm, steadfast and hold fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Thou didst mention certain ones who speak without understanding. In reply it must be said: Praise be to God that among the people of truth there hath not been and is not anyone like that heedless, oppressive and mendacious soul. This is cause for gratitude, not complaint. His survival from the beginning until now

is evidence of his hypocrisy, deceit and falsehood. For had he spoken with truthfulness, he would have ascended like the two luminous lights and the chosen ones before and after. By the life of God! He spoke from the pulpit of the land of Sad and in the presence of Ibn Shaykh Baqir that which inflamed the hearts of those near and sincere ones. Now reflect upon the martyrdom, sacrifice, submission and contentment of the assured and sanctified souls, and likewise upon the false and lying souls.

Every day thou seest to what intrigues they cling—before the opposer claiming opposition, before the acceptor claiming faith. By the life of God! They have sullied the realm of truth and sincerity. Each day through some scheme he preserveth his troubled existence. Say: O friends! Today the Sun of Truth hath appeared and is manifest and speaking from the horizon of the heaven of the prison of Akka. Neither the oppression of tyrants, nor the assault of Pharaohs, nor the doubts of those who denied the Day of Judgment have deterred It. Praise be to God! We have not concealed ourselves for an instant. Without concealment or dissimulation have we proclaimed the Cause of God. Whosoever wisheth, let him believe, and whosoever wisheth, let him deny. Verily God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

In these days a new thought hath occurred to those false [treacherous] souls. They have intended to steal and erase the Book of God. Say: Woe unto you, O enemies of God and His Manifestation and His Cause! Fear ye God and be not among the oppressors. The Persian Bayan is a mighty book, for it indicateth and proveth the manifestation of Truth, exalted be His glory. In truth one is astonished. We beseech God to seize them with His might and prevent them through His sovereignty. O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance with His eyes! Words were previously uttered like unto the deluded faction who conversed with one of the companions. The assured one held fast to the Bayan. The other party mentioned that your Bayan is not correct. He said: Then bring forth that Bayan which you have. He said that too is not correct. He asked: Where is the correct Bayan? He replied: On the intended island. Now observe what an offensive odor emanateth from those words. We beseech God to aid them to return and be truthful, and to prosper them in turning towards the gate of His grace. Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent.

Thou didst request mention of certain ones. God willing, it shall be sent another time. Be thou confident in thy Lord’s grace and be of the joyous ones.

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BH00797: Praise be to God, Who hath set the orbs…

He is the Pre-Existent, without decline, the Eternal, without change.

Praise be to God, Who hath set the orbs of existence in motion through His Will, and adorned the pages of the books of the seen world with the marginal glories of knowledge and wisdom by His power, and in the darkness of non-being hath caused the suns of life to dawn by His irrevocable behest.

He it is Who hath subdued the world through the sovereignty of His majesty, and seized the reins of the nations through the ascendancy of His might. At the movement of His Command the cycles revolve; by the light of His knowledge the inner sight is illumined; by His all-encompassing Will the inmost hearts are

tested and the hidden consciences laid bare—on that Day whereon the Resurrection stood forth through the manifestation of His all-conquering, all-subduing Cause. Exalted be His dominion, exalted His proof!

There is no proof for His Cause save His own Countenance, and no evidence for His Manifestation save His very Self. All that hath been set forth of arguments is but in consideration of the weakness of His servants and the shortcoming of the minds of those who dwell on earth; otherwise, exalted, immeasurably exalted is He above being known save through the lights of majesty shining from the Sun of beauty at the zenith of its splendour.

Is the rising of the sun in the heavens known save by the vision of its light and the diffusion of its rays? How then shall the rising of the Sun of Reality be recognized save by that which is beheld from its dawning-place of resplendent lights and its streaming, luminous beams? Verily, he that seeth hath no need of further proof, and he that is truly knowing turneth his gaze to naught but the Manifestation itself in this path.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Hope of all worlds, O Desire of them that know, O Goal of them that love! With what tongue shall I describe Thee, when I behold Thee exalted above the praises of all that praise? And with what speech shall I remember Thee, when I witness Thee sanctified above the mention of all that mention Thee?

Can this feeble, powerless one acquit himself of the duty of Thy praise, O my God, Thou Lord of might and power, by reason of the adorning of Thy beauty? And is this poor, lowly, desolate creature able to depict the kingdom of Thy wealth, O my Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Informed?

By Thy might! I am incapable of any utterance save that which Thou dost inspire in me, that perchance it may be befitting the court of Thy peerless oneness and worthy of the threshold of the gate of Thy singleness.

I beseech Thee to strengthen Thy loved ones in the exaltation of Thy remembrance and praise amidst Thy creatures, and to grant them, at all times, to partake of the outpourings of Thy bounty and tenderness, and to enable them to stand firm in Thy Cause with such constancy that the limbs of those who have forgotten Thee—who have remained deprived of the outpouring of knowledge in the days of the Manifestation of Thy revelation—shall be made to tremble, O my Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

O my Lord! Thou beholdest the world encompassed by the darkness of ignorance and waywardness, and veiled by the smoke of heedlessness and passion. I entreat Thee to open the eyes of the nations that they may behold the Sun of Reality shining forth, and see the stars of knowledge and wisdom rising.

Thou knowest that man is powerless to attain unto true knowledge save through Thine assistance, O Lord of the realm of being. How, then, canst Thou leave them to wander in the deserts of forgetfulness and heedlessness, seeing that Thou didst create them for Thine own knowledge, O my Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Merciful?

Look not, O my God, upon their lack of capacity and receptivity, but look unto Thy boundless mercy and Thy all-embracing loving-kindness. Thou didst promise Thy loved ones that through none but Thee wouldst Thou make the earth to become a paradise; and Thou, verily, art the True, the Faithful. I implore Thee to draw nigh the fulfilment of that promise, that the breasts of Thy loved ones may be dilated in Thy days.

I bear witness that Thy promise is true and Thy command effective; none doubteth thereof save such as are deprived of knowledge and far removed from faith. Thou knowest what is with Thy loved ones, whilst they know not what is with Thee. Ordain for them that which, in Thy knowledge, is best for them, and make them banners of steadfastness among Thy servants and ensigns of guidance in Thy lands. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest; there is no God but Thee, the One, the Single, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O thou who art illumined by the lights of the Sun of this Manifestation, and who shinest with the splendours of the Lote-Tree of Sinai in this blessed, far-famed Day! What thy pen of loyalty hath traced hath reached Us, and I have come to know what thou didst enshrine therein of the subtleties of love and purity.

I beseech God, the Lord of the Kingdom of grace and bounty, to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this first life, to assist thee in whatsoever He loveth and is well-pleased with—namely, the proclamation of His Cause with the Most Great Wisdom amongst the people—that thou mayest at all times be a recipient of the gentle breezes of grace and loving-kindness wafting from the fountain-head of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

Blessed art thou, in that thou art quaffing the goblets of gladness in this dawn-tide whereon the niche of the world hath been illumined with the lights of the Lamp of the knowledge of thy Lord, the Cleaver of the dawn; and happy art thou in that thou pluckest the fruits of knowledge from the Lote-Tree of wisdom and utterance in this paradise which hath been made manifest by the behest of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and which God hath exalted above all other gardens, inasmuch as the Sun of this Manifestation hath shone forth from its zenith, and He that discoursed with Moses upon Sinai hath called out, from its trees, that which guideth the servants unto the garden of love and unity and leadeth them unto the mine of guidance.

O thou beloved of the heart! When I beheld thy letter, I entered the court of majesty and laid it before the Face of thy Lord. Then did the fragrance of bounty rise up, and the ocean of grace surge, and there was sent down for thee, from the Kingdom of the utterance of the Lord of existence, that wherefrom thou shalt inhale the perfume of the loving care of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto this great attainment, and glad-tidings be unto thee for that which hath streamed forth for thee from the fountain-head of the bounty of thy Most Ancient Lord. I beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, to make thee a standard of guidance in His lands and a mountain of steadfastness among His servants, and to guard thee, beneath the shadow of His protection, from the mischief of the wicked amongst His creatures. Verily, He is the Possessor of the reins of bounty, enthroned upon the seat of grace and justice.

Grieve not over the delay that came to pass in the sending of the Tablet; for, with the lightning's flash, the decreed command went forth from the source of the behest of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting—namely, that thou shouldst repair unto the land of Fa after the despatch of thy letter. For this reason the answer was withheld until tidings of thine arrival were received. When that news did come, the heat of love and affection in the heart was awakened, and the Pen, beneath the shadow of the Lord of pre-existence, busied itself with thy remembrance.

Blessed is he who spendeth his precious days in the teaching of the Cause of his Lord, the Lord of creation! By thy life! I have found no joy in the visible world greater than this, nor have I beheld any rank in the realm of existence higher than this station. Happy is he who attaineth thereunto, who ariseth for the Cause of his Lord, who proclaimeth His remembrance in His lands; for he hath attained unto all good in this world and the next, and hath won the loftiest rank among the people of the world.

It behoveth man to ponder the world and its passing, and to behold with the eye of reflection its transience and change. Can he discern aught that endureth, or any affair that is lasting? Verily, it proclaimeth its own perishing, and testifieth, with the tongue of its state, unto the evanescence of all things.

Now that transference hath been made manifest and permanence denied, how shall man find rest or his heart be at peace in the ordering of worldly matters? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Forgiving! There is no true rest and assurance save in the service of the Cause of the All-Merciful, and the breasts of them that know are not dilated save by the remembrance of God, the Lord of the realm of being.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Hope! I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby Thou didst rend asunder the veils of idle fancy and bring forth the hidden mystery, to strengthen such as have arisen to spread abroad Thy traces in Thy lands, and to protect them, beneath Thy shadow, from the mischief of the wicked amongst Thy servants.

O my Lord! Loose their tongues with the subtleties of Thy praise, and strengthen their hearts in the scenes of teaching, that they may speak, in establishing Thy Cause, words before which the tongue of every eloquent and articulate one is dumbfounded; and ordain for their remembrance an effect, and for their rising up a fruit. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things and ready to answer whoso calleth upon Thee.

O thou beloved one! Convey, on My behalf, the wondrous accents of remembrance and magnification unto those who have clothed themselves in the robes of steadfastness and have been adorned with the vesture of wisdom in the land of Fa.

I beseech God to send down upon them, at all times, that which shall rejoice their hearts and gladden their breasts. The glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance, and the splendour that hath appeared from the essence of exposition, rest upon thee and upon them, so long as the Names of God, the Lord of the realm of being, endure.

BH00798: Praise be to God, Who hath caused…

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting; exalted be His glory, the Almighty.

Praise be to God, Who hath caused, in the midnight gloom of idle fancies, the Sun of true knowledge to shine forth, and by it hath guided those who wandered in the wilderness of vain allusions, and hath, through its light, directed those who were bewildered in the deserts of doubts. Exalted and glorified be His sovereignty! Magnified be His proof! His is the might, the majesty, the power, the exaltation, the ascendancy and the dominion.

There is no eloquent one but hath confessed his impotence to fathom the majesty of His sovereignty; there is no fluent tongue but hath acknowledged its shortcoming in setting forth the subtle tokens of His power and proof. He is exalted above whatsoever the people of reflection may ponder, and hallowed above all that the people of understanding may ascribe unto Him.

His bounties are numberless, His loving-kindness cannot be reckoned, His favour knoweth no end, His grace and tender mercy are without limit. Hath He not said in His mighty testimony: “If ye would count the favours of God, ye could not number them”?

If the man of insight were to gaze with the eye of the heart, he would behold the grace of his Lord, the Lord of being, encompassing His servants and encircling His lands. And, verily, the greatest of His favours is the dawning of the Word of knowledge upon the people of utterance, and the rising of the Sun of certitude upon the people of wisdom and exposition. This is a favour whereof He gave His chosen ones glad-tidings in the Books and Scriptures, foretold its appearance in ages long gone, and announced it unto the trusted bearers of His Revelation in former times and bygone centuries.

It behoveth the people of faithfulness to give thanks unto the Lord of creation for this grace with which the King of bounty and bestowal hath distinguished them, and to arise for the service of their gracious Lord in such wise that the doubts of the suspicious and the swords of the oppressors shall not cause them to slip and fall.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Lord of bounty, O Sovereign of existence, O Provider of all created things, in the realm of the seen and the unseen! With what tongue shall I give Thee thanks for the wondrous tokens of Thy bounties, and with what speech shall I extol Thee for the manifold manifestations of Thy gifts? Whenever I ponder the evidences of Thy grace, I am bewildered, and exclaim: “Glorified be He Who abideth and never shall pass away!”

By Thy might, O Lord of mankind and Ruler of destiny! Whoso hath known Thee and hath beheld the greatness of Thy grace and loving-kindness shall never be encompassed by despair, for with Thee is the Kingdom of hope; nor shall he fear extinction, for Thou art the King of everlasting life, the Lord of the realm of bounty and munificence.

Blessed is he who hath recognized this station and attained unto the knowledge of Thy favour in these days, O Lord of all created things! Glad-tidings be unto him who hath clung to the hem of Thy generosity and turned his face toward the quarter of Thy grace and Thy gifts.

Verily, O my God, Thou hast, by Thy power, rent asunder for Thy loved ones the veils of idle fancy and false conjecture; Thou hast guided them to the knowledge of Thy hidden Name, disclosed unto them Thy treasured secret and Thy hoarded mystery.

I beseech Thee, by Thine all-subduing power and Thy might, to protect them beneath the shade of Thy guardianship and Thy care from the malice of the wicked amongst Thy creatures, to confirm them—O my Hope—in guiding Thy servants unto the mine of guidance, and in leading Thy creatures unto Thee with wisdom, O Lord of being and Sovereign of the beginning and the end.

Send down, O my God, upon them, at every moment, the showers of Thy bounty, and vouchsafe unto them, each day, fresh tokens of Thy grace. Make them to dwell, beneath the canopy of Thy tenderness, upon the couches of might and majesty, reclining upon the couches of Thy power and exaltation; for in Thine hand is the Kingdom of bounty and bestowal, and in Thy grasp the realm of liberality and munificence. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

O thou who drinkest the limpid draught of reunion and restest upon the couch of nearness and communion, thou who hast arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the beginning and the return! That which thy pen of love and ink of unity hath adorned hath reached Us. When I read it, and came to know the degrees of love for the Lord of being treasured in thine heart, I entered the court of majesty and laid what thou hadst sent before the presence of the Lord of names.

Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words, addressing thy noble person. Exalted be His bounty, magnified His proof:

He is the True, the Speaking, the Faithful.

O Jamal! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The Greater Branch hath presented and submitted that which thou didst send. In what thou hast now heard from the Tongue of Grandeur and what hath flowed from the Pen of the Most High let there be no doubt in thine heart. My mercy hath outstripped thee, My loving-kindness hath encompassed thee, and My grace is with thee—at all times the sighs of mercy ascend, and the lights of the true oneness shine forth from the horizon of the Will of God, exalted be His glory, manifest, resplendent and revealed.

Ponder thou upon this word; for until this hour the servants have not recognized the Day of God, nor have they comprehended its greatness and station, and they remain deprived of the true oneness. Say: This is the Day of God, wherein naught is mentioned save God alone.

From among the people of the Bayan a paltry gnat hath now appeared, like unto the faction of former times, and desireth again, by his idle imaginings, to bring the heedless beneath his sway. Blessed is the soul whose chains of fancies and vain imaginings have not kept him back from the Lord of all mankind, who beholdeth all else as non-existent. He it is who is worthy of this court, and who, in the sight of God, is of the people of true unity.

Your names have repeatedly reached Us, and all of you have attained unto the honour of His merciful gaze. Ye have ever been remembered and shall ever be so. Convey unto the party of God the cry of Allah-

u-Akbar. Those souls whose names were recorded in thy letters have each attained that from which the fragrance of everlasting life is diffused. When once the Word of God hath been twice sent down for any soul, his abidingness, in the realms of both dominion and the Kingdom, is assured. This is a favour from thy Lord bestowed upon thee and upon them.

Convey Allah-u-Akbar to Habb'u'llah on Our behalf. His letter hath been considered. Convey also to the bearer of the Leaf—upon her be My glory—a glorification. They have not been forgotten.

O Jamal! Reflect thou upon the trials of this Wronged One. Call thou to mind those days when, from every direction, the standards of dissension were raised, and princes and divines, one and all, arose to harm this Wronged One. Alone, and before their very faces, did We rise up and call them all unto the truth in such wise that nothing withheld Us, nor did any violence deter Us. We bore what caused the eyes of the Concourse on high to weep and the dwellers of Paradise to lament.

And since somewhat of the lights of the traces of the Pen of the Most High are, in some measure, manifest and shining amongst the servants, the people of the Bayan, above all others, have arisen to harm this Wronged One.

By the life of God! These differences have prevented the servants from the Most Great Ocean, the Supreme Horizon, and the loftiest Height. Glorified be God! They describe but a drop and are yet beheld as deprived of the Ocean.

Beseech ye God to confirm all and to bestow upon them their recompense, that haply they may not remain debarred from the outpourings of the true Bestower.

Convey the cry of Allah-u-Akbar from Us unto the loved ones of God in every land, and hearken ye to the call of the Wronged One of the world; and strive that the idle fancies of former days be not renewed, nor the people be again ensnared in the chains of vain imaginings.

Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. There is no God but He, the All-Glorious, the All-Fair."

The glory that hath shone forth from the heaven of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, rest upon thee and upon those that are with thee and hearken unto thee and love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of this great Day.

O Habib-i-Ruhani! Although, outwardly, some delay hath occurred in the sending of a written reply, yet God, the Inaccessible, is witness and knower that the hearts of these pillars have at all times been busied with the remembrance of thine eminence and the other near ones; and the flames of the fire of love and affection have so encompassed the heart that no tongue can recount nor any pen describe it. The cause of the delay hath been naught but the constant succession of preoccupations.

From the Lord—exalted be His glory—we beseech and entreat that, at all times, He may confirm this loved one in the services of the Cause, may protect and preserve him, beneath the canopy of His custody and care, from worldly afflictions, and, at every moment, may adorn both thine outward and thine inward being with the robe of His tender grace and loving-kindness.

A few days ago, Jinab-i-Afnan-i-Chin—upon him be the Most Great Glory—attained unto the Presence. From the Tongue of the Interpreter the mention of thine eminence flowed forth, and infinite favours, from the fountain-head of the Most Great Loving-kindness, were vouchsafed this cherished friend. Blessed art thou and again blessed art thou, thou who dwellest beneath the shadow of bounty and restest upon the couch of munificence through the loving care of thy Lord, the Lord of existence and King of the unseen and the seen.

Whenever Jinab-i-Amin—upon him be glory—hath written a letter, he hath presented thine eminence, and thy mention hath been laid before the Presence. In very truth, at most times and by most means, the remembrance of this beloved one hath been submitted in the Holy Court, and countless favours have been made manifest.

O thou dear one! Convey, on behalf of this Servant, wondrous glorifications unto the loved ones of thy Lord in every land, and remind them of the days of Him Who holdeth the reins of might. Say:

By God, this day is your day. It behoveth you that, after having heard the call from the direction of majesty and having attained the knowledge of the Lord of names, ye should arise for the service of the Cause amidst the people of creation, should proclaim unto the people of the earth, with wisdom and utterance, and should guide them unto the realm of knowledge and true understanding. This beseemeth him who holdeth fast unto the Sure Handle and clutcheth the hem of the robe of majesty and glory in this springtime of disclosure and encounter. Leave the world unto its people, and spend not your precious days in pursuit of that which perisheth, save to such extent as is needful and prescribed. Exert, rather, your utmost endeavour in vindicating the truth and effacing false imaginings through the power of your Lord, the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting.

The dwellers in the household of inviolable sanctity make mention, one and all, of thine eminence and thy family, each by name, with exalted and wondrous praises. The outpourings of the household of grace have, in every wise, been the cause of thy remembrance. We beseech God that He may grant unto her her recompense in both worlds—though, indeed, of His favour, He hath already given her before her asking, in that He enabled her to attain to His knowledge and honoured her with the meeting of His Presence. Blessed is she, and blessed are the men and women that have attained!

Convey, likewise, on Our behalf, unto Jinab-i-Habb'u'llah, tender and wondrous remembrances, and magnify him with a mighty, exalted glorification. It is some time since any sure news hath been received concerning thine eminence and thy turning toward those lands. It behoveth thee, therefore, at frequent intervals, to set down in detail your circumstances, with mention of those persons to whom special favours should be directed, and to send them hither.

God willing, an answer to the matters thou hast set forth shall, ere long, be despatched.

The spirit, the glorification, and the glory rest upon thee, upon thy household, and upon the loved ones of thy Lord.

BH00799: Praise be to God, Who hath alone been singled…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of wisdom and utterance.

Praise be to God, Who hath alone been singled out by majesty, and hath been made one by might, power and beauty; Who, by the very essence of His Being, is sanctified above likeness and comparison. He hath fulfilled the promises, shattered the limitations, and brought forth proofs and testimonies in confirmation of His manifest Cause. Exalted is His sovereignty, exalted His proof, exalted His greatness, exalted His power! By His Most Exalted Word He quickeneth whomsoever He willeth, and guideth whom He desireth unto the ultimate goal and unto the Sure Handle. None can stay His command, none can hinder His decree, none can alter His Word; there is none like unto Him in power and might; all are held captive in His grasp. He is the Most High, the Omnipotent.

Thou, verily, O Lord of Names and Fashioner of earth and heaven, hast exalted Thine Essence above likeness and opposites, and hast hallowed Thy Self from peers and rivals. Otherwise, what relation hath man to the hallowing of Thy Self, O King of being? What fitness hath the feeble and helpless one to describe the sovereignty of Thy power, O Lord of the Kingdom of judgement and exposition? We know naught save that which Thou teachest us through Thy wisdom, and we are able to do naught save that unto which Thou dost enable us by Thy might. Thou hast bidden us to praise and glorify Thee; we do praise Thee and sanctify Thee according to the measure of our understanding and the compass of our thoughts. Otherwise, who is there that can describe even the least of the works fashioned by the hand of Thy power? How, then, shall we set forth aught of Thy transcendent Essence, Thy attributes and Thy most beauteous Names?

I beseech Thee, O Lord of all existence and Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, to accept from us that which these tongues utter in Thy remembrance and Thy praise, and to aid us, O God of mankind and Lord of destiny, that we may guide Thy servants unto the shore of Thy knowledge, and lead Thy creatures into the garden of Thy nearness and Thy presence. Make us the instruments wherewith Thy traces may be spread in Thy lands, and Thy banners of knowledge uplifted in Thy countries.

Thou art He Who hast described Thyself as the Possessor of power, might and majesty, and Thy Self as endowed with glory, greatness and everlastingness. Look not, O my Hope, upon our weakness and our poverty, but upon Thy power, Thy might and Thy wealth. Enable us, in all conditions, to do that which Thou hast enjoined upon us in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Thou art the All-Powerful, Whom no onslaught of the world can frustrate, nor the combined strength of nations hinder from fulfilling His Will. Thou grantest and withholdest, Thou abasest and exaltest. There is no God but Thee, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Most High, the Most Great.

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of love, and who hast turned thy face toward the shore of the mercy of thy Lord, the Lord of being! That which thou didst adorn with the trace of thine ink hath reached Us, and it hath given utterance to that which lay hidden in thine heart of the degrees of love and unity. Blessed is thy tongue, for it hath busied itself with the remembrance of thy Lord; and blessed thy pen, for it hath moved in the praise of Him Who created thee and fashioned thee; for thy letter was adorned,

from its very beginning, with the remembrance and glorification of the Lord of all things and the Sovereign of earth and heaven.

We entreat God, exalted and glorified be He, to confirm thee and His loved ones in His remembrance and praise within the realm of His creation, to make of you beacons of guidance among His servants and ensigns of victory in His lands, and to guide, through you, such as have strayed in the deserts of vain allusion and have been heedless of the knowledge of the Lord of names and attributes.

Behold the people and their heedlessness, their veiling and inebriation! They distinguish not between the dross and the pure, nor do they discern the left from the right. Day by day they increase in naught but heedlessness and dissension, and manifest naught but wretchedness and hypocrisy. The Supreme Pen summoneth them, at every moment, unto the supreme Paradise, and calleth them to cling unto the Sure Handle; yet they wander, drunken in their stupor, and know it not.

Say: O people! Unto whom do ye turn? In which valley do ye roam? If it be signs that ye seek, lo, the suns thereof have risen; their orbs have appeared; their traces have encompassed all regions; their lights have illumined all horizons.

Consider with the eye of fairness and abandon oppression! Hath there appeared, in any cycle amongst the cycles of the past, that which hath been made manifest in this Revelation of heavenly splendour? Nay, by the Lord of His servants and the Subduer of the countries!

Verses have been sent down in such wise that the pens of the world are powerless to record them, and the books of the nations are too small to contain them. Reflect upon this Cause and upon its greatness. Can ye find for yourselves any place of escape or refuge? Behold ye any salvation or haven? Nay, by the Lord of existence and King of the unseen and the seen! There is no escape save unto God; there is no refuge save in His direction. All are captives in the grasp of His power, all are needy at the threshold of His bounty.

O people! Ponder, with the eye of insight, upon this Dispensation and upon the cycles of the past. Weigh every matter in the balance of reason, and cast behind you the fancies born of heedlessness, error and ignorance. Have ye been bidden, in this Manifestation, aught save that which delivereth you from the depths of ignorance and vain glory? Have ye been summoned unto aught save the dawning-place of light?

Verily, the perspicuous Book calleth you, at all times, and enjoineth upon you that which shall exalt you unto the station of nearness and reunion, and shall raise you to the loftiest summit of holiness and abiding life. Turn ye unto that which shall profit you in the world to come and in this first life, and leave behind you whatsoever debarreth you from attaining unto the garden of the knowledge of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

All that wherein ye glory of the trappings of this fleeting life shall pass away; what shall endure is that which the Lord of creation desireth for you. Busy not yourselves with that which perisheth; deprive not your souls of that which abideth as long as the most excellent Names of God shall endure. Ponder upon the bygone ages and vanished centuries. Hath the honour of the honoured endured? Hath the

abasement of the abased remained? Do ye behold for any soul an abiding trace or lasting name, save beneath the shadow of the Name of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great? Nay, by Him Who quickeneth the bones though they be crumbled dust!

Where are now the Pharaohs with their arrogance, the Caesars with their palaces, the Nimrods with their rule, the Chosroes with their diadems? Where are the tyrants with their oppression and the giants with their pride? They have all descended from palaces to graves. Take ye warning, O people of heedlessness and vain glory!

As for thee, O thou who hast set thy face toward God and cut thyself from all save Him: if thou beholdest a near one, make known unto him the Cause of his Lord; and if thou findest a soul prepared, cast upon him that which shall guide him unto Him unto Whom thou shalt return and before Whom thou shalt abide. Otherwise, turn aside from the ignorant, and put thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds, the Lord of the heavens and of the earth.

When I beheld thy letter and read thy words, I entered the court of majesty and made mention of thee in the presence of thy Lord. Then was the fragrance of grace stirred, and the tongue of the bounty of the Lord of the unseen and the seen gave utterance to that which causeth the world of being to tremble. He—exalted be His sovereignty, magnified His utterance—saith:

O Aba'l-Fadl! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy.

The Greater Branch hath attained the divine Presence, and before the Countenance thy remembrance was made. We made mention of thee in such wise as became a light unto the righteous, a Kawthar of everlasting life unto the well-favoured, a fire unto the wicked, and a glory unto the people of Bahaâ€"those whom the serried ranks of the impious withheld not from turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and from attaining that which had been enshrined in the hearts of the Prophets and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast clung to My cord, hast laid fast hold on the hem of My bounty, and hast quaffed the choice wine of My loving-kindness from the hand of My grace unto thee, and My mercy which hath surpassed all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

Be thou, at all times, eloquent in My remembrance, with wisdom and utterance; steadfast in service to My Cause; and with thine eyes fixed upon My horizon. Thus doth the Almighty Ordainer command thee in this august and mighty station. Blessed, then, and blissful art thou, O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Quarter of everlasting being in this Revelation of that grace which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of Names. It behoveth thee to render Him thanks under all conditions, and to magnify Him at morn and eventide. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen thee in that which shall endure as long as His most excellent names endure, and to aid thee to guide His heedless servants unto the Most Exalted Paradise, and to ordain for thee every good in this world and in the world to come. Verily, He is potent to do whatsoever He willeth.

From this servant, magnify thou the steadfast loved ones of God, and remember them with such a remembrance as shall draw the hearts of them that know.

And say: O ye servants of the All-Merciful! This is your day. Proclaim ye the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance. Regard not the deeds of heedlessness and oblivion. Arise to serve the Cause, putting your trust in your Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily, He shall confirm you at all times.

Be not troubled by the oppression of the tyrants, nor by the injustice of those who have failed to attain the knowledge of the Lord of creation. Soon shall there come a day whereon they shall wail and weep, and shall find for themselves neither friend nor helper.

As for thee, O thou who hast attained certitude in the Most Great Name, place thy trust in thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds.

Mercy and Baha be upon thee at every moment.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

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BH00810: Praise be to God, the First, without a first…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of majesty and glory.

Praise be to God, the First, without a first before Him, to Whom priority hath never been ascribed; and the Last, without a last after Him, of Whom finality can never be predicated. Exalted is His very Essence above conjunction with accidents and causes, and hallowed His primal Simplicity from the limitations imposed by the bounds of human doctrines and imaginings.

The inmost reality of Him can in no wise be known by the essences of minds and perceptions, nor can His true Being be encompassed by the bare forms of thoughts and fancies. He is He Who is seated upon the throne of absolute oneness, Who shineth resplendent with the lights of abstraction, and from Whose horizon the signs of divine unity have dawned.

Every being that can be described is subject to limitation, and every object of knowledge is within the grasp of comprehension. They that praise Him describe Him only with such words as would be praise for a created thing within its own world and station; and they that know Him apprehend Him but according to that which they discern of their own attributes, in their own rank and degree. Yet He—exalted be He—is sanctified above whatsoever the people of thought may conceive, and hallowed above all that the possessors of vision may ascribe unto Him; for they but depict what they have imagined in the realms of illusion, and argue from the attributes of the feeble creature to the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing.

Where is the path, once the impotence of man hath been established by clear proof? Exalted art Thou! Thou hast, of Thine infinite grace, vouchsafed to accept from Thy creatures their remembrance of Thee; otherwise, all remembrance falleth short of the ocean of Thy glory. That Thou acceptest aught from them is but a favour from Thy Presence; for Thou art the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Merciful.

O my God, my God! Unto Thee be praise, inasmuch as Thou hast deigned to accept from Thy servants their mention of Thee in Thy path, and their thanksgiving in the courts of Thy bounty and the scenes of Thy grace. Thou art He Whose favours none can describe, Whose bounty and generosity none can reckon, Whose tenderness no end can circumscribe, and Whose munificence and loving-kindness knoweth no limit.

Since one single attribute of Thine is exalted above beginning and ending, lifted high above all mode and measure, and forbidden to the understanding of Thy creatures—how then shall Thy very Essence be, in the Kingdom of might and the Realm of glory and authority?

Strange and passing wondrous is the case of man! With all his weakness and lowliness he desireth to know the sovereignty of Thy power; with all his poverty and abasement he seeketh to attain unto the comprehension of the King of Thy majesty; with all his shortcoming and humiliation he would ascend unto the loftiest degrees of the knowledge of Thy self-subsisting Essence; and with all his nearness to the dust and his nothingness he longeth to soar unto the heights of Thy most exalted oneness.

This, verily, is but a token of the marvels of Thy handiwork and the greatness of Thy creation; for Thou hast, by Thy consummate wisdom, deposited in the lowest of beings the highest measures of aspiration, O King of the unseen and the seen, and hast lodged, in the weakest of receptacles, the most exalted of capacities, by Thy power, O Lord of all that is. Yet no man hath been content, in knowing Thy might, with this supreme and most manifest sign—that he should be honoured with the robe of attaining unto the recognition of the wondrous workmanship of Thy hands in the realities of all things.

Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou! How great is Thy power, how lofty Thy station and awe! By Thy all-embracing wisdom Thou hast laid, within the tiny atom, the lights of radiant suns; within the small body Thou hast folded up the mighty world; and within the blackness of ink Thou hast hidden worlds of subtle and concealed meanings.

O Lord of creation, O Sovereign of the beginning and the return! I beseech Thee, O God, by Thy Greatest Name and Thy most perfect Mystery, to strengthen Thy loved ones in Thy remembrance and Thy praise, to adorn their frames with the vesture of constancy in Thy Cause and steadfastness in the path of Thy good-pleasure. Shield them, then, O my Lord and my Hope, from such as have unfurled the standards of tyranny in Thy lands and raised the banners of aggression in the realms of Thy creation. And grant, O Desire of my soul, unto Thy servant who is called Ashraf—upon him be Thy glory—every good Thou hast ordained in Thy Book for Thy chosen ones.

O my Lord! He hath attained unto Thy knowledge, been robed in the vesture of Thy love, hastened unto the city of certitude, and consumed his days in the teaching of Thy Cause, O Lord of all mankind. Do Thou assist him with the sovereignty of Thy power, and guard him beneath the shadow of Thy protection and care. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Lord of bounteous grace. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Merciful. O thou who art enkindled with the fire of love, and turned toward the shore of the Lord of being! That which thy pen of devotion hath adorned with the trace of thine ink hath come before Us, and We have discerned therein the degrees of thy purity in the Cause of God, the Sovereign of the beginning and the end.

Blessed art thou, and again blessed art thou, in that thou hast attained these days wherein the hidden secret, the treasured unseen, and the concealed and guarded mystery have all been made manifest. Grandeur be to God, the Lord of whatsoever hath been and shall be!

When I beheld thy letter and pondered thy words, I entered the court of nearness, holiness and majesty, and I laid thy name and the names of those whom thou didst mention in thy letter before the Presence. Then was the fragrance of bounty stirred, and the ocean of generosity surged, and there was sent down for thee and for them that whereby the sweet savours of the gracious favours of thy Lord, the Lord of the unseen and the seen, are diffused. Happy the one who drinketh from this soft-flowing Salsabil, and blessed he who holdeth fast, in this path, unto the Sure Handle.

And when thou beholdest that which hath shone forth from the dawning-place of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and art honoured with that which hath been revealed for thee from the Realm of knowledge and exposition, then say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all heads and necks, and Sovereign of the beginning and the return, for that Thou hast sent down for me that whereby the eyes of the sincere are cheered and the hearts of the near ones made glad. I entreat Thee to aid me and Thy loved ones in whatsoever draweth us nigh unto Thee in every one of Thy worlds, and to cause us, at all times, to partake of the Salsabil of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous; there is no God but Thee, the Tender, the Compassionate.

O beloved of the heart! Say: O people of the lands! How long will ye slumber on, and until what hour will ye speak not? The Sun hath risen at the zenith of noon, and yet the radiance of the Divine Majesty hath withheld the people—those who have clung to their sciences and veiled themselves thereby from the knowledge of the Lord of all knowledge.

Say: If knowledge consisteth in that which is with you, then hath He—may my soul be offered up for His sake—said: “Knowledge is a single point which the foolish have multiplied.” By God! Most of what is with them is but a fabric woven of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

True knowledge is that which profiteth man upon earth, which maketh him to know his Lord, the All-Merciful, and adorneth him with the vesture of praiseworthy character and pleasing deeds. Whatsoever is beside this is the greatest of veils, shutting man out from the springs of the knowledge of the Lord of destiny.

It behoveth the people to ponder this Day, and that which hath appeared therein of the signs of their Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: If ye deny these manifest signs and these radiant, resplendent traces, by what proof then do ye hold fast unto that which is in your hands? Bring forth a clear and evident token!

And know, by thy life, O thou who hast turned unto God, that they wander distracted in their error and know not what they say or do. Leave thou those who have disbelieved to sport in their idle talk; a day shall come wherein they shall awake, yet find none to succour them.

Alas, alas! that they have not recognized what would avail them, nor understood what would harm them. They have abandoned that which is best for them in the world to come and in this first life, and have wrapped themselves in the veils of self and passion, debarred from beholding the suns of knowledge, after that their loftiest signs and most excellent tokens have been made manifest amongst mankind.

Grieve thou not at that which thou beholdest of the servants, drunken with the wine of heedlessness and blindness. Rather, beseech thy Lord, the Most High, that He may deliver those who are prepared from the depths of remoteness, and cause them to attain unto the proofs of nearness—the scenes where the lights of glory and holiness shine forth. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Lord of bounteous grace and all-embracing mercy.

Convey, on behalf of this Servant, the cry of magnification unto those who have been adorned with the raiment of steadfastness in the Cause of their Lord, the All-Merciful; and give them glad-tidings of the loving care of their Lord, the All-Bountiful.

Glory and praise rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the loved ones of thy Lord.

BH00820: Praise be to God Who is unique in His…

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

Praise be to God Who is unique in His majesty, singular in His beauty, sanctified above all utterance, and Who is the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, in the beginning and the end and in all conditions. He has ever been sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted above the loftiest descriptions of all contingent beings.

Through one of His names the ocean of knowledge surged in the world and the Most Great Name spoke amongst the nations. Through His exalted Word the Supreme Horizon appeared and the Sadratu'l-Muntaha spoke between earth and heaven. Exalted be His dominion through which the standards of guidance were raised amidst creation and the banners of power upon the lofty mountains.

By His sweetest call all things were attracted, and through His manifestation the Speaker of the Mount spoke from the highest station of Sinai. Exalted, exalted be the appearance of this Light and the revelation of His Cause in this darkness. He is the One through Whom appeared the decisive Word in the final return. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And the prayer that shines from the horizon of the heaven of His Cause and the peace that appears from the mouth of His will be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones who sacrificed themselves in His path to manifest His Cause and exalt His Word. They are the ones through whom the mysteries of the Book were revealed and that which was recorded in the scriptures and tablets.

Through them the decree of unity was set forth and the light of oneness shone forth, and the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the branches that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Gracious.

O Husayn, upon thee be the Glory of God! The letter which Khalil, upon him be My loving-kindness, sent to thee was presented before the face of the Wronged One time and again. Praise be to God, the sweet fragrances of the love of God waft from it.

This is from a grace to which the people of hearing, sight and heart bear witness, and beyond them whoever hath spoken and speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of him as a favor from Us and give him the glad-tidings of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Generous. We have heard his call and remembered him through this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed be he and those who have arisen to serve the Cause and have said:

"The Promise hath come and the Promised One calleth from the supreme horizon, saying: 'By God! He Who is the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens hath come, through Whom the hidden was revealed, the treasured was manifested, and the Way hath spoken. The All-Glorious hath come and this is His straight path. Indeed, the Guide calleth out and saith:"'

O Khalil, rejoice in thy Lord's loving-kindness. He hath remembered thee on a night wherein sorrows encompassed Him from those who denied God's proof and His evidence, who broke His Covenant, who rejected His Cause, and who disputed His signs whereby every mouldering bone was quickened.

We make mention of those whom thou didst mention in thy letter and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy, and We counsel them with that through which the lights of justice may appear in the world. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O My loved ones in that land! Beware lest the conditions of oppression frighten you. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom, placing your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Commanding. Those who desired to extinguish the light of God are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O heedless ones! Where are your fathers and your ancestors? Where are earth's tyrants and its pharaohs? Where are the caesars of the kingdom with their ornaments and their palaces? Take heed and be not of the heedless. Where are those who turned away from God and His signs, who denied God's favor after its revelation, and who committed in their fleeting days that which caused the dwellers of the pavilions of the Kingdom to lament? God seized them with a mighty grip from His presence. Verily, He is the Seizer, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Rejoice, O My loved ones, in My remembrance of you! By the life of God, it cannot be equaled by all the treasures and riches of the earth—to this beareth witness He with Whom is the Clear Book. Take ye the chalice of salvation in the name of your Lord, the Subduer of the winds, then drink therefrom in defiance of those who denied Him Who came unto them with verses that cannot be equaled by the books of old—to this doth testify the Tongue of Grandeur in this exalted station.

Today the proof itself calleth aloud, and all evidence summoneth mankind to a Cause the like of which, from the beginning of creation until now, hath never appeared. Such is the heedlessness of the people that they have turned away from Him Who hath brought verses that equal all divine books past and future, and have occupied themselves with souls who are not worthy of mention.

Reflect now upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, where He clearly saith:

> "And there shall be a blast on the trumpet, and all who are in the heavens and all who are in the earth shall swoon away, save those whom God shall please to exempt. Then shall there be another blast on it, and lo! they shall rise and gaze around them. And the earth shall shine with the light of her Lord, and the Book shall be set, and the Prophets shall be brought up, and the witnesses; and judgment shall be given between them with truth, and they shall not be wronged."

Today all are seen to have swooned away save a few letters of the countenance of God, the Most High, the Most Great. The steadfast souls who remain firm today are as pearls in the ocean of existence—their station cannot be completed by pen and ink. God shall soon make manifest that which was hidden in His assured knowledge.

Reflect upon these two verses of the Qur'an—the oceans of knowledge and recognition concealed in the first and second trumpet blasts, and likewise upon the second verse which is a mighty sign. Though today it is fully manifest and evident, the heedless people remain unaware of it.

Ask ye God to cleanse the eyes of men from the dust of desire, that they might perceive that for which they were created. The verses are manifest and the evidence clear—that which was never before seen or comprehended hath in this Most Great Revelation been witnessed and heard without veil or concealment, explicitly and without interpretation. The divine trumpet soundeth amidst humanity, yet none is aware to hear it, all being intoxicated with the wine of desire. Soon shall the world and all that is therein which they now behold return to nothingness, and they shall find themselves in manifest loss.

O friends! Know ye the value of these days. In all ages and centuries the pharaohs of the earth and tyrants of every land have objected to the truth and have striven with utmost effort and endeavor to extinguish the fire of the divine Tree and to quench the light of divine oneness. But God drove them away through His power and manifested what He desired through His all-compelling sovereignty over His servants.

The foremost tyrants are the ignorant ones of the earth who are known for their learning. These are the ones who cut off the ways of God and His path. The guilt of all the people of the world can be traced to these souls, for they are the cause of prevention and the reason for denial. May God protect us and you from the evil of these people.

We counsel all to fear God and to be righteous, to be patient and steadfast, and to preserve the verses and words of God lest they be touched by the idolaters. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who have attained unto the verses of the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm, the Possessor of Glory and Might.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! Send thou this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Exalted Tablet to His Honor Khalil, that his eyes might be solaced thereby, and the eyes of those who have not differed regarding this momentous Announcement. Praise be to God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH00832: The Tablet of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He is God, exalted be His station, the Benevolent, the Bestower

Praise be to God Who hath opened the gates of knowledge and learning to the faces of His servants and revealed that which was hidden in the treasuries of His knowledge. He is verily the All-Bountiful, Whose bounty hath encompassed all created things, and the Munificent, Whose generosity hath encompassed all contingent beings. Exalted be His dominion and exalted be His grace. There is none other God but Him.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, from the prison of ʿAkka. He verily adorneth thee with the ornament of utterance and guideth thee to the path of God, the Lord of all lords. Thy letter hath attained unto My presence. We have answered thee with this Tablet through which that which was hidden from all eyes hath been revealed. This is a day wherein the gate of munificence hath been opened unto all who are in the world, and the gate of bounty unto all who are in existence. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of this Day which God hath made the lord of days. Rejoice in that the Lord of the worlds hath remembered thee in His Most Great Prison and hath revealed for thee that which caused the Trumpet to be sounded and the mountains to pass away.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hadi! My Most Exalted Pen hath desired to mention thee and to reveal for thee that whereby the atoms cried out:

> “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return!”

Say: O people! The Day hath come and the Call hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon. Fear ye the Lord of all beings, Who hath come from the horizon of might with power and sovereignty. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My call and the servant that hath turned unto the Dayspring of lights. O concourse of loved ones! There hath been ordained for you from the Pen of Destiny that which hath attracted the hearts of the righteous. Beware lest the happenings of the world and the clamor of nations sadden you. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given by God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect you and aid you in that which will draw you nigh unto Him. He is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Your mention hath attained Our presence and We have revealed for you again and again that whereby the trees have called out and uttered what the Tree of Sinai uttered unto the son of ʿImran. The Glory of God be upon you from God, the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven.

O Mihdi! Hearken unto My everlasting remembrance. It verily draweth thee nigh unto God and guideth thee unto the right path. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and for having revealed unto me that which will not change with the passing of centuries and ages.

O Asadu’llah! The Lord of Names hath mentioned thee with verses which, when revealed, caused the earth to be cleft asunder and the heavens to be rent. Rejoice that the Lord of the world hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and hath revealed for thee that whereby the Call hath been raised from every direction.

O Mirza Ghafur! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned unto thee and mentioned thee with verses whereby the lands have been illumined. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not those who have denied His proof and His testimony, and pursue not every heedless doubter.

O Mirza-Qabli-Nazir! The Glorious One hath turned unto thee and given thee to drink, from the hand of His bounty, the Kawthar of His utterance. Take thou in His Name, then drink at His command, the Protector of all regions. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having mentioned me with verses which, when revealed, caused all things to proclaim:

> "By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come in the shadows of the clouds."

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mihdi, who hath turned towards the horizon of Revelation and believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We beseech for thee steadfastness, and for those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. How many a servant hath believed and claimed for himself the most great steadfastness, then his foot hath slipped because of the doubts of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. Take hold of the Book with a power that the ranks and hosts cannot prevent.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ja'far! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily it guideth thee unto God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is the servant whom vain desires have not kept back from the Lord of all men, and whom the intimations of every heedless one that is veiled have not caused to slip. Take what thou art bidden and set aside what the people possess, as a command from God, the Mighty, the Loving. O people! Observe God's ordinances amongst you and that which ye have been counselled in His praiseworthy station.

O Mirza-Qabli-Ghulamali! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the prison precincts and hath made mention of thee in such wise as to cause thy name to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Beware, beware lest the doubts of the people of the Bayan prevent thee from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. Beware, beware lest that which hath been revealed in the Bayan veil thee. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Take hold of the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of destiny, and say: I beseech Thee, O Lord of mankind, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause and vocal in Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Commander, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Haji Majid! Thy name was presented before Us. We have made mention of thee and have sent down for thee that which draweth hearts unto themselves. Beware lest anything prevent thee, or any power weaken thee, or any might frighten thee. Set aside what the people possess and take what thou art bidden by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily, We have manifested that which was hidden and have sent down that which was treasured in God's knowledge at this flourishing station.

O Mihdi! The Commander hath come, yet the people know not, and the Bestower hath come riding upon the clouds, yet most men perceive not. Arise with utmost steadfastness in this Cause, at whose appearance the herald proclaimed: "By God, the Preserved Tablet hath appeared!" Give thanks unto God

for this most great favor and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast guided me unto Thy extended path.”

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! The Promise hath come to pass, and He Who was promised maketh mention of thee in such wise as hath caused the fragrance of God’s utterance to be diffused throughout all possibilities. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized, and woe unto every heedless one that is veiled. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the cup of bounty, say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all men, for having sent down unto me Thy verses and manifested unto me Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by Thy binding command and Thy sealed secret to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Protector of the seen and the unseen.”

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hadi! How many a servant hath turned unto God and then turned away because he heard the utterances of every rejected enemy. We have desired naught and have called the servants purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the hosts. Say:

> “My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Tree, and by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which shall profit me through Thy name amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, Whom neither the clamor of Thy servants nor the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat, can prevent.”

O Muhammad-Qabli-Karim! He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath turned towards thee and hath sent down that whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. The Day of God is come, yet most of the people are sunk in heedlessness. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and follow not them who have denied the Day of Judgment. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the souls of men. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken forth from this luminous horizon. Take thou the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom through this wondrous and glorious remembrance.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon My loved ones and My chosen ones who have not broken My Covenant and My Testament, and who have acted in accordance with that which was enjoined upon them in My perspicuous Book.

BH00839: A Book We have sent down in truth, wherein…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Witnessing from the Most Exalted Horizon

A Book We have sent down in truth, wherein We make mention of the party of God who have held fast to My firm cord.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! We have seen thy name, made mention of thee, and heard thy call and answered thee. We counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of God, the Cleaver of Dawn, may be exalted. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The Lord of all beings makes mention of thee from the prison precinct, even as He mentioned thee before with clear verses. Give thanks unto thy Lord Who created thee and aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Source of His inspiration, Who speaks before the faces of all nations in the world:

> "Verily, there is none other God but I, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen."

O Muhammad-Qabli-Isma'il! The All-Glorious makes mention of thee when the heedless had imprisoned Him in the prison of ʿAkka, inasmuch as He summoned all to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and arisen to serve God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ibrahim! Upon thee be the glory of God and His mercy. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that is from Him, then recite it unto those on whose faces thou seest the radiance of the All-Merciful and on whose foreheads is the seal "we are all God's, the Mighty, the Loving." Be thou steadfast in such wise that the cawing of the ungodly who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen, will not cause thee to slip. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife and thy daughter, and upon those who have arisen and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of all that was and shall be."

O Hasan! The Lord of the hidden and the manifest makes mention of thee and informs thee of a cawer who shall appear there through the promptings of those who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and have disbelieved in this clear proof. We have recognized what thou didst desire in My path and have accepted thy deed, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of the mighty throne. We have lifted the decree of holy war and forbidden the people of God from fighting and from that which might grieve the hearts of those who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen.

We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Baqir and counsel him to manifest great steadfastness, for the enemies have arisen with a new scheme. Hold thou fast unto the sure handle and cling to My luminous robe.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Aqajan and remind him of the days of thy Lord, His verses, His clear proofs, and that which hath appeared from Him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is he who hath been set ablaze today with the fire of My love and hath arisen to serve My wondrous Cause.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq! Hearken unto the call which hath been raised beyond the crimson sea at the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary on the right side of the luminous spot: "Verily, there is none other God but I, the Speaker, the All-Knowing." The people have acknowledged His sovereignty and power through His word "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and shall not be asked of His doings, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful."

They acknowledge what hath been sent down in truth, yet in every matter they say "why" and "wherefore." They are indeed among the perishing ones. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the hearts of the deniers may be made to tremble.

O My loved one! Soon shalt thou hear the utterances of the idolaters who have violated My Covenant and Testament, denied My days, and disputed My signs. Cast them behind thee, turning unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel thee as it moveth in the arena of wisdom and utterance from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they who understand.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Qablih-Karim, and remind him of that which hath befallen thee at the hands of the oppressors. They have denied Him Who hath come unto them with that which equaleth all that was revealed aforetime and thereafter. Verily, they are in manifest doubt. Beware lest the doubts of the world hold thee back from the Most Great Name. Leave behind what is with the peoples, hoping for that which is with God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Muhammad-Qablih-Baqir! The All-Bountiful remembereth thee from the quarter of His Most Great Name, and counseleth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of creation. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of glory have not withheld from God, the Lord of all beings. Woe unto them who have turned away from the Countenance, fixing their gaze upon idle fancies and vain imaginings. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy son who hath been named Hasan in this Spot which God hath made the Dawning-place of His signs.

O Abu'l-Qasim! There hath come unto thee the Most Great Book which hath been detailed from the Mother Book by God, the Lord of Lords. Take it in My Name and remind the servants of My days through My utterance, that the people may emerge from darkness into light and give them the glad-tidings of the days of God.

Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, the Day hath come which was mentioned in the Books of God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the servant who hath turned unto Him and recognized his final abode and destination. Be thou steadfast in such wise that neither the tempests of the divines nor the hurricanes of princes shall move thee. Thus doth My Pen counsel thee at its beginning and its end.

O Fadlu'llah! Be thou firm as the mountain, steadfast as a stake, and independent in thy Lord's Cause, the Lord of the Final End. Beware lest human affairs hold thee back from the Lord of Destiny. Hold fast unto His cord.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast made me to know Thee, taught me, and guided me unto Thy manifest and evident path.

O Qasim-ʿAli! The Dayspring of inner meanings remembereth thee from the horizon of utterance and counseleth thee with that whereby the face of the Cause will be illumined amongst the servants. Be firm and be thou of them that are steadfast. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and blessed is the speaker who hath spoken in praise of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

I close the Book with the mention of him who was named Muhammad-before-Baqir, that he may thank his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Hear the call in the Return from the Mother Book. He mentions thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed.

Say: This is the Day wherein the call hath been raised from every direction, and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath spoken forth on the Mount of Knowledge:

> "Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

I have manifested My Self as a bounty from Me, and fulfilled what I promised in My perspicuous Book.

We make mention of those whose names were not mentioned before the Face, and We give them glad tidings of God's loving kindness and mercy, and of that which hath been ordained for them by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book, which none hath discovered save God, the Lord of this luminous Day.

O My loved ones! Be ye of such constancy that the clamoring of the croakers shall not keep you back from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The croaking hath been raised from every quarter, and this is what We foretold unto you in Zawra and in the Land of Mystery and in this mighty Prison.

Ibn-i-Abhar hath appeared before the Greatest Scene and made mention of those who have believed in the presence of the Countenance, and We have revealed unto them the verses of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have aided him through Our command that he may draw men nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed is he who heareth from him that which he uttereth concerning this momentous Announcement and this noble Edifice.

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Remind My loved ones on My behalf and adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness, lest their feet slip and their hearts be troubled by the intimations of the ignorant ones of the Bayan, even as the doubts of the divines of the Qur'an held back those servants who turned unto God, the True King, the Manifest.

Say: Take ye the chalice of eternity in My Most Great Name, then drink therefrom, detached from the kingdom of names and whatsoever hath been created in the realm of creation. Thus doth command you He with Whom is the Mother Book and that which was hidden from the eyes of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O people of God, and upon those whom the scourge of the oppressors, the rifles of the deniers, and the cannons of the idolaters did not frighten. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00852: All praise be to God, the rightful Sovereign Who…

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting, exalted be His glory

All praise be to God, the rightful Sovereign Who encompasses all souls and horizons. He hath revealed the lights of His countenance on the Day of the Covenant and hath shone forth upon the daysprings of hearts, whereupon existence was thunderstruck, then recovered consciousness. He it is Who hath caused the rains of grace to descend from the clouds of His flowing Command, whereby He hath caused the roses of divine knowledge to grow from the gardens of the hearts of the people of unity.

The Sun of eternity hath dawned from the horizon of might – blessed is he who hath attained unto this dawning. The lamp of reunion hath been lit – blessed is he who hath been saved by its light from the darkness of separation.

O people of creation! Ponder ye the Cause of the Lord of Names. Have ye seen a day mightier than this Day wherein the dawn of Revelation hath shone forth, the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken, and the darkness hath been illumined by the gleaming of the Light from this conspicuous Station? The cups of joy have been passed round by the hands of grace and bounty, and the people of Baha, who are embarked upon the Crimson Ark that saileth upon the sea of grandeur by the command of God, the Creator of all things and the Lord of creation, have drunk therefrom.

Beware lest the doubts of the people of error withhold you from turning towards the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, or lest that which hath been said before or will be said deprive you of recognizing your Lord on the Day of Return. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared on this witnessed Day, and all who dwell in the realms of the seen and unseen have called to His glorious station.

Blessed is he who hath recognized his Lord, the All-Loving, who hath detached himself from all that exists within the realm of being, who hath remained steadfast upon His straight path, opposing the desires of every rejected misbeliever. He hath attained unto that which his Lord, the Worshipped One, ordained for him, and hath entered the gardens of Paradise by the command of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and hath grasped the handle of divine knowledge, and hath been saved from the imaginings of the people of possibility, uttering the praise of his Lord, the All-Bountiful.

This is the Day whereon God hath manifested Himself unto all things through all names, and hath called the peoples of the world to the direction of His Most Great Name, and hath guided them to His Most Straight Path, and hath summoned them unto Him through His most perfect and complete utterance.

Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the greatest veil and hath attained unto that which was ordained for him by the Lord of Destiny, and hath turned towards His most luminous direction, detached from all that pertaineth to the world of man, seeking to recognize the hidden Mystery, hoping for the shade of his established Lord, and content with that which hath been ordained and commanded for him. He, verily, hath been saved from the depths of idle fancies, hath recognized the Hidden Name, hath attained unto the Treasured Secret, and hath entered the Protected Station beneath the shade of the Lord of all that was and shall be.

This is the Day wherein the Sun of Guidance hath dawned and the mystery of the Beginning hath been revealed at the End, and the hearts of the people of understanding have been illumined by the light of Revelation. Blessed is he whom the veils of glory have not prevented from turning unto and drawing nigh unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, on the Day of Return.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who cannot be described through human utterance, nor mentioned by the tongues of all who dwell within the realm of creation! How can I describe Thee when I behold that the most precious gems of praise are unworthy to approach the court of Thy glorified majesty? How can I make mention of Thee when I witness that the most wondrous expressions of remembrance cannot ascend to the kingdom of Thy eternity?

Were the discerning and clear-sighted one to contemplate what Thou hast deposited within existence from the traces of Thy power, this would suffice as proof of Thee and as testimony to Thy greatness. Verily, he who is experienced needeth not descriptions and remembrances to know Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of the Kingdom of Glory and Power! Should he reflect upon himself and witness the greatness of his Lord's handiwork, he would be guided by these signs to the knowledge of mysteries; the veils would be lifted and he would behold Thee seated upon the throne of power and authority.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst rend asunder the veils on the Day of Return and didst guide Thy near servants to the direction of Thy Name, the All-Bestowing, to assist those who have entered beneath the shadow of Thy grace and have entered the gardens of Thy love in such wise that their names may be exalted in Thy dominions, their mention become renowned throughout Thy lands, and their station be made manifest among Thy servants – namely, to arise to serve Thy Most Great Cause amidst humanity and to guide Thy servants through the subtleties of wisdom to Thy most holy and most generous direction.

This is a bounty that cannot be equalled by aught in the kingdom of earth and heaven, and a matter beside which nothing can stand in the world of creation. Thou hast said – and Thy Word is the truth – "Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind." How much more so for one who quickeneth prepared souls and guideth pure hearts to the direction of Thy knowledge, O Lord of all created things! Neither pen nor ink can reckon what Thou hast ordained as the reward for this exalted matter and wondrous station.

I beseech Thee to protect Thy loved ones beneath the shadow of Thy protection and care from the evil of the wicked among Thy creatures, and to strengthen them always through Thy confirmations to stand firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the oppression of nations may prevent them from turning unto Thee, O Possessor of the Most Great Name! Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou givest to whomsoever Thou pleasest that which Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O beloved of the heart! That which was adorned with the traces of ink hath been received, making clear what was in thy heart of the subtleties of love and affection. Days had passed without the presence of thy letter and thy gracious address. I take God, my Lord, as witness that at all times I was awaiting the arrival of news and inquiring about thy circumstances from all who came from various directions. I praise God for having assisted thee in His days and enabled thee to make mention of His loved ones. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect thee in His shadow and to ordain for thee every good that He hath promised in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.

When I read thy sweet letter, I attended the court of the Lord of Lords and presented it before His Face. Thereupon, the fragrance of grace was stirred and the ocean of bounty surged, and there was revealed for thee that which shall endure throughout the duration of attributes and names, and shall be with thee in the hereafter and in this world. Thou shalt be honored with its visitation on another leaf. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned and for being remembered most often by the tongue of grace and favor.

This is a bounty that cannot be equalled by aught that hath been created in the contingent world. To this beareth witness whatsoever hath been created by the command of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

It behoveth thee to arise with joy and gladness to guide the servants to the lamp of thy Lord's resplendent Cause. I beseech God, the Lord of the worlds, to protect thee beneath the shadow of His grace, by His Most Great Name, from the evil of the wicked among the nations, and to strengthen thee at all times to propagate His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

O my God, my Lord and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the cry of them that are nigh unto Thee, by the lamentation of the sincere ones, by the yearning of the lovers, and by the exultation of them that know Thee in Thy love, to preserve him whom Thou hast aided to turn towards Thee and whom Thou hast caused to enter the pavilion of majesty and given to drink from the fountain of bounty and grace. Protect him beneath Thy sheltering care from the oppression of Thy creatures, and grant him always the blessing of Thy tender mercies and the pure waters of Thy loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor.

Ordain for him that which is best in the hereafter and in this world, and shelter him beneath Thy shade in all Thy worlds. Exalt his station in service to Thy Cause and aid him to teach Thy Faith throughout Thy lands in such wise that through his utterance the ready ones may be guided, the seated ones may arise, and the slumbering ones may be awakened. Verily, Thou art the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

O thou beloved! Convey on behalf of this servant the greetings of God unto His steadfast loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. The Spirit and Glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon all of them.

BH11663: I have been blessed with receiving thy noble letter…

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

I have been blessed with receiving thy noble letter. I kissed it and presented it before His Countenance. When I read what thou hadst praised thy Lord with, through that which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, the Mouth of the Divine Will opened, addressing thee:

> "Upon thee be My praise, My remembrance, My glory, My fragrances, My loving-kindness, and My bounty, which hath ever been sanctified above mention of time, seasons and moments. This is from the grace of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days."

Thus did it end.

My spirit and my heart be a sacrifice for thee! This blessed letter brought the greatest joy and bestowed boundless happiness. Through beholding it, I attained complete union and was sustained. And praise be to the Beloved of the mystics.

Concerning the mention of the supplication revealed from the Horizon of the Will—God willing, it shall be sent down.

And concerning Ismu'llah al-Amin—upon him rest the glory of God, the True King, the Manifest in Himself—we beseech God to grant him success, and to make him of those servants through whom the earth hath been filled with the traces of God, the All-Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Convey unto him, from this evanescent servant, innumerable glorifications. And the remainder of the blessed Suriy-i-Haykal which he hath requested shall, God willing, be dispatched hereafter.

Regarding his honor Aqa Siyyid Baqir, upon him be the glory of God, convey most elevated greetings, and what they have intended is most praiseworthy, however they have said that its time has not yet come. If in these days they would proceed to those regions with Tablets and engage in teaching, it would be closer to piety, and afterwards, God willing, numerous books will be sent from the Seat of Revelation. Convey greetings to them from God.

Regarding his honor Karbala'i Karim, it was mentioned in the presence of His Countenance, and a mighty Tablet was revealed for him from the direction of the Throne which, God willing, will be sent. Convey infinite greetings to all from this servant.

And regarding what you had written and inquired about certain phrases—whatever is revealed of divine verses, this servant mostly writes them in His presence, and often they are revealed in such a manner that no one is capable of writing them, for when once measured, one thousand two hundred verses were revealed in an hour. In such case, all are powerless to write, and this servant might possibly write eight hundred in an hour. For half an hour the hand cooperates, and in the other half it moves involuntarily. Therefore, sometimes they are revealed at a pace that allows this servant to manage the writing, and whatever is revealed is not reviewed by the Most Holy Gaze, though sometimes they are recited again in His presence. Hence, in some instances there may be errors in spelling and letters.

Moreover, the scribes make many mistakes, for error and mistake have been and will be in human nature. Just as in these days four copies of the Kitab-i-Badi' have been written, and although they were compared and checked, nevertheless one day by chance one of those copies was present before His Countenance. He looked at some of it and found several instances where letters were mistaken, and likewise several places where the spelling was wrong. Afterwards He commanded that it be carefully examined and compared. It became apparent that in most pages there were mistakes and omissions. Therefore it is very necessary that they be attentive with care so that it becomes correct.

And your honor's explanation regarding the mentioned words was presented before His presence. From the mouth of the Divine Will these luminous words shone forth:

> "Excellent is what thou hast asked. Verily, He is with His benevolent servants and answers the prayers of the supplicants. And regarding what thou didst ask, hearken unto what hath been revealed in truth from One mighty and all-knowing. The word shahidh' with an unclean nature is permissible, and as for sadhij' with dhal', it is known among the people, but the Primal Point—may my soul be a sacrifice for all else besides Him—wrote sazij', therefore I do not wish to change whatsoever hath appeared from my Beloved. Thus we referred it to the pen of the

scribes—whatever flows is correct, even if different versions have flowed from their pens. Verily He is the Establisher of orthography and words, He ordaineth as He pleaseth. However, this station hath been and shall ever be exclusively reserved for the True One, exalted be His mention, not as observed from certain ignorant ones who have not been vouchsafed a single letter of knowledge, yet write fabricated words and attribute them to the True One, as the chief of prevaricators wrote a letter to someone and sent it before His presence—most expressions therein were erroneous both in meaning and word, including writing ʿUmar and Zayd with hamza. Would that people would ponder the words of that misbeliever—most are nonsensical and meaningless. A fire for those who have taken him as lord besides God."

In these days, Tablets have been revealed from the Source of the Cause in response to one of the opposers who had objected to the letter of Aqa Mirza Jamalu'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God. A copy thereof was sent from the Most Holy Court as a favor to His servant. Specifically, Jinab-i-Aqai Aqa Siyyid Mihdi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, was commanded to write and send it to that person. And from the Source of the Cause it was commanded that a copy of that Tablet be sent specifically to the land of Kha to Jinab-i-Asdaq, upon him be the glory of God. Since the original objection was made by Haji Muhammad Karim Khan, it is therefore very beneficial for the Shaykhis who have somewhat turned towards the Truth. God willing, He may bring about through this a matter.

Furthermore, in some Tablets it was observed that "qiba" was written as "biqa". Surely in the Kitab-i-Badi' too, which they brought to that direction, it is ʿbiqa"—He changed it. Similarly "hashim muhtazir" which should be written with "za". In any case, there are many differences in the writings of scribes. They must observe with utmost care that it be written correctly.

And when previously the Blessed Book arrived, the names of the people of Ya were mentioned therein, specifically all exalted Tablets were revealed. It remains to be seen when it is destined to be sent.

And another Most Holy command is that the Kitab-i-Badi' should be sent to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Mirza who is present in the land of Ya. Send the books bound, for unbound is not beloved. Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ja'far, upon him be the glory of God, hath submitted to your presence that Jinab-i-Ismu'llah al-Munir, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, [has written] a copy of the Kitab-i-Badi' [for this servant]. If completed, it should be sent specifically to Jinab-i-Qasim Khan.

And the remembrance and the glory and the might and the grandeur be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among God's sincere servants. Convey endless greetings from the servant to all the loved ones of God, and greetings be upon thee and upon them.

BH00905: Praise be to God, Who hath set in motion…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of power and choice.

Praise be to God, Who hath set in motion the orbits of inner meanings through the power of His Most Exalted Word, Who hath brought forth the sun of wisdom and utterance upon him who conformeth to His supreme utterance, and hath made known unto us, through the essences of knowledge and gnosis, His most beautiful Names and those attributes of His that are exalted above the comprehension of the

dwellers in the realm of dust. Exalted is His rank above that He should be apprehended by thoughts and minds; hallowed is the court of His knowledge above that hope should be conceived of attaining unto it; and glorified is the orb of His mighty Cause above the possibility of setting or eclipse.

From age to age the sun of His Word hath ever been rising, the lights of His wisdom shining, the moons of His knowledge ascending. He hath deposited within existence that which guideth the people of reflection to the meadows of inner vision, and created, within the realm of possibility, that by which He leadeth His creatures into the Paradise of knowledge. He hath veiled His own Self by the lights of seeing and beholding, and shrouded His Cause in the plenitude of its clearness and exposition.

Just as the people cannot gaze upon the sun save by means that shield the eye, and behold naught but its rays and effulgences that have dawned and encompassed the two horizons, can man deny the existence of the sun because his gaze cannot bear to look upon it? Nay, by Him Who hath caused it to rise from its dawning-place and illumined the world with its splendors!

Since this hath been established, it becometh evident that the veil of the Sun of Reality is light itself, and that His only covering is manifestation. Otherwise, He hath neither concealment nor veil, neither going nor coming. He is manifest through the lights of glory, and shining from the horizon of might and majesty, yet hidden from the eyes by reason of the very intensity of His appearance and radiance.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Hope! Exalted art Thou above being compassed by the thoughts of men, or known through the fancies of Thy creatures as Thy “Most Great Outlook” [manzar-i-akbar]. Whatsoever the praisers have described, and whatsoever the knowers have attained, can never escape the limit of their own bounded station in the world of being.

How can the weak, perishing, lowly creature attain unto the knowledge of Thy power, O Thou the Eternal, the All-Powerful, the Almighty? I beseech Thee, by the lights of the Sun of Thy Unity and the radiances of the Luminary of Thy Detachment, to aid those whom Thou hast guided to Thy straight Path and made to recognize Thy Great Announcement, to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in the ways of Thy love. Ordain for them, O my God, every good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book, and all Thou hast promised Thy chosen ones in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. Verily, Thou art the Tender, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Bestower, the All-Munificent, the Giver, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

Thy noble, spiritual letter hath come, and through the perusal thereof delight beyond count was attained; for it bespoke the subtleties of affection and the degrees of love that lay hidden and treasured in the inmost heart. We hope that thou wilt ever abide under the shade of the divine bounty, at rest and in tranquillity, and be made to attain and be sustained by the blessing of nearness and reunion.

Though the writing of the reply was, in outward appearance, delayed for a few days, yet God is aware, and the whole world beareth witness, that the measure of longing and love in the heart of this Servant lieth beyond the reach of word and number. Only the succession of occupations is, at times, the cause of postponement and delay; otherwise the heart findeth no sweetness save in the remembrance of the people of love. Day by day we beseech the Lord that the hidden subtleties of heartfelt affection may increase, and that the dust-world may be illumined with the lights of concord and unity among the friends of God.

The book of the person already known to thee, which thou didst send, hath been received, and the topics mentioned therein were clearly understood. Such persons, in all ages, have arisen to write and compile such meaningless words, and will continue to do so. In truth, in the eyes of them that see, and of those who look toward the Supreme Horizon, they are not worthy of mention or consideration; for the falsity of their utterance is proved by their very words.

How could a Cause whose fame hath encompassed the horizons of the world, and the lights of whose Manifestation have shone upon all peoples, be obscured by such phrases, or remain doubtful to the people of insight? Had this man been just and spoken from clear vision, he would never have been content to utter such sayings; for he hath not yet investigated, nor become aware of the root of the matter, and to speak in a Cause before attaining unto knowledge thereof is, and ever hath been, contrary to reason.

We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the whisperings of deniers and the heedlessness of the heedless. Verily, He is powerful over all things, and He is the Subtle, the All-Informed.

As to thy suggestion that a detailed answer be printed in reply to the passages of that book: under no circumstances is it worthy of any engagement or mention. “Forget it, leave it to itself, and put thy trust in God, thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.” In gatherings where mention of that book ariseth, let it suffice that, according to the receptivity and capacity of the hearers, a few words be spoken verbally to refute its idle fictions.

It beseemeth not the friends of God to pay heed to such as know not what they say. “Leave them to plunge in their vain discourse and to play;” by thy life, “they wander distracted in their drunkenness.”

Thy name, O beloved one, hath been presented in the Most Holy Court; and this is what hath shone forth from the Source of bounty and grace—may my soul be offered up for His tenderness:

O Ha’, hearken unto the cry of the Wronged One! Praise be to God, that whatsoever hath appeared in this Day hath made truth distinct from falsehood, and right severed from wrong. We hope that thou mayest be made a banner of the Sun of His Name, and a standard of His remembrance; that, wholly severed from all besides Him, thou mayest arise to serve His Cause as is meet. The lying soul—his deeds are now laid bare, his words made manifest.

We beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, to assist the heedless to return, the slanderers to be truthful, the treacherous to be faithful, and the deniers to turn in acceptance. Verily, He is the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, the Oft-Returning, the All-Bountiful.

Unceasingly hath thy remembrance been in the presence of the Wronged One. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. All that thou beholdest to-day shall pass away; but that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, in the Scriptures and the Tablets, shall remain ever thine. The glory be upon thee, upon those who are with thee and thine household, and upon every steadfast, upright soul, and every firm and loyal one.

And finally: praise be to God! In all conditions thou art commemorated upon the tongue of grace and beheld with the eye of loving favour. It behoveth thee, therefore, to thank Him at all times, and to be filled with manifest joy and gladness.

Convey, on behalf of this Servant, wondrous praises and mighty cries of glorification to each one of the friends who are adorned with the vesture of steadfastness; and make mention of them. The people of the household—thy household—do likewise remember and magnify them with gracious praises.

The spirit and the glory rest upon thee and upon thy family.

Convey, moreover, delicate praises and exalted glorification to Jinab-i-Mirza ʿAli-Muhammad—upon him be His glory—and peace be upon the sincere servants of God.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH00907: Praise be to God Who hath lit the lamp…

He is God, exalted be His glory and universal His bounty!

Praise be to God Who hath lit the lamp of knowledge in the contingent world, illumined the horizon of the universe with the lights of wisdom and utterance, and caused the streams of science and certitude to flow from the depths of hearts. He it is before Whose Name's majesty all existence hath prostrated itself, before Whose command's source all necks have bowed. Blessed is he who hath sought the precincts of His mercy and dwelt beneath the shade of the Tree of His loving-kindness. Glorified and exalted be His dominion, and mighty His proof! He is unique in His command and will, and singular in His unity and worship. He loved to be known, so He created; they needed God, so He provided. He inspired man and taught him utterance, and caused the jewels of wisdom to appear from the tongue. From Him is the beginning and unto Him the return, and He is the Judge at the beginning and the end. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O thou who circlest round the Tree of Knowledge, who comest unto the carpet of certitude and arrivest at the stream of faith! I have heard the melodies of the nightingale of thy utterance upon the branches of the paradise of fidelity and the cooings of the dove of thy exposition upon the twigs of the gardens of praise. May God reward thee with the best of both worlds and the eternal life of all the worlds, for thou hast remembered those who were banished through the lands, whom the servants denied, and whom the people of tyranny and enmity persecuted. Grieve not at the delay in sending the reply. By thy life, O beloved! The heart delighteth in naught save the remembrance of the loved ones, and the thirst of love is quenched only through correspondence with those possessed of love and unity.

However, the press of occupations preventeth me some days from mentioning the friends of my Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. I beseech God, the King of Eternity and the Ruler by the Greatest Name, to protect thee and His loved ones beneath the shadow of His protection and shelter, to give you to drink continually from the Kawthar of His grace and favor, and to aid you in that whereby your mention shall endure in existence and your names be exalted in the worlds of the unseen and the seen. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

As for what thou hast mentioned in thy letter concerning arrival in the Land of Ta and the gathering of thy Lord's loved ones, the Lord of Names, it hath been proven with evidence that God's Cause shall triumph over all possibility, and soon shall the lights of the Sun of Knowledge encompass the whole world and the radiance of the Orb of Unity prevail over all nations. He hath said—and His word is most exalted—"Thou shalt see the earth as the Most Glorious Paradise; on that day shall those possessed of knowledge rejoice and the heedless shall lament." Whosoever perceiveth this manifest Cause with the eye of certitude and beholdeth its firm and steadfast foundation shall be assured that creation is beneath its shadow and that there is no escape for anyone nor refuge for any soul—all shall return unto Him and arrive at the path of love. It hath been said aforetime that affairs are bound to their appointed times. Soon shall they behold the sun of knowledge and its lights, and shall comprehend its signs.

And as to what thou hast mentioned concerning the land of Ha and Mim, and thy praise of the loved ones of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, from among the people of the Bayan and the inheritors of Him Who conversed with God—blessed are they for having cast away vain imaginings, shattered the idols, and attained the recognition of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Wonder not at what thou seest of traces in the righteous ones. Ponder upon the appearance of the Sun of Truth, its effulgences, the spreading of its lights, and the manifestation of its signs. It behooveth the peoples of the world to immerse themselves in the seas of civilization and prosperity, and to adorn themselves with the ornament of knowledge and success.

Hath there appeared in existence that which hath shone forth in this manifest Day? Say: Glorified be He in Whose hand is the dominion of all things and in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names. We beseech God to manifest from all that which indicateth His favors and to adorn His loved ones with the ornament of His character and attributes, that the mirrors of their hearts may reflect naught except the radiance of the lights of the Sun of eternity, that their faces may show forth naught but the freshness of fellowship and purity, and that from their companionship naught may be witnessed save the signs of love and fidelity. O thou beloved of the heart! Convey wondrous remembrance and glorification from this servant to the loved ones of thy Lord in Ta and those who dwell in Mim after Ha. Glory and praise be upon them and upon every steadfast soul who hath turned towards Him.

And regarding what thou hast mentioned about presenting thy remembrance and the names of those thou hast mentioned before the face of thy Ancient Lord, and thy request for the outpouring of the favors of His Most Bountiful Name through His abundant grace—when I saw thy letter and understood thy message, I attained the presence of His court and presented [what thou hadst requested] before the face of the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. There hath been sent down for thee and for them from the heaven of grace and bounty that which will move creation and which thou shalt receive in another leaf. Blessed art thou and they through this most great favor and supreme gift.

And concerning what thou hast mentioned about reflection upon the world and the prevalence of doubts and intimations among all peoples and their failure to turn to God, the Lord of eternity—grieve not at what thou seest of the veiled ones and the wanderers, but rejoice in the power of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment. It behooveth the people of Baha to exert their utmost in spreading the commandments of the Lord of Names and not to look upon the deprivation of those who are remote, but

rather to the Source of their Lord's command, Who prevaileth over all things. Verily, the example of one who desireth to teach in these days is like unto him who planteth trees and looketh not to the length of time for gathering the fruits, but is rather eager to plant that others may benefit therefrom, even as he hath benefited from those who preceded him. Doth anyone doubt the fruits of this mighty tree? Nay, by our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! Should nations and governments arise to extinguish this Light that shineth from the horizon of Sinai, they shall never be able, nor shall they have the power, even should they aid one another.

As to what thou hast mentioned regarding the verses of thy Lord, and thy desire for that which hath been sent down from the Source of Command concerning healing exhortations and sufficient, complete counsels—I beseech God for confirmation and success that thou mayest gather what hath been revealed in this connection, and We shall send it to thee through the grace of our Lord, the All-Bestowing. And I beseech God to make thee a standard of guidance and a sign of steadfastness, and to guide through thee those who are ready, and that thy teaching may direct the seekers. Verily, He is powerful over what He willeth, and He is the All-Subtle, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord and my Hope! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy most perfect Mystery to send down upon Thy loved ones that which will strengthen their hearts, dilate their breasts, illumine their eyes, and enable them to guide Thy servants to the meadows of righteousness and lead humanity to the gardens of knowledge. Thou art He Whose grace hath encompassed all existence and Whose mercy hath pervaded both the seen and the unseen. I beseech Thee to protect Thy loved ones beneath the shadow of Thy safekeeping, to ward off from them the evil of the wicked among Thy creatures, and to ordain for them the good of both this world and the next beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Name, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. May the glory rest upon them through the permanence of Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes.

BH00927: O My loved ones! In the Tablet…

He is the Speaker before the faces of all parties

O My loved ones! In the Tablet of the World, these exalted words have been sent down from the Dawning-Place of utterance, the Lord of Names and Attributes. Praise and glory befit the manifest Sovereign Who adorned the mighty prison through the presence of His Holiness ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar and His Holiness the Trustworthy One, and illumined it with the lights of certitude, steadfastness and tranquility. Upon them be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Light and glory, magnification and praise be upon the Hands of His Cause, through whom the light of patience hath shone forth and the ordinance of choice been established—God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Choosing. Through them the ocean of bounty hath surged and the fragrance of God's tender mercy, the Lord of all beings, hath been wafted. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them with His hosts, to guard them by His dominion, and to assist them with His power that hath encompassed all created things. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

The Great Announcement proclaimeth: O people of Iran! Ye have been the dawning-places of mercy and the daysprings of compassion and love. The regions of the world were illumined and adorned with the light of your knowledge. How is it that ye have arisen to destroy yourselves and your friends? O Afnan and O My loved ones! Know with absolute certainty that the pavilion of God's Cause is mighty vast, having taken in and will continue to take in all the peoples of the world. The day is your day. The Tablet is your witness. Arise to aid the Cause, and with the hosts of utterance conquer the hearts and souls of the people of the world. From you must appear that which shall bring comfort and ease to the downtrodden. Strengthen your resolve that perchance the captives may be freed and attain unto true liberty.

Today the cry of justice is raised high and the lamentation of equity is uplifted. The darkness of oppression hath enveloped the world and its peoples. I speak truly when I say that He, exalted be His glory, hath appeared with the banner of He doeth what He willeth' and hath come with the standard of He ordaineth what He pleaseth.' Let steadfast and content souls be attentive. O My loved ones! Whatsoever proceedeth from the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold is the truth about which there is no doubt. The Primal Point hath said that should He pronounce the earth to be heaven or heaven to be earth, none hath the right to question wherefore or why. We have heard the words of men. The atoms testify that He is the Truth, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, to which the Tongue of God, the True, the Just, the Manifest King, doth testify.

Say: O people! This is the Day of God, did ye but know it. He Who conversed with God hath seated Himself upon the throne of Revelation, despite those who have disbelieved in God on the Day of Resurrection. By God's life! The Hour crieth out and the Resurrection proclaimeth: O concourse of humanity! By God, the Lord of Power hath come, and through His appearance the Supreme Horizon hath been adorned. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. O My loved ones! We desired to bestow upon you mention of that which We have concealed, that every soul may be convinced that with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book.

This is a day wherein God eraseth what He willeth and confirmeth what He pleaseth, and with Him is the Mother Book, yet most of the people are turning away. We make mention of Our loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My acceptance of them and of what hath been sent down for them from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the rivers which have flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, as a command from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

We have turned from the most eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue. The loved ones must be steadfast in the Cause with such steadfastness that neither the doubts of the suspicious ones, nor the intimations of the croakers, nor the onslaught of the oppressors shall move them. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and taketh the chalice of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of his Lord and drinketh in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The word of a certain soldier previously reached Our hearing, wherefore the Temple of My loving-kindness lamented and the Word of God, the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth, cried aloud. Their deeds have prevented My servants from turning to the right hand of God's justice, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech Him, blessed and exalted be He, to aid with victory that which He loveth

and is pleased with, and to sanctify it from all that is unseemly for the Day of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. We beseech God to preserve him through His bounty and to protect him with His hosts and to make him among those who have aided His Cause amongst His servants, and We beseech Him to open unto him, through the key of His name, the Most Merciful, the gates of wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and mighty command.

His Honour Muzaffar was in manifest doubt. With your Lord is the knowledge of all things, were ye of those who know. His deeds prevented him from the bounty of the Day of Reckoning, to this his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, doth testify from this exalted station. Say: We desired naught for thee save mercy from Our presence and bounty from Our side. To this thy heart beareth witness, as doth every just and perceiving one. We beseech God to aid thee to detachment from all else save Him and to hold fast unto that which He hath revealed in His Mighty Book, and to enable thee to turn unto Him and to repent before His gate. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Oft-Returning, the True, the Faithful.

Beware lest the doubts of the world and the clamor of the nations prevent you. Take hold of the hem of the robe of your Lord's mercy, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon My loved ones and upon those who have heard My call and said: "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of Names!" and "Here am I, here am I, O Beloved of those who are brought near!"

Previously from the Most Exalted Pen flowed this most exalted word: "Believe not every speaker, nor trust ye in every newcomer." Divine bounty and mercy transcend the reckoning of people. Verily We have purified him who ascended unto Us aforetime with the Kawthar of My utterance and forgave him as a bounty from My presence, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O My loved ones! Let not My mercy slip from your grasp. Soon ye shall behold what hath been ordained from the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet, which none hath comprehended save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Set aside what is with the people, turning unto what is with God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers of old.

I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth resplendent from the horizon of the prison of Akka that if this Cause were to be spread in foreign cities, assuredly most of the inhabitants of those regions would be seen turning towards it. In these days news hath arrived from those parts that the light which the people of Iran strive to extinguish, diverse parties are engaged in causing to shine forth and radiate. Soon shall appear that which is now hidden from the eyes of the world.

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH00937: Know ye that during Our sojourn in the Land…

…Know ye that during Our sojourn in the Land of Mystery, sublime Tablets were sent down and dispatched to certain monarchs in order to complete God's testimony. Among these was a Tablet revealed to the King of Paris who at that time was foremost among sovereigns. The cause of this was that one day in the presence of the Divine Throne, He stated that after the Russo-Ottoman dispute, the King of

Paris arose to aid the Ottoman Empire, and following strife, conflict, bloodshed and pillage, several monarchs intervened and a peace treaty was concluded. Thereafter, the Russian Monarch inquired of the King of Paris:

> "We both belonged to the same nation—what caused you to dishonor those of your own faith and aid those of another?"

In reply he wrote that there was no reason save that when some Ottoman subjects were suddenly attacked by you in the Black Sea and many were drowned, the cry of those oppressed ones awakened me from slumber and I arose to assist them.

After relating this incident, He declared:

> "Now We shall send him a Tablet and test him. If he arises to aid the oppressed ones among the people of the Bayan, We shall confirm his words; otherwise his falsehood in what he claimed and stated shall become evident."

Thus a Tablet was revealed and sent to him, but no response was ever received, although one of his ministers who secretly professed love for the Cause informed the Most Holy Court that he had personally delivered the Tablet to the king and verbally conveyed all details. Nevertheless, no reply came. This is why, after receiving no response to that Tablet, this second Tablet was revealed and sent, having been written in French.

Now consider this Tablet—all that befell him was explicitly foretold therein without any ambiguity. Blessed are they who read! Blessed are they who ponder! Blessed are they who are sincere! Likewise, reflect upon its wondrous creation and dispatch with power and majesty. Observe how, after the completion of God's testimony and the manifestation of His might, afflictions of famine, scarcity and fear encompassed Persia. News of these matters was revealed in numerous Tablets.

By God, besides Whom there is none other God! If souls were to reflect upon its wondrous creation, its dispatch, its contents, and all that subsequently transpired, it would suffice them all, and God's proof, more manifest than the sun, would become evident and clear to all. But artificial entities remain occupied with their own realm, having neither gained nor will they gain any portion of the divine breaths and the fragrance of the verses of the All-Merciful, save whom God willeth. As is observed, despite this most great proclamation, this supreme manifestation, and these evident signs, certain servants have chosen to follow souls who have always been and will remain behind veils, and from whom no matter has ever become manifest. What benefit is there when this servant lacks time, else he would have presented all that has appeared and continues to appear from God's verses which have been revealed explicitly without interpretation. We beseech God to aid the servants to be fair.

Every one may be apprised of the verses of God which have been revealed explicitly, without interpretation. We beseech God to assist His servants to be fair and to dispel their vain imaginings and what has been mentioned by those who came before. How strange are those who followed the stinking ones after the fragrance of the Beloved had been diffused throughout the worlds! For instance, they remain veiled from the Most Holy, Most Exalted Truth by following Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani and his

utterances, though he was never aware of the fundamental nature of the Cause and was perpetually engaged in mischief.

Though it is a common saying, yet it befits this station: “Behold the blind leading the blind!”

By God! By God! Any person possessed of sight and smell who beheld him but once perceived from his countenance the effects of hell-fire and from his breath the stench of the people of the deepest abyss. Each day he was occupied with some new deception. When we arrived at the Most Great Prison, he styled himself “Quddus Effendi,” imagining that a meaningless name would exalt its bearer. Woe unto him and unto those who followed him!

Similarly, he named Aqa Jan “The Chief of the ungodly, the Sword of Truth” and promised him Iraq, as evidenced by Aqa Jan’s own letter which still exists, written to the Chief of the ungodly, pleading: “When will that promise you made be fulfilled?” In short, in this land he declared to everyone: “I am the Sword of Truth and shall soon conquer most lands.” Nay! The curse of God be upon the liars!

At this point, verses were revealed from the heaven of divine Will. His glory be exalted! He says:

He is the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! Verily, in the tribulations of the Lord of all being, at every moment, there are signs for them that dwell in all the worlds. He hath accepted hardship for the ease of creation, and suffering for the repose of all who inhabit the realm of existence. My soul be a sacrifice to His bounty, my being to His mercy, and my spirit to that loving-kindness which hath encompassed the horizons.

No morn dawned but that He was compassed about by the darksome veils of insinuation cast by those who disbelieved in God, the Revealer of verses. Yet naught can hinder Him from whatsoever He hath purposed in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Calling. At one time He crieth aloud with His lucid tongue; at another He pointeth with the finger of certitude, and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of mankind.

Were We to recount that which befell Us, the heavens would be rent asunder and the mountains fall down in ruin. They who disbelieved waxed proud in the titles they had assumed. One of the base among them named himself “the Most Holy” and laid claim within himself to that which the whispering deceiver had claimed; another called himself “the Sword of Truth” and declared, “Verily, I am the conqueror of lands.” But God sent forth one who smote him upon his mouth, that all might be assured he was but the tail of Satan, severed by the sword of the All-Merciful.

He had awaited the days of his glory and appearance, in accordance with that whereunto he had been promised by one who denied God, the Cleaver of the dawn. Thus doth God seize him who turneth away from Him and ariseth to squander His Cause amongst His servants. They have perished. The breezes of spring have been commanded to blow, the gates of heaven have been opened, and the clouds have rained down. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the knowledge of God in His days and severed himself wholly from all directions and attachments.

Say: Is your Lord, the Lord of the heavens and of the earth, not sufficient for you? Verily, He hath come with the truth in His Name that holdeth dominion over all creation. Do thou illumine thy heart with the Most Great Lamp which the Ancient of Days hath kindled; then stand fast in the Cause through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Well-Beloved, the Chosen.

BH00938: O beloved of my heart! For some time this…

O beloved of my heart! For some time this has flowed from the Pen of Divine Decree, yet its dispatch was delayed—this too was ordained by another decree, for the servant is as one dead between the hands of God's power, glory be to His majesty. He turneth him as He willeth, for He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He desireth, the Single, the One, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By virtue of God's all-encompassing wisdom, this letter was not sent.

Your other letter, O beloved of my heart, which you dispatched from Nablus, arrived. The arrival of this spiritual messenger bearing tidings of your health and well-being, O spiritual beloved, praise be to God, manifested both outwardly and inwardly signs of love, affection, submission and contentment. After its reading and review, it was presented before the countenance of our Lord and was honored to be heard. He said:

> "His honor Muhammad-Qabli-Rida, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings, is confirmed and assisted in performing good deeds and in the mention and praise of God, glory be to His majesty. We beseech Him, blessed and exalted is He, to give him to drink at all times from the Kawthar of His knowledge from the hand of His bounty, and to confirm him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and that which manifests the stations of man among the peoples. Verily, He is the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. We beseech Him to send down upon him from the heaven of His generosity blessing and care and mercy from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, there is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

Indeed, your mentions are joy-giving, for the fragrance of sincerity and trust emanates therefrom. A guest like yourself and a host like His Eminence Effendi, may God, blessed and exalted is He, preserve him, who are in truth illumined and adorned with the light of faith, assurance and knowledge—blessed be his presence. Indeed, he is worthy of these stations, for he is of the family of the Ansar and is himself counted among the Ansar, having been and continuing to be a helper of the oppressed and the distressed. We beseech God, glory be to His majesty, to keep him adorned with this ornament in all conditions. Verily He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Regarding your request, O beloved of my heart, to be confirmed in sending that which yields fruit for the seekers of the paradise of knowledge and manifests a resplendent bounty—indeed this matter is confirmed and established by your intention. "The intention of the believer is better than his deed," it hath been said. Regret over the loss of what is befitting of good and charitable deeds—such regret in one station taketh precedence over the deed itself. We beseech God, the Source of all causes, to make our deeds and intentions adorned with the ornament of His acceptance. Verily He is the Generous, possessed of great bounty, and He is the Single, the Giver, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Again mention is made that the apple of our eyes, Aqa Inayatu'llah, together with the honored mother and sister, upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], are all well and are gladdened by your mention. 152

Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds that the glad tidings of the well-being of that beloved of spirit and heart arrive and adorn the mind with the radiance of joy and delight. In truth, the mention of the chosen ones and the loved ones is among the great bounties of God, exalted be His glory. In any case, through the successive bestowals of the one God, the reply to the first letter was written, and before its dispatch another letter arrived, after which attention was turned to its reply, and before the dispatch of the second, the light of the third appeared. His is the praise and the glory, and His is the grace and the bounty, for He illumines the hearts and minds of His chosen ones with the effulgent rays from the heaven of love. Although outwardly pen and paper and leaf are the means of connection and expression of love and aspiration, yet in the eyes of those endowed with insight, this is that universal connection which has moved and continues to move the world. Exalted be His grace and magnificent His favors.

As to the weakness and change of constitution that you mentioned, praise be to God that its mention and your health and well-being arrived simultaneously. The light of health dispelled the dust of mention of infirmity, giving no chance for anything of it to manifest. This too is among the signs of the Lord of all worlds' grace and favor. At this moment mention of you was made in His presence. The luminary of grace shone forth from the horizon of will, mentioning that which is the cause of the diffusion of the fragrances of boundless gifts. In all conditions, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you in that whose traces remain eternal and enduring in the world.

The apple of the eye, Inayatu'llah, and the honored mother are, praise be to God, well and healthy. Inayatu'llah's letter arrived the day before. The servant beseeches his Lord to grant him success and assist him and make him honored among His servants. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Praise be to God, your determination is evidence of the hidden intention in your heart. Therefore, though your intentions from before, after, and now may not be visible in the outer world, there is no doubt that inwardly those saplings and trees have been planted, have sprouted, have achieved complete growth, and have been adorned with fruits and leaves. This is why He says: "Good things are for the good ones." In truth, good emerges from good. Pure intentions have different influence and effects in the world. Blessed is the soul between whose intention and deed no difference is seen—whose intention is the very deed and whose deed is the very intention. And this is the station of the depths of the sea of oneness that was mentioned before.

Thus it was proven that your intentions regarding the grape vine or the citron or other trees are as though they are seen now. In any case, in all conditions, grace is from God, generosity is from Him, and bounty is from His presence. A hundred thousand souls be sacrificed for this exalted word revealed in the Qur'an:

> "O people! Ye are the poor in your relation to God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the Praised One."

The honored apple of the eye, the servant of the chosen ones, his honor Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings, sends greetings. He was greatly pleased by your mention and

says: Would that eternal life were destined so that I might arise to everlasting service and always move according to the will of the chosen ones and attain to that which is befitting. Verily, God is the Powerful, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Generous. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's assured and sincere servants.

BH00930: A praise whereby the hearts of the knowers are…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of majesty and dominion.

A praise whereby the hearts of the knowers are illumined, and a thanksgiving whereby the breasts of the lovers are lit aglow, for a Sun whose rays have shone upon the creation of existence, and a Luminary whose traces have been diffused through the cities of mystery and of vision; He, at Whose Word, proceeding from the mouth of His Will, the orbits of meanings have been set in motion within the firmament of utterance, and at a single wave of the ocean of Whose Purpose the pearls of knowledge and gnosis have been scattered throughout the realm of being. Exalted is His lofty power, exalted His subduing Will! By His all-embracing wisdom He hath planted, in the gardens of pure hearts, the trees of knowledge and wisdom, and hath bestowed their ripe fruits upon such among humankind as are prepared therefor. Thereby hath He expanded their breasts, illumined their hearts, adorned their frames with the vesture of true understanding and their brows with the diadems of wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O my God, my Lord, my Stay and my Reliance! How shall I make mention of Thee, when I behold the very essences of praise powerless to wing their flight into the atmosphere of the heaven of Thy hallowed glory? How shall I describe Thee, when I clearly perceive the mere shells of description incapable of attaining even to the court of the gate of Thy sanctified transcendence? None can celebrate Thy holiness save with that wherewith Thou hast celebrated Thyself in Thy Books, and made Thy loved ones to recognize in Thy Scriptures. Verily, Thou art God; there is no God but Thee. From all eternity Thou hast dwelt in the heights of glory and unapproachability, and unto all eternity wilt Thou abide upon the summit of power and exaltation. No partner hast Thou in Thy dominion, no vizier in Thy decree. Thou doest what Thou willest, and ordainest what Thou pleasest; Thou art the All-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

Thou art He Who exerciseth judgement in the realm of existence, whilst whatsoever is other than Thee is, in the presence of the manifestations of Thy power, as non-existence, and in face of the tokens of Thy majesty, as utter nothingness. What hath the weak and worthless thrall to do with the knowledge of Thine immensity, O my Lord, the Almighty, the All-Glorious? Whatsoever we ascribe unto Thee, in the tongue of limitation, is itself limited as are we, and returneth therefore unto us; whereas Thou art exalted above human limitations and accidental attributes. Glory be to Thee that the tongues of the feeble should hymn Thy praise, or the descriptions of those who describe should compass Thy qualities, or the mention of them that extol Thee should encompass Thy might!

No hand can repel Thy command, no barrier withstand Thy will. Thou didst create man, Thou didst guide him unto the path of salvation, Thou didst direct him unto the meads of life and abiding being. Blessed is he who hath recognized Thy utterance, and tasted the sweetness of the banquet of Thy knowledge, and stood in awe before Thy majesty and sovereignty, and acknowledged the clear evidence of Thy proof, and

entered the garden of certitude, and clung to Thy firm and mighty cord. Verily, such a one is numbered among Thy sincere servants.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by a Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy power, and by a Fire that hath blazed in the Lote-Tree of Thy knowledge and wisdom—that Tree which Thou didst plant with the hands of Thy might upon the Sinai of Thy grandeur—that Thou mayest illumine the horizons with the lights of amity and unity, and lead the people of the Covenant into the Paradise of concord and fellowship. Do Thou, O my Hope, remove from the eyes of Thy creatures the veils that debar them, that they may behold the radiance of the Sun of Thy knowledge which hath risen, and may kindle their lamps from its dawning splendors. Verily, Thou art He Who is powerful to do what He willeth; Thou dost ordain for whomsoever Thou desirest whatsoever Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the One, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

O thou who walkest the highway of love and dost tread the path of friendship! That which had been embroidered with the trace of ink hath reached Us, and it hath voiced love and constancy. Now in the tongue of the House of Sasan, now in the language of the son of Qahtan, it flowed forth; and since from both there breathed the fragrance of affection, the breasts of the people of intimacy and harmony were cheered thereby.

I beseech God, the Lord of creation, to give thee to drink of the well-spring of knowledge and wisdom, to protect thee beneath the shade of His loving care, to vouchsafe unto thee the tokens of His tenderness, to raise thee, through His grace, unto the heights of knowledge and gnosis, and to admit thee to the gardens of wisdom and utterance.

Whenever thou beholdest the world and all that is therein, see it as naught in face of the effulgent revelations of thy Lord's glory, and as lost in the radiance of the lights of the power of thy Master. Glorified be He Who created existence, and in Whom the hidden mysteries and concealed symbols have, through His consummate wisdom, been treasured up within the world.

If the man of insight would but ponder the power of his Lord, the All-Informed, behold the signs of His might that are deposited in creation, and meditate upon the subtleties of workmanship and wisdom, he would be seized with wonder and cry out: "Glorified be He Who dieth not!" By God, O beloved! Man standeth amazed at those who have wandered in the deserts of privation, and have remained heedless of the knowledge of their Lord, the All-Merciful.

Do they, for themselves, behold aught save weakness and deficiency? Doth not their incapacity testify to the power of their Lord, the All-Forgiving? Were they fair in judgement, they would surely bear witness and confess. But today they know not. Blessed is the man of vision whom naught debarreth from the knowledge of his Lord, the All-Informed—though the knowledge of Him, as He is in Himself, lieth not within the bounds of possibility. Yet doth man infer from the signs the All-Compassing Author thereof, that One Whose tokens of power have encompassed the horizons, and Whose evidences of greatness have overshadowed all regions.

O thou dearly-loved one of Paradise! Though, for a while, the fingers refrained from taking up the reins of utterance and the tongue was long withheld from voicing a reply, yet hath thy remembrance been the

intimate companion of the people of love, and the adornment of the gatherings of the true-hearted. I entreat my bountiful Lord to keep thee safe beneath the shadow of His Most Exalted Name, and to ordain for thee that which is best in the life to come and in this first life. Verily, He is powerful to do what He willeth.

It behoveth thee, and all who have hearkened to the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon, to turn to naught of all that is; to see the world and all that is therein as mere dust, to leave it behind you, and to turn wholly unto your Lord, the Lord of creation. Shall the man of insight put his trust in that which he seeth, in every moment and in all conditions, to be passing away? Nay, by my Lord, the Most High!

Blessed is he whom neither riches withhold nor vain hopes debar from turning unto the Lord of the beginning and the end. Reflect, O people of understanding, upon the perishableness of this world. Where now are the ranks of the Kisras and the hosts of the Caesars? Where is the might of the Pharaohs, the tyranny of the Nimrods, the ascendancy of the ʿAmaliq, the power of the Maraziba? They have abandoned all that they amassed, and parted from all that they treasured. Their houses stand empty, their lofty roofs are fallen, whilst our Lord, the Most Exalted, hath made all that appeareth in the kingdom a reminder unto the men of insight and a lesson unto the people of discernment.

Blessed is he who pondereth the tokens, graspeth the mysteries, and is not debarred from that which his Lord, the Almighty, the Unconstrained, hath willed for him.

O thou beloved one! Convey, on the faces of the friends, the wondrous praises and exalted thanksgivings, and make mention of them in a manner befitting their rank and their turning unto the Lord of Names. Peace be upon thee and upon them at all times.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH00816: Praise be to God, Who hath made plain…

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting, exalted be His glory.

Praise be to God, Who hath made plain the pathways of guidance, delivered His loved ones from the darkness of heedlessness and error, and, through His power and sovereignty, in this latter day, hath fulfilled that which He promised unto His servants, through the intermediaries of His Revelation, in the beginning. He hath sent down in His Tablets that wherein lie sufficiency and fullness for such as seek; through them have men of sound mind and insight been guided unto the desired goal.

He is the Ruler, without beginning or end. We hallow and glorify Him with His praise, and entreat Him for grace and protection.

O thou who hast won the light of inner vision, and art illumined by the lamp of the knowledge of the Lord of all being in this day, which is the Day of God!

Thy letter, adorned with the pen of loyalty and breathing the subtleties of intimacy and purity, hath reached Us; and therein We recognized the degrees of thy love for thy Lord, and the ranks of thy humility before Him unto Whom thou shalt return and in Whose presence thou shalt abide.

I beseech God, the Lord of Names and the King of creation, to confirm thee in those deeds whereby thy station in His Kingdom may be exalted, and thy name may remain remembered in His Realm of might. I entreat Him further to keep thee under the shade of His protection, and to give thee, at every moment, to drink of the Kawthar of His bounty and grace. Verily, He is the Gentle, the Gracious. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great.

When I had read thy letter, I attained the court of presence, and laid thy name in the august presence of the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. Then was the fragrance of grace stirred, and there descended, from the Kingdom of the loving care of the Lord of Names, a remembrance on thy behalf. Exalted be His sovereignty, exalted His proof! He saith:

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The Greater Branch hath been present and hath made mention of thee. We beseech God that He may assist thee to achieve that which is the very cause and reason of the continuance of existence.

Praise be to God that thou hast quaffed from the Kawthar of Life which floweth from the direction of the All-Merciful, and hast inclined thine ear to the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. This remembrance and this favour shall remain, in the Kingdom of God, abiding and enduring. Ere long shall that which hath flowed from the Pen of the Most High become outwardly manifest.

We entreat God to strengthen thee in the safeguarding of this most exalted station. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Determining. At all times thy remembrance hath been, and still is, present before Us. This is a bounty from thy Lord bestowed upon thee.

Convey, on Our behalf, the cry of Allah-u-Akbar unto the friends of God—that is, unto those souls who are illumined by the effulgent rays of the True Dawn; and for each one of them We supplicate that which hath had, and ever shall have, no peer or likeness.

The glory from Our presence rest upon thee, and upon such as are with thee and give ear unto thy words in this Most Great Cause and this Great Announcement.

Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Yea, praise be to God! In all circumstances the heavenly favours have encompassed you, and on most days your name hath been mentioned upon the tongue of grace, and ye have been sustained by the bounty of remembrance. Blessed art thou, and blessed are they that have attained!

As to what thou didst write regarding the letters: until this day, whatsoever epistle hath been received from thee, an answer hath been revealed and despatched, and, assuredly, they have all been attained and received.

And concerning what thou didst set down about the sending of letters: thou hast written that through Alexandria and ʿAliyyih (the post) matters are in order and no delay hath been observed. Henceforth, however, if possible, despatch them directly to Alexandria to the friends there; from this side also a

written recommendation will be sent on their behalf. At the close of each letter do thou note its number, that, should any delay occur on the way, it may become evident which missive hath been held back.

As to the items formerly sent—namely, paper, ink and book-binding—they have all safely reached their destination. We entreat God to ordain for thee the choicest recompense in this world and the world to come, to make thee a standard of guidance amidst His creatures, and a sign of steadfastness among His servants. Verily, He is nigh and ready to answer.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Hope! Thou beholdest the eye of him who seeketh Thee turned toward the shore of Thy bounty and Thy grace, and his heart expectant of the appearance of Thy tenderness and Thy loving-kindness.

I beseech Thee by Thy Greatest, Thine All-Glorious Name, and by Thy loftiest, Thine all-exalted Remembrance, to ordain for him the good of the next world and of this, and to adorn him, amidst the realm of creation, with the robe of Thy favour.

O my Lord! Even as Thou didst confirm him in the knowledge of Thy Self in the Day of Return, do Thou now guard him, beneath the shadow of Thy Name, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful; and vouchsafe unto him that which Thou hast decreed, in Thy Book, for the sincere.

Strengthen, O God, Thy loved ones in Thy remembrance and praise amidst Thy servants; enable them to stand firm in Thy Cause; make them arise in Thy service; and guide, through them, Thy heedless creatures unto the shore of Thy knowledge.

O my Lord, deprive not Thy servants of beholding the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge; for Thou hast created them for guidance, not for abandonment in the wilderness of heedlessness and error.

Thou art He Who hast described Thy very Self as the All-Bountiful, and Thy mercy hath encompassed the world. I entreat Thee to ordain for all that which beseemeth Thy generosity and is worthy of Thy munificence. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Bestower, the Giver, the All-Generous.

Make mention, on behalf of this Servant, with wondrous praises and exalted cries of Allah-u-Akbar of those friends of God who are adorned with the robe of steadfastness; and magnify them.

The spirit and the glory rest upon thee and upon thy household.

BH00969: My spirit be a sacrifice for You! Some time…

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

My spirit be a sacrifice for You! Some time ago, a petition was submitted in the company of Nabil-i-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God. This servant has again desired to cause trouble and occupy Your presence with these words which in truth express the limitations of this servant. Whenever one of the friends sets out for the abode of that Beloved One, this servant involuntarily clings to writing and composition, that perchance through this means he may be mentioned in Your exalted service. Although

it has been long since the fragrant breezes of Your pen have passed by, nevertheless this servant has not paused for a moment, continuously and successively sending petitions and correspondence from various directions.

Again in these days when his honor Amin, upon him be the glory of God, was setting out for Your presence, this petition was submitted. As commanded, it was decided that the aforementioned should remain in this land and his journey was excused. However, afterward he himself requested to make one journey to return and arrange his affairs in that direction and come back quickly. Since he departed suddenly, therefore several Tablets were sent specifically for Your presence and for those related to You and for a few of the loved ones of God. God willing, more will be sent hereafter.

If you ask about the conditions of the prison, sufficient is what hath been revealed concerning it. In any case, this servant is bewildered day and night that while the ocean of bounties is manifest, the sun of favor is shining, the horizon of generosity is luminous, and verses are being revealed like torrential rain, how is it that people remain heedless and veiled, and have not been moved by the breezes of the days of God which are in truth the essence of life for all worlds and the cause of the quaking of all that is in the heavens and earth. We bear witness as God hath witnessed concerning them that they are dead, not living. Although in one sense this servant observes that just as it is, is beloved, as was said before: "Nothing in creation is more perfect than what is."

Blessed are the sincere ones. Today is the day of the sincere ones. Today is the day of those drawn nigh. They drink from the cups of recognition despite the people of creation, and they partake of the Kawthar of life, hidden from those who have denied the All-Merciful. Surely those souls are content with these conditions, for they stand at the highest station of jealousy and certainly do not accept unworthy rivals. Well is it with them and pleasant it is for them. My spirit and my being be a sacrifice for them.

By the life of God, were my Lord and Master to permit me, I would manifest in the world through His name that which would cause every atom to dance, every created thing to be attracted, and every weighty thing to hasten. All these veils are caused by numerous souls, and they are the ignorant divines who are known among the people by the name of learning. Neither do they themselves attain, nor are they content with the attainment of others. May God protect us and the company of the believers from these satans. But they have conceived vain imaginings. In their fancy, each day they cling to something that might be the cause of their glory among people, heedless that the Supreme Pen has struck out the word of glory that was associated with them. Never will they find glory nor will they see it. Like Qarun (Korah), they sink into the earth at every moment.

Those who are not detached and are not spiritual will never attain loftiness, even if they should cling to every means. The difference is that Qarun sank into the physical earth, while such souls sink into the earth of self and desire. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from their evil, their schemes, their deceit, their guile, their pride and their vanity. Consider that from the day the divines in Iraq rose up in opposition, most were seen to be abased and cast down, and some returned to their abode in hellfire. What more can this evanescent servant say? In truth it is a pity—nay a hundred pities—that mention of such souls should flow from the pen in such days as these. Shame upon them and their loyalty! Sufficient

unto them is what hath been revealed concerning them. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Revealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to all the friends, and say to them on behalf of this servant: O friends! Such days as these have never been seen nor shall be seen again. Know ye their worth and, with perfect fellowship and unity, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Lord of the Day of Judgment, that perchance ailing souls may drink from the sea of healing and distant servants attain to the Kawthar of nearness. For whatsoever is manifested from any soul today shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. God willing, may all be refreshed and gladdened by the vernal breezes of the All-Merciful. These breezes are not like the known breezes that pass in an instant and cease. Rather these are breezes that shall never be cut off from pure and holy hearts, for they waft from the direction of the garment of the Beloved and pass from the Most Great Prison which is the seat of the throne of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath found and known! Blessed is he who hath inhaled and breathed in! Blessed is he who hath turned toward Him with his breast stripped bare of coverings! And blessed is he who hath turned wholly unto Him, sanctified from all directions!

Whatever I might say is in truth little, even though it be much. Therefore brevity is best. Verily our All-Knowing Lord is the Interpreter, the All-Informed. In any case, in these days the honored Amin beareth witness that this servant hath not had and hath not the opportunity to speak, for matters have reached such a pass that I am continuously present and occupied with the revelation of verses, as petitions have arrived and continue to arrive from all directions. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist me in that which I have been commanded. Today, although there remain many writings that must be completed today, nevertheless permission was obtained from the Source of Grandeur and I became occupied with writing this letter, out of my love for your honor, O thou who hast aided the Cause of our Lord, the All-Bestowing.

BH00995: Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an…

He is God, exalted be He in wisdom and utterance

Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "No Messenger cometh unto them but they did mock Him." Likewise He saith: "When Our clear signs came to them, they said: ʿThis is plain sorcery."' Adam came, and they denied Him. When it came to Moses' turn, the Pharaohs rejected Him. The Son of Mary appeared, and the learned among the idol-worshippers and the Jews objected and denied that Supreme Grace in such wise that were it to be mentioned, the lamentations of the world would be raised. And when the sweet savors of the All-Merciful wafted from the direction of Hijaz and the Day Star of Manifestation—the Seal of the Prophets—dawned from the horizon of Batha, the Jewish, Christian and idolatrous divines rose up in opposition and issued the verdict for the shedding of His most pure blood.

In every age and cycle when the Sun of Truth hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, all have striven to extinguish its light, save whom God wished. And afterwards came the Herald, Who gave the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God to all. And when the appointed time arrived and the hidden, treasured Secret, which had been recorded by the Supreme Pen in all the divine Books, descended from the heaven of the Command with the banners of verses and standards of clear proofs, all denied Him.

And the divines of Persia—the Shi'ih sect—perpetrated that which no other sect had ever done, and committed that which caused the clouds to cry out and the heavens to wail. From the beginning until now, He hath been in the hands of His enemies—at times imprisoned in the land of Ta under chains and fetters, at times in other lands under the claws of the wicked. Finally, they carried Him as a captive from land to land until they assigned Him to this Most Great Prison and Most Mighty Stronghold.

I swear by the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance that in all conditions We have been and are thankful. Divine love transformeth hardship into ease and severity into relief. Tribulation in His path is acceptable and beloved by the lovers and the eager ones. The sincere and near ones have freely sacrificed and continue to sacrifice their lives in the path of the Beloved of the worlds.

Reflect upon his honor the martyr who was named Ali in the Kingdom of Names. By the life of God, he proceeded to the place of sacrifice with such joy and eagerness that the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and the Highest Garden all proclaimed "Well done, O Ali!" The holy ones of Paradise came forth to welcome him, and all remembered him, saying "Enter, enter, O ʿAli!" Were this station to be revealed, all would abandon the world and whatsoever is therein, and would turn unto that which is with God.

O Siyyid ʿAli, upon thee be My glory! Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and this perspicuous Tablet hath dawned for thee specifically from the horizon of the grace of the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks to the Desired One of the world for this great bounty.

Convey My greetings and praise to the loved ones of God and say: O people of God! Today the call of the Divine Lote Tree and the trilling of the Supreme Pen are raised. The ocean of utterance surgeth before the faces of all peoples, and the sun of knowledge shineth from the horizon of will. Hold fast unto truth and be free from all else. The opposers and barking ones have intended to lead the servants astray. Protect yourselves through the name of Truth. It may well be that from this land too there will arise one who barketh. We beseech God to set ablaze the friends of that land with the fire of the divine Lote Tree and illumine them with the light of His Cause, that all may attain unto supreme steadfastness and pass by all else save God like unto lightning.

O people of God! The Shi'ih sect counted themselves as the most learned, the most enlightened and the most excellent among all the peoples of the world, yet on the Day of Judgment they were seen to be the most lost among the nations. This loss proceeded from the divines, for in ages past they educated the people in vain imaginings, and even now they await the emergence of an imaginary one from an imaginary city. Such is the state of the divines of the past.

O Siyyid ʿAli! When thou hast received My Tablet and inhaled the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God, my Goal, my Beloved, my Worshipped One, my Hope, my Desire and my Refuge! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the ocean of knowledge surged in the contingent world and the horizon of utterance was illumined by the sun of proof, to aid me in Thy remembrance, Thy praise and the service of Thy loved ones.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I testify that through Thy manifestation the decree of resurrection was revealed, the Hour came to pass, the mountains were moved, the Trumpet

was blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom Thou didst deliver through Thy bounty and shelter beneath the pavilions of Thy grace.

O Lord! Separation from Thee hath caused my death, and my liver hath melted from remoteness from the court of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the power through which Thou didst transform remoteness into nearness and darkness into light, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Then cause me, O my God, to be so set ablaze with the fire of Thy love that Thy servants may be enkindled thereby.

O Lord! Thou seest mine eyes fixed upon the horizon of Thy bounty, my outer and inner hands raised toward the heaven of Thy mercy, and my heart turned toward Thy direction. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Abraham prevailed over Nimrod, Moses over Pharaoh, and Muhammad over Abu-Jahl, to enable me to do that which befitteth Thy days and beseemeth Thy Cause.

Then forgive, O my God, Thy loved ones whose hearts were troubled in adversity and who were seized with fear in times of trials. Then adorn them with the ornament of Thy pardon and bounty, and ordain for them the reward of what they have wrought in Thy path and that which beseemeth the heavens of Thy favors and the suns of Thy gifts. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

At the end of the Book, We counsel the friends of that land to love the kindred of the Martyr, upon him and upon them be the glory of God, His light, and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00992: My spirit, my very being, and all that my…

He is the Most Wondrous, the All-Glorious

My spirit, my very being, and all that my Beloved hath bestowed upon me be a sacrifice unto Thee! Praise be to God Who hath illumined our hearts with the light of Thy Holy Book and our breasts with the radiance of Thy gracious utterance. It is as though I have gathered choice and goodly fruits from the Divine Lote-Tree at this moment, which have been presented before Thy face. From the Source of Command was revealed:

O thou who bearest the name of Mihdi! May you ever be occupied with the remembrance of God and His service. I ask of Him and beseech Him to answer, by virtue of His sovereign might, as one of His servants who was related to the Son had beseeched Him, that He may strengthen us in the face of oppressive onslaughts, for verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and that He may shelter us in the fortress of His favors, bounties and grace, and so forth.

Thy Lord hath answered all of this even before thy supplication, inasmuch as He hath aided thee to serve Him, to promulgate His Cause, and to mention His Name amongst His servants, and hath protected thee from the insinuations of the sinful and the doubts of the deniers, and hath made thee steadfast in times

of trial and test. For such a Lord befitteth glorification, magnification and praise. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Peerless.

That which you had written concerning the circulation of copies of the Tablets was most pleasing. In truth, the divine Word is like the vernal breezes of God's tender mercy for all creation—the more it bloweth and passeth by, the sweeter and more excellent it becometh. This is of God's grace unto them. Previously certain Tablets were revealed to you wherein were recorded from the Pen of the Most High explanations regarding the revelation of certain verses of the Qur'an and some of the stories of the first believers. Those Tablets, nay rather all that hath been sent to you, should be dispatched to all lands, for they will prove most beneficial. Some of the servants are aware of what hath come to pass but know not what shall come to pass, therefore such Tablets will prove beneficial. Those to whom copies are sent should make copies thereof and send them to other regions. Although this wondrous Cause is one that hath no likeness in all that hath gone before or shall come after, blessed is he who beholdeth it with his own eyes, detached from all that he hath heard aforetime. In any case, befitting service to the Cause is expected of you; whatsoever you have done hath been and is acceptable.

Concerning what you wrote about sending to the land of KH-R-T, by My life, We love to hear their call at all times. We have not forgotten them, but rather remember them as befitting and proper. Verily your Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. God willing, after the way is truly opened, We shall send to them that which will cause their spirits to soar and their eyes to be consoled.

And regarding what you wrote about F-A-R-S, his book was presented at the Most Great Scene and an answer was revealed and sent. However, they must act with perfect wisdom. They must never explicitly speak of the Revealer and Sender. Most people are immature and as infants. When a child is born from its mother, it must be given milk, not meat and heavy foods, so that step by step it may be nurtured and reach a stage where it can partake of various fruits and manifold bounties.

You must greatly emphasize concealment of the Cause, wisdom, and tolerance with people. Although teaching was commanded in the Tablet, this is not intended or desired in these days. They must act according to people's capacity. The more matters remain concealed in these days, the better. Previously a Tablet was specifically revealed for them but was not sent. We beseech God that he remain firm and steadfast. The ultimate bounty regarding him is that his mention was recorded by the Eternal Pen in the Divine Tablet. Blessed is he, again blessed is he. If at any time he intends to turn towards this land, you must surely prevent him. The explicit command is that no one should turn towards this direction except with his Lord's permission.

Convey greetings from the True One to N-S. Say: God has seized him who cast you into the well. Verily He is the Deliverer of the lovers and the Destroyer of the idolaters. Likewise convey sublime greetings to Khalil of the land of S and Darvish and other loved ones of God, and especially to Aqa Muhammad-Rida who burns in the fire of separation, and convey countless greetings to his family. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and your family.

My very being and essence be a sacrifice unto Thee. Thou hadst expressed Thy deprivation from the Most Great Festivals. This year, in this land as well, matters were not conducted in accordance with the

customary practice; the details thereof were set forth in the former petition and shall attain the blessed sight. Yet that blessed Person hath in no wise been, nor is, deprived; for I bear witness that Thy remembrance hath ever been present. God willing, we cherish the hope that hereafter they may act in conformity with Thy longing and desire—that is, that Thou mayest, at all times and in every festival, quaff the limpid waters of nearness, meeting, presence, and reunion. With mine eyes fixed upon the all-embracing favours of that Beloved One, I supplicate that the mention of the sincerity of this evanescent one, together with his respectful salutations, may be conveyed to each of the loved ones of that land who are present in the holy Presence.

All the loved ones, one by one, offer before that blessed Person their boundless expressions of devotion and fidelity; and likewise they send unto those friends their earnest salutations. The Branches, the Leaves, and the Offshoots of the Divine Lote-Tree convey wondrous remembrance from God and lofty Baha'i greetings. The dwellers within the pavilion of the sacred household utter and convey unto that blessed Person and unto the holy household the most exquisite and exalted salutations.

My soul be a sacrifice unto Thee. A petition was laid before Him on Friday, the tenth of this month, together with a copy of Thy Tablet which had previously been sent, and likewise the weighty Tablet which had been revealed on the preceding night and presented, the copy whereof Jinab-i-Jud—upon him be the Glory of God—wrote and sendeth. The original of that Tablet was dispatched, and the details were set forth. God willing, it shall attain the most holy and most luminous presence.

The servant of God, dated Thursday 16 Safar, Ha ʿAyn A'zam

BH01014: Praise befitteth and is meet for the Desired One…

He is the All-Knowing Expositor, He is the Hearing, the Answering

Praise befitteth and is meet for the Desired One of the world Who, through the grace of the Most Great Name, hath bestowed upon all peoples the Kawthar of knowledge and understanding, and through the Most Exalted Word hath raised aloft before all faces the standard "The Kingdom is God's." The might of the oppressors, the prohibition of the deniers, and the clamor of the ignorant did not withhold Him. The ocean of generosity is surging in such wise as to encompass the realm of being and the kingdom of heaven, and the sun of grace is shining in such wise as to illumine all the worlds of sciences and arts. Glorious is His favor, exalted His dominion, and mighty His proof!

The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty and bestowal be upon the hands of His Cause, who have taken hold of His Book with a power that the hosts of rejection and the manifestations of denial could not withstand. These are they whom God hath described in His mighty Book, both aforetime and in these days: "Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God," and in another passage: "They speak not until He hath spoken, and they do as they are bidden." Through them hath God revealed His Cause and His sovereignty, through them hath He guided mankind unto His straight Path and His mighty Announcement, and through them have His traces been spread abroad, His signs been exalted, and His lights been manifested. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all things, of the former and latter generations.

Thereafter, on this blessed day, when four hours of the day had passed, this servant proceeded to the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Garden, and after attaining the presence before His face, the tongue of grandeur spoke these decisive words and manifest verses, He spoke and His word is the truth: "O Majd, His honor Khalil, upon him be the glory of his Lord, the Glorious, hath sent a letter. Praise be to God, through His special favors the friends of those regions have been blessed and the fire of love hath been kindled in hearts and souls. We beseech God to aid them to remember and praise Him and to serve His Cause, to rain down upon them from the clouds of His mercy the showers of His bounty, and to give them to drink, from the hand of His bestowal, the Kawthar of His utterance. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

"O Khalil! At this moment the letter hath attained Our presence and this Wronged One hath personally read it. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We have inhaled from thee the fragrance of steadfastness in this Announcement whereby the pillars of them that have denied the Day of Judgment have been shaken. Say: O people, fear the All-Merciful and be not of the wrongdoers. The proof hath come, and the Day-Star of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the conditions of the wicked and the deeds of the immoral grieve you. Leave them to themselves, turning unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed. They have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and have committed that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. The oppressor in the land of Ya hath perpetrated that which hath caused the hearts of the chosen ones to burn and the livers of the sincere ones to melt, and there hath appeared in the land of Ta that whereof We had forewarned you in Our Most Holy Book. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Record. The wrongdoers shall soon find the recompense of their deeds. Thy Lord, verily, is the Avenger, the Almighty, the Powerful.

"Say: O people of God! Let not the manifestations of idle fancies frighten you, nor the dawning-places of vain imaginings sadden you—they who have denied God's signs and His testimony and have rejected this straight Path. We have announced to them Him Who conversed on Sinai, this Revelation Who hath seated Himself upon the throne of utterance at the heart of contingent being, despite every ignorant remote one and every heedless doubter. When thou hast attained unto the Euphrates of thy Lord's mercy which hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen, and hast heard His most sweet call, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the horizon of Thy manifestation, given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and made me to know the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-place of Thy clear tokens. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all that was and all that shall be, to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and to strengthen me to stand firm in Thy love. Then I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Excellent and Most Ancient Name, to assist His Majesty the Sultan and his loved ones to turn towards Thee and to face the lights of Thy countenance.

O Lord! Aid him to protect Thy sheep from the wolves of Thy earth. Then write for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee and give him to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. Then make known to him, O my God, the nature of Thy loved ones whose hearts Thou hast purified from rancor and hatred, from corruption and contention. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O Lord! Adorn Thy loved ones with beauteous patience and noble steadfastness, illumine them with the light of Thy knowledge, and assist them to turn towards Thy servants and guide them in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Praise be to God! The Sun of proof hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance with such brilliance that those who would describe, remember, or speak of it all find themselves powerless and wanting. Who can count the waves of the ocean of His utterance, and who can encompass the effulgences of the light of His bounty? Each day a new scroll is revealed and each night a book appeareth. Glory be to God! Despite this supreme grace which hath encompassed both the seen and unseen worlds, the people remain heedless and veiled. What intoxication hath seized the world of knowledge? Despite the raising of the call and the appearance of the banners of the Lord of all beings, all remain asleep in the slumber of heedlessness. The cry hath not awakened them and the trumpet hath had no effect. In all conditions one must hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of bounty, that perchance the servants may not remain deprived in this blessed Day.

This servant submitteth and saith: O my God, my Lord, and my Support! Thou seest those who are near and those who have turned towards Thee in the hands of such of Thy servants as have turned away from Thee, and there hath befallen them in their love for Thee that which hath caused the dwellers of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm to lament. O Lord! Assist them to turn in repentance to Thy gate and to return to the court of Thy holiness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

As for the mention made of Aqa Khan and other loved ones, upon them be the Glory of God, after their names were submitted before the Most Holy Court, there was revealed for each one that which the world and all that is therein cannot equal. This is what was revealed for Aqa Khan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful.

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BH01044: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory!…

He is God, Exalted be His Glory: Wisdom and Utterance

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The letter from His Honor T’ which he sent to thee was received and the fragrance of love and steadfastness wafted from it. Blessed is he and his father and his mother whom We named Mother of the Near Ones’ in the Crimson Tablet from the Supreme Pen. Mention was made of His Honor Ismu’llah Jamal, upon him be My glory, that he had turned towards the land of M. Verily he is under the gaze of his Lord’s grace, the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God to strengthen him and assist him with hosts of angels to help his Lord through wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he and whoever loves him for My sake. We, from this station, send Our greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have held fast to the cord of My wisdom and acted according to what they were commanded in My perspicuous Book.

O My Name! We have commanded and continue to command all to wisdom. All must hold fast unto it and cling to it. In these days the Supreme Pen is at all times occupied with the mention of the loved ones. Despite the tribulations that have descended and the afflictions that have befallen Us, the Pen has not ceased. Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory, repeatedly mentioned in Our presence ʿT' and the members of that household, both male and female, upon them be the glory of God and His grace. Each has been favored with special grace. We beseech God that He may enable all to serve the Cause and to that which will perpetuate their mention throughout the dominion of the kingdom and the realm above.

And likewise thou hadst made mention of Umm-i-Haydar. Verily, We have remembered her as a grace from Our presence, and no remembrance can equal My remembrance, neither all the praises of the world nor whatsoever is possessed by the nations. Blessed is he that attaineth thereunto, and woe betide him that remaineth heedless; such a one is indeed numbered, in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds, among the most grievous losers.

In these days the travelers have arrived and abide beneath the sheltering shade. Ibn-i-Ismi and Asdaq—upon both of them be the Most Glorious Beauty of God—have attained unto visitation, presence, attentive hearing, and beholding. Thou hadst made mention of that household, and each one of its members hath anew been remembered in the Most Holy Presence. Well is it with them! O My namesake! Upon thee be My glory. Concerning the jewels and the collyrium thou hadst written: We make reply that His honor (ʿA. T.) hath attained unto his reward, whether the collyrium prove effective or not.

O My namesake! Upon ʿInayat and his sister be My glory. They too have been remembered in the Most Holy Presence. We convey exaltation unto the people of God in the land of Ta', and announce unto them glad tidings through the light of favor and the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. O people of God! Know ye the worth of these days, and cleave unto that which is meet and seemly. Today, righteous deeds and praiseworthy virtues are accounted the hosts of God. Blessed are the souls who have conquered hearts and minds through these armies. O people of God! In all times fix your gaze upon this most exalted word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of power: "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." By the life of God! Within this blessed word there lieth hidden the ocean of steadfastness and assurance. Whoso attaineth thereunto and drinketh therefrom shall behold himself steadfast and composed. Strive ye, that haply ye may attain unto this blessed word and find the Beloved. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon you and upon every steadfast and upright soul. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

O My namesake! The letter of Muhammad-Hasan—upon him be My glory—which he had sent unto thee, was observed. From it We inhaled the fragrance of his turning unto My horizon and his directing himself unto My countenance, and We beheld him speaking My praise and arising to serve My Cause. We beseech God to aid him, sustain him, and ordain for him the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Repeatedly hath his mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he, and blessed those with him, and his mother and his sister. We bear witness that they both attained unto My presence, stood at the door of My greatness, beheld My horizon, returned by My leave, and uttered My fair praise.

O people of God! This Wronged One, in the year gone by, was afflicted by the cruelty of a treacherous oppressor: on the one hand by the wrongs of the wrongdoers, and on the other by the ascension of Kalim, whom We adorned with the raiment of acceptance and made one of the branches of My Lote-Tree. Verily, the Cause is in the grasp of My power. We commemorate whomsoever We will with whatsoever We will, and bestow upon whomsoever We desire whatsoever We please. Yet tribulations and sorrows have not withheld, nor shall they withhold, the Most Exalted Pen. It moveth and circlest within the arena of utterance, and He is the Speaking, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of Mulla Muhammad-Rida. O Muhammad-Rida! The luminary of favor hath turned toward thee from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen and shone forth upon thee. Rejoice, then, and be thou of the thankful. Say: O concourse of divines! Die in your wrath. The Hour hath come while ye slept; the Cry hath been raised while ye remained heedless. Say: The breeze of God passed over you while ye were as dead. Say: Lift up your heads! The Sun shineth from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, would that ye might perceive, would that ye might behold. The rustling and the whispering have arisen, would that ye might hear. Say: Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Sea. Fear ye the All-Merciful; He hath desired for you naught but good, did ye but know.

And at this moment We make mention of him who was named Ali-Muhammad, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. Verily, We remembered him when My handmaid—she who attained unto My presence and turned unto My radiant horizon—stood before My face. O Ali-Muhammad! We have remembered thee, and We remember thy father who ascended unto the Most Exalted Horizon by a decree from God, the Lord of all worlds. The breaths of My verses encompassed him before his ascension and after it, and I am indeed the Compassionate, the Generous. Blessed is the soul that ascended in My days and attained unto the remembrance of My Most Exalted Pen, at a time when the seat of the Throne was in this mighty Prison. Praise be to God! All the souls mentioned have attained, and have been illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of My utterance. The glory be upon them and upon every steadfast and upright soul.

BH01038: Praise be to God who hath kindled the lamps…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of power and glory.

Praise be to God who hath kindled the lamps of utterance within the crystal globes of knowledge and divine understanding; who, by their light, hath guided the people of discernment to the gardens of eternal life, and directed the possessors of sound judgement to the paradises of intimacy and faithfulness. By these same lights He hath caused the trees of existence to yield the fruits of unveiling and inward vision, and from the very blackness of ink hath He brought forth the Kawthar of life immortal for the people of love and devotion.

Can His all-encompassing bounty be numbered? Can His outpoured grace, so limitless and unconfined, be measured or returned? Can any tongue reckon the wondrous tokens of His loving-kindness, or the subtle favours of His tender mercy?

How shall non-existence set about counting what floweth from the pure realm of pre-existence? How shall the feeble and impotent creature attempt to enumerate the attributes of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful? Verily He hath sanctified His own Self from being compassed by knowledge, and exalted His Essence above whatsoever the denizens of the realm of limitation can attain or comprehend. Glorified and exalted is He above that which the perceivers perceive, the describers describe, and the praisers seek to extol.

From everlasting His power hath encompassed the world of being, and His irresistible Will hath dominated all peoples and kindreds of the earth. He willeth, and He commandeth; He desireth, and He decreeth; He bestoweth, and He measureth out. For us, in describing Him, there is naught but sheer impotence and restriction. We know His might through our own weakness, His wealth through our poverty, His strength through our frailty, His all-encompassing grasp through our utmost striving.

Thus do we come to know our Lord through the knowledge of our own selves; and again, from another station, when we behold the evidences of His power within us, the mysteries of His handiwork in our inmost beings, the impress of the effulgence of the Sun of His knowledge upon our hearts, and the tokens of the marvels of His wisdom in our bodies and souls, by these signs do we infer that He is the Almighty, the All-Subduing, the Unconstrained. Otherwise, no finite thing can find a path unto Him who hath declared His very Being to be the Necessary Existence, and no link or bond can be forged betwixt the world of limitation and Him who is exalted above all limitation.

And peace and praise rest upon the well-springs of His wisdom, the dawning-places of His knowledge and power, the Manifestations of His glory and might—those by whose guidance the people of insight have attained unto that which uplifteth mankind to the pinnacles of wisdom and sound judgement; through whose light the breasts have been expanded, the hearts made glad, the souls exalted; and by whose rain the servants have reached the meadows of amity, concord and rectitude, and have been nourished with the fruits of love and affection in the gardens of unity and fellowship. And upon those also who are illumined by their lamp, who seek blessing from their very breaths, who behold their radiance, follow in their footsteps, and stand, night and morn, engaged in praise and remembrance amidst the realm of creation.

And now, thy first and second letters have been received, and I have become fully apprised of all that they contained. Although a few days have elapsed ere this reply was penned, yet God, exalted be He, is witness to state and word alike, that the remembrance of the spiritual friends is continually present, and that your memory is the very cause of joy and gladness, and the source of the expansion of hearts and breasts. From the manifold tokens of the divine favours and the wondrous bestowals of the Lord of grace do we supplicate and hope that thyself and the other friends may be sheltered beneath the shade of His bounty, and that with the Salsabíl of meanings, welling forth from the springs of those luminous words, He may render the soil of your hearts verdant and flourishing.

He is the All-Bounteous, whose grace hath encompassed the whole world, and the All-Merciful, whose munificence hath embraced all peoples and nations. Every being hath drawn a portion from His bounty, and every true seeker hath partaken of the outpourings of His tenderness. Glory be to God! What a

banquet is spread in the realm of existence, and what rapture and gladness stand revealed and manifest! Would that the people might but know, and might turn themselves toward their Lord!

Exalted be His glory! At all times hath He sent forth into this world the Manifestations of His power and might, for the uplifting of souls, the purification of hearts, and the ease and well-being of His creatures. Them hath He made to appear, through the subtleties of wisdom and the marvels of grace and compassion, that they may, by spiritual qualities, by gentle words and wondrous utterances, summon His servants to the gardens of intimacy and love, to the paradises of unity and accord, and may guide them to the station of nearness and the assemblage of holiness.

It is evident, unto the people of knowledge and insight, that if the advent of the Manifestations of God proceeded not from the command and Will of the Lord, exalted be His glory, never would those sanctified Temples of Being have been able to bear the manifold vicissitudes and ordeals that befell them, nor to endure such calamities as were inflicted upon them by the people of tyranny, aggression, injustice and transgression, nor to be well-pleased, to this degree, with such tribulations and hardships. Verily, their suffering in the days of adversity and affliction, and their constancy amid the onslaught of trials in the path of the Lord of creation, bear a clear witness to the reality of their Cause.

Blessed are the souls who, by following the traces of these well-springs of mysteries, have entered the Paradise of knowledge, have been sustained by the fruits of wisdom and exposition, and have attained, through steadfastness and certitude, unto the vesture of true victory. They, verily, are the triumphant, the successful, the ones who have attained, and in the gardens of nearness abide forever, delighting in the bounties of divine grace.

Thy third letter also hath reached Us, and hath become the cause of joy and gladness. By way of allusion thou didst voice a gentle complaint at the delay in reply. Since thou art not apprised of the circumstances of this land and of the perpetual occupations that press upon Us, thou art excused. We hope that thou mayest ever attain unto that which is best for thee in the end and in the beginning, and be enabled to accomplish that which is the cause of salvation, of life, and of the perpetuation of thy good name in the divine realms.

Look not upon this world and all that hath been created therein, but rather upon the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Lord of Names. Whatsoever is stamped with the seal of mortality, whose transience and evanescence are clearly manifest, is unworthy of regard or attachment. We beseech God to open the eyes of humankind, that they may turn towards the Most Great Outlook, behold with their own eyes the perishableness of this dusty world, and, through His bounty, be raised up into the everlasting and abiding realm.

Verily, He is the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but He, the Bestower, the All-Giving, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

Glory and praise rest upon thee, and upon the steadfast lovers of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of the knowers, the God of the truly wise.

BH11605: This is a Book from the Wronged One…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Remembrance and the Utterance

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who has turned and hastened unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Muhammad! We testify that thou hast soared on the wings of longing unto the Lord of the Day of the Covenant. Thou didst arrive and present thyself before the Gate, and didst hear the Call from the Dawning-Place of grandeur, and didst attain that which the near ones have attained. Render thanks unto God for this great bounty.

O Taqi! Hear My call once again. Counsel the people to fear God and to that whereby His wondrous Cause may be uplifted. Say: Beware lest the doubts of the people of the Bayan withhold you from your Lord, the All-Merciful. Leave them behind you, turning unto the Tree of Revelation whereon the Interlocutor of the Mount doth speak: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

O son of Abhar! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, turn thy face unto My countenance, take hold of My Book with the strength bestowed by Me, arise to serve My Cause, and turn unto Mine all-glorious horizon, at whose appearance the horizons prostrated themselves and the lights bowed down in humility. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth, as a grace from Us upon thee, and I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Go forth with My Book unto My lands and remind My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. Say: God is with you under all conditions. We hear and We see, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Fear God, O people, and follow not those who have exchanged the ocean for a drop and certitude for idle fancies. These are among the most lost, as recorded in a clear tablet.

We testify that thou wert present and didst mention the people of Qaf who fulfilled God’s Covenant and His Testament and were among the steadfast. And thou didst mention the people of Za who cast away vain imaginings, clinging to the cord of certitude. We testify that We heard from thee mention of the people of Ta who believed in the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, and the people of Qaf and Mim and Kaf. Rejoice thou at My testimony and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics.

We make mention of Our loved ones in Sad and give them glad-tidings of the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds. O people of Sad! The Lord of creation hath turned toward you from the prison quarter and beareth witness to your acceptance, your devotion, your humility and your submissiveness to a Cause before which the necks of the idolaters have bowed. There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath caused the Holy Spirit and them that circle round My mighty Throne to weep. Ye have been forced to leave your homes by reason of what hath befallen you. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, to this every discerning mystic doth testify. What aileth Me that I behold the wolf pursuing My sheep? Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. We counsel you to manifest the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby the faces of the idolaters have been darkened.

O My loved ones in Abhar! The Wronged One hath turned toward you from the prison quarter and hath mentioned you in such wise as cannot be equaled by the wealth of the rich nor by all that the kings and

rulers possess. He who was present before Us made mention of you; thus have We remembered you in this clear Tablet.

O Qamsar! The breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over thee and thou hast attained that which most cities of the world have not attained. Recognize thou this great bounty. We counsel thee to preserve what thou hast been given by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The crier hath cried out, the raven hath croaked, and the Dove of the Throne hath spoken: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Beauteous." We make mention of Our loved ones in thee and bid them to be steadfast in this momentous News. That which We foretold you hath come to pass, when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra and in the Land of Mystery and in this noble station.

We make mention of Our loved ones and friends in Mim and Alif, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O My companions there! We testify that ye have turned towards and believed in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Blessed are your homes wherein hath been raised the remembrance of God and the remembrance of His loved ones, and ye have attained unto that which was written down in the tablets of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O My companions in Sin and Nun! The Wronged One remembereth you and commandeth you to that which beseemeth this Cause, from which every heedless doubter hath turned aside. Take ye hold of the Book of God with the strength bestowed by Us, and be ye among those who are firmly established. We counsel you to preserve that which ye have been given. Render thanks unto your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Ibn-i-Abhar hath appeared before the Most Great Scene and made mention of you. We have remembered you in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Bountiful.

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Thou hast made mention of My male and female servants before the Countenance, and each servant and handmaiden hath attained unto that which was mentioned in the books of God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in a Tablet which none save He hath comprehended. Thus hath the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End been raised up in this exalted station. Say: O concourse of creation! By My life, the All-Merciful! We have sent unto you the fragrance of My sweetest utterance. Do ye perceive it, or are ye of the heedless? The horizons have been filled with the breathings of revelation. Do ye sense them, or are ye of those who slumber? The fragrance of the All-Merciful's robe hath been wafted throughout the world.

Blessed is he who hath recognized it, found it, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" By God! The world hath been perfumed by the fragrances of the Pen, yet the peoples are in strange drunkenness. Say: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come with the standards of divine knowledge, though it be against your wishes. He is the One before Whose name the Point of the Bayan and the Concourse on High and the angels brought nigh have prostrated themselves. Say: The Faithful Spirit circleth round the Throne, while the dwellers of Paradise abide beneath the shadow of this glorious and wondrous station. Whoso turneth away from this Name hath turned away from God in the past and in the future.

To this testifieth He with Whom is a preserving Tablet. The mercy that hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning this mighty Cause, whereby the limbs of the idolaters who cast the Book of God behind their backs have quaked, turning instead to every heedless one who hath turned away from God, the True King, the Manifest.

BH01067: O Pen of the Most High! Once again there…

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger.

O Pen of the Most High! Once again there hath reached thee that for which the dwellers of the Supreme Paradise have raised their lament, and whereby the pillar of knowledge hath been shaken in the Kingdom of creation: the ascension of him who was steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names; who, morn and eve, walked in circumambulation about the Throne; who, with myriads of the inmates of eternity, was ever voicing the praise of God; and who soared in the air of the mercy of his Lord, the Fashioner of heaven.

We bear witness that he turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and answered his Lord when the Call was raised; that he bore, in the path of God, that which most of the peoples of the world were unable to bear; that his heart was pierced by the arrows of the mockery of the adversaries; and that there befell him such woes as caused all things to cry out.

He it was that, when the Youth of divine knowledge came to him with the cup of the Bayan, took it in his hand and drank thereof in the Name of the Lord of the Hereafter and of this world, until the wine of the divine draught so enraptured him that he cast the world behind his back, and turned his face unto the Most Great Name, till he reached the circuit of the near ones and the sincere, came into the presence of the Throne, and hearkened unto the call of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

I testify that, through him, the breath of faithfulness passed through the cities of the names; I testify that he arose in the Cause with the most great steadfastness, such that neither the states and designs of the tyrants nor the might of the Pharaohs could withhold him. He bore witness unto that unto which the Lote-Tree of the farthest limit hath borne witness, and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed.

O Muhammad! As We were walking in this spot at the beginning of the day, the tidings of thy ascent, thy flight, thy turning and thy drawing nigh unto the Supreme Companion reached Us. Thereupon the servant in attendance came before Us and said:

> “The time of mention hath arrived, O Thou in Whose grasp is the Kingdom of the Bayan.”

O ʿAli! Thou art now in the Supreme Companion, and the tongue of Baha maketh mention of thee whenever sorrows encompass Him round about—sorrows which none hath fathomed save God, the Lord of all that is.

Blessed art thou, O ʿAli, for thou hast been faithful to the Covenant and Testament of God. Neither the circumstances of the people nor their injustice withheld thee from this Cause—a Cause at which the feet of every learned one have stumbled, and the hearts of every knower have been perturbed. I bear witness

that, at thy calamity, every soul that had turned unto God lamented, every believer wept, and every possessor of joy was steeped in grief.

O My Pen of the Most High! Since We have been debarred from turning Our face unto him, go thou, on Our behalf, with the breezes of Our loving-kindness, with the effulgences of Our mercy, and with the wafts of Our tenderness. And when thou dost arrive there, address that bodily temple from before the Wronged One and say:

Blessed art thou, O thou whose deeds have been adorned with the vesture of acceptance, and whose soul hath ascended whilst the Desired One was well-pleased with thee, turning toward thee, making mention of thee, and spreading abroad the tale of what thou didst accomplish in His path, at a time when His servants and His creatures turned away from Him.

Rejoice in the loving-kindness of God and His bounty, and in that which He hath ordained for thee in His Kingdom and in His Realm of might. I bear witness that thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants, in all lands, have failed to attain. When thy ascension was mentioned before the Throne, the faces of the Branches were turned toward thee with the breaths of the All-Merciful.

Thou art he who drank the wine of everlasting life from the hand of bestowal, and attained the Kawthar of reunion on a Day whereon the Ocean of nearness surged and the nightingale was guided upon the branches. Long years didst thou dwell beneath the shade of the mercy of thy Lord.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who maketh mention of thee, who turneth his face unto thee, who consorted with thee during thy days on earth, and who, after thy ascension, still speaketh thy praise. I bear witness that thou didst expend thyself, thy spirit, and all that thou didst possess in the path of God; that thou didst turn away from those who denied His verses, rejected His proof, and passed sentence against Him and His loved ones without any evidence or Book.

Sufficient for thee is this—that the Lord of Decree hath manifested His sorrow at thy tribulation, that thy mention might be exalted, and that His tenderness, His care, and His bounty toward thee might be made evident.

O ʿAli! Thou camest into this world to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, and thou hast returned unto Him with such steadfastness that from it the Supreme Concourse inhaled the fragrance of faithfulness. The splendour of Baha, shining from the horizon of eternity, rest upon thy first and thy last, thy outward and thy inward being.

Give thanks for this bounty which hath encompassed thee, taken thee unto itself, and drawn nigh unto thee. By the life of God! Wert thou to expend all the treasuries of the earth and the hidden stores of heaven, thou wouldst not have attained unto this Most Great favour and this most luminous, most perfect remembrance. Thou didst win this exalted station and this supreme bestowal in that thou didst traverse the path, come into the presence of the Throne of thy Lord, the Glorious, hearken unto His sweetest call, attain that which had been inscribed in the former Scriptures, and abide in the neighbourhood (of thy Lord) until thou didst surrender thy spirit unto God, the One, the Chosen.

I announce unto thee yet another favour: the Desired One hath bidden the servant in attendance to visit thee on His behalf, O thou through whose appearing the horizon of fidelity was illumined and the rains poured down. The command is God's, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We entreat God, the Lord of Names and the Fashioner of heaven, to ordain for His loved ones, His chosen ones and His friends, that which He hath ordained for thee; to grant Me the same confirmations as those vouchsafed unto thee; and to provide them with that wherewith thou wast provided in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH01085: The Epistle of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He is the One Who calleth from the Most Exalted Horizon in the Prison of ʿAkka

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh this day amongst the people is indeed the Lord of the Kingdom of Utterance, the Hidden Treasure, and the Concealed Mystery that was veiled from all eyes and inscribed by the Pen of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Through Him hath the decree of the Book been established, both in the beginning and at the end, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

O Mahmud! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Loving. I bear witness that thou hast cast aside all things, turning thy face toward the Kaaba of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Thou didst leave thy home, seeking the Lord of the House, until thou didst arrive and attain the presence of the Countenance and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of existence. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in this Prison, whereby the Cause of God, His sovereignty, His majesty and His power have been upraised, and wherein every hidden matter hath been revealed. Remind My brothers on My behalf and give them the joyful tidings of that which hath been ordained for them by the Pen of Decree from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have remembered them, and do remember them, with that which attracteth the hearts and souls. Say: Be not grieved by the deeds of those whose idle fancies have withheld them from reflecting upon the ultimate fate of things. By the life of God! Their actions shall profit them not. Soon shall they find themselves in the torment ordained for them by God, the Lord of Hosts.

Hear thou the Divine Call in the Persian tongue! Some have imagined that through the shedding of blood and the persecutions visited upon the friends the wounds inflicted upon hearts would be healed. Far, far from the truth! Rather, from every drop a new creation is brought forth, and from every affliction countless bounties are made manifest. Today the lovers have been so transported by the Word of the Beloved of the worlds that they regard the world and all that is therein as a handful of dust. Say: O people, by the life of God, this Call bestoweth eternal life and conferreth everlasting grace. Deprive not yourselves thereof. Fear ye God, O people, and be not of the heedless. Cast away what the world possesseth and take hold of this Manifest Book which acquainteth you with the Command of God, draweth you nigh unto the pavilion of His glory, giveth you to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance, and guideth you to His straight Path.

Today the lovers have a melody, and the City of Love is illumined and purified by the sweet and holy breaths of the friends of God, exalted be His glory. In truth I say these wrongs shall not be lost. The fire of hatred shall leave its traces until the end that hath no end, that all may become aware of the tyrannies perpetrated by the manifestations of iniquity and wickedness against the dawning-places of righteousness and piety. Hath any power been witnessed in the world, or will ever be seen, that can withstand the power of God? Nay, by His own Self, the True One!

O people of Iran! Beseech ye God that He may assist His Majesty the Shah to do that which beseemeth his station in this Day, and that He may not withhold from him the outpoured bounties, the eternal offerings, and the everlasting verses. Glory be to God! At times it hath been heard that His Majesty hath declared:

> "We have hitherto shown no favor to this community, nor manifested any mercy towards them. However, We now desire to deal with them with justice and equity."

Nevertheless it became clear that these words were not from the Shah, or if they were, his blessed intention was altered due to the whisperings of the tale-bearers of the world.

That which today is the cause of greatest astonishment is that His Majesty the Shah hath made no distinction between friend and foe, and hath regarded the true friends as enemies—God forbid! O Shah! Reflection is needed; perchance thou mayest become aware of those wicked souls who have been and are lying in wait. The intention here is not to refer to outsiders, but rather to one whose name none dare mention, yet whose deeds and intentions are clear and evident to those possessed of insight.

Glory be to God! What hath veiled the investigators! To say more would exceed the bounds of wisdom, yet We beseech God to assist and confirm His Majesty the Shah and grant him the knowledge to perceive, for should he become aware, he would hold fast to that which would ensure the perpetuity of his sovereignty and the reformation and advancement of his realm. That which is now the greatest means for His Majesty the Shah from the King of all means is that he should take a firm covenant from the Book that speaketh and from the Kingdom of Utterance, for this sacred covenant is immune from annulment and change; alteration shall not touch it nor shall obliteration reach it.

Besides this, no other means that could ensure the exaltation and elevation of the standard of sovereignty can be perceived. Verily, other means existed before, but their time hath passed. O Mahmud! Upon thee be the grace of God and His mercy, which hath preceded the unseen and the seen. Say: O my God, my God! Cast me not out from the door of Thy bounty, and withhold me not from the ocean of Thy generosity, and sever not the cord of my hope through Thy might and power. O Lord! Thou seest the thirsty one yearning for the stream of Thy mercy, and the essence of nothingness seeking the word of Thy proof, and the river of poverty desiring the sea of Thy wealth.

I beseech Thee, O Protector of them that are near, O Deliverer of the sincere ones, O Shelter of the sorrow-laden, to illumine the countenance of the sovereign with the light of Thy justice, and to adorn him with that which will draw him nigh unto the court of Thy bounty and the seat of Thy favors. Then aid him, O my God, with the hosts of earth and heaven, and the armies of the seen and the unseen. Verily, Thou

art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Almighty. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

BH01106: Ziyarat-Namiy-i-Asiyyih Khanum

He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the Counselor, the All-Knowing!

O Pen! Time and again have sorrows come to pass that have caused the people of Baha to grieve—they who have believed in God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, who have soared on the wings of recognition in the atmosphere of certitude, and who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken throughout creation. O My Most Exalted Pen! Calamities have befallen thee that have caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the highest Heaven to lament, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide to weep. Hear My call, then make mention of the calamity by which sorrows have encompassed My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and whereby patience and forbearance have fled and been scattered throughout the lands.

Say: O Most Exalted Leaf, mentioned in the Crimson Book! Thou art she whom God created to arise for the service of His Own Self, the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His signs, and the Source of His laws. He strengthened thee in such wise that thou didst turn wholly unto Him when the servants and handmaidens turned away. Thou didst hear His most sweet call and didst respond to it, and thou wert with Him in all conditions, until thou didst migrate from the Land of Ta to Zawra, and from Zawra to the Land of Mystery, and thence to this Prison which hath been designated by every name by God, the Creator of the heavens.

Thou wert, during the nights and days, blessed with His presence, gazing upon His countenance, circling round His throne, hearing His call, dwelling in His house, clinging to His cord, and holding fast to the hem of the robe of His bounty and grace, until destiny overcame thee with that which was written in the Book of God, the Lord of the former and latter generations. Thou didst endure its hardships until thou didst sacrifice thy spirit in His path before His face. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, O My leaf, who art mentioned in My Book and inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in My Scriptures and Tablets.

I testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of understanding from the cup of utterance, and didst endure in His path whatsoever befell thee of hardships and trials. We bear witness that thou didst believe in Him and in His Books and His Messengers and in that which He hath sent down from the heaven of His Will and the atmosphere of His Purpose. Rejoice thou at this moment in the Most Exalted Station and the highest Paradise and the most glorious Horizon, inasmuch as the Lord of Names hath made mention of thee. We testify that thou didst attain unto all good, and God hath raised thee to a station round which circle all glory and every lofty station.

Thou wert lying upon thy couch while the Most Great Branch stood in attendance upon thee, and beneath him the other Branches, then the kindred and handmaidens who were among the people of the pavilions of glory and chastity, then those whom God hath made to be the leaves of the Tree of His Cause and the fruits of the Tree of His bounty. The Branches would enter thy presence with greetings and would leave with sighs of anguish and sorrow. After the ascension of thy spirit, their tears descended and their

sighs ascended, and every possessor of a heart and station lamented before thy Lord, the Lord of the earth and the heavens. Alas, alas! By thy grief the people of the pavilion of glory and the tabernacle of grace were grieved, and the eyes of those who circle round the Throne shed tears at thy calamity.

The Most Great Terror appeared, and eyes wept before the face of thy Lord, the Chosen One. And we, the near ones, lamented in such wise that by our lamentation the people of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Paradise and the most glorious Concourse who circle round the will of their Lord, the Master of Origin and Return, in the eternity of eternities. O Exalted Leaf! Thy grief hath today turned day into night, joy into sorrow, and tranquility into agitation, until sorrows encompassed all who dwell in the realm of possibility, such that the Hidden Name, the Treasured Secret, and the Self-Subsisting One—Who sacrificed Himself for the One standing before all faces—were grieved. O Pen! Be patient, for sorrows have overtaken both the seen and unseen. Set aside what thou wert occupied with and say, turning to God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the grief of Thy chosen ones, the tears of Thy leaves, and the sorrows that have melted hearts throughout the lands, to forgive Thy male and female servants who have remembered her according to what hath descended from the heaven of Thy bounty and the mouth of Thy will. O Lord! Thou seest how cares have encompassed the manifestations of Thy Self-Subsisting Name, and sorrows have surrounded the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy glory and grandeur. I beseech Thee by their sighs and tears concerning what hath befallen Thee in Thy days, to send down upon Thy household that which may tranquilize their hearts and give rest to their souls, lest they commit what would increase Thy sorrow in Thy days.

Then forgive every maidservant who hath entered Thy house and lamented what occurred on this day which Thy decree hath altered, and which hath grieved Thy friends and chosen ones. Then assist Thy servant who is present, who hath stood firm in Thy service, shared in Thy tribulations, and spoken Thy praise. Then forgive, O my God, the maidservant who journeyed and those who left their homes until they arrived and heard, then returned, and those who sought Thy grace, Thy gifts, Thy generosity and Thy bestowals. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. If Thou shouldst desire, Thou wouldst turn grief into joy in Thy kingdom, and the essence of care into delight among Thy servants.

There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Then I beseech Thee once again, O God of Names, by the penetrating influence of Thy Command, the all-encompassing nature of Thy Will, the mysteries of Thy Book, and what hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scrolls and Writings, to forgive on this day all Thy male and female servants who have turned to Thee, attained to Thy remembrance, and arose to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Forgiving, the Kind, the Merciful. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH01090: O My Name, Al-Mihdi! Your letter which you sent…

O My Name, Al-Mihdi! Your letter which you sent to My servant who was present before the Great Throne has arrived. Say: O people of the world! By God, neither your veils, nor your words, nor your conditions, nor your manifestations, nor that to which you have turned can prevent the Most Great Name. He is verily the Truthful Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Informed. He turns to the right and says:

“There is no God but Me, the Evident Truth,” and to the left: “There is no God but I, the Chosen One.” Say: Through Him do all atoms proclaim: “There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Mighty.” Say: The Books have been adorned with My Name and the Bayan with My wondrous mention. Whosoever denies Me, say: Bring forth what you have, O heedless and remote one! You have taken the pond and forsaken the Most Great Ocean behind you. Arise in My Name and say: “I repent unto Thee, O God of the worlds!” Say: Through My mention have all mentions been realized, and through My manifestation it has been established that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Great.

Say: Die in your wrath, then be consumed in the fire of your rancor. By the True God, the Supreme Horizon has been illumined by the Sun of My Most Glorious Name, and the Lord of Names has come with an authority that neither your clamor nor what is in your hearts can prevent. We speak at all times and say: O people of creation! By God, this is He Who was promised in God’s Books, and this is He but for Whom no Prophet would have spoken, no Messenger would have been sent, and no Book would have been revealed. He is verily the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

Take the wine of certitude in My Name and abandon what you possess of conditions and idle fancies. Say: Through My fragrant breezes have the gardens been perfumed, and through the lights of My countenance has creation been adorned. Turn and observe, and be not of the heedless ones. Beware lest you act as you acted before, and beware lest you be of the ignorant ones. Has not the Trumpet been sounded? Has not the Lord of Manifestation appeared? Turn that you may hear what has been raised from His Supreme Horizon on this Day which God has announced in His mighty Tablet.

Observe and reflect upon those who have taken for themselves idols besides God and followed them in what they commanded them, and thereby went astray and led others astray until the earth was reddened with the blood of the Beloved. Say: Be fair and be not of those who turn away. We do not wish to mention them by their names lest your clamor be raised. My mercy has preceded My wrath, My grace My punishment, and My loving-kindness those who are in the heavens and the earth. There has befallen Me from the people of the Bayan that which befell not Him Who revealed the Furqan nor My chosen ones and My messengers before. To this bears witness whosoever was in My days and was of the fair-minded ones.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Follow ye that which the All-Merciful hath revealed, and draw not the sword of tyranny against Him Whom ye invoke by night and by day. Fear ye God and be not of the lost. Hold fast today unto the Most Great Cord and follow not the idle fancies ye possess. With Us are not the allusions of men; We speak and call out through that which hath caused the fragrances of the All-Merciful to waft throughout all possibilities. Thus doth My Pen speak and inform you of that which I possess, if ye be of them that hearken. Know ye, then inform your likes that the gate of heaven hath been opened through My Most Glorious Name, and the Hidden Mystery hath appeared through the Sovereignty of Names, calling out with the most exalted call:

> “O people of creation! By God, this indeed is the Existent One, this indeed is the Promised One, this indeed is the Intended One, this indeed is the Worshipped One, this indeed is the Witnessed One, this indeed is the manifest Truth, the Speaking One, the Impregnable Mystery.

Whoso denieth Him hath denied God throughout all ages, and whoso acknowledgeth Him hath acknowledged God, the Lord of all worlds."

O people of the Bayan! By God, ye have perpetrated that which hath caused the Primal Point and the Concourse on High and those settled in the Kingdom of Names to lament. Ye have committed that which none in the world hath committed, and perpetrated that which none among the peoples of the earth hath perpetrated. To this beareth witness the tongue of My grandeur and those who circle round My exalted Throne.

O My Name! Remember when thou wert with Me on the mountain and didst witness the moaning of My heart and became acquainted with the ocean of My grief at what was inflicted upon Me by those who dwelt round about Me and in My vicinity. By the life of God! Were I to recount My tribulations, all things would cry out and weeping would be raised between the heavens and the earth. Say: None may enter this most exalted station save with a pure heart, a sanctified mind, and a radiant countenance. This is the station wherein was raised the call of Moses when He said: "O Lord, show me Thy beauty," and heard: "Thou shalt not see Me," and the station wherein was raised the call of the Spirit and the call of them that are nigh. Whoso entereth therein and doeth that which the All-Merciful hath not permitted, the denizens of the pavilions of holiness shall disavow him. To this testifieth every just and discerning one.

How often have We seen some in error and grievous sin, and concealed it as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Ask thou God to grant them success in returning, or to make known to them the way of departure. This is better for him who hath believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Say: Take hold of the reins of your passions, then seek forgiveness that God may forgive you as a grace from His presence. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Thus have We expounded for thee, O My Name, that thou mayest remember My tribulations and what hath befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones. Say: O My loved ones! Reflect when We named the prison the Most Great Prison and informed you of this at the beginning of Our arrival. Verily He is the Knower of Truth, informing you of what is to come. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament and have followed that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

BH01102: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having…

In the Name of the One that is holy above all names

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled Thy loved ones and the leaves of the tree of Thy love to do that which beseemeth them in Thy days, namely to stand firm in Thy Cause and to arise in a manner befitting their kinship to Thy Beauty and the Manifestation of Thy Oneness. Blessed is he who hath been named with the Name that hath borne tribulations in every age and dispensation in the path of Thy love, and blessed is the leaf whom Thou hast related to Thyself and mentioned in the tablets of Thy glory from the Pen of Thy bounty.

Thou knowest, O my God, when her petition and letter reached Us, wherein her cry and lamentation were raised concerning Thy Cause and what befell the Beauty of Thy oppression, how the fire of grief seized the very elements of this ephemeral one. Yet, O my God, I was gladdened from another perspective when I saw her steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause and obedience. Blessed is she for having fulfilled Thy promise and not broken the Covenant on this Day of Separation. Therefore, O my God, assist him and that leaf in all that Thou lovest and approvest, for verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

The missive from that honored one, from whose words wafted the fragrance of love for the Ancient Lord, reached this evanescent servant, as did the petition of the leaf which had been submitted to the threshold of the Divine Throne, together with the letter she had written. Blessed and sanctified be that honored one and that leaf who were not prevented by the cawing of the crows from the Beauty of the Lord of the Worlds, and who were not veiled by the waters of the statements of rejected souls from the sweet stream of the utterance of the Merciful One and the flowing waters of the knowledge of the Glory of the All-Glorious. This is naught but from the divine, invisible confirmations and the hands of pure bounty which preserved that honored one from that which befitteth not thy kinship to Him, and confirmed thee in that which beseemeth the manifestation of His favors unto thee.

Another supplication that the beloved leaf addressed to the Most Holy Court, and a letter that they had written, were both presented in full before His most exalted presence. The Wronged Beauty is witness that what heat was kindled in the heart upon reading them, for whatsoever was written and spoken was for God and for His sake. Every word that issues forth from the mouth with sincerity for God's sake has been and will ever be effective throughout all existence. What more can I say of how many manifestations of grace and appearances of the favors of the Beauty of Unity I witnessed regarding your honor and that leaf. By God! Were I to attempt to recount them, the ocean would be exhausted ere I could complete mention of what I witnessed of the Ancient Beauty's favors toward you. God willing, may they ever be confirmed by God's special favors, which today are the confirmations of steadfastness in His Cause, and be gladdened and rejoiced through His wondrous favors. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving.

The Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for your honor and that leaf hath been revealed from the Source of God's Will and sent. Convey infinite greetings from this evanescent one to all the friends in that land, especially to the honored friends Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah and Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon them be the glory of God and His favors, whose mention hath always been in your book and who have been mentioned at the Divine Throne. Convey infinite greetings to them on behalf of this servant. And regarding their request for a special Tablet, it was presented and the utmost favor was shown regarding them. God willing, hereafter a sublime Tablet specifically for them will be revealed and sent. Since regarding this bearer's journey it was arranged that only replies to supplications would be sent, therefore it was not sent this time.

And regarding the question about the blessed verse "Verily the Ta' hath entered and from the land of Fa' My Herald hath appeared," there was no opportunity to specifically present it before the Most Holy Court, but what this servant hath understood from this blessed verse and other verses revealed in the

divine Tablets is that it refers to the appearance of unacceptable souls in certain lands and is not specific to that land. We beseech God to protect all from the schemes of the schemers and the deceptions of the fabricators and liars.

And regarding what was written about the hidden matter, God willing, details will be presented and afterwards an answer will be sent.

And regarding what was written about the non-receipt of those funds, this servant was greatly surprised that Jinab-i-Amin delayed in the matter of the Truth. This is extremely strange from him. These days they have not yet arrived.

Furthermore, after these detailed submissions, Jinab-i-Aqa Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, arrived and delivered your bundle of letters. God willing, the reply to that will also arrive soon.

Convey infinite greetings from this evanescent servant to all the friends who have drunk from the cup of love and assurance and become free and detached from all else but God.

The Branches of the sublime, impregnable, exalted divine Lote-Tree and the Twigs of the divine Tree remember, praise, glorify and extol your honor with wonderful spiritual remembrances and sublime, most glorious salutations, as do all the loved ones of God, both those who circle round and those who are imprisoned—all convey infinite greetings to your honor. Convey exalted and most glorious greetings and remembrances to your children and household, all of them. Indeed remembrance, glory and radiance be upon you.

The servant of God

BH01118: O thou who hast turned thy face toward God!...

He is God, exalted is He in Might and Power

O thou who hast turned thy face toward God! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His peace. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One from the Most Great Prison. He hath desired naught in the realm save reformation, as doth testify the Lamp of the world, which hath taken neither glass, nor crystal, nor veil for its protection. By God! The Glory hath not spoken from desire, but rather that which draweth mankind unto a station wherein their hearts may 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 dominion of the nations who cast off righteousness and embraced lewdness without clear proof or evidence have proven impotent.

Say: O servants! Hearken unto the counsels of the Wronged One. The first of all things and of every mention hath been the knowledge of God. He is the Sustainer of all and the Educator of all. The first thing that proceedeth from knowledge is the love and unity of the servants, for through unity are the horizons of the world illumined and brightened. The purpose of unity is association, and the purpose of association is mutual assistance. The means that outwardly conduce to unity, fellowship, guidance and love are forbearance and beneficence. In one of the 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 for him who loveth

his country, but for him who loveth the world. The fear of God hath ever been a sure fortress for the protection of the commanding self. It is the cause of the refinement and sanctification of one's being, both outwardly and inwardly.

Time and again have We said that the victory mentioned in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets hath been through wisdom and utterance, as well as through deeds and character. By the life of God! The mightiest hosts of the world have been and are goodly character and pure deeds. The sword of virtue is keener than a blade of steel, were ye to understand. Without veil or concealment have We mentioned the Cause of God before the faces of the various peoples, and have enjoined upon all that which will draw them nigh, preserve them and exalt them. From the beginning of days until now, We have borne and shown patience toward whatsoever hath befallen Us in the path of the One True Friend. Through God's grace and mercy, We have been and are sanctified from that which containeth even an atom's weight of corruption.

Today, that which is worthy of mention is that which conduceth to the unity, harmony, elevation and exaltation of all. A goodly deed is like unto a tree, from which delicious and pleasing fruits immediately appear. This is the day of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Let not the counsels of the Wronged One pass from sight. We hope that the fragrance of love and friendship may be diffused amongst the loved ones, and that they may associate with one another in love and kindness.

In one of the Tablets We have uttered this exalted word: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion. The tabernacle of world order is upheld upon two pillars: reward and punishment. Such matters pertain to the monarchs of the age. They are the manifestations of God's power and the dawning-places of His divine majesty. After recognition of the Lord, exalted be His glory, it is incumbent to serve and obey the government and to hold fast to wisdom. These two cause the elevation and exaltation of existence and its progress.

We beseech the True One that He may illumine His Majesty the Shah of Iran, may God strengthen him, with the effulgent lights of the Sun of Justice. If the divines of the Shi'ih party would permit, royal kindness and mercy would embrace all and he would rule with justice and fairness. This Wronged One has loved and continues to love fidelity, and that a king among the kings of the earth would assist the oppressed ones of the world. The path of truth and its balance has been justice and fairness. We implore God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His servants from that which hath been mentioned. We counsel once again the friends of God to be trustworthy, to be religious, to be chaste, and to fear God, the Leader of the hosts of justice, the One Who commandeth, the All-Wise.

My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to perform that which will diffuse the fragrance of Thy good pleasure and will be adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. O Lord! Thou hearest their sighing, beholdest their tears, and knowest what hath befallen them without any evidence 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 Pen of the Wronged One hath, at all

times, enjoined upon the servants that which will profit them, draw them nigh, and exalt them. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, 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 upon them.

My God, my God! Aid Thy heedless servants to return unto Thee, and the wrongdoers to turn toward the gate of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the All-Pardoning, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01110: Praise be unto God, Who hath made the proof…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Almighty.

Praise be unto God, Who hath made the proof to shine forth and the path to be made manifest, and hath acquainted us with His countenance, the All-Glorious, the All-Beautiful. He it is Who hath taught the tongue the gems of wisdom and utterance, and hath distinguished man with knowledge and true understanding. Exalted is His all-conquering Word, His resistless Will, His all-embracing Purpose, and His outspread Mercy. By His might and wisdom He hath made existence one, and by His loving care He hath revealed unto it the stations of Divine witnessing, and hath enjoined upon it that which shall deliver it in its first estate and in its last. Glorified, glorified is He, exalted is His testimony! From everlasting His wont hath been bounty and bestowal, and unto everlasting His way shall be generosity and munificence. There is no God but He, the Lord of Names, the Maker of earth and heaven.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Creator and my Hope! Thou art He Who hath summoned Thine Own Self by the name of grace, and Thy mercy hath encompassed the world, and Thy supreme favour and Thine all-perfect, most complete bounty have encompassed all existence. I beseech Thee by that Name of Thine before which the limbs of princes have trembled, and through whose manifestation the very foundations of the learned have been shaken; by which Thou didst distinguish those who turned unto Thee from those who turned away, and didst set apart the knowing from the ignorant, that Thou mayest guard Thy loved ones in Thy lands from the evils of the wicked among Thy servants.

O Lord! Even as Thou hast guided them unto Thy straight Path and Thy great Announcement, leave them not in the hands of Thy heedless servants. Vouchsafe unto them the bounty of constancy upon Thy manifest Path, and suffer not their hands to be cut off from holding fast unto Thy firm and stalwart hem. Adorn them with the robes of nearness and acceptance; deck them with the raiment of grace and attainment; and, through them, guide Thy creatures unto Thy presence. Make them a means whereby Thy beings may attain unto the paradise of Thy knowledge; for Thou verily art the Most Bountiful, the Gracious. There is no God but Thee, the Giver, the Bestower, the Tender, the Most Merciful.

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of love and sheltered beneath the shade of the care of thy Lord, the Lord of Being! That which thou didst embroider with the traces of ink, and wherein thou didst set forth what was hidden in thy heart of love and union, hath indeed been received. I entreat my Lord, the Generous, the All-Endowing, to bestow upon thee at all times the bounty of liberality and beneficence, and to ordain for thee such things as shall rejoice thee in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

Turn not thy gaze unto this world and its anxieties, nor be saddened by the sorrows and darksome cares it revealeth. By thy life! It is a realm of afflictions, and there is naught therein to cheer the righteous or illumine the hearts of the pure in spirit. Had it been worthy, God would never have abandoned it to the wicked. It behoveth them who have attained the court of knowledge and appeared before their Lord, the All-Merciful, to divest themselves at all times of the robe of grief and sorrow, and to clothe themselves in the garment of joy and gladness, and to make mention, morn and eve, of their Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

Consider this world—its passing, its faithlessness, its changes and vicissitudes. Hath the might of the mightiest endured, or the abasement of the most abject continued? Hath the name of any endured, save only the names of those who took shelter beneath the shadow of God and cut themselves off from all save Him? Meditate upon the grace of thy Lord, and the loving care of Him unto Whose presence is thy return and in Whose realm is thy abiding. His mercy hath outstripped thee, and His solicitude hath encompassed thee. I beseech God to give thee to drink of the Salsabil of His bounty, and to protect thee beneath the shade of His Name, the Lord of Names. There is no God but He, the Maker of all things, the Creator of earth and heaven.

O spiritual Friend! Not only hath the perusal of thy letter been honoured in the Most Inviolable, Most Exalted Court, but mention of thy honoured person and of thy writing was likewise presented. The tongue of grace uttered these exalted words: He is God, exalted is His glory, the All-Great, the All-Powerful. Ever hast thou been remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. From the earliest days until this very hour He hath been making mention of thee, His gaze turned toward the horizon on thy behalf, His face set toward thee, and He Himself arisen to serve thee.

This testimony shall, in the fulness of time, be made manifest as a treasure in the land of reunion unto Him, and the sayings of men shall not avail to efface it. Be not grieved at that which hath come to pass; it hath been spoken for the sake of the Truth. That which the tongue is powerless to utter is one and the same enduring Reality, and He hath enjoined upon His chosen ones patience, comely and serene. The Most Great Branch is present with the Wronged One, and he, in his entirety, presented thy letter. We heard it, and now, in this Most Holy Tablet, answer hath been graciously vouchsafed, with the utmost joy and gladness and with supreme delight.

Be wholly occupied with thy affairs, and seek from God that He may assist thee in the ordering of them. In very truth thou hast fallen into hardship; nevertheless, with perfect steadfastness arise to set thy concerns aright. Thus far the words of no soul, with regard to thine affairs, have found a hearing with acceptance. Convey my greetings to the friends, especially to the two sons.

Say: O my God, my God! Unto Thee be praise, inasmuch as Thou hast guided me, made Thyself known unto me, and taught me Thy straight Path. I beseech Thee by Him at Whose advent the ladders of knowledge and understanding were adorned, by Whom the sweet savours of Thy Revelation and the manifestations of Thy signs, the billows of the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of the orb of Thy bounty, were made to cease from all save Thee and to appear in their true splendour, that Thou mayest assist me to set aright mine own affairs and the affairs of Thy servants.

O Lord! Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee and severed from all beside Thee. I entreat Thee by the word of Thy Oneness, by Thy resistless Will and Thy all-encompassing Purpose, to ordain for me the good of the next life and of this. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all that is. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

All praise be to God! Through His endless grace thou hast been exalted and mentioned by the tongue of the Well-Beloved—may our souls be offered up for His sacred court. It behoveth thee to render thanks for this clear, mighty favour, and to say at every moment: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Desire of them that truly know!

Remember also the son of Jinab-i Akhavi—upon them both be the glory of God—and Aqa Ahmad—upon him be His remembrance—with wondrous, exalted supplications. Upon you be the Glory of the All-Glorious.

BH01134: This evanescent servant makes known that the traces…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Holy, transcendent above all likenesses and peers!

This evanescent servant makes known that the traces of the luminous Pen, adorned with the lights of love for the Lord of Power, illumined both heart and sight. Praise be to God that tidings of your outward well-being were heard from that radiant leaf which was in truth a spiritual messenger, bringing the utmost joy and delight. The original letter was written by your honor in the name of the Name of God M.H.—upon him be all the most glorious Glory. Therefore this evanescent servant, in reply to your august letter, has troubled your fragrant mind with these unworthy mentions. Regarding what you wrote that they have forgotten you, this servant testifies by God that in most gatherings when opportunity arose, they were occupied with your mention and you have not been erased from their view. Likewise in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court your mention has been and continues. Blessed are you for having attained to the source of good, its beginning and its end.

As for what you wrote regarding the upheaval in the Holy Land—by your life, no eye hath seen nor ear heard the like. This servant has submitted a brief account of these matters to the friends which is with the honored Name of God. God willing it will reach the luminous gaze and you will be informed of the details. How excellent is what flowed from your pen!

You wrote that no error has produced such merit in the visible world. Though outwardly it occurred without permission and was the cause of great harm, yet for those evil souls it was pure justice—their deeds were embodied and suddenly seized those wicked ones. Upon them be the curse of God and the curse of His chosen ones and the curse of the near angels.

As for the prisoners, praise be to God they have all been released, and those seven are free to move about except that they return to their quarters at night. Every grave matter with Him is simple and easy. Among the seven, one of them in those early days when severity was at its height composed and submitted an ode which has been sent to your radiant presence. You will observe it. Since your honor had inquired about the condition of the seven, therefore the ode was sent.

And regarding the friends of that land, His words, exalted be His grandeur:

Say to My loved ones who have soared in My nights and have turned with their hearts to the Ultimate Goal in My love and remembrance: If ye differ in anything, refer it to God, your Lord. He will judge between you with pure justice. He is in truth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, all must gather on one plane and soar in one atmosphere. If they differ in any matter they must inquire of the Source of the Cause, for through God's infinite bounty the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Command is manifest, evident and visible. Glorify them on My behalf, then gladden them with this noble Remembrance that they may gather as brothers upon the thrones of their Lord's command, the All-Merciful, and be numbered among the successful ones.

Regarding your mention of the House of Justice, it is clear and evident to you that the upheavals of this earth, its tribulations and its afflictions have been revealed beforehand in the Tablets of God. Therefore, whenever a decree was revealed, this servant strove to have copies sent to all regions lest the upheaval and turmoil of this earth become a barrier between God's ordinances and His servants. Indeed, during these upheavals there was fear that all that existed would be lost, but God preserved it through His sovereignty and power. For this reason, a copy of that Tablet was sent, and the intention was not for it to be implemented in these days, for it is known that the loved ones are few and the enemies many. Therefore, the disclosure of these matters has caused and would cause harm. For example, if those souls were to be designated in every city now, it would surely become known and the ungodly would rise up. In any case, the Tablet was sent so that it may be preserved with the loved ones of God until such time as circumstances permit. He is, verily, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Convey on behalf of this evanescent servant greetings to all the friends, and God willing, may they gather in one meeting where you shall host them to tea and recite that which hath flowed from the Most Holy Tongue, that all may be adorned with the new raiment of unity. I mentioned this matter in the Most Holy Presence and He smiled, which indicates the pleasure of my Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

Regarding what you wrote about Ismu'llah presenting himself at the threshold of the Throne on your behalf whenever he attains the presence—since he is not here, as was mentioned, this servant attended the presence before the Throne on your behalf:

> "I entered the Most Great Scene and presented myself before the Throne and visited the Desired One on your behalf."

Praise be to God Who enabled this evanescent servant and honored him with this supreme triumph. His is the praise and bounty in all conditions. I beseech God that the sweet fragrances of your correspondence may ever continue to waft, and that we may be gladdened and delighted by its wondrous and sublime words. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

BH01154: In My Name, the Glorious, the Bountiful

In My Name, the Glorious, the Bountiful

O Land of Sad! Where is that Greatest Sacrifice for which no ransom was accepted in the path of God, the Lord of all beings? And where are they who were martyred for love of this Youth, at Whose appearance the idols were shattered—they who pronounced judgment against the trusted ones of God, the Lord of the worlds? O Branch of My Tree! Where is My Dove that warbled and cooed and sang? Hath it soared to the Supreme Companion or have the wrongdoers seized it with the talons of hatred between earth and heaven? Tell Me, and be not of them that remain silent. Where are the brilliant stars and the luminous planets and the known months and manifest days and radiating lights? By God! They have set and disappeared and been veiled and returned, yet the people are in manifest dissension. O My Ridvan! Why do I not see thy birds and hear their songs, and why do I not see My dove and hear its melodies? Is it in this vain life or hath it flown to the eternal Paradise? Tell Me and be not of the patient ones.

O Great Master! Long have been Thy sorrows, which have bewildered the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and the people of Thy pavilion have lamented. By Thy glory! Thy call hath not ceased, nor Thy remembrance at dawn. I hear Thy yearning in the morning and Thy moaning at sunrise and Thy cry and lamentation at eventide. Have mercy upon Thy servants and loved ones. I bear witness, O My Beloved, that martyrdom in Thy path was the hope of Thy Prophets and trusted ones. The Point of the Bayan, Who was martyred in Thy path, hath testified to this, saying:

> "O Remnant of God! I have sacrificed my all for Thee and have accepted revilement in Thy path, and have desired naught save martyrdom in Thy love."

Verily, he who attaineth unto this most exalted, most exalted station hath attained unto all good in the world to come and in this world, and Thou art the True Witness, and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who speakest! Hold thy tongue, for thou hast transgressed thy bounds. Repent unto God and be of them that return. Dost thou question the doings of Him Who should not be questioned about what He doeth? Seek refuge in God Who created and fashioned thee, and be not of the heedless. Thou hast not reached even the shore of one of the oceans of thy Lord's wisdom, how much less its depths and billows and what lieth concealed in His knowledge, the Protector of all worlds. He is the One by Whom was raised the banner of He doeth what He willeth' and unfurled the standard of He shall not be asked of His doings' above every lofty flag.

O thou who seeketh the Spirit! Leave off His mention and what is mentioned in the kingdom of creation, then set thy face toward the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Habitation, the Station which is adorned with the lights of the Celestial Realm and honored by the glances of God's favor, the Sovereign of the kingdom of earth and heaven. We desired thee to be the first seeker and the first visitor. Go forth with the fragrances of the garment from before the Dawning-Place of Sanctity to the land wherein appeared the Most Great Martyrdom and the supreme sacrifices. We counsel thee to be vigilant, for the wolf howleth and the serpent hisseth. When thou approachest the city and beholdest its traces, pause and say:

O City of the Beloved! Where is the ocean of God's love and the ships that sailed upon it? Where are thy flowing springs and thy radiant, rising stars? Where are thy lofty, luminous crowns and thy brilliant,

shining moons? Tell of what the oppressors did to them. Can the pen flow or are all pens powerless to recount it? The matter is in the hands of God, the Lord of all beings. O City of the Beloved! By God's life, what they endured from the oppressors shall not go unrequited. To this beareth witness the Knower of the seen and unseen, Who grieveth for His loved ones and chosen ones, manifesting His grace, His faithfulness, His care and His favors. By His very truth, they are in magnificent gain, though the people be in evident doubt.

Then turn toward the sacred shrines and exalted stations, and when thou hast recognized and found and attained their presence, pause and say:

May the first light that shone from the horizon of the face of your Lord, the Creator of heaven, be upon you, O manifestations of faithfulness and dawning-places of the names in the kingdom of creation! I testify that through you were raised the banners of victory and the standards of guidance, the horizon of steadfastness was illumined and the breeze of God wafted among all creatures. Through you was renewed the garment of martyrdom and there appeared that which bewildered minds and hearts. You are they who sacrificed what you possessed, your souls, every member of your bodies, and every vein in your flesh in the path of God, your Beloved and your Goal. You are they whom no oppressor's tyranny, no censurer's blame, nor the power of any who turned away from God deterred, when He came with sovereignty encompassing all in the heavens and earth. I testify that by your tribulation the Concourse on High lamented, and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Pavilion, and the tongue of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, spoke forth. Before all believers: "We are God's, and to Him shall we return." And in all conditions, praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Thereafter, ask of God whatsoever thou desirest of His bounty. He is indeed the Mighty, the Loving….

BH01192: The servant has appeared with pen and tablet, desiring…

He is the Warbler

The servant has appeared with pen and tablet, desiring verses to be sent down to him. We said: "They have filled the earth and the heavens." He says: "The ocean cannot quell my thirst for knowledge. I desire that from the fountainhead of Thy Most Exalted Pen there should flow forth oceans in remembrance of Thy Most Glorious Name." We say: "The lands would be laid waste thereby and the people would drown therein." He says: "This would be better for them and for the lands, by Thy dominion that overshadows the worlds." We said: "Can fire benefit the fish, or water the salamander?" He says: "Whatsoever appears from Thee, shouldst Thou so desire, is the most great antidote for the nations and a healing for all ills." We said: "Bring forth thy witnesses in proof." He says: "Thou, Thou art the Dayspring of verses! Thou seest among the people those who flee from the Most Great Name, and among them are those whom God hath made the Kawthar of eternity. Thus doth the Pen testify from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise."

Would that the people knew of the waves of this ocean and what lieth concealed therein of the pearls of the knowledge of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

O Pen! Days have passed while thou wert silent, uttering neither remembrance nor exposition. Because of this the realities and divine explanations have lamented. Revive all things once again through thy sweet melody, that perchance thou mayest behold one who will arise to serve thy Lord and aid Him, detached from all else save Him. We testify that through thee the fountains of wisdom have flowed in the hearts of creation, and the Kawthar of life hath streamed forth for the people of understanding, and through thee the breaths of inspiration have wafted among mankind and the fragrances of revelation among the followers of all religions.

With this conquering, prevailing power, and this all-encompassing, penetrating sovereignty, canst thou speak that whereby the gate of My Paradise might be opened—that Paradise which lay hidden in the knowledge of thy Lord, the Illuminator of lights—and whereby thou mightest behold shining from its horizon the Sun of the beauty of thy Lord, Who caused thee to speak a word from His presence to all who are in the heavens and the earth? It is a Paradise wherein are enumerated the bounties of divine knowledge, and around which the Garden circleth at eventide and at dawn. Come, O My Pen, that I may recount unto thee and thou mayest recount unto Me. Nay, thou art powerless to do this and findest thyself unable to describe that station and what hath been ordained therein. Canst thou speak that whereby the heart of thy Lord would be gladdened, or whereby the thirst of him who hath stood at the gate might be quenched? This, despite My knowledge that wert thou to send down verses to the number of the drops of rain and fill therewith the tablets of earth and heaven, he would still say:

> "Where is Thine other favor, O Thou Who sendest down bounty from the heaven of bestowals to all who are in creation?"

O Pen! This is thy Day. Move between the fingers of the Beloved at His bidding, and captivate the dwellers of the Kingdom with thy melodies and the denizens of the Realm of Might through the mention of this Beauty that hath shone forth from the horizon of grace, and this Countenance that hath appeared from the horizon of glory. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy presence and caused me to speak forth Thy praise. I testify that this proceedeth not from me, nor do I deserve it, but rather from Thy grace, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things.

This is a paradise wherein the sun is seen rising from its dayspring, and it is the face of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and the light of its moon is from the brow of God, the Lord of all return. From the murmur of its waters is heard: "There is no God but Me, the Wondrous," and from the rustling of its trees: "There is no God but I, the Beauteous," and from the whistling of its winds: "There is no God but I, the Almighty, the All-Knowing." Every creature therein is a spirit from God's Spirit, declaring: "I belong to God, the Lord of Lords." Whoso tasteth of its fruits findeth the sweetness of Paradise and all its gardens. Glory be to God! All this is at the level of description, while it existeth at a station beyond all mention.

Say: It is a station where the glance of vision cannot penetrate, nor can the birds of fancy reach its heights. God hath made it sanctified beyond the mention of creation and exalted above the understanding of all on earth. To this testifieth every discerning mystic.

A Lote-Tree therein proclaimeth:

> “God hath testified concerning Him Who hath appeared that there is no God but He, and He is the Hidden Treasure, the Concealed Mystery, the Living Ocean, and the Dayspring of the All-Merciful. Through Him hath appeared the oneness of My Being and the sanctification of My Self from all similitudes, and through Him have appeared the names and attributes, and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom and the Realm, then Power and Divinity, then Might and Dominion belong to God, the Dayspring of signs.”

And another proclaimeth:

> “God hath testified concerning Him Who hath appeared that there is no God but He. Through Him hath shone forth the Sun of generosity and the world hath been adorned with the lights of antiquity. Through Him hath every heaven been raised up, every fragrance wafted abroad, and the ocean of knowledge and wisdom hath surged.”

The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in chambers built of the essence of wisdom, bearing witness unto His own Self that there is no God but He. Blessed be this dawn for having been honored by a Day wherein the Lord of destiny hath turned toward the Most Great Scene and the Throne of the All-Merciful hath been established in the garden named Ridvan. Thereupon the trees swayed, the flowers smiled, the fruits stirred, the birds sang, the branches were attracted, the boughs reached forth, and the garden and all within it moved in yearning for the call of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

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BH01193: O thou who art drawn by the magnet…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of majesty and might.

O thou who art drawn by the magnet of love and who movest in adoration about the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of being!

That which was embroidered with the traces of ink hath indeed come, and it hath spoken with utmost clarity of the degrees of love and of union. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto these days and entered beneath the shadows of the mercy of thy Lord, the King of all names. Well is it with thee, for thou hast rent asunder the veils of idle fancy and attained unto the knowledge of the All-Known. Happy art thou, for thou hast quaffed from the chalice of bounty the Kawthar of eternal life; thou hast entered the gardens of intimacy and faithfulness, and hast won that which was promised by the tongues of the Prophets and chosen ones of God.

My heart calleth aloud unto My Pen and saith:

> “Make mention of the subtleties of love that are treasured within me, for the sake of him who dwelleth beneath the shadows of grace and mercy, and expound unto him that which shall rejoice him in the days of his Lord, the Lord of all creation.”

The Pen maketh reply, and confesseth its impotence in depicting this station, saying:

> "There is no need for further disclosure, after that which hath been established both in secret and in open."

By thy life, O beloved! Well-nigh would the heart soar away, out of longing for the loved ones of God, the Lord of the final return. Were it not for the multitude of occupations and the preoccupation of the mind, night and day would I be engaged in celebrating those souls who have taken wing, through the pinions of detachment, unto the kingdom of the knowledge of their Lord, the King of origination and the Lord of invention.

If, then, delay occurreth, it proceedeth from the intrusion of outward hindrances; otherwise, the heart, the tongue, the utterance and the fingers all bear witness that there is naught with Me sweeter than the mention of the friends of God, nor aught more delectable than correspondence with those who have attained unto the knowledge of the Creator of all things.

I beseech God, the Lord of existence and the Educator of the seen and the unseen, to ordain for His yearning ones that which shall confirm them in intimacy and love, in concord and affection and unity. In this Day there is no station more exalted than loving fellowship and purity of heart, nor any rank more lofty than unity and faithfulness. This is that whereunto He Who is the Lord of everlasting life hath bidden us. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto the cord of his Lord, renounceth his own self and passion, and striveth for the unity of souls and the union of hearts.

Say: O ye lovers of God! Ponder upon ages bygone and cycles past. Never did the Cause of God in any age rise to ascendancy save through perfect unity and pure, unalloyed love. Strive, then, in this mighty Cause, and exert your utmost in this momentous task. He, exalted be He, hath, in all the Tablets, enjoined upon you that which will guide you to the paths of rectitude and lead you to the ways of true prosperity.

Contemplate His supreme bounty and that loving care the like of which the eyes of the world have never beheld. Ye have attained, in this Revelation, unto that whereunto none hath attained before you; nay, for very longing after it the lovers passed away in their sighing, and the horizons resounded with lamentation at its mention. In the sight of God there is no favour greater than this. It behoveth you to recognize its worth, to arise steadfastly in His Cause, to strive to guide His creatures unto the City of His knowledge, and to lead His servants unto the gardens of His wisdom and His command.

Blessed art thou, O beloved, for that in all seasons thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of bounty and beneficence. I entreat God, exalted be He, to shelter thee ever beneath His protecting shade, to adorn thee continually with the robes of His loving care and grace, to vouchsafe unto thee the supreme constancy in His Cause, and to assist thee in the promulgation of His teachings among His creatures. Verily, He is mighty to do whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the One, the Peerless, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Hope! Upon Thee do I rely, and unto Thy command do I submit. O Thou unto Whom all hands are lifted up in supplication, O Thou Who art invoked in the end and in the beginning, and remembered in palaces and in deserts! How shall I make mention of Thee with

words, whilst I behold Thee exalted above them all? How shall I describe Thee by Thine effects, whilst I witness Thee sanctified from them and the Author of their being?

That which existeth is described by what is greater than itself in station, nobler in rank and more exalted in remembrance; yet Thou art the Creator of existence and the Lord of the invisible and the visible. How, then, shall things created describe Thee, when they have no mention in Thy court and no being within the precincts of Thy majesty? Whenever I ponder Thine independence, O Lord of the kingdom of glory and wealth, I am constrained to silence, lest I fall into an error graver still.

And yet, when I behold the going forth of Thy irrevocable decree and Thy firm command that I should make mention of Thee amongst Thy servants, I venture to extol and praise Thee, turning not to my unworthiness and my lack of aptitude, but to Thy bounty and Thy loving-kindness, O Creator of all things and Lord of all being.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Master of the unseen and the seen, by Thy Greatest Name and by Thy irrevocable decree, to protect Thy loved ones in the shadow of Thy guardianship, to vouchsafe unto them the bounty of Thy loving care, to give them to drink of the Tasním of Thy favour and mercy, and to aid them, O my Lord, in the diffusion of Thy traces throughout Thy lands and in guiding Thy servants unto the City of Thy knowledge. Ordain for them that which delighteth their hearts and expandeth their breasts; for Thou art He Who hath named His own Self "the All-Bountiful". There is no God but Thou, the One, the Peerless, the Most High, the Most Great.

And in the end of these words, O beloved of the heart, confer the wondrous tokens of glorification upon the faces of the steadfast lovers of God, and remember them, on behalf of this lowly servant, with a remembrance more tender than any remembrance and loftier than any praise. Upon thee and upon them be the mercy, the glorification and the glory of God, one and all.

Praise be to God, the Aim of them that truly know and the Lord of all the worlds.

BH01673: Revealed for the Most Great Festival

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having cast in this Day the radiance of all Thy names upon all created things, O Thou Who art the Lord of glory, majesty, and grandeur; of power, might, and blessings! This is the Day whereon He Who is the Mouthpiece of God, the All-Possessing, the Inaccessible, the Most High, hath called out from the realm of eternity, saying:

> "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!"

Lauded be Thy name, O Thou Who causest the winds to blow and the dawn to break, Who revealest the verses and unveilest the proofs! All things proclaim that Thou art God, and that there is none other God but Thee, the Sovereign, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Magnified be Thy name, O Thou Who art the Fashioner of the heavens and the Creator of all names, Who sheddest Thy splendour upon all things through the power of Thy Most Great Name. This, verily, is the name whereby the Mystic Dove hath warbled upon the celestial bough, proclaiming: "All dominion belongeth forever unto God, our Lord, the Most Merciful!"

Glorified art Thou, O King of eternity, and Ruler of the nations, and Quickener of every mouldering bone! Praise be unto Thee, a praise that no earthly tongue can ever befittingly extol, a praise through which the outpourings of Thy mercy have rained upon all created things and the light of Thy countenance hath shone upon all who are in heaven and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, a praise that hath unloosed the tongue of every stammerer in Thy celebration, that hath drawn every remote one nigh unto the seat of Thy mighty throne, and that hath guided every thirsty one to the living waters of Thy bounty and the soft-flowing streams of Thy favour. Praise be unto Thee, a praise through which the fragrance of the robe of Thy mercy hath been wafted upon all who are in heaven and on earth, and the sweet smell of the roses of Thy Paradise hath been diffused over the dwellers of the cities of eternity, and every name hath been made to extol Thy remembrance and glory.

Praise be unto Thee, a praise that hath endued the hearts of Thy loved ones with such constancy that no earthly veil can hinder them from fixing their gaze upon the horizon of Thy bounties, nor can the ascendancy of the oppressors deter them from beholding the wondrous light of Thy countenance. Praise be unto Thee, a praise that hath blotted out from the hearts of Thy servants the mention of aught else save Thee and aided them to teach Thy Cause and to blazon Thy remembrance in every region.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, and by them that have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and good-pleasure and taken flight upon the wings of trust and detachment towards the Dayspring of Thy name, the All-Merciful, and by the blood that hath been shed for Thy sake, and by the sighs that have been uttered for Thy love, to accept from us on this day all our works in Thy path.

This is the Day whereon the All-Merciful shed the splendour of His effulgence upon all names. All glory be to that which God hath bestowed upon us!

This is the Day whereon He Who is the Hidden and the Unseen appeared before the eyes of all creation. All glory be to that which God hath bestowed upon us!

This is the Day whereon the Most Great Idol was shattered. All glory be to that which God hath bestowed upon us!

This is the Day whereon the Lord of mercy revealed Himself unto all creation. All glory be to that which God hath bestowed upon us!

This is the Day whereon Pharaoh was drowned and Moses beheld Him Who is the Beauty of the All-Glorious Lord. All glory be to that which God hath bestowed upon us!

This is the Day whereon the false gods of idle fancy were overthrown through the power of our Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. All glory be to that which God hath bestowed upon us!

This is the Day whereon the billows of the Most Great Ocean were made manifest in the Scene of transcendent glory. All glory be to that which God hath bestowed upon us!

This is the Day whereon all created things were summoned to the presence of their Lord, the Inaccessible, the Most High. All glory be to that which God hath bestowed upon us!

This is the Day whereon all things testified to that whereunto the Tongue of Power hath testified before the Divine Lote-Tree. All glory be to that which God hath bestowed upon us!

BH06788: He is God, exalted be He. His…

He is God, exalted be He. His is the utterance, and He is that bounty which, throughout all creation, hath had and can have no peer.

O thou who circlest about the ocean of My knowledge, and gazest upon the shining light of the horizon of My proof! Hearken unto My call. Verily, it draweth thee unto such a station that all things therein proclaim:

> "The sovereign Lord hath come unto the Fashioner of earth and heaven."

The letter of Jinab-i-Ali-Qabl-Askar attained the Divine Presence. Praised be God, the fragrance of the love of the Wronged One was wafted therefrom. And whereas he hath written: "Praised be God, through the grace of the one true God, exalted be His glory, I have attained unto every blessing; yet know I not wherefore my heart is not glad"—after these words had been hearkened unto, this Most Great verse was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen:

O Ali-Qabl-Askar! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny.

Be of good cheer, inasmuch as the Lord of the worlds hath, from the Most Great Prison, turned His gaze toward thee. Rejoice in thy soul, for thy Best-Beloved hath set upon His head the crown of Manifestation and hath imparted unto thee this glad-tiding. Be gladdened in thy spirit, for the Trustworthy Spirit, together with a company of angels, is present and hath attained unto the hearing of those words which, out of pure grace, have descended from the heaven of bounty. Rejoice in thy speech, for the Kingdom of utterance is occupied with thy remembrance.

O Ali-Qabl-Askar! The causes of thy joy have ever been, and still are, beyond all mention and expression, sanctified above reckoning and the tongue's recital. The first of these is turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon; the second, the recognition of the Lord of the kingdom of names; the third, the hearkening unto the call from the mouths of His chosen ones; the fourth, the beholding of His signs in the days of God. In brief, the causes of gladness are many. It is Our hope that henceforth thou mayest be happy of heart, joyous of soul, and gladdened in spirit, for these are the days of the Most Great Rejoicing. And should aught at times appear which, by reason of the consummate wisdom of God, seemeth outwardly contrary thereto, assuredly that very thing is the cause of the manifestation of heavenly blessings and celestial banquets.

Ponder thou the events that have come to pass in the land of Ya. By My life! Every one of them hath served to exalt the Word of God and to uplift His Cause. Whatsoever appeareth in the days of the Manifestation—even though outwardly it be abasement—hath a hundred thousand honors concealed within it; and though it seem chastisement, a hundred thousand mercies lie hidden therein. Did the heedless souls but know the mysteries of martyrdom, never would they commit such deeds. But God hath set a seal upon their mouths, their eyes, their minds, and their understanding, inasmuch as they

accounted the mighty gain as loss, and, with their own hands, rendered assistance unto the Cause, though they perceive it not. Verily, He aideth His Cause at one time through His enemies, and at another through His friends.

From the Most Exalted Pen there was revealed, concerning those pure and blessed souls, that which the world and its treasures and means can never equal. Ere long shall the heedless and the unjust behold the recompense of their deeds. Whatsoever hath befallen the branches of the Blessed Lote-Tree and His loved ones hath all been inscribed and recorded. Soon will God exalt them through His grace and assist them with His hosts. Praised be God, the honored Afnan are present in those regions and have been, and continue to be, confirmed under all conditions. Praised be God, Who hath exalted His noble servant and made manifest whatsoever He hath willed. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The loved ones of that land have each one attained unto the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory.

And as to that which hath been mentioned concerning the sorrow of some and the weeping of others in the land of Ya—this act on their part is an error, for those holy souls have attained unto the Most Great Martyrdom and have entered the path of God and His love. It behoveth all to cry aloud: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!"

O God, O God! O Best-Beloved, O Best-Beloved! O Desire of our hearts, O Desire of our hearts! We beseech Thee, by Thine all-embracing bounty, to aid us to offer up our lives in Thy path, and to lay down whatsoever we possess before Thy coming. Thou art the Fulfiller of the needs of them that ask and seek, and in Thy grasp are held the reins of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

O thou who hast quaffed the choice wine of everlasting life! Convey, on behalf of the Wronged One, greetings and glorification unto Jinab-i-Mirza Mihdi. Repeatedly hath his remembrance been mentioned. God willing, he shall be confirmed in spreading abroad the Cause of God. These are the days of teaching, for the sign of triumph and victory hath appeared, arisen, and shone forth from the horizon of the land of Ya. This is the time—yea, the very time—for teaching. The friends must arise and, with joy and fragrance, draw the heedless unto the quarter of awareness. That deed which was performed in that land for the sake of manifesting love was, in the sight of the Wronged One, accepted and remembered. God willing, all may cleave unto such deeds as lead the servants nigh unto Him. This is the irrevocable command that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of the Most Great Name. Happy are they that understand, and happy are they that act. Praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Remember, on behalf of the Wronged One, all the people of that house, every one, and illumine them with the lights of the Word of God. Great is this Day, and mighty the grace thereof. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the horizon of Revelation, severed from all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

The glory be upon you all.

BH01236: A Book sent down by the King…

He is the Herald from His Most Glorious Horizon

A Book sent down by the King of the Kingdom to those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. O My loved ones in Alif and Ra, hear My call, for verily it draws you unto a station wherein the Lamp speaks forth light and prosperity for the party of God—those whom the veils of names have not prevented from God, the Lord of all beings, and whom the hosts of those who denied God's proof and evidence and disbelieved in the Day of Judgment did not frighten.

O My loved ones! We have mentioned you before in various Tablets and We mention you at this time as a grace from God, the Kind, the Generous. Beware lest the clamor and opposition of those who have denied God's Manifestation and His sovereignty and who have uttered that which caused the angels and the Spirit to lament, and those who appeared before the Face and heard the Call and attained unto what was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the books of the Prophets and Messengers, make you sorrowful. Say: Beware lest you waste your stations or deprive yourselves of what has been ordained for you in the Most Exalted Paradise by God, the Lord of the worlds.

Days and nights have passed, yet mention of your names has not appeared before the Throne. Say: Fear God, O companions of Baha, and be not among the silent ones. This is a Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken amongst creation and all things have called out. This is a Day the mention of which the Lord of the world and sovereign of nations has sent down in His clear Book. Take it with the hands of power and might, then read it at all times, a command from God, the Ordainer, the Wise.

We beseech God to assist you in that which draws the servants near unto Him, to aid you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to protect you from the evil of the oppressors. Observe the power and sovereignty of God, how He seized the oppressors who shed the blood of His loved ones, denied His proof, and cast aside His clear evidence. Earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth who broke God's covenant and His pact and cast aside what they were commanded in His Mighty Book.

We beseech God to strengthen His Majesty the Sultan and protect him from the evil of those whom He raised up through means, wealth, and gold which deluded them, and the resources that made them among the most lost. These denied God's favor after its descent, consumed people's wealth unjustly, and imagined themselves to be among the believers. The Mother Book bears witness, as it moves in the palace which God has made the seat of His mighty throne, that no party among parties nor any host among hosts aided the Sultan, but My Supreme Pen aided him with an unbreakable covenant. To this testifies what has appeared from My loved ones in all regions, then those who circumambulate the House in this exalted station.

O son of Rafi'! Hear the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, then recite among the servants that thy Lord's Book may draw them near to the horizon from which shone forth the luminary of God's utterance, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By My life! Those who consume His bounties yet deny His grace have betrayed Him. Verily, they are among the treacherous in My clear Book.

It behooveth every one who has turned unto God to remember His Lord for having aided him to recognize Him on a Day wherein the clamor of those near unto God was raised. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, Who bore hardships in Thy path and tribulations in Thy love, to assist Thy loved ones in Thy

remembrance and praise and enable them to manifest Thy justice in Thy kingdom. O Lord! Thou seest them silent in Thy days, content with Thy decree. They desire naught save the reformation of Thy earth and the extinction of the fire of hatred and animosity in the hearts of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

O Pen! Remember him who hath been named "The Most Great Victory", who hath quaffed the choice wine of immortality from the chalice of Thy bounty, and who left his homeland, seeking his most exalted home before the throne of Thy justice, until he arrived at the spot wherefrom was raised My sweetest call and the shrill sound of My Most Exalted Pen. We bear witness that he hath attained unto that which was inscribed by the Pen of Thy loving-kindness in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Aid them who are related to Thee to arise to serve Thy Cause—they who have turned unto Thee with radiant faces. Verily, Thou art the One Who ruleth through Thy sovereignty, Who dominateth through Thy signs, Who is manifest through Thy proof, Who speaketh through Thy Book, and Who holdeth fast to Thy mighty cord. The Kingdom and the Dominion belong to God, the Strong, the Conquering, the Almighty.

O son of Rafi'! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter reached the Prison, and thy Lord answered thee with such utterance as hath enraptured the hearts of them who are nigh unto God and the sincere ones. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of Mine utterance from the chalice of My bounty and who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of My grandeur hath spoken from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance.

Thus doth the Most Great Spirit teach thee from His luminous Station. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH01243: O Ali, upon thee be my Glory! The Most…

He is God, exalted is He in wisdom and utterance

O Ali, upon thee be my Glory! The Most Exalted Summit, the Utmost Goal, and the Supreme Horizon is a station whereof the Mother Book doth testify and the Preserved Tablet doth make mention, and wherein He Who conversed upon Sinai is established upon the throne of Revelation. This is the Call for the hearing of which the ears of the world were created. Blessed is the soul whom neither the vicissitudes of the world nor the ascendancy of the nations did hinder or deprive from the Most Great Name.

Today all things are adorned and illumined with the lights of true unity. Beseech ye God that He withhold not His servants from His bounties and deprive not creation from the manifestation of His generosity. The glance of His loving-kindness hath ever been and continueth to be directed towards His loved ones—they who are detached from all else save God, who hold fast unto the cord of divine love, who act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book, and who are so steadfast in the Cause that the deniers, the barking ones, and the deceivers find no occasion to speak. They dwell beneath the shadow of the standard "Verily I am God" and are quickened and gladdened by the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen.

These are the servants whose attributes have been recorded in the divine Books of the past and present. They have quaffed from the Kawthar of utterance and received their portion of the sealed wine. The clamor of the world is to them more insignificant than the buzzing of a fly. They speak for God's sake and unto Him do they return.

Blessed art thou, O Ali, for having turned towards Him, migrated, and directed thy steps until thou didst attain a place wherein was heard the rustling of the Blessed Tree, the flowing of the waters of oneness, and the whistling of the eternal winds. Verily He strengthened thee and enabled thee to attain His presence, to stand before His gate, to hearken unto His call and to behold His horizon. Give thanks unto God, by night and by day, for this bounty wherewith thou, thy son, and those with thee have been favored in the Most Great Prison. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The letters of the people of Qaf which were sent to thee before and after were presented by this servant before His presence and were honored to be heard. We have remembered them and do remember them and give them glad tidings of Our loving-kindness and mercy, and We counsel them with that which beseemeth them who are nigh unto God in these days of God, the Beloved of the mystics. We make mention of them through Our loving-kindness and remind them of Our verses and show them the waves of the ocean of Our generosity and the effulgences of the lights of the sun of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus have We sent down the bounty of Our recognition, the table of Our utterance, and the fruits of the Tree of Our loving-kindness. By the life of God! The Wronged One remembereth His loved ones at all times and commandeth them to that which will manifest their stations among the peoples of the world.

O people of God! Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and through the hosts of goodly deeds and character, that the fragrance of His good-pleasure may be diffused therefrom. And I am the All-Knowing Expositor. At dawn We remember the righteous ones, and neither by night nor by day hath the Pen of the Unconstrained ceased to move. Blessed is the servant who is attracted by its shrill voice and turneth with his heart to its horizon, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Mention hath been made of Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, and of Qasim and Muhammad, upon both of them be the glory of God. Their letters were previously received, and all the names mentioned therein were adorned with the remembrance of God, the grace of God, and the bounty of God. We beseech God to aid them to preserve this most exalted remembrance and most glorious station.

We make mention in this station of the wife of him who was named Abdu'l-Husayn in a Tablet that shone forth from the horizon of the sun of her Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for her that which beseemeth His generosity and grace. Verily, nothing can frustrate Him, and no affair can prevent Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We make mention of My other handmaiden, the sister of Lutf-Ali, who hath turned unto God and attained His presence. We give her the glad-tidings that My Pen hath been moved to make mention of her—the Pen through whose movement all created things were stirred and all existing things were turned towards the lights of My luminous and shining countenance.

We make mention, too, of My other handmaiden, the wife of the late ʿAbdu'l-Samad who believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive them, to absolve them of their misdeeds, and to cause them to enter the most exalted Paradise—the station wherein the atoms cry out:

> "Enter ye, enter ye, O people of Baha and companions of the Crimson Ark! We long to meet you, to remember you, to praise you, to arise to serve you, and to circle round about you. God hath created us to serve you all. Enter ye, enter ye; enter ye all, enter ye all, in peace from God and mercy from His presence and grace from His side and light from His realm. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones, the God of all who are in the heavens and the earth, the Object of the hearts of them that know, and the Beloved of the hearts of them that long for Him."

The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, who turned unto Him and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen!"

BH01245: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

He is the One manifest through grace, and the Ordainer of justice

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear tokens and fulfilled what He promised His servants in His Book through the tongues of His Messengers. He is the One Who announced to all the tidings at which were agitated the hearts of His creation who cast behind their backs His ordinances and denied His signs and disputed His proof. And peace and blessings be upon the Hands of His Cause who have detached themselves from all else save Him and have arisen to serve His loved ones in His days and have summoned all to the choice wine of utterance in His Name, the All-Merciful. Exalted, exalted be His grace, and exalted, exalted be His bounty, and exalted, exalted be His generosity which hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen.

This is a mention from Us to him who traversed the path when he heard the proof from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Day hath come while the people are in evident drunkenness—they heard the call yet turned away from it, thus did their souls entice them. Verily they are in manifest loss.

O Rahmatullah! The Supreme Pen hath testified for thee in this Most Glorious Station that thou hast sought the ultimate goal and the highest aim—the station wherein the call was raised from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing before the faces of all peoples: "God, there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." By its call were all things attracted, and by its manifestation did all names bow down, and by its mention were agitated the hearts of the ungodly who denied God and cast aside His Book out of their hatred for Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who is established upon the throne of Revelation and speaketh with the most exalted call: "By God, the Truth! He hath come at Whose appearance the eyes of those near unto God were solaced."

Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Dayspring of Revelation and the Source of Inspiration whereby the ocean of knowledge surged in the contingent world and the call was raised from all directions:

> "He Who is the Lord of Names and Attributes hath come with the kingdom of signs."

Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless.

I bear witness that thou hast heard the shrill voice of My Pen and hast attained unto My traces and hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty in days wherein the fire of oppression and corruption was kindled among the servants who violated the Covenant and Testament of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Rahmat! We beseech God to send down through thee mercy upon His servants there. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. When the Kawthar of My utterance took hold of thee and thou didst attain the choice wine of My knowledge, say:

"My God, my God! Thine is the munificence and the glory, and Thine the grace and bounty, for Thou hast given me to drink, from the hands of Thy favor, the Kawthar of Thy grace, and hast ordained for me the blessing of recognition from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Book wherein that which is revealed therein shall never be erased nor altered, throughout the duration of Thy sovereignty and Thy kingdom.

"O my Lord! I testify to the oneness of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Self, and that Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. The tyrants of the earth cannot prevent what Thou hast willed by Thy sovereignty, nor can the pharaohs of the lands prevent what Thy Will hath desired.

"O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one who hath hastened from his homeland to the ocean of Thy riches, and whom the hand of Thy bounty hath caused to enter the pavilions of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast illumined the horizons with the light of Thy manifestation and hast aided the servants to draw nigh unto the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness through the hidden pearls in the shells of Thy protection, to open before my face and the faces of Thy loved ones the doors of Thy generosity. Then grant us the blessing of attaining Thy presence time and again. Thou art He before Whose power all created things have bowed down, and before the dawning of the Day-Star of Thy Cause all contingent things have submitted. Ordain for us the good of this world and the world to come.

> "O my Lord! Withhold not me and Thy loved ones in Banab from the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor from the effulgences of the sun of Thy mercy. Write down for us from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw us nigh unto the court of Thy might and the carpet of Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Most Generous."

Mention is made at this time of the friends in Bunab, both men and women. Praise be to God, they have attained unto acceptance and are illumined by the light of recognition. This is the Day of God and the Covenant is His Covenant. The waves of the ocean of bounty are manifest before all faces. Beseech ye God that He withhold not His servants from this grace, nor deprive them of this endless bestowal. The True One, exalted be His glory, is seated upon the throne of 'He doeth what He willeth' through His Most

Great Name, and inviteth all to His eternal favor and everlasting generosity. Gladden ye hearts with His remembrance, then hasten with your hearts toward His direction.

By the Sun of Truth, there hath appeared from God's infinite grace that which hath had no likeness or equal. Take ye the chalice of bounty in His Name, then drink therefrom with wisdom and utterance, in defiance of every remote oppressor through whom the fire of hatred hath been kindled amongst mankind, and the realities of all things have cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." O people of Bonab! Praise ye the Desired One of the world, Who hath aided you to turn unto Him, to mention Him, and to recognize His sacred Being, and Who hath, in this night when darkness hath encompassed the world, illumined you with the light of utterance. The glory from Us be upon you, upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward selves, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

BH01252: He wrote that one of the loved ones had…

He wrote that one of the loved ones had inquired concerning this blessed verse:

> "The mystery of the great reversal in the sign of the sovereign hath appeared. Blessed is he whom God hath aided to acknowledge the six that were raised up through this Alif. Verily, he is of the sincere."

These passages were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and this what the Mother Book hath spoken:

O Asad! O thou who gazest upon the One, the Single!

These expressions are found in a letter which Shaykh Ahmad Ahsa'i—upon him be the Glory of God—wrote to someone, and all its explicit statements, allusions, intimations and symbols refer to the Manifestation Himself. The purpose was to inform people and make them aware of the days when the Sun of Knowledge would rise from the horizon of Iraq.

The Shaykhis inquired about the Shaykh's words, the beginning of which is adorned with these sublime words: "Verily, after the passing of the ALMS by the AMR, the Mihdi—peace be upon Him—shall arise…" until he said "The letter Waw consists of three letters making six, and Alif, and six, and six days have passed, and the Alif is the completion, and there is no more to be said, and how about the latter six days, otherwise the return would not occur"—referring to the blessed verse "ye shall return" because it is the the mystery of the great reversal in the sign of the sovereign.

The pronounced Waw has three letters—two Waws and one Alif in between. The meaning is that six days passed and ended, referring to the blessed verse in the Qur'an where He, exalted be He, says: "We created the heavens and the earth in six days." He states that heaven was rolled up like a scroll, and all that was with it, and likewise the earth. He speaks of elevated heavens in the Qur'an with their suns, moons and stars, which are the divines, mystics, laws and ordinances—all established by the Alif between two Waws. And if someone achieves recognition of the remaining six, meaning these new and wondrous

heavens, the Cause is completed through the Proof—that is, he knows, acknowledges and recognizes the Proof, and the Most Great Name appears.

And concerning His words "the mystery of the great reversal in the sign of the sovereign," this refers to the tradition "He maketh their highest to be their lowest, and their lowest to be their highest." Observe how the chiefs who occupied the highest station descended to the lowest station—this is the mystery of the great reversal, and this reversal appeared from the symbols and intimations of the Sovereign. After the appearance of the blessed word "He" in the garment of "I," heaven was rolled up, the sun was darkened, the stars fell, and the earth was cleft asunder. How many divines who considered themselves oceans of knowledge were, by the aforementioned word, returned to the worst of stations, nay, were brought to naught, and how many servants who were remembered in no gathering were, by virtue of their acceptance, reckoned among the denizens of the highest heaven. These are the leaves of the scrolls, the words of the Psalms, and the letters of the Book. The jewels of the world were extracted from the retort and alembic of wisdom and utterance, which is the Supreme Pen, by His command—and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

For a long time this Wronged One has not been inclined towards scholarly investigation, nor is He now, for in the early years such learned matters were discussed as would suffice. Now this brief exposition that hath been set forth was solely out of consideration for you. Know thou the bounty of thy Lord and render thanks unto Him at morn and eventide.

The Shaykhis themselves have mentioned that when the departed and honored Haji Siyyid Kazim—upon him be the Glory of God—was asked about the elevated one, no answer was forthcoming, and likewise from other Shaykhis. And all acknowledged that were the meaning of these passages to become manifest, they would turn towards the Supreme Horizon. Nevertheless, they were seen to be as stones, having no movement, or as those struck down, as God the Exalted hath said:

> "And thou mightest have seen the people therein struck down as though they were the hollow trunks of palm-trees."

Beseech ye God to awaken the heedless ones, to guide the seekers unto their goal, and to not deprive His servants of this fragrance that hath perfumed the world. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. His is the command, both in the past and in the future.

O Beloved of My heart! The door of fairness is shut and the path of justice is blocked. All are occupied with vain imaginings unworthy of mention, and are veiled from the light of the Sun of Revelation. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them! Nevertheless, since it hath been commanded that all hearts should show forth the utmost love and kindness unto all who dwell on earth, We therefore beseech the Exalted Lord in utter lowliness that He may guide His creation and hold them back from oppression and tyranny. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

In the Book of Isaiah—may my spirit be a sacrifice for all besides Him—there is a passage that hath previously testified to that which hath been expounded by the Most Exalted Pen concerning the meaning of the words of the revered Shaykh—upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God. He saith:

> “For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.”

(Chapter 65, verse 17).

BH01250: The first light that shone forth and gleamed…

He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The first light that shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of the mercy of our Lord, the Master of creation, and the first splendor that flashed and glowed from the dawning-place of the will of the Lord of the Throne and earth be upon thee, O thou who hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when those who dwell in the realm of creation turned away from it. I testify that thou didst take hold of the Book of God with power from Him and might from His presence, and didst believe in it and hasten unto it until thou didst enter and present thyself at the Gate.

Thou art he who recognized the Dawning-Place of God’s Cause, the Source of His Revelation, the Manifestation of His Command, the Recipients of His Knowledge, the Fountainhead of His verses and the Wellspring of His proof. Blessed art thou for having drunk the Kawthar of meeting from the hands of bounty, and for having sought the shore of the sea of reunion in the end, and for having attained unto the Day wherein the mountains were set in motion and the Temple of the Manifestation was established upon the throne of His Name, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

God’s mercy be upon the servant who draweth nigh unto thee and standeth before thy grave and visiteth thee in accordance with what hath been sent down for thee from the Most Exalted Pen. And blessed is the servant who hath recognized thy station and remembered thy days and what befell thee in the path of God, thy Creator, thy Sovereign, thy Originator, thy Benefactor and thy Lord.

I testify that God’s decree was the most beloved of all things unto thee, and this is a station none have attained save those near ones and sincere ones whom God hath described in His perspicuous Book as honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command.

I bear witness that thou didst remain steadfast when the pillars of the world were shaken, composed when the hearts of the nations were troubled, and tranquil when limbs did tremble for fear of the Most Great Name of God. Thou art he whom the Call enraptured when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, in such wise that thou didst forsake the world and turn unto the Countenance, after the passing away of all things.

Thou art he who didst rend the veils and the obscuring mists, and shatter the idols of vain imaginings and subtle allusions, holding fast to the Cord of God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear testimonies. Thou art he who didst inhale the fragrance of the Breeze of God in His days, who didst arise amidst the dead, and didst answer thy Lord when the wine of bewilderment had overtaken all the dwellers of the earth, save whomsoever God willedâ€“He unto Whom is thy return and thy habitation. Thou art he whom the repudiation of men from God, the Lord of the latter day and the former, could not deter; nor did the cavils of those who broke the Covenant in the Day of Meeting affright thee.

Thou art he who didst set thy face toward the loftiest summit and the most exalted homeland, and didst attain that which had been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Scroll. I bear witness that thou didst behold, in the path of God, such things as melted the livers of the people of Baha and caused the dwellers of the mortal realm of creation to lament. Thou didst hear, in the path of God, the gloating of the enemies, and didst witness from the people of malice that which filled with grief the denizens of the cities of the divine names. Lost indeed are they who turned away from thee, contended with thee, and disputed with thee concerning the Cause of God, thy Creator and thy Fashioner.

Thou art he who didst aid the Faith of God through utterance and exposition, and who didst give glad tidings unto them that turned unto Him of that which was sent down in the Torah, the Gospel, and the Furqan. I bear witness that thou didst inhale the fragrances of these days and didst recognize that which had been inscribed in the Tablets by the Pen of the Will of God. Thou art he whose temple was adorned, amidst all creation, with the robe of trustworthiness and with the adornment of utter servitude unto God, the Dayspring of the light of divine oneness.

O solace of the eyes of the yearning and companion of the sincere! I bear witness that thou didst visit the two Houses: the first, built by the All-Glorious with the hand of power and might; and the second, built by the Friend, by the command of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Thou art he whom none knew before thy ascent unto the loftiest height; and after thy ascension the Most Exalted Pen made manifest thy station, and commemorated thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease so long as the most beauteous names and the most exalted attributes endure.

Thou art he who didst leave thy homeland out of love for God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and didst depart from thy house in longing for His presence, until at last thou didst surrender thy spirit in His love and good-pleasure.

Peace be upon thee, and upon thy first and thy last, thy outward and thy inward, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the shrill voice of Thy Supreme Pen and the breezes of Thy Revelation, O Lord of the Kingdom of eternity, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy bounty, that Thou forgive me and my father and my mother and my kinsmen, and whosoever hath held fast unto the cord of Thy loving care and clung to the hem of Thy bounty.

O Lord! The poor one hath stood before the gate of Thy riches, the sinful one hath hastened unto the dawning-place of Thy bestowal, seeking the wondrous gifts of Thy favors and grace. I beseech Thee, O God of the worlds and Object of the desire of them that are near unto Thee, by this grave and by him who lieth therein, that Thou disappoint me not of that which is with Thee. Write down, then, for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Then fulfill, O my God, my needs and whatsoever draweth me nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all men, Master of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

BH01263: This is a mention from Us unto him who…

He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven!

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath attained the presence of God and won His most sweet call and appeared before the Throne and toward whom was directed the gaze of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, and who circled round the Cause for successive years—to this doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness in this glorious and beloved station. Grieve thou not over aught; that which shall gladden thy heart hath been ordained for thee. Verily thy Lord is the Giver, the Mighty, the Loving. Remember when thou didst attain Our presence before the Throne time and again and didst hear the call of the Wronged One in this exalted Stronghold. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee. Remember thy Lord, the Possessor of all names, at morn and eventide. He verily will protect thee in truth. He is, in truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Know then that thy letter hath come before Our face and hath won the gaze of Him by Whose name every witness and witnessed thing doth speak. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace. Verily He remembereth him who remembereth Him and desireth him who desireth Him in His praiseworthy station. The Sun of Permission hath dawned from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Destiny, through Whose bidding the Greatest Vision appeared and every stone and clod did speak:

> "The Promised One is come and that which was recorded in the preserved tablet hath appeared."

The Most Exalted Pen declareth: Praise be to God that through divine favor thou didst abide for numbered years beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree, and now too the Sun of Permission shineth upon that which thou didst desire. He will verily aid thee in what He willeth. He is indeed the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou shouldst turn to the land of the All-Merciful with utmost joy and radiance and, according to thy capacity, occupy thyself with the mention and praise of the Beloved of the world, that perchance the slumbering may awaken and the dead be quickened by the living waters.

Say: O people of the world! The morn of hope hath dawned and the sun of knowledge shineth from the horizon of insight. While time remaineth, deprive not yourselves of the everlasting bounty and strive that ye may not be deprived of the spiritual waters in the divine days. Be not gladdened by the world and whatsoever is therein. By the life of God! Every treasure hath been and is the cause of sorrow, grief, and infinite regret. Never hath any transient thing been the cause of independence, nor shall it ever be. Ere long shall all be seen to be non-existent save what God, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous, hath ordained. God willing, thou shouldst speak of the love of God with utmost steadfastness, be occupied with remembrance of the Peerless Friend, and conduct thyself with perfect wisdom. He will assuredly assist thee through His grace, and He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

The tribulations of this Wronged One in the horizons have been evident to thee. After successive years when the Ancient Beauty opened the prison gate through the key of power and turned toward the plain of Akka, how many vexations and matters that would waste the Cause of God arose, to such an extent that their mention is not permissible. Ask thou God to enable His loved ones to do what He loveth and

pleaseth and to make them of those who move not except by His will, who cling to naught but His hem, and who speak naught but His beautiful praise.

Had this land been as God desired it, We would not have given thee permission to depart. However, since upheavals are observed both outwardly and inwardly therein, We have given thee permission to proceed to another land, that perchance some souls may become mindful and turn their gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon. He is verily the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have won this Cause and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. O thou who circlest round the Throne! Hearken unto the call from the realm of bounty—verily there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. My Most Exalted Pen desireth to make mention of thy mother who turned toward the direction of the Throne and sacrificed herself in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

We testify that she attained the presence of God and heard the call of her Lord when the Desired One was seated upon the throne of His mercy that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve not for her—verily she hath ascended unto the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Supreme Companion. He beareth witness to this, by Whose will all things move. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have crowned her with the crown of remembrance in this exalted station. All things shall perish save this remembrance which hath today flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and Power. Verily thy Lord is the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is she and blessed are they who remember her after her passing, and the splendor of God rest upon her from His presence, the Beloved of them that know.

We make mention of the loved ones of God in that land and We send Our greetings to their faces from this mighty and wondrous station. When thou seest them, give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My favors and My mercy that have encompassed all things great and small. Say: Ye are remembered before the Throne. Beware lest the signs of the world make you sorrowful. Remember your Lord, the Most Merciful, at morn and at eventide. The splendor of God be upon you and upon those who love you and make mention of you and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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BH01265: The representation of this evanescent one before the Afnan…

In the Name of the Lord who is Powerful over whatsoever He willeth!

The representation of this evanescent one before the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree—may my spirit be a sacrifice for their love—is that the blessed, radiant and manifest leaf from which wafted the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds, and from which emanated the perfume of the garment of the All-Glorious' affection, adorned with the name of His Holiness Ismu'llah M.H.—upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious—reached this servant, this evanescent attendant. For some days His Holiness has departed from before the Throne to those regions, and since he was not present, it became incumbent upon this servant to respond to your letter on his behalf. Praise be to God that your letter became the

cause of boundless joy and gladness. We beseech God to gladden the heart and ears at all times through the perusal of your noble letter and exalted discourse, for verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Several days ago when His Holiness Aqay-i-Ismu'llah was present, your letter which was written to him was sent to the Most Holy Court, and in response to certain passages therein, wondrous and sublime words were revealed from the heaven of divine will and dispatched. God willing, they will have reached you by now.

Concerning what you wrote about the severity in the prison-city, that which was destined has come to pass, and praise be to God, in these days the fragrance of security has wafted, and the corruption, enmity and wickedness of those impure souls has become evident and manifest to most of the people of the city. Some of the prisoners have been released, and seven specified individuals spend most of their time with utmost joy and delight traversing the marketplaces and associating with the companions during the day, except that they return to prison at night. In brief, there has been and continues to be perfect ease and expansiveness, though the people of this city are by nature corrupt and hypocritical, as they are counted among the people of Syria. This is the utterance of His mighty grandeur where He says:

> "Its people are the most wicked of men and its land the best of lands, except for the lands which God hath specially ordained by His command—verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

However, at this time they are quiescent.

Regarding what you wrote about sending copies of the sublime Tablets to the land of Sad, it is evident that your honor has always girded up the loins of service and has made and will continue to make mighty efforts in spreading the verses and signs of God. Blessed are you and blessed is he who holds fast unto you in the love of God.

Concerning what you wrote about the loved ones in the land of Kha, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

> "It behooveth them to thank God for having caused them to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Self, the One Who dominates all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech Him to aid them to serve Him and to remain steadfast in His Cause. Verily this is a mighty matter and a great bounty."

End quote.

Regarding what you wrote about the son of that distinguished person, it was presented before the Throne. Verses have been revealed for them both that are unequaled by anyone in the kingdom, and the original revelation was sent.

Concerning what you mentioned about the base sinner and his return to hell, this is what God promised in the Book—verily our Lord is severe in punishment. For after that sublime Book was sent to him, the divine proof was completed against him from all directions, yet he remains in astonishing heedlessness. Therefore there was revealed unto him from the Kingdom of Power that which returned him to a

wretched station. And regarding what was written about Haji Husayn and the deeds of that sinful one, upon him be the curse of God, it is evident that this smoke arises from that fire. However, in that detailed Tablet which was revealed to that sinful one himself, at its end a passage was revealed indicating that a soul from among that group would attain to the truth.

In any case, each one acts according to his way, and that which befell Haji Husayn was in the path of God. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions. The details concerning him were presented before the Divine Throne. Expressions of loving-kindness have dawned and become manifest from the Dayspring of Divine mercy in relation to him, and it was stated that such known opposers have no need of teaching, for after the wondrous account We commanded all to observe supreme wisdom and to protect the accepted souls.

In any case, convey countless greetings from this evanescent servant to the aforementioned Haji and say that praise be to God that there befell you what befell the loved ones of God in this land. And further, it is requested that on behalf of this servant they convey wondrous and exalted greetings to each and every one of the Afnan of God and His loved ones. May my spirit be sacrificed for their love. We beseech God to assist me in mentioning them in His Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous, Most Pure, Most Mighty and Most Impregnable Court.

BH01311: We have arisen in this day extolling My praise…

In the name of Him Who speaketh the manifest truth!

We have arisen in this day extolling My praise and remembering the ocean of My bounty, and counselling My loved ones who have held fast to the cord of My grace and clung to the hem of the robe of […] detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and the eye that hath beheld the Dawning-Place of the Revelation of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! We have desired to make mention of thee through a remembrance whereby the hearts of the servants have been attracted, and through an utterance whereby the inhabitants of the graves, of ancient times and more recent, have arisen. This is a Day wherein all things proclaim: By God! The Hidden One, Who was treasured in the knowledge of God, hath come, and that which was concealed from the eyes of the mystics hath appeared. This is a Day wherein the Cry hath been raised and the Rock hath cried out, yet the people are in manifest error. They have cast the Command of God behind their backs, clinging to the whisperings of the satans.

Say: O people! This is the Day of God, were ye of them that know, and this is a Day wherein He Who conversed with God hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, as a bounty from God, the Lord of this manifest Day. O people! Fear God, and follow not them who have denied the proof of God and His Cause, who have disputed His signs and have uttered that which hath caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the inmates of the Tabernacle of Glory to lament in this exalted station.

O Fakhr-ud-Din! The Lord of the Day of Judgment hath turned toward thee with such turning as hath caused the realities of existence, of ancient times and more recent, to turn unto God, the Mighty, the

Most Praised. He hath made mention of thee with such mention as hath caused the tongues of the kingdom to speak forth the praise of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Beware lest the affairs of men grieve thee. Cast away what the people possess and take what We have sent down for thee at this time, wherein the door of the kingdom of thy Lord's utterance, the Speaking, the Trustworthy One, hath been opened.

Say: O Concourse of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come, and there hath been raised on His right hand the banner "He is God" and on His left the standard "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Blessed is the hand that hath taken this Tablet with such power as the hosts of the world and the tyranny of them that have denied the right of God and His sovereignty cannot weaken, and have perpetrated that which hath caused the tears of the mystics to flow.

O My loved ones in Za! Hearken unto My most sweet call from the direction of Akka, then remember Him Who hath borne hardships and tribulations in the path of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have mentioned you before through verses which the books of the past cannot rival, and We have sent down for you at this time that which hath caused the lips of the sincere ones to smile. When ye have attained unto My Tablet and have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of My bounty, turn with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of bounty and existence! We beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the fruits of the Tree of Thy utterance, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, and by the lights of the morn of Thy Revelation, O Lord of Eternity, to make us steadfast in Thee and in that which hath appeared from Thee. O Lord! Leave us not to ourselves. Take the hands of Thy servants with the hands of Thy power, then preserve them from Thine enemies. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all that are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

O Fakhru'd-Din! Today the Most Luminous Pen hath been manifested with such power that should all the hosts of the world and all peoples oppose it, they would find themselves impotent. Stand firm in the Cause of God and say:

> "O people! The Day which ye were promised in the Books, the Torah, the Psalms, the Gospel and in the mighty Qur'an hath come."

Beseech God that He may assist the friends in that land and its surroundings to champion His Cause through the hosts mentioned in the divine Tablets. We hope that you and the teachers will arise to serve the Cause as befitteth and behooveth you. The conditions of service are manifest and visible from the horizons of the heavens of divine Tablets. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth, and woe unto the heedless!

We have been informed that Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, hath turned towards those regions. We beseech God that He may assist him with such detachment as shall cause the detachment of the world, and with such utterances as have been sent down and recorded in the Book of God from the Pen of His eternal Will. Take hold of the Book with the strength bestowed by Us, then speak

that whereby the hearts of the servants may be attracted. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to make thy deeds adorned with the embroidery of acceptance and illumined with the light of His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and wise command. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who hear thy words concerning this momentous News.

BH11707: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the One established upon the throne of "He doeth what He willeth"

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the grandeur and power, might and authority. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He desireth through His command. He is indeed praised in His deeds and obeyed in His decree. None can question His doings and He is the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

God testifieth 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, and He is the One through Whom appeared God's sovereignty and might, God's grandeur and command, and through Whom shone forth God's proof and evidence, and God's Book and mysteries. Were it not for Him, the ocean of bounty would not have surged, nor would the decree of existence have been established, nor would the nightingales of utterance have warbled upon the branches, nor would the matter of the unseen have been confirmed among religions. Through Him were God's Books sent down aforetime and thereafter, His messengers dispatched, His mercy made to precede all else, His verses revealed, His clear proofs made manifest, and the tongues of the Concourse on High and the Supreme Paradise testified and proclaimed: O peoples of earth and heaven! By God, He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath come! Come ye, come ye! Glorify, magnify, and rejoice in the wafting of the breezes of care and kindness from the direction of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

When the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree was raised, it called out saying: Praise be to God Who hath made marriage a portal for the manifestation of the dawning-places of His name, the All-Merciful, and through it have the cities of remembrance and utterance been adorned. Verily it is the mystery of perpetuity and the secret of destiny after decree for the people of creation, and through it hath flowed the Salsabil of life for those possessed of certitude. And praise be to God Who hath made wedlock a means for the promotion of His Cause among His servants and the proclamation of His Word throughout His lands. Through it hath shone forth the Day-Star of Revelation from the heaven's horizon and the Hidden Temple appeared from behind the kingdom of names, and the Holy Spirit called out from the right side of the most exalted Paradise: This is the day whereon the Sovereign of Religions hath commanded, by reason of which the countenance of existence hath smiled in both the unseen and the visible worlds.

And praise be to God Who hath made marriage the treasury of prosperity and the dawning-place of success. Through it appeared His greatest outpouring and His most upright, perfect, and complete bounty, and He exalted its station to such a degree that He Himself performed the ceremony upon the throne of His bestowal. By this did the ocean of joy surge before His Manifestation, through Whom all

things spoke, and the Most Exalted Paradise proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven.

O people of Baha! Rejoice ye on this day, then recite what hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen of the verses of joy and gladness. These shall draw you to a station wherein neither the happenings of the world, nor the smoke of heaven, nor what existeth in the realm of creation shall grieve you. Thus hath shone forth the Day-Star of judgment from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, the Fashioner of the heavens and the Lord of all names. Blessed is he who hath found what hath today been diffused from the utterance of God, the Lord of the hereafter and the former times, and hath heard what the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken from the most exalted station. Verily He is the Lord of all mankind and the Sovereign of the Day of Resurrection.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my God, and majesty be unto Thee, O my God, and generosity be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of the nations, and bounty be unto Thee, O Thou Lord of existence, and grace be unto Thee, O Thou Manifestation of justice, and beneficence be unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all humanity, and loving-kindness be unto Thee, O Thou Worshipped One of all creation, inasmuch as Thou hast made marriage a means for the unity of Thy creation and the exaltation of Thy Word amongst Thy servants. Through it Thou hast united hearts and manifested the tokens of Thy Best-Beloved Name, and through it have been revealed the hidden mysteries concealed behind the Qaf of Thy power, and the earth and heaven have been illumined with the light of Thy providence.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Luminary of Thy proof which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy prison, to aid Thy loved ones to achieve unity and harmony, that through them the horizons of Thy dominion may be illumined. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent One Whom the conditions of Thy creation cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of Thy servants dismay. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

Thanks be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know Thee, and praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of the sincere ones, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the worlds, inasmuch as Thou hast bestowed one of the leaves of Thy Lote-Tree, who was named after 'Meeting' in the Kingdom of Names, unto Thy Most Great Branch, and hast made her specially devoted to His service on this Day whereon Thou hast manifested Thyself unto mankind through Thy Name, O Thou Lord of destiny. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast illumined the lands and united the hearts of Thy servants, to unite them both, then send down upon them the blessings of Thy heaven, then cause to appear from the earth Thy bounties and favors. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Munificent, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH01337: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest…

He is the Ever-Mindful, the All-Knowing!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones in the days of Thy Manifestation, and Thou beholdest what they have borne for love of Thee and for Thy good-pleasure.

O Lord! The chronicles of the world proclaim the abasement of Thy loved ones and the might of Thy enemies, and the books of nations testify to the weakness of Thy chosen ones and the strength of those who have denied Thy signs. Thou hearest, O my God, in this hour my prayers and my remembrance and my supplications through those who are nigh unto Thee among Thy creation and the sincere ones among Thy creatures.

By Thy glory, O Sovereign of the Kingdom of Might and Dominion! I am certain that abasement in Thy path is a glory that cannot be compared with the glory of those in the world, and that the fire of Thy love is a light that cannot be obscured by the veils of nations. Even should I, O my God, at every hour drink from the hands of the enemies the cup of destiny, the thirst of my longing and my yearning would not be quenched. Verily, he who hath drunk the choice wine of Thy love and hath been seized with the intoxication of the wine of Thy knowledge, nothing on earth can dismay him, nor can any matter distract him from gazing toward the horizon of Thy manifestation, Thy Most Glorious Beauty, and Thy most exalted and sublime station.

My Most Exalted Pen desireth at all times to raise its whispering and its cry and its lamentation in this calamity by which the denizens of Paradise and the dwellers of the highest Paradise have wailed, and it hath reached such a state that the tongue of the Manifestation of Thy Cause, and the Ocean of Thy knowledge, and the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation bewaileth it, in manifestation of His grace and mercy and faithfulness.

O Letter Ha! Thou art in the most exalted Paradise, thy head adorned with the crown of thy Lord's favor, the Lord of all names, while Thy loved ones are in such grief that the clouds weep for them night and day. Wilt thou unveil the face of Thy Cause, or conceal it as thy Lord hath concealed it, in His wisdom? Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Thou art the one through whom the Most Great Sacrifice was manifested and its decree established among the nations. O Letter Ha! By God, through thee the horizon of faithfulness dawned and that was manifested whereby the Cause of God, Creator of the heavens, was spread abroad. Blessed is the eye that hath wept for thy calamities, and the ear that hath heard thy praise, and the face that hath turned toward thee, and the soul that hath hastened until it reached thy resting-place—the spot honored by thy noble body and thy sacred and glorious temple. By the life of God! Hearts have melted at thy calamity and livers have been rent asunder at thy tribulation.

O Land of Sad! I adjure thee by the Beloved to tell me whether the fragrance of the Beloved One hath been cut off from thee—that fragrance whereby the scent of the garment was diffused among the people of holiness—and whether He lieth cast down beneath the talons of every oppressor who hath denied God and His signs and turned away from His countenance and His sovereignty. O Breeze of Sad! Hast thou come from the Beloved to the loved ones with tidings whereby spirits are gladdened, or with news whereby hearts are melted? O breeze of my land and my soul! I find not in thee the fragrance of one who loved Me, as though he hath soared from the branch of the world to the Most Exalted Companion and the Most Glorious Horizon.

O My Name! Blessed is the eye that hath wept for thy calamities, whereby the Letter Ha crieth out in the land of Taff saying:

> "O Letter Ha! By thy life, through thy calamity my calamities and my sorrows and my grief and my tribulation have been renewed."

O Land of the City! Remember what befell him and his brother when they appeared before the gathering of the oppressors who found not the fragrance of justice and rose up in tyranny. By God! Through them was established the Word of God which issued from the mouth of the Divine Will upon the throne of manifestation. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> "I and those in Paradise, by the Most Great Truth, yearn for a soul that hath been slain in His path."

Thus did the Truth speak, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge was revealed. My tongue beareth witness in the kingdom of Mine utterance that they were martyred in My path, and for them did My heart and My Pen lament, as did those who circle round My throne and soar in the atmosphere of My nearness and drink the choice wine of My favors from the hand of My bounty.

O My Name and My Name! Though the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Pavilion have lamented your tragedy, yet doth the Wronged One praise and thank God for having aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and for having elevated your station to such a degree that His Most Exalted Pen grieveth for you in this Most Sublime Station. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto you, and the heart that hath won your love, and the seeker who hath sought your abode, and the one who hath entered your land and held fast unto your cord and visited your resting-place. By the life of God! They are among the triumphant and they are among those who are near unto God in His mighty and exalted Book.

Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return.

BH01344: By God's might! O beloved of my heart! Were…

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

By God's might! O beloved of my heart! Were I to say "may my spirit be a sacrifice unto thee," I would be ashamed of these words, for they befit not one who is evanescent, much less as a sacrifice for God's chosen ones and His trustees. Yet in this shame, which none save God alone knoweth, I beseech from the ocean of His bounty and the heaven of His generosity that He ordain, manifest and send down unto your presence, and upon you, that which befitteth His munificence, exalted be He, in such wise that your heart and soul may rejoice therein, and every tongue in existence may speak forth in praise of His glorious and beauteous Self. Despite my shame, agitation, powerlessness and shortcomings, I declare and say: may my spirit be a sacrifice unto your presence.

The sealed packet containing the letter from Muhammad Mustafa—upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God—and from Mirza Muhammad, one of God's captives, was received. This servant was blessed to read the most luminous and pure handwriting, praise and thanks be unto Him, whereby I drank what the near ones drink. Likewise, two other letters were perused. Praise and glory be unto Him for having

aided him to attain a station wherein he arose wholly to serve his Lord, detached from all else, such that every week there emanates from him the fragrance of the garment of the love of God among His devoted servants.

I beseech your beloved self to convey my expressions of sincerity, self-effacement and nothingness to them. Their letter and that of Aqa Mirza Muhammad were presented in their entirety before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed in reply:

"O My name Mihdi! A servant present submitted a letter from Aqa Mirza Muhammad of the land of Sad before the Most Holy Court. God hath ordained all matters to be resolved through consultation. Although the loved ones of the land of Hadba have permission to travel in various directions, except toward the Prison and its surroundings, they must consult before undertaking their journey. Their going was not advisable. Moreover, meeting with the letters Mim and Vav was necessary due to prior and subsequent rights—one meeting sufficed. Multiple meetings occurred outside the bounds of wisdom and contrary to dignity. Let them not be saddened by what transpired. They wrote that they were indebted thirty tumans from the funds of Hadba. Let Jinab-i-Zayn settle that debt. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down for him and them that which will gladden their hearts and bring joy to their breasts. Verily, He is their Protector in this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

God's favors have been and will continue to be directed toward the captives. It behooveth them not to be remiss or negligent in preserving the station and dignity of the Cause and their own selves. Verily, He is the Counselor, the Admonisher, the All-Knowing.

As for what Muhammad Mustafa—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—had written regarding the Prisoner—upon Him be the Glory of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting—having written that at the request of several who drink the wine of the love of the All-Merciful, they intended to journey toward the Most Great Prison, write to them that this matter was and is not in accordance with wisdom. Be patient, O My loved ones and friends! By My life, that which your Beloved commandeth you is better for you, did ye but know. We have written for the prisoner the reward of one who hath turned toward My court, entered My prison, stood before My gate, and heard My call; and for those who desired to attain the presence, let them ask their Lord, the All-Merciful, to inscribe for them, by the Pen of Revelation, the reward of one who hastened, attained, and won the victory. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His word 'Be' and it is." End quote.

Regarding the matter of taking fifty majidis and giving them to Jinab-i-Haji Ali—upon him be the Glory of God—for his claim, what was done was both beloved and desired. And concerning what was written about not yet having given to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Ali Kabir—upon him be the Glory of God—and intending to give later, this matter is not necessary at present, as it would delay the work of that honored one. Let them wait for now; perhaps on a future day this servant himself will attend to your beloved presence.

Praise be to God, at all times you have been and continue to be specially favored with the manifest and hidden bounties and the concealed and visible favors of the Beloved of the worlds, and mention of your beloved self is made in the most excellent and beautiful manner in all remembrances. Upon you be the

remembrance of God and the remembrance of those in the Supreme Concourse, and the glory of God and the glory of those in the Divine Throne and Heaven, and the praise of God and the praise of those in all the worlds.

The servant

The two letters sent have been forwarded. Perhaps your beloved self may wish to write a reply.

BH01393: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory! A servant…

He is God, exalted is He!

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory! A servant present here laid before the Divine Presence a letter addressed to thee, and the lamentation of the Wronged One of the horizons was heard. In truth, some among the people have, by their own hands, purchased divine wrath. Some He hath seized, and others He will seize. Verily, He hath power over all things. All things have bewailed the oppression of the people of truth, and sorrow hath encompassed all. The wrongs that have been inflicted in this time without cause are like unto trees that the heedless have planted with their own hands—and soon shall they behold the fruits thereof.

Sin Mim [Samandar], upon him rest My glory, hath ever been the recipient of divine favours, and there hath befallen him in the path of God that which His knowledge alone can encompass. In regard to his affairs, let him repeat nineteen times:

> "Thou seest me, O my God, detached from all save Thee and cleaving unto Thee. Guide me, then, in all mine affairs unto that which profiteth me for the glory of Thy Cause and the loftiness of the station of thy loved ones."

Let him then reflect upon the matter and undertake whatever cometh to mind. This vehement opposition of the enemies will indeed give way to supreme prosperity.

O Ism-i-Jud! Some souls are observed whose grief hath been and continueth to be the cause of God's grief, exalted be His glory, and likewise their joy the cause of His joy. The call of the Two Alifs and Shin hath been raised from the Prison. As for the first, he is the Nightingale, upon him be My glory, from the direction of Ra and Shin. There hath befallen him what befell My Herald in the prison. They imprisoned the Exalted One—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—in the land of Ta with a group of others, and the might of oppression so seized the loved ones that they outwardly turned away from Him, save one soul who declared:

> "O my Lord! I desire to be with Thee in the Supreme Companion and the Most Glorious Horizon."

Those same souls, after the passing of certain months, returned with the utmost lowliness and supplication, and their repentance was accepted, and they attained His supreme bounty. Happy are they! He knoweth how they returned and how He sanctified them and wrote for them with His Most Exalted Pen.

O Ism-i-Jud! Were it not for a decree that hath gone forth from Us, We would have shown the heedless and the oppressors which of us is more exalted and powerful. In this Most Great Revelation, ye have observed how many enemies He seized with mighty power; yet none became aware, all being intoxicated with the wine of heedlessness and far removed from the court of divine mercy. However, the world is pregnant with oppression. Soon shall the oppressors behold what they have wrought in the days of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O My Nightingale! Thou wert warbling openly upon the branches in the springtime of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Now thou mayest warble in prison secretly, until God shall bring thee His relief, His mercy, His bounty, His grace, His generosity, and His favor.

As for the second Alif and Shin, upon him be My glory, his call hath reached Us from the land of Alif and Ba. The oppressors have seized him and cast him into prison. Know ye that they are in manifest loss. The heedlessness of these ignorant ones hath reached such a pass that they reflect not upon the former and latter generations. They follow their vain desires and imagine themselves to be among those possessed of knowledge. All things testify to their fabrications, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ism-i-Jud! His honor Sin Mim, upon him be My grace and mercy, standeth at the door. Say: Lord! Pour forth patience upon him who loveth Thee and whom Thou lovest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. Although, praise be to God, he is adorned with the ornament of patience, yet this mention is a token of the Wronged One's loving-kindness toward him. For some time, they must conceal the sending of correspondence from both directions, such that even the household members remain unaware. And should they wish to write details to his honor the Nightingale, they should likewise command him to maintain secrecy. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what hath been commanded by the Wronged One, and joy be to him who hath attained unto obedience to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Ism-i-Jud! His honor the Shaykh, upon him be My mercy, hath fallen into hardship. However, since his purpose was for God's sake and occurred with acceptance and acquiescence, it hath been and shall remain blessed. Write to him what We commanded thee in person. God willing, they shall be assisted. In all matters, what is necessary today is that they exercise care in the sending and receiving of letters, and never let go of wisdom. This is what We counseled before, and in this most exalted and impregnable station.

BH01388: May this servant of the loved ones be…

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

May this servant of the loved ones be a sacrifice unto your honor! Your blessed letter reached this evanescent atom, as did another letter, and before that yet another letter. From each one fresh joy and boundless delight were obtained, for they were perfumed with the fragrant scents of the garment of the mention of the Most Great Name and the spiritual breezes of the Lord of nations. Blessed be they who inhale them! And all that was mentioned concerning the stations and ranks of the sanctification, purification, exaltation and transcendence of that Most Holy, Most Glorious Being—exalted be the

sovereignty of His grandeur and His glory—was observed with the eye of the head and of the heart. Blessed be thy tongue, thy utterance, and thy pen in having flowed in praise of Him Whose Being of Eternity hath testified to the eternality of His Essence and the oneness of His Self, and hath acknowledged the essential Identity through the uniqueness of His reality and the transcendence of His remembrance.

We beseech God to make thee among those who, when they drink from the chalice of divine unity and taste from the Kawthar of oneness and detachment, stand firm in His Cause, and are not prevented by any in creation from turning to the Most Glorious Horizon and beholding the Most Exalted, Most Glorious Outlook, whose gaze is ever fixed upon the court of their Beloved, whose hearts are turned to the countenance of their Goal, whose souls are forever stirred by the breezes that waft from the direction of the Beloved, and whose spirits are suspended upon the Name of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to the Beloved of all horizons and the Slayer of lovers, that your honor is numbered among those who drink from the Most Wondrous, Most Glorious chalice and the most delicate, most pure wine at the Most Exalted Horizon, and are reckoned among the people of Baha. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness and to preserve them from the whisperings that arise from heedless souls, for the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed, and steadfastness is even mightier than that. Blessed are they who are steadfast! Blessed are they who are firm! Blessed are they who are immovable!

Furthermore, this evanescent servant was present before the Throne, and whatsoever you had submitted in your letter to the Most Holy, Most Glorious Court was presented. This is what shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. His words, exalted be His might: “Grieve not over anything if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. This will render thee independent of all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth. Those who have hurt thee have followed their desires and walked in the ways of the wrongdoers. We have protected thee in truth, and We shall protect thee as a favor from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. However, it behooveth thee not to turn to those from whom thou perceivest the fragrance of aversion, nor to draw near unto them, nor to associate with them. Thus have We commanded Our servants who have believed in God, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Wise. And should association occur, turn thy heart’s gaze toward God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old.

Say: O my Lord! Protect me from those on whose faces is seen the dust of hell-fire. Then aid me in Thy remembrance and praise, and make me steadfast in such wise that neither the veils of the peoples of creation nor the whisperings of the evil ones shall prevent me. O my Lord! Thou hast guided me to the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thou hast distinguished between the nations, to protect me beneath the pavilion of Thy mercy and the tabernacle of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Dost thou grieve over this world? It shall pass away, by the Lord of the worlds! Rejoice in My love, which nothing created in all existence can equal. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou assured of thy Lord’s favor. He is with those who love Him. He is, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful.” End.

Blessed art thou, for the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken in thy praise and revealed unto thee the verses of His holiness and His beauty, the Beloved. This is a bounty that nothing in the worlds can equal.

Moreover, I conveyed your mention of glorification and praise to the service of the Branches and Twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree—exalted be their praise—and they especially conveyed most wondrous, most glorious greetings. Regarding what you had written about the receipts for the House, emphatic instructions have been given for their dispatch; God willing, they will arrive. The mentioned person feels utmost embarrassment toward your honor and offers endless greetings.

And concerning your request for the most blessed and holy photograph of His Holiness, the Most Great Branch—may the spirit of the worlds be sacrificed for Him—it is known to your honor that in this land there is no access to that person who took the blessed photograph. At present, obtaining it is not possible. Perhaps in the future matters will proceed differently. The Command is in God's hands. And the glory be upon thee and thy family.

The servant of God

BH01380: O Pen, interpreter of all our heart, Spread now…

O Pen, interpreter of all our heart, Spread now thy wings where breathings of the spirit start.

This is no hour for silence, still and cold; Make lovers of Love's ardour bright and bold.

Speak but a hint of love and lover's fire, That saint from wretch be parted by that pyre.

Love is to fade within the Well-Beloved; To slay the worldly self, by trial proved.

Love is with the Beloved one in heart; Like the slain bird, to tremble pierced by dart.

Love is but likeness unto Love alone; With base desire it never can be one.

Love makes the lover patient in such wise That every root of vain desire he dries.

Love gives the lover such discerning sight He finds fine meanings in the densest night.

Love makes the lover so sincere and true That all the world is opened by his view.

Love strips away all pleasures of the clay, And rends the soul from lust's impure array.

Love without the Beloved cannot stay; Its burning sets a world itself ablaze.

Love narrows all the world for hearts that yearn, Till from the lover the Beloved's pleasures turn.

O Pen, my heart is straitened by this sphere; Thou art the solver of each doubt and fear.

Since thou hast told of love and lover's art, Speak now of one true lover, pure of heart,

Who tears the circling veil of self apart, And in sincerity uplifts his standard high, apart;

So that whoever looks upon his face Is changed outright by but one sign of grace;

So that whomever meets his states untold Is lit like candle by his flaming gold;

So that his being, speechless though it be, May guide creation to the Deity.

He dwells forever in the Loved One's grace, By day and night before his King in place.

O Pen, cry out to all that are and may be: Thus hath proclaimed the sovereign Lord of guidance free:

"O company of friends! Full thirty years have flown Since this whole world became My seat and throne.

What woes for this poor frame have I endured! In what dark pits have I been prisoned and immured!

Though power and wealth were Mine in full degree, Yet chain and fetter grew familiar unto Me.

At times from Rayy, like captive of the West, We hastened on to Baghdad, sore oppressed.

At times toward Rum We journeyed bound and worn, Though lord of all the heavens was I born.

Now Adrianople, now ʿAkka, My abode— Like captives ever homeless on the road.

Seven years it is that for the world I've borne The Most Great Prison as My dwelling worn.

From no man did I seek support or aid, Nor to a soul My need or pleading made.

Nay, day and night, with many a sigh and cry, Unto My friends I sent My messengers on high:

The Revelation of God, the Tablets of His light, Wherefrom each lamp of truth was set alight:

ʿO My beloved ones who bear My name, All of you cherished are, and dear the same.

For your sake have I yielded Me to pain; For you I opened gates long sealed in vain.

How much stainless blood was shed like rain! How many heads were offered, free from fear or stain!

That this young Tree might rise in majesty, Till no opponent's stone could smite the Tree.

Yet those ascribed unto it, left and right, Now hurl their stones upon it without fright.

This Tree from out its heart, like reed, doth moan: O company of friends of many tones!

A while, though foes have left Me some release, From friends themselves My body finds no peace.

Be ye aware, O friends, yea, be aware! Open the eye of warning and take care.

Till now I bore with all your failings, kind; Like father round your dust I moved, resigned.

I counselled you through love with all My might, And loosed your limbs from many a grievous plight.

Your words unheard I still accepted all; I veiled Mine eyes from each unseemly fall,

That ye might rise from out your heavy sleep And one another by true faithfulness keep.

Another year—the time of patience ends; Another wine now through the goblet wends.

Who is unfit for such a feast sublime Let him go forth in joy and bide his time.

Let not the Act of God be stained with dust, For that Tree's long forbearance nears its dusk.

Henceforth whoever crookedly shall move with him, Or through his ignorance tear off a leaf or limb,

Such fire shall strike upon his very soul That of his house no trace shall yet remain whole.

Tell those who now are present of the absent band, That they may turn repentant from what they planned.

Let them be clothed in Baha's splendor bright, And wordlessly through deeds say 'Yea' aright.

Let them seek only Baha's Cause and glory fair; Along His path pursue His pleasure there.

If thus for but a while they keep the cord, They shall possess abiding honor from the Lord.

If thus they seek the Friend with single aim, Soon over time and space they'll master all the same.

The Friend's own message unto lovers hath been told; Each soul retaineth now the choice within his hold."

BH01387: God testifieth that there is none other God but...

He is the Speaker upon the Thrones of Hearts!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is indeed the Manifestation of the Resurrection and the Herald of the Hour. Through Him hath shone forth the Sun of wisdom and utterance, the Ocean of knowledge hath surged, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout all possibility. Through Him hath the horizon of the world been illumined and the Most Great Name appeared, and He is the One Who speaketh above all things with the sweetest call:

> "Verily, there is none other God but I, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the Transcendent, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!"

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Lord of all creation. He is the Caller from the Ascension and the Speaker in the Tree that groweth upon the Mount in the Land of Manifestation. Through Him hath the pure wine been passed round among the manifestations of light. Blessed is he who hath attained unto Him in the days of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, and woe betide them who have kept themselves remote from the grace of God, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who is single in grandeur, might and majesty, and peerless in glory, loftiness and grace. He hath created the Most Exalted Pen and made it the Primal Cause for the unity of the manifestations of names. Through it hath the Dove cooed upon the Ultimate Tree that there is none other God but the Lord

of the Beginning and the End, and through it hath the Nightingale of praise warbled upon the Branch of eternity that there is none other God but the Sovereign of earth and heaven.

Praise be to God Who hath attracted hearts through His Best-Beloved Name and unified all created things through His Name that transcendeth all names and attributes, Who is established upon the throne of ʻHe doeth what He willeth' and ruleth over all who are in earth and heaven through His sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds.

O ye Daysprings of names and Manifestations of might in the Kingdom of creation! O ye who dwell in the depths of grandeur and who inhabit the Most Exalted Paradise! Rejoice ye in this Most Great Joy wherein the Lord of Eternity addresseth and speaketh amidst the peoples. Then draw ye nigh with radiant faces and illumined hearts, and take ye the crimson cup from the hand of bounty of the Creator of earth and heaven. Then drink ye thereof once in His Name that prevaileth over all names, and again in His Name whereby all things are attracted. To him that drinketh thereof We say:

> "Well is it with thee, O thou who hast turned to God, the Lord of all men, through Whom the faces of the sincere ones have been gladdened and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have been illumined!"

O people of the world! This is a day wherein the Countenance of God hath smiled like unto one bewildered and amazed, for He seeth Himself forsaken by the peoples and imprisoned in this Most Great Prison. Yet He beholdeth the joy which they who are around Him have established by His binding command. Thereupon did all things cry out, and the very essence of being declared:

> "May our souls be a sacrifice for Thy bewilderment! We testify that Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. The opposition of Thine enemies hath not prevented Thee from that which Thou hast purposed in creation. At one time Thou makest hardship the very essence of ease, and each day Thou transformest the prison land according to Thy Will that hath preceded and Thy Purpose that hath prevailed, even as Thou hast this day, through Thy conquering power, spread the carpet of joy and gladness that the people of the Manifestation might rejoice therein, and hast adorned the House of Him Who conversed with God with the light that hath shone forth and beamed from the horizon of Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

Blessed is he who hath pondered this Day and what hath been revealed therein from the command of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise, the Ancient of Days. Again, blessed is he who hath remembered this Day and hath recited what hath been sent down therein from God, the Lord of the worlds. We have abbreviated the remembrance, for verily the Day requireth no more than this. To this testifieth the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory, and those who glorify their Lord, the Omnipotent, the All-Informed. Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy imprisonment and tribulation, by Thy oppression and affliction, to purify the people with the waters of Thy bounty and favors, and the streams of Thy generosity and gifts, that from them may be diffused naught but the fragrance of the garment of detachment in the kingdom of creation.

O Lord! Sanctify the hearts of those who circle round me from whatsoever is unworthy of Thy sanctification and glorification. Then make their hearts horizons for the lights of Thy knowledge and dawning-places for the manifestations of the Sun of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! Thy grace hath encompassed all contingent things and Thy bounty hath pervaded all created things. Take the hands of the weak with the arms of Thy might, then deliver them through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and this is a word to which all things bear witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Counselor, the Manifest, the Compassionate, the Generous. Then send down, O my God, upon Thy loved ones in this day a blessing from Thy presence, and grant them the good of this world and the world to come.

There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Lord! Even as Thou hast this day transformed the earth of Thy prison wherein Thou hast permitted joy and gladness for the people of Thy unity and the repositories of Thy oneness, do Thou transform the hearts of Thy servants that there may appear from them that which Thou lovest and approvest. There is none other God but Thee, the Munificent, the Helper.

BH01406: Praise be to the Ancient Beloved, Whose glances…

He is God, exalted be His station and magnificent His grandeur.

Praise be to the Ancient Beloved, Whose glances of favor have ever been directed towards His friends, and from Whom the breezes of grace from the treasury of bounty have never been cut off, and the ocean of generosity has never been restricted from outpouring. At all times the Supreme Pen hath been engaged in mentioning the loved ones and all who dwell in creation, yet the people of the world are observed to be exceedingly heedless, deprived and bereft of this mighty bounty and unmatched favor. Should one gaze with the eye of fairness and reflect, one would observe with what kindness, compassion, grace, mercy and benevolence the Truth summons these ungrateful people to that which profiteth them. I swear by the Creator of the world and its Educator that the pebbles of the desert and mountains, the heavens and earth, the seas, and whatsoever groweth from the earth—all are enraptured, stirred, melodious and joyous from the attraction of the Day of God, and are singing with a myriad tongues the verses of Truth, while these unconscious people are still asleep, nay, they are as the dead, save those who have been quickened and made steadfast by the divine spirit, and who have attained unto a wondrous, glorious, new life through the breezes of divine revelation.

What benefit, when no sight can be found in the world, and no ear exists; otherwise, but a single melody from the Supreme Pen would attract all and cause them to ascend to the highest horizon. Blessed are they who have turned towards God, hearkened, responded, and attained that which most of mankind hath failed to attain.

Thereafter, your letter reached this servant, and the fragrances of love, affection and faithfulness were inhaled therefrom. It is evident that faithfulness hath ever been the attribute of God's friends, and they have always been successful in achieving and practicing it. In truth, the fragrance of faithfulness wafted from your letter. This servant, though unworthy to be mentioned before God's friends or to be the object of their attention, yet they, out of their praiseworthy characteristics and lofty qualities, make mention of

the most insignificant of servants and gladden him with drops from the pen of affection. Their reward is with Him Who created them and preferred them above most of His servants. What you observed in your dream regarding this servant's weakness and brokenness—the matter is as you saw it, and now is as it was, and praise be to God, my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of what will be and what has been. In all cases, praise be to the Self-Sufficient, the Eternal. If we are worthy of His trials, it is among His great favors and mighty bounties, but the pain is that these heads are not worthy of the noose of His trials, and these souls are not fit to be the target of His decree. His is the judgment in all conditions.

Furthermore, I conveyed your greetings and expressions of evanescence and nothingness to the holy divine Branches—may my spirit and the spirits of all the world be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—and to the members of the pavilion of chastity and sanctity, and each one sends to you and those with you their greetings and most glorious mention. Regarding what you wrote about the children, God willing, the Truth has granted and will grant health. Convey this servant's greetings to the honored masters, the two sons, his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Ali and his honor Aqa Lutfu'llah. A letter has been written to his honor Aqa Ghulam-Ali which you will observe. Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to the mother of ʿInayatu'llah and the honored dear ones. The Glory be upon you.

The servant.

Previously, dried yogurt [kashk] was ordered through his honor Aqa Lutfu'llah but was not fulfilled and they did not send it. Now it has been written to his honor Aqa Ghulam-Ali. You or Aqa Ghulam-Ali should look there at those who deal with Nablus, whether muleteers or others, whichever is possible, tell them to obtain ten rotls of very good pure dried yogurt from there and bring it, and you or Aqa Ghulam-Ali should send it, and write its cost so it may be sent. In Nablus all kinds of dried yogurt can be found, better than Persian dried yogurt. His honor Haji Mirza Ali-Akbar the engraver sent some two years ago. If you inquire properly, surely good and inexpensive ones can be found. The Glory be upon you.

BH01415: As for what you wrote concerning Ahmad-i-Kirmani—upon…

As for what you wrote concerning Ahmad-i-Kirmani—upon him be what he deserves—by God, the mind is bewildered and astonished by such vain, obscure and fraudulent souls. Several times now acceptance and then rejection have been manifested from him. The evanescent one testifies that he has not believed in anyone who speaks without consciousness and understanding. Glory be to God! Through these words to which he has clung and through which he has sought to prove the truth of the dawning-place of conjectures—several years ago in the Land of Ta he confessed to it just as he confessed to it in these days, then repudiated it.

Praise be to God that your honor observed the fraudulent words—would that you had seen him in person, for then the unconsciousness of the people would have become even more evident to your honor. Would that the expressions in those infernal pages had coherence, or that some meaning could be derived from them! Praise be to God, they are devoid and bereft of all that is beloved. Some time ago, in the Tablets of one of the friends of God, these decisive words were revealed:

> “Behold, O chosen ones of God, what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: ‘Do these men imagine that they will be raised again on a Great Day—the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds?’ Nay! Verily the record of the wicked is in Sijjin. And what shall make thee know what Sijjin is? It is a written record. Woe on that day unto those who deny the truth! The croaking of a croaker shall be raised, and the book of Sijjin shall be spread abroad. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness, and woe unto every lying doubter!”

Likewise in the Tablets of Iraq and the Land of Mystery, these passages were revealed from the heaven of divine Will. The writings of such fraudulent souls serve as their own exposure, and every person of understanding and insight perceives the degrees thereof. And when this detailed account was presented before the Most Holy Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words:

> “Souls who have been nourished by the fruits of the Supreme Pen behold themselves free from vain imaginings, confused dreams and fancies, and are so steadfast in the Cause that all the books of the world cannot turn them away from the Ancient Beauty, much less such delirious utterances.”

May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice unto His utterance! It is most regrettable that on such occasions mention should be made of these utterances which have shone forth from the Dayspring of verses, yet since it is mentioned to that beloved of the soul, it hath been and shall ever be beloved.

Another request is that you convey greetings from this evanescent one to his honor Aqa Mirza Ata’u’llah, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God that the lights of steadfastness have shone forth from him. Whosoever today hath drunk from the living waters will surely not turn to the stagnant pool. Would that you had written to Ahmad himself:

> “We know not upon which path thou standest, nor which way thou walkest. At times we find thee repentant, penitent and remorseful, and at other times we see thee an unbeliever, a rejecter, a hypocrite and doubter. Setting all else aside, where has thy fairness gone that thou hast sent these fabricated words? This servant says, purely for the sake of God: Open thine eyes that thou mayest see, and give ear that thou mayest hear. What has happened that thou canst not distinguish between the melodies of the nightingale and the croaking of the raven? Return unto God Who created thee and sustained thee; perchance He may forgive thy misdeeds, though thou hast committed that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Our All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord beareth witness to this.”

Likewise I send greetings to his honor Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God, and I beseech and implore God that He may aid him to serve the Cause, that there may appear from him that which will gladden the hearts of those near unto God. I likewise beseech God to adorn all the friends in that land with the ornament of steadfastness. Would that people would comprehend the Day of God! Whosoever attaineth unto this station beholdeth all save God, exalted be His glory, as non-existent and as naught. In one of the Tablets this exalted Word was revealed, glorified be His grandeur:

> "In the first year, from the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen this blessed word was heard: Blessed are those souls who have recognized the new Cause and have turned towards the new Beauty, and this lofty and most exalted station is not attained except through the effacement of all that was before and the hearkening of attentive ears."

Those who took the calf as their god instead of God were several degrees more conscious than this croaker, for they at least had found something to cling to. Woe unto the heedless! Woe unto the lost! Woe unto those who lead others astray!

BH01422: Praise be to God Who hath transformed wrath…

In His Name through Whom God hath turned absolute evil into definitive good!

Praise be to God Who hath transformed wrath and anger into mercy and triumph, and hath ordained that from every drop of His martyrs' blood there should be created beings to aid His firm and wise Cause. And praise be to God Who hath raised aloft the standard of might, at one time through His trusted ones and chosen ones, and at another through His enemies. Verily, He is the Omnipotent One Whom the intentions of His creation cannot deter from that which He desireth, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God, there hath befallen the loved ones in the Land of Ya that which causeth the manifestations of victory and triumph to appear. Were this station and what is concealed therein to flow from the Pen, all the peoples of the world would behold themselves circumambulating round about it. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! This day is the day of triumph. Praise be to God, the hem of His Majesty the Sultan hath been and is sanctified, holy and pure from the abominable deeds and reprehensible acts of the oppressors. In truth, all the loved ones should, as in the past, beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for his protection.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, and by the pearls hidden in the mines of Thy servants, and by the fruits of the trees of Thy bounty in all lands, to protect His Majesty the Sultan through Thy power and sovereignty. Then aid him to manifest justice, that the horizons may be illumined by its light. Then open before his face, O my God, the door of Thy grace, Thy riches, Thy generosity and Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

Thy letter mentioning certain unseemly matters from the treacherous ones was read before My face. Blessed art thou, and well is it with thee, for thou art at all times looking toward the truth and speaking in praise of goodness. Courtesy is a characteristic of man and is acceptable before God. Beseech ye God not to deprive His servants of this blessed and luminous adorning. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Today the loved ones and chosen ones must arise with complete determination to aid the Cause of God, albeit through wisdom and utterance. This Wronged One, at all times, counseleth those who are near to the gate of grace and bounty regarding that reformation which is the cause of the world's prosperity and the refinement of the souls of nations. They must shun and in no wise enter into matters from which the odor of corruption is wafted. Now it hath become clear and evident to most of the rulers of the earth that this community hath never looked to aught save that which promoteth the advancement of the

government and the people, and His Majesty the Sultan himself is aware of this matter, as is His Majesty the Viceroy, may God assist him, though they have not deemed it expedient to declare it.

O thou who standest before the Face and circlest round the Throne! In these days, special mention was made three times of the martyrs of the Land of Ya. That which was revealed was such that its fragrance shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom. There befell those sanctified souls that which caused the Spirit of Faith and the angels drawn nigh to lament. Blessed are they and well is it with them. Such steadfastness was manifested by those sanctified souls as to astonish the Concourse on High. One portion of those three portions was sent, and afterward the other two portions shall be sent. However, the reports that arrived each contradicted the other regarding some of the oppressions inflicted, and from the Most Exalted Pen there flowed and was revealed that which corresponded to what they had mentioned, the signs and fruits of which have appeared and shall appear every day. By the life of God! The enemies have rendered such assistance as hath no likeness or equal. Glory be to God! They have counted the supreme loss as the supreme gain. Beseech ye God for consciousness, that perchance they may become aware of their deeds.

Make mention of all the friends of God on behalf of the Wronged One, that all may be illumined and mindful through the light of divine remembrance. A Tablet hath also been revealed especially for the Afnan, upon them be the glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness, and the other peoples of the world. God willing, it shall be sent. At all times ye should be occupied with spreading the divine verses and making the gatherings and meetings fragrant with the musk-like perfume of utterance. Verily, He will aid thee and make thee successful, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning this News at which the limbs of every stubborn infidel have quaked. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01436: Praise, glory, mention and splendor befit the Sun…

He is the Hearer through Grace and the Answerer through Justice.

Praise, glory, mention and splendor befit the Sun of Truth, Who hath adorned the people of possibility with the ornament of recognition and the crown of certitude through the lights of the Luminary of proof. Exalted be His dominion, glorified be His signs, and magnificent be His sovereignty!

O ʿA! Thy letter which thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, hath come. We have read it and answer thee through this Tablet, whereby the horizons of meanings and utterance have shone forth, and the mysteries deposited in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Bestower, have been revealed.

O N! Verily the letter Nun swimmeth in the ocean of utterance and saith:

> “Blessed art thou, O ʿAndalib, in that thou hast warbled upon the branches with diverse melodies!”

O D! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of creation. Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from the Supreme Horizon, the Station wherein the Caller proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Beginning and the Return!"

O L! The Most High, the All-Sufficient, giveth thee glad tidings of that which God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, hath ordained for His loved ones. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, the tongue that hath spoken, and the eye that hath seen and attained unto the days of God, the Lord of Lords.

We have found from thy letter the fragrance of the garment and have revealed for thee that whereby eyes and vision are gladdened. This day is the day of supreme joy. The loved ones must strive and guide the wayward to the divine path. Say: O friends! Today is the day of service. Transform the garment of fear, silence, and stillness into utterance, expression, assurance, and enthusiasm. All things are speaking in praise and glory. This is the Day of God and the springtime of the flowers and roses of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized, and the tongues that have called out and said:

> "O people! The Day hath come with glory, power, majesty, and authority unto God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving!"

Concerning what thou hast mentioned about certain souls who have attained unto the Kawthar of recognition and the Salsabil of faith—this is through God's grace. He confirmeth whomsoever He willeth to turn towards the horizon of His Manifestation and to face the lights of His countenance. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Illuminator of the hearts of those who turn to Him and are unified in Him.

Regarding what thou hast mentioned about confirming the teachers and those who have arisen in purity, detachment, trustworthiness, religiosity, and in speaking that which hath been revealed in the Tablets—these words of thine have been adorned before the Throne with the ornament of acceptance and good-pleasure. We beseech God, and are beseeching Him, to assist the people of Baha in preserving the verses that are the cause of the exaltation and advancement of the servants. For if the revealed verses are recited in gatherings at every station, ere long the world will turn from what they possess to what is with God.

The honored Name of God "J" hath also submitted a word in this regard which was favored with hearing and illumined with the light of acceptance. He wrote that the regions of Kurdistan are very receptive and need teachers, provided they keep in view only the exaltation of the Cause and do not spread their own carpet. In truth, some of the teachers should observe and be mindful of this word and thy word, and hold fast unto them, as a command from God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Concerning what thou hast mentioned about Nayyir and Sina, thou hast spoken with justice. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to exalt them through His Name and make them among the banners of His victory in His kingdom and the standards of His guidance among His creation. From the regions of the land of Kha, mention hath also been made of them. Happy are they, and blessed are they! We testify that they have taken the cups of utterance and drunk in the name of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and have succeeded in serving the Cause most of the time.

That which is necessary today is that the Hands of the Cause of God should guide the servants to the Dawning-Place of true divine unity and fix their gaze upon the horizon of the One Manifestation, and not, like the former people, take up a new idol each day. This is My counsel to them, and We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to confirm all in what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. Then recite unto them what We have revealed for thee in this Mighty Tablet. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this Great News and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the first and the last.

BH01448: O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Glorious Horizon!

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of the Concourse on High! We have seen and heard that which thou didst send, and it hath attained unto Our presence. Praise be to God! The fragrance of the love of His loved ones is diffused; they speak with their tongues and are turned with their hearts towards Him, and are steadfast in His service. Today one drop of deeds is as an ocean, and an atom like unto the sun, inasmuch as these are the days of the Most Great Manifestation. His pardon hath preceded, His bounty hath preceded, His mercy hath preceded, His generosity hath preceded. He concealeth that which is manifest and revealeth that which is hidden. All the books of old have held festivities in celebration of this blessed Day. In truth, today the realities of the world are adorned with the most great joy and the most great gladness. Blessed is he who hath recognized the value of this Day and hath acted as beseemeth it.

O Zayn! Thou didst make mention of Mulla Muhammad-Baqir, upon whom be My glory. Verily God hath forgiven his mother, then the one for whom she desired forgiveness, from the ocean of thy Lord's loving kindness, the All-Merciful, the Generous. Blessed is she! We found from her the fragrance of faithfulness and have mentioned her with this clear mention. We make mention of Abdu'llah, son of him who was named with the Truth. We beseech God to forgive him and forgive his father and mother, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Most Merciful of the merciful. We make mention of Muhammad-i-Ja'far and bid him act according to what hath been revealed in My Great Book. We beseech God to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. We make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah, son of Sadiq, and give him glad-tidings through this wise mention. And of him who was named Rajab-Ali who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

O Zayn! Give glad-tidings to Muhammad-Ali whose name was present before the face of the Wronged One at this time. We have made mention of those who have cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings and have taken hold of that which they were bidden by an Ancient Commander. O Zayn! The glory be upon thee and upon thy sister and upon her son from God, the Lord of the worlds. We have mentioned those whom God hath related unto thee with a mention that cannot be equaled by the mentions of the world. To this beareth witness the Book of God that speaketh in this exalted station. We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Ali, son of him who was named Qurban, and We counsel him with that

which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, and give him glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for him by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Give thanks unto God for having mentioned thee in His Most Great Prison and revealed for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which the treasures of the world cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Beware lest the happenings of the world sadden thee. Take hold of the Book with the strength granted from Us. We shall verily aid thee and protect thee from those who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and turned away from Him when He came with manifest sovereignty.

We make mention of him who was named Isma'il, whose letter was present before the Wronged One when He was in the garden named after Him, and who was honored by His presence and attained His meeting at all times. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. O Isma'il! He who loved Me sent thy letter; the Wronged One read it and answered thee with that which caused the hearts of those who have turned towards Him to be attracted.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me acknowledge Thy oneness and confess Thy singleness, and hold fast unto what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the standard of Thy unity was raised in Thy lands and the banners of Thy remembrance among Thy servants, and by His family and His companions, to ordain for me through Thy bounty and generosity that which will solace mine eyes and gladden my heart. O Lord! The ignorant one hath sought the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the poor one the kingdom of Thy bestowal. Disappoint him not, by Thy bounty and generosity and Thy mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We make mention of him who was mentioned in his letter, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the All-Remembering, the All-Wise. O Muhammad! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me one of the believers among Thy servants who have acknowledged that which the tongue of Thy power uttered before the creation of Thy earth and Thy heaven. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast unto Thy Book which Thou didst reveal unto Thy Beloved One. I beseech Thee by its verses and its mysteries and his station and his glory and his splendor, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

BH01430: This is a Book of glory and of bounty…

He is the Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the All-Glorious.

This is a Book of glory and of bounty, sent down in the Realm of Grace with the word: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate." It showeth unto contingent beings that which draweth them nigh unto a Beauty of ancient majesty, and remindeth them, with the most comely remembrance, in this Most Great Remembrance which hath appeared in the temple of the Youth. Blessed be God, the King, the True, the Manifest.

At one time We behold Him seated upon the Throne, under these two Most Exalted Names. Exalted is God, the Originator of the worlds!

At another, We behold Him moving in the air in the form of the spirit and the temple of light, as though by His movement all existence were set in motion—yet none perceiveth this save every one endowed with a seeing and radiant eye.

Yet again We behold Him as the Lote-Tree, whose root is planted in the Supreme Paradise, the pivot of the heavenly realms, and whose branches encompass the Concourse on high. Blessed be God, the King, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Wise! That Tree hath put forth leaves—each leaf chanting the praise of its Fashioner; but none heareth this save such as have cleansed their ears from all that hath issued from the mouths of contingent things. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen of Revelation in a well-guarded Tablet. He it is Who hearkeneth to the melodies of the leaves that hang from the branches, all upon the secret veiled in the secret, in this Hidden One, cloaked in mystery yet manifest with a clear and evident mystery.

At another time We behold Him under the guise of fire, and around it circle the dwellers of the Mount, bearing the banners of praise, and the people of light, upraising the tokens of majesty and glory, followed by the hosts of the unseen whom no denizen of the visible world hath ever perceived. Whoso draweth nigh unto that fire, at one time heareth, from its very flame, the voice of God describing this eternal, divine Decree which, when once revealed, causeth the Kingdom of the Names to quake within the Lord of creation; and at another, he heareth therein all that God hath made holy in the realms of word and utterance, of wisdom and exposition, in the mention of this Remembrance which, when the veil is rent asunder, shattereth all other veils, and maketh the face to tremble with longing for the meeting with Him and with ardent yearning for His beauty, shining upon the worlds of being. This is the station where the temple of meanings casteth off the sandals of words and turneth toward this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Exalted Seat.

At yet another time thou beholdest Him in the form of the heavens, wherein are manifest signs most evident, suns resplendent, moons radiant, and stars of dazzling splendour—each and all acclaiming with praise this very Praise that hath appeared through the Most Great Name amidst the nations, and hath shone forth from the horizon of glory with a vesture wherewith the heavens and the earth have been illumined. And when He willed to acquaint contingent beings with one of His effulgent revelations, God forthwith raised up the Primal, the Wondrous One, and taught him all the Names. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

And if thou turnest unto Him with yet another gaze, thou wilt behold Him in the beauty of Abraham, and wilt see the fire of Nimrod enkindled at His coming, and that he seeketh to cast Him therein, seized as he is with hatred against that holy, luminous Light.

Again thou wilt behold Him in the beauty of the Speaker on Sinai, and wilt find Paran of holiness to be the Mount of God, sanctified, ancient of days.

And yet again thou wilt gaze upon Him in the temple of Jesus, while the cross moveth on, riven by the deeds of the wrong-doers, and the hosts of the Jews encompass Him, even as there was proclaimed, in

the kingdom of creation between earth and heaven, the cry: “Verily, there is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.”

Then once more thou wilt see Him in the beauty of Muhammad, and on His right the Abu-Jahl of hypocrisy with hosts from among the people of dissension, and on His left the Abu-Lahab of heedlessness, with the flame of turning away. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen unfold these images unto you, that ye may be of them that truly understand.

And if thou directest toward Him the Eye of God, thou wilt behold Him in the temple of the Bab, above all else besides Him, while the dogs of earth encompass Him—those who imagined in their own souls that they were true believers and deemed themselves among the rightly guided.

Then wilt thou hear His cry when He was suspended in the air:

> “O concourse of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful. I have sacrificed My spirit, My soul, then My body and My very frame, for him whom the signs have made to wonder, and before whom every right-decreed Cause hath humbled itself. Beware lest ye deal with Him as the people of the Furqan dealt with Me. By God! One single glance at His beauty, at the hour of His Manifestation, surpasseth the kingdom of the dominion of the worlds of desire and earth, and the realms of command and creation, and excelleth the worship of all beings. O people! I have offered up My own self in hope of His good-pleasure and of attaining unto His holy, undefiled, inaccessible, exalted and impregnable presence. Would that I had a thousand spirits, a thousand souls and a thousand bodies, that I might sacrifice them all in His path! This is the longing of My heart in all seasons.”

Thus hath the All-Merciful made Me to speak, if ye be of them that know.

We have circumscribed this matter only according to the limitations of your own selves; otherwise, were I to possess in every instant a thousand lives, I would still offer them all in love for His beauty, in quest of His meeting, in yearning for His good-pleasure and in hope of His glory—and therein would I glory in the Kingdom on high among the company of the Messengers.

BH01475: O Pen! Turn thy face towards him who hath…

O Pen! Turn thy face towards him who hath been named Mu’min, then make mention of him in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall never be cut off throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Realm.

He Who was hidden hath appeared, and He Who was concealed from sight and eyes hath come. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the Call and turned towards the Supreme Horizon, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. This is the Day whereon the Herald hath called out from every direction: “Fear ye God, O people, and follow not every forbidden idolator.” This is the Day that hath gladdened the eyes of the Concourse on High, and all things have proclaimed: “The Truth hath come with manifest sovereignty.” Say: O people! Nothing shall profit you this Day, neither any matter save through this irrevocable Cause. Turn with radiant faces unto God, the Lord of Names, then aid Him with the hosts of

goodly deeds and conduct, as commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen raised its shrill voice, as a bounty from God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O [name]! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed that which hath no peer or likeness. Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy greatness and bounty and glory and splendor. Thou art that Sovereign Whom the clamor of the people of the realm of possibilities did not prevent from unity, and the conditions of the daysprings of conjecture and idle fancy did not hold back from Thy will. The power of the world did not weaken Thee, and the unbelief of nations did not prevent Thee from the mention of Thy oneness. The opposition of servants did not conceal Thy bounty, and the discord of the people of dissension did not prevent Thee from shining forth. O Generous One! All bear witness to Thy generosity. Deprive not Thy poor ones from the ocean of Thy wealth, and forbid not the needy from the Kingdom of Thy riches. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mihdi Sadiq, that the attraction of the breaths of remembrance may seize him and draw him nigh unto a station wherein naught is heard save the mention of God and His praise, and wherein naught is seen save the manifestations of the lights of the Luminary of His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. This is a Book that speaketh the truth and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. They who have turned away this Day from God and His sovereignty are in manifest error. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants unto that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him at all times.

Say: My God, my God! The weak one hath clung to the cord of Thy strength, and the abased one hath held fast to the hem of the robe of Thy might, and the poor one hath stood before the door of Thy bounty, and the heedless one before the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will gladden my heart and solace mine eyes. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, both male and female. Remember them on My behalf and gladden them with My verses and illumine them with the light of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We seal the Book with the two names who were named Nabil before B and Mihdi, and We beseech God to assist them through His power and sovereignty and to teach them that which beseemeth His days, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Repeated mention of them hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Some time ago the most unassailable and most holy Tablet was revealed especially for them and was sent forth, and they were blessed with the honor of beholding it. Grace hath encompassed them, and mercy hath outstripped all else.

The Supreme Pen hath been moved night and day towards the friends and hath been directed heavenward. All must be illumined by the light of certitude and attain unto the most great steadfastness. From the time of the dawning of the Day-Star of the horizons from the horizon of Iraq until now, all have been informed. In one of the Tablets, this exalted word was revealed:

> “In all cities and regions the cawing of the ravens shall be raised. Blessed is he who, steadfast, has cast behind him all else, holding fast to the cord of God, the Firm, the Strong.”

The pretenders to the Cause and the liars of the world have appeared and will appear to such an extent that in all cities and villages the cawing of ravens will be raised. Thus has spoken the tongue of the All-Knowing in this Clear Tablet. Perhaps in Akka too the cawing of a raven has been raised. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you to achieve the most great steadfastness and to protect you from the calumnies of the godless ones and the slanderers. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01469: The Book of the All-Merciful speaketh amidst all religions…

In the Name of Him Who warbleth upon the branches!

The Book of the All-Merciful speaketh amidst all religions and summoneth the peoples unto their Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is the heart that hath turned unto Him and the countenance that hath been directed towards Him, and woe unto him who hath denied and turned away when he heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of Eternity was in this noble station.

Carmel hath smiled at the appearance of God, and Zion hath cried out: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of all worlds!” This is the Day wherein the City of God hath descended from the heaven of His command, yet most of the people are in manifest obscurity.

Say: O Concourse of the Spirit! He Who was promised hath come, and He Who was hidden hath appeared, and he who was silent hath spoken, through the grace of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. O Concourse of the Spirit! He speaketh among you, yet ye hear not, and He walketh before your faces, yet ye know not. Your eyes have been dazed and your ears prevented. Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who was promised in the Books and mentioned in the hearts and minds.

O Concourse of the Spirit! He hath come from heaven as He ascended unto it the first time. Hasten unto Him and be not of the heedless.

O thou who hast emigrated unto God! Hear My call from this luminous Spot. He remembereth thee and commandeth thee to that which attracteth the hearts of them who are nigh unto God. Say: O Land of Ta! Thou hast come from the direction of grandeur and glory with the tidings of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all contingent being. Draw nigh with illumined hearts and be not of them that hesitate.

Thou art he whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His signs, the Mine of His wisdom and the Treasury of the pearls of His wondrous utterance. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he that dwelleth in thee, and joy be unto thee and unto him who hath attained thy presence and established for himself a seat within thee. We beseech God to illumine all through the light of recognition and draw them nigh unto His sacred and luminous Presence.

O Baqir! Hear My call. Verily it hath been raised from a station whereunto cannot attain the mention of the mystics, nor the praise of the chosen ones, nor the clamor of the seekers. Remind in My name the Hands of My Cause there and give them glad-tidings of My acceptance of them. Say: Grieve not for that which hath befallen you from those at whose tyranny the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the

Manifestations of the most exalted Heaven have lamented. God shall soon exalt those who have believed and abase every heedless remote one.

We send Our greetings unto you, O My loved ones, and Our salutations unto you, O My chosen ones. We have remembered you before and at this time with a remembrance whereby the Holy Spirit hath been attracted. Pass like the spring breezes over the lands that their countenances may smile and they may perceive from thee the fragrance of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

When thou arrivest in the Land of Sad, visit My loved ones and chosen ones who were not prevented by the riches of the world from holding fast unto the Most Great Name. They have cast aside all else but God with a might that hath amazed the Concourse on High. These are the people of Baha whose appearance, arising and advancement in the service of His mighty and exalted Cause God hath promised His servants.

Say: O Land of Sad! Where are the showers of thy mercy, and where are the stars of thy horizons? Where are God's trusts within thee, and where are thy light and thy radiance, and where are those through whom the gate of heaven was opened and that which was in God's knowledge, the Lord of the exalted Throne, was made manifest?

And when thou arrivest in the Land of Nun and Jim, give them glad-tidings from the Wronged One, then recite unto them what hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Say: O loved ones of God and His party! The realities of all things have lamented due to your grief, to this testifieth the Lord of all beings in this exalted station. By God! There hath been ordained for you that which no eye hath seen the like thereof, to this doth testify the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We bear witness that ye have attained unto acceptance when most men turned away, and ye have drunk the choice wine of immortality from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous, and ye have heard that which ears were prevented from hearing, and ye have seen that which eyes have not seen, to this testifieth He Who calleth with the most exalted call between earth and heaven:

> "Verily there is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty."

We bear witness at the end of the Book that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded in God's Books and treasured in the hearts of His Messengers. The resplendent Light shining from the horizon of My utterance and the manifest and radiant Glory from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have heard and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

BH01502: O Thou at Whose most sweet call the spirits…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Thou at Whose most sweet call the spirits of the pure ones were attracted, and through Whose spiritual melodies the hearts of those who dwell in the Eternal Realm were filled with rapture! Through the manifestation of Thy Most Great Name the peoples were divided: the essences ascended to the loftiest heights, while the accidents remained in the nethermost earth. At the appearance of the mention

of Thy Hidden Name, the faces of the lovers are set ablaze, the hearts of those attracted are enkindled, the hearts of those who love are moved, and the eyes of the yearning ones overflow with longing. Then blackened are the faces of those who turned away from Thy Most High, Most Great Beauty.

Through the revelation of Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, the dawn of manifestation broke forth and the breeze of forgiveness wafted over all things hidden and manifest. Through the removal of the veils of glory from the face of the Divine Exemplar and the rising of the Luminary of Beauty from the horizon of majesty, the people of Baha drank of the Kawthar of meeting, then the purest nectar, then the crimson wine, then the water of life, then the stream of grace and bounty, then the fountain of eternity, then the crystal-clear waters from the hands of bestowal, then the subtle darkness from the cup of healing, then the hidden milk from the pearl of Thy Most Hidden, Most Concealed Name.

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Throne and the Cloud, for having caused these subtle, delicate, sweet, compelling, penetrating, flowing rivers to stream forth from the direction of the throne of Thy oneness and the ocean of Thy Self-Subsistence for Thy loved ones and the people of Thy Cause, who have purified their eyes from gazing upon aught else but Thee and have freed their hearts, their souls and their spirits for the revelations of the Sun of Thy knowledge. Then praise be unto Thee, above all praise, O my God, for having enabled them to be steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and submissive to all that proceeded from Thee.

This one, O my God, who at Thy glorious throne was named Nabil ibn Nabil—upon him be the waves of Thy favors and whatsoever beseemeth the billows of Thy generosity and bounty—hastened with his whole being to the court of Thy mercy until he attained all the good Thou hadst ordained in Thy Book. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy two Most Great, Most Mighty Names, since Thou hast honored him with arrival at the city of Thy presence and the Ka'bih of Thy meeting twice, to distinguish him with a third time as a favor from Thee, that the word concerning him may be fulfilled and Thy blessing upon him perfected, though Thou hadst already fulfilled Thy word to him and completed Thy blessing upon him. Yet this is grace upon grace, and favor upon favor. And if that be not ordained due to outward impediments, then send down from the heaven of Thy Will that which would establish its reward for him in Thy mighty tablets, for verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest, and Thou art the Protector, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

O my God! Among Thy near ones who love Thee were those who numbered there according to the letters of Thy Most High Name. One of them departed and two remained. Therefore, strengthen them with their third, O my Lord, the Most Merciful, that the encompassing lights of Thy Word, which Thou didst send down through the tongue of Thy Beloved before all things, may take their station. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over what Thou willest and the Doer of what Thou desirest. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy love!

The letter adorned with mention of the Lord of Eternity, which was inscribed by the firm, steadfast pen of certitude and assurance, arrived and was beheld. And whatsoever was recorded therein of the melodies of the birds of Paradise and the doves of the celestial garden in praise and supplication to the Beloved was presented and mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. The blessed Word, which was the source, spring and mine of infinite bounties, appeared from the horizon of the Mouth of Will, gazed with the glance of favor, and was directed toward thee. Blessed is the letter that was read before the Throne and

whose praise of His mighty, beauteous Self was heard by the Divine Ear. O my spirit be a sacrifice for thee, O beloved one, for the Tongue of Grandeur spoke concerning thee that which perfumed all existence, both seen and unseen.

Furthermore, whatsoever was expressed regarding the stations of powerlessness and nothingness in the presence of the Branches, Leaves and Twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree was presented at their holy, glorious feet. They showed perfect favor and spoke with wondrous, sublime mention and most high, exalted glorification, which this servant is to convey from their blessed tongue. Verily, He is the Bearer of mercy and the Sender down of blessing to whomsoever He willeth among His near servants.

Verily, the Glory be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon those who love you in truth and certitude.

The servant

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BH01495: This is the Day whereon the Book speaketh, wherein…

In the Name of Him Who is the Lord of the earth and heaven!

This is the Day whereon the Book speaketh, wherein the Sun discourseth, and wherein the Moon proclaimeth:

> "Dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust! Glory be to God, the Lord of all creation! And sovereignty is God's, the Lord of both the past and future!"

Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and joy be unto him who hath hearkened, and woe betide every heedless doubter and every remote ignorant one.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, it draweth you unto a station whereon the Throne of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been established. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, yet most of the people are wandering distraught.

O concourse of loved ones in Rustaq and its surroundings! Hear ye the Call from the Prison of Akka. Verily, it hath been raised between earth and heaven, and it is the Sealed Wine which hath appeared and flowed forth through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and it is the Salsabil of divine knowledge for all creation, and the Symbol of Oneness amidst humanity. Blessed is he who hath turned and partaken and drunk through this Name, whereby the limbs of the heedless have trembled.

O My loved ones there! Cast aside vain imaginings and their manifestations, idols and their likes, and conjectures and their sources. Thus have We revealed the Cause and sent down that which hath attracted the hearts of those who are nigh unto God.

O concourse of loved ones! Can any among you cast behind him all names and set aside all that the people possess, turning unto the Kaaba of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy? Say: Nay, by Thy very Self, except through Thy might and power and sovereignty which have encompassed the first and the last.

O thou who art present before the Face and who drinketh the wine of revelation! Give glad tidings unto My loved ones of My remembrance, My loving-kindness, and My mercy which have preceded all things. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous One. He loveth His loved ones and remembereth them with that which shall cause their names, deeds, and remembrances to endure in the Books of God, the Goal of all who know.

O Mas'ud! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Loving. We bear witness that thou hast attained the ultimate goal and hast appeared before the Face, and hast witnessed the signs from their Dawning-Place and their Revealer, and the evidences from their Source. Know thou the station of this testimony which hath descended from the heaven of bounty as a favor from Him unto thee. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which hath been revealed from the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This is a Book that guideth mankind unto the Most Great Path and draweth them nigh unto the All-Knowing, the One. Say: O people! Take hold of the Book of God with His strength in such wise that neither all worldly things prevent you, nor the cawing of the cawers who have cast the Most Great Sea behind them, clinging to their own vain imaginings. Verily, they are among the most lost.

In this Book which speaketh before the faces of the servants, manifestation belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Read thou the Tablet unto My loved ones, then send it unto him who hath soared in My atmosphere and drunk the wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty, whom We have named in the Book as Javan-i-Ruhani. Upon him be the everlasting Glory of God, that his eyes may be solaced by witnessing the traces of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ruhani! Sorrows have encompassed Us, and there hath appeared from those who claimed to love Me and to hold fast unto My cord that which hath caused the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and every fair-minded, clear-sighted one. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and hath attained the glances of favor, as attesteth that which hath flowed from My mighty and wondrous Pen. Thy remembrance hath not ceased from My Most Great Prison. We have mentioned thee and have revealed for thee in the Tablets that which hath attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. We recall the days when thou wert present before the Face and didst hear the Call of God, the Lord of the worlds. The Wronged One, under the swords of the enemies, calleth thee and remembereth thee. Know thou the station of this bounty and be of the thankful ones.

We have been with thee in all conditions when thou wert speaking this wise Remembrance whereby the limbs of every remote misbeliever have trembled. Say: O people! By God! Through His remembrance the world hath been perfumed, and through His arising the people have arisen to serve God, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Grieve not over anything, but trust in God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance is raised, and the place honored by the hearkening of My verses, and the heart that hath turned unto this luminous horizon. We have mentioned those with thee, both before and after, and We mention them at this time with verses that equal not the books of the people nor the treasuries of kings and rulers. Blessed is the ear that hath heard thy mention in this Great Announcement. Convey My remembrance, then deliver unto them what hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord, the Ancient Sender.

BH01481: To be typed

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BH01519: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath sought…

He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath sought the Most Exalted Station and traversed land and sea until he arrived at the luminous Dome, the Station wherein was raised the call of the Lord of Names and the Creator of Heaven. By the life of God! He entered and attained unto that which was recorded in the Books and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. O Ahmad! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and prospered thee and granted thee His presence, which nothing in the Kingdom or in the Realm of Might can equal. To this testifieth the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance.

We bear witness that thou wast present and didst hear and recognize that which most of the servants were prevented from recognizing. We have revealed for each one whom thou didst mention in the presence of the Countenance a Tablet that hath testified to God's grace and loving-kindness. Blessed art thou and blessed is every servant whom the oppression of those who denied the Beginning and the Return hath not deterred. We showed thee Our horizon and caused thee to hear Our call and aided thee to accomplish a deed before which all deeds bow down.

Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. There hath befallen Us in the path of God that which caused the rocks to cry out and the trees to lament. We were with him at the time of his ascension. By My life! The Concourse on High welcomed him and found from him the fragrance of his Lord, the All-Glorious. Thus was the matter decreed by God, the Lord of Lords. He fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament and testified to that whereunto God had testified before all things: that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Chosen One.

The Light shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace and the fragrance wafting from the garment of the Dayspring of justice be upon thee, O thou who hast believed in God and His signs and who didst migrate in His path until thou didst attain unto that which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in His books. To this testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book. We bear witness that thou didst hear the Call and didst answer thy Lord and didst turn unto Him, despite those who cast the verses behind their backs and denied God when He came with power and sovereignty. Upon thee be My glory and the glory of those in My Kingdom and the glory of those in the pavilion of My grandeur and the glory of every steadfast one whom the power of princes hath not weakened, who arose and proclaimed:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the earth and the heavens!"

O Ahmad! Praise thou the Beloved of the worlds Who hath aided thee in that which was mentioned in His Book and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. At the beginning of Our imprisonment We sacrificed a Branch from the Branches for a matter none knoweth save God, thy Lord. The world hath no worth, neither had it any. That Branch, in the prime of youth, laid down his life and sought another station. I

swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that were there to be revealed less than a needle's eye of thy son's station who ascended unto God, all would be thunderstruck with joy.

The world should be abandoned to the heedless nations; for a station unto which all things bear witness as doomed to perish hath never been, nor shall it ever be, worthy of repose. The sanctified, assured, and pure souls, however, yearn at all times to take their flight; yet, by virtue of the exigencies of consummate wisdom, they endure with patience for a few fleeting days. The reins of command are in His grasp, and the judgment resteth within His hand.

Grieve not. God hath been with thee and will ever be with thee. With utmost joy and gladness, occupy thyself during these evanescent days with the service of God. Verily, He speaketh the truth, guideth the way, and He, in truth, is the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Convey My greetings to the friends and gladden them with God's loving-kindness. The promised Tablets were sent with Jinab-i-Amin, that is, Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, those worthy of them shall attain unto them and drink from the living waters of the All-Merciful's utterance. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee. Today is not a day of grief. Let not time slip away. Thou hast been and art remembered in the Most Holy Court. I counsel My loved ones to deal with the heedless people with wisdom. God's mercy hath preceded His wrath. Speak according to the requirements thereof. People are like earth—some barren, some blessed. If good soil is found, the planting of the tree of inner meanings and utterance is permitted; otherwise silence is preferable. The glory which is manifest, evident, and shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have held fast to My firm cord.

BH01550: Regarding the 40-yard pieces and the white fabrics…

Regarding the 40-yard pieces and the white fabrics that were sent, all arrived exactly as specified in your esteemed letter and were accepted with honor. However, as commanded, if at some point four rolls of high quality thick 40-yard fabric could be sent, that would be appreciated. Praise be to God that your honor is engaged in service to the Cause.

Regarding the Huquq funds that you had written about, you sent the exact copy of this servant's note to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, and likewise regarding the hundred tumans which your honor, even though the Huquq funds had not arrived, wrote to Jinab-i-Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, asking them to deliver—all these matters were presented to the Most Holy Court. His word, exalted be His mention and His utterance:

> "Blessed are those Afnans who have attained to My recognition and heard My call and have arisen to serve My holy, mighty, magnificent Cause. They are under the gaze of their Lord's mercy and He has ordained for them that which shall profit them in the next world and in this one. He is verily the Deliverer, the Preserver, the Bestower, the Generous."

If one observes with an illumined eye what has transpired, he will testify that the oceans of divine mercy, favor and kindness have encompassed the Two Luminous Lights. He has preserved them and honored them and exalted them, and in these latter days they have attained to what their Merciful Lord desired of

His favor. What you have written to Jinab-i-Afnan A. and H., upon him be the glory of God, and what you have recommended, is acceptable before the Throne. Today all the friends of God should look to the matter of the Two Luminous Lights and carry out what is beloved, especially the Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree and particularly those Afnans who have arisen to serve the Cause—what they have done has been and is beloved.

And regarding the hundred tumans that you wrote about, if permission is granted and it is accepted, the hundred tumans will not be deducted from the Huquq funds and the full amount will be sent, so that the Truth may have accepted these hundred tumans from this non-existent one. This matter was also presented and accepted. He said the Afnan wished to achieve this service which is truly one of the great services to the Cause of God, and We accepted it, for whatever pertains to the Two Luminous Lights is counted among the services to the Truth. By the life of God, theirs is an excellent beginning and end. We have restrained the Pen from mentioning what is concealed today. Were We to loose its reins, there would appear from it that which would cause every living thing to hasten to the place they both turned to. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken at this hour.

The remainder of the Huquq funds, if they arrive, have been allocated for the captives and travelers of this land. After receipt they should be sent, as was detailed previously according to instructions. The mention you made of the attention of the honored Afnans, upon them be from all glory its most glorious, was presented to the Most Holy Court. He said We have previously given permission and that permission is now adorned with a new ornament, but in all conditions they should be mindful of wisdom which is one of the divine commandments. He is verily the Helper, the Preserver, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom and trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is your Preserver and your Helper and your Bestower. He is with you in all conditions. Rejoice, O My Afnans, in the mercy that has preceded you from One who is All-Knowing, All-Seeing.

The various funds that you had written should be sent to the Most Holy Court were presented. Praise be to God, they were adorned with the ornament of acceptance. He said the small debts should be paid and with the remainder a property should be acquired, as the matter of housing in this land has become very difficult due to the large population and small size of the city, or lands should be purchased so their yields may be an enduring fruit for the one who sent them.

This servant submits that this matter is among the great divine favors, for it has occurred by God's command in the days of the Truth. We praise Him through the duration of the kingdom and the realm. And truly this is cause for rejoicing.

BH01562: To the friends of God in all lands

To the friends of God in all lands

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

This is the Day wherein the Call of God has been raised from the direction of the Most Great Prison, calling out to the nations that there is no God but Me, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Every ear has been blessed by the call of its Lord, and every eye by the Most Exalted Horizon, and every heart by the

love of God, the King, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, except those who cast behind them their God and followed their desires in that they followed those who disbelieved in God throughout all ages and turned away from Him when the Most Great Book appeared and what was inscribed in the preserved tablet.

O friends of God! By God, darkness has drawn its veil, and that which has sullied the hem of the Cause has appeared. Thereupon the Concourse on High laments, and then those who soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Amin was before the Throne for a year, and subsequently We commanded him to return and engage in what he desired. Verily his Lord is the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We have commanded all to engage in crafts and trades, and this is from God's grace unto His creation, but most of the people are heedless. He was before the Throne and heard the call of his Lord morning and evening and between them. Thus was it ordained for him from the Supreme Pen. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Generous. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hears the call of his Lord and follows what he has been commanded in the Book which God has made a light unto those on earth and a proof from Him to all the worlds.

The Supreme Pen in this blessed Tablet conveys greetings to all the friends and commands all to that which God has willed in the Book, for verily that which descends from the heaven of the Divine Will is in truth the water of life for receptive souls and healing for the world's ills. By the life of God! Every soul that acts upon it will assuredly be preserved from afflictions and will be encompassed by God's infinite favors. All must be focused on the Dawning-Place of grace and the Dayspring of revelation, awaiting to hear God's call from the direction of the Prison. This is the most great bounty, this is the divine gift among creation, and this is the heavenly feast. For if the loved ones act upon what has been revealed from the Supreme Pen of kindly counsels, goodly conduct, and pure deeds, the fragrances of divine mercy will embrace all the earth, and all will become detached from all else, turning with heart and soul to the horizon of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful. Beseech God that He may assist all through His favors and lift the concealing veils, that all may soar in the heaven of the All-Merciful's love on the wings of certitude. He is verily the Bestower, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Various matters have appeared in this land which, although they have caused apparent distress since the dust of these matters that have transpired have [soiled] the hem of the Cause, yet God manifests what He willeth and bestoweth upon whom He willeth what He willeth. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous. The Most Great Prison in these numbered years has been, through God's grace, a place of security and safety and the source of bounties and blessings. But it changed when they changed. He is verily the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Perceiving. God will soon transform it as He transformed it the first time, as was decreed by His Pen in a mighty tablet.

We make mention at the end of the Book of him who turned towards the direction of the Throne, who was named Abu'l-Hasan in the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. He left his land, turning towards God and gazing toward the horizon of His grace, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. He entered the land of Rum when the fires of war were blazing therein and tribulations surrounded him from all sides. Then God delivered him by a sovereignty from His presence and preserved him in truth. He is verily the

Preserver, the Generous. This continued until he entered the Prison Land and attained the presence of the Countenance and heard what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in his mighty, lofty station. He is among those who fulfilled the Covenant, and the breezes of revelation took hold of him in such wise that he cast away desire and turned unto guidance. Verily his Lord is the Helper, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Most High.

BH01538: Praise be unto God, Who hath caused the sun…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of majesty and glory.

Praise be unto God, Who hath caused the sun of true knowledge to dawn from the horizon of the world of being, and hath through it flung open the doors of guidance, illumining thereby the dawning-places of the hearts of them that are endued with certitude, both in the beginning and in the end. By it He hath delivered the wanderers lost in the wilderness of heedlessness and error, and hath guided the blind ones that roamed the wastes of ignorance unto the homeland of knowledge and understanding. Exalted is His sovereignty, dominant over all the world, and exalted His proof, which cleaveth the midst of nations.

Inasmuch as He is sanctified above likeness and similitude, and exalted beyond the comprehension of the people of perfection, He hath deposited the signs of His might within the realm of existence, and hath bidden us ponder that which lieth within the compass of perception, that by the traces we may be guided to the knowledge of the mysteries, once the veils have been rent asunder.

And as we were powerless to attain unto true knowledge and acceptance, He, through His consummate wisdom and resistless Will, manifested bodily Temples endowed with spiritual attributes and tokens of all-encompassing mercy, that by Them we might be guided unto the meads of witnessing, before the effulgence of the Presence of the Adored One, and that there might appear from us that which lay treasured within the inmost reality of being.

O my God, my Lord, and my sole Reliance! I bear witness that Thy wisdom is unerring and Thy handiwork perfect. Thou hast made known unto Thy servants that which Thou didst desire by the tongue of one who resembleth them in outward form, yet in his life and ways proclaimeth the majesty of Thy glory. Wondrous is this Cause, and strange this decree—consummate wisdom and all-embracing mercy!

I beseech Thee, O Thou the Almighty, the Lord of majesty, with the tongue of lowliness and entreaty, to assist the communities that have branched forth from the Muhammadan Law—exalted be its Revealer, and glorified its command—to abandon the dissensions that have sprung from idle fancies, and to receive, in these days, a portion of the light of unity. Thus may they come to recognize that which will raise them to the pinnacles of abiding life, protect them from the sudden onsets of extinction, lead them, through Thy grace, into the gardens of knowledge and wisdom, and bring them back to that Law which hath branched from the Most Great Ocean.

Thou art in truth the All-Bountiful, the Lord of surpassing grace. Deprive not Thy servants of that for which Thou didst create them. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou wilt, and of the secrets of hearts Thou art fully informed. Thou, verily, art the Subtle, the All-Seeing.

O thou who hast come to the limpid spring of divine knowledge, who drawest from the rivulet of wisdom and utterance, and who drinkest from that cloud, driven over the horizons, which sheddeth upon all regions the gentle rain of intimacy and unity! That which had been embroidered by the Pen of love and the ink of fellowship and union hath reached this servant who confesseth the oneness of God and clingeth to the hem of detachment.

From the blossoms of the gardens of its meanings there wafted the sweet savours of affection, and the heart rejoiced in plucking the fruits from the trees of its noble themes. Exalted be He Who hath enabled thee to know Him and hath expanded thy breast with the light of His utterance! Exalted be He Who, by the magnet of His Word, hath drawn forth the receptive realities from the mine of possibility unto the sunrise of the Sun of His knowledge and wisdom!

Were the discerning and clear-sighted man to ponder what hath been concealed within existence of the evidences of the might of the All-Expounding Presence, such wonder would seize him that he would cast aside all that is visible and, with the pinions of longing, take his flight unto a praiseworthy station.

Say: O servants of God! Meditate upon the traces of His handiwork treasured in all things, that they may make known unto you the path leading to the knowledge of the Lord of creation, and may usher you into the kingdom of everlasting life. Let not riches veil you from the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted.

Ponder upon bygone ages and vanished centuries. Where is the lord of the throne? Where is the builder of Khawarnaq and as-Sadir? Where are the lords of palaces and pavilions? Can ye distinguish them in the dust of their graves? Did their might, their wealth and their glory avail them aught? Did not extinction overtake them, whilst abidingness remained with the True, the Most High?

Can ye look for permanence in a realm of utter evanescence? Reflect upon the page of creation, read the chronicles it beareth, fathom the mysteries it enshrineth, and be assured that abiding life and eternal continuance are found in the shadow of your Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

As for thee, O dearly-beloved friend! Turn not thy gaze unto the people and their heedlessness, but unto the Truth, His sovereignty, His power and His proof. It behoveth thee and such as thou to exert your utmost in upholding the Cause of Truth with wisdom and utterance, and in destroying falsehood in the realm of being. By thy life! In this world there shall remain naught save this most glorious station. Blessed is he who layeth hold upon this all-embracing good and this mighty gain. Through it is his name exalted amidst creation, and through it doth his soul endure in the abode of eternity.

I beseech God, the Lord of existence, to assist thee, both in private and in public, to whatsoever shall exalt thy name in the cities and raise thy remembrance among His servants. Verily, He is powerful to do what He willeth, and He, of His servants, is the Gentle, the All-Informed.

BH01557: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord…

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting; exalted be His glory, the Almighty.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Hope and my Desire, for having revealed Thy promised Day, for having manifested Thyself unto the world through the Sun of Thine apparent Beauty, and for having illumined the horizon of existence with Thy prevailing, all-manifest Name.

Praise be unto Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast delivered us from the depths of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and hast brought us, through Thy manifest yet hidden Name, unto the shore of true knowledge and recognition. Praise be unto Thee, in that Thou hast singled us out, amongst all created things, for the knowledge of Thine Own Self, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful, and hast adorned us with the vesture of Thy grace, O our God, the All-Merciful.

By Thy might! Were we to thank Thee for as long as existence itself shall endure, and to extol Thee with the tongues of the unseen and the seen, we would still remain impotent to render Thee thanks for the least of Thy favours, nor could we discharge that which Thou hast made incumbent upon us in return for the revelation of Thy gifts—even for the smallest of them, that none can reckon. How then can we hope to praise that grace of Thine which hath encompassed all things, or that loving-kindness of Thine which hath overshadowed earth and heaven?

I beseech Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Desire and my Beloved, with the tongue of my secret and my open praise, with my outward and my inmost utterance, to assist me and Thy loved ones to exalt the standards of Thy remembrance and Thy praise in the cities of Thy creation, and to adorn, both outwardly and inwardly, our beings with the robes of steadfastness in Thy Cause, through a station at which the limbs of them that deny Thee shall quake, the pillars of those that hate Thee shall be shaken, and the very members of Thine adversaries tremble.

Thou, verily, art He Who hath named His own Self “the All-Bountiful”, and called His very Essence “the All-Merciful”. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O spiritual Friend! Thy letter hath reached this servant, and a joy beyond all measure hath thereby been vouchsafed. We supplicate the Lord—exalted be His bounty—that He may ever cause thine honoured person to dwell in peace beneath the shade of the Lote-Tree of His grace, and that He may nourish thee with the blessings of nearness and abiding, of union and attainment unto His presence.

At the beginning of thy letter thou didst express some sadness and grievance; this servant was indeed astonished, for the divine favours that have been witnessed in regard to thy person are beyond all counting and number. With such bounties, neither sorrow nor vexation should find any place or station. True, at the close of the letter thou didst seek pardon for this.

O beloved one of both worlds! In these days, when the grace of the Lord of all being hath encompassed the realm of the seen and the unseen—nay, the entire reality of these servants—what grief can have any meaning? It behoveth us, with utmost resolution and entire endeavour, to arise in thanksgiving and praise. That which is lost today can in no wise be retrieved on the morrow.

We must strive that the hearts grown cold and the souls well-nigh dead may, through the spirit of the Word of God, be made fresh and quickened. Today, in the world of being, there is no deed more exalted,

more sublime, or more meritorious than the teaching of the Cause—yet with wisdom and with utterance, as hath been enjoined upon us by our Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Merciful.

Whenever thou desirest to turn thy face toward any quarter, if there be people of consultation present, take counsel with them, as commanded; otherwise, consult thine own reason and rely upon God, thy Lord. The essence of all things is the observance of wisdom. Whithersoever thou mayest direct thine attention, there is no harm, provided wisdom be duly observed.

We entreat God to confirm thee in the promulgation of His Cause and the diffusion of His traces throughout His lands. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

With regard to the matter of the trust which thou didst mention, the fundamental ruling concerneth it hath been sent down in the Blessed Tablet. When thou becomest aware thereof, thou wilt be informed. As for the specific trust named in thy letter, let it, in accordance with the Blessed command, remain in the keeping of this cherished friend.

Moreover, the Most Holy, Most Inviolate Tablet which had been requested hath been revealed and wrapped, and hath been sent. Deliver it unto its destined recipient, and convey, on behalf of this servant, wondrous and exalted greetings.

The promised book, which had been despatched in the care of a¸¤aji Ahmad—upon him be glory—hath arrived. In truth, it containeth many matters. In these lands as well there exist numerous such volumes, held in esteem by the friends. But where is fairness to be found, and where true seeking? Were a man indeed a sincere searcher and a just soul, many a writing would bear fruit, and countless reports would yield their harvest.

Beseech thou the Lord to enable the people and to bestow upon them the grace of seeking. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And now, in view of the narrowness of time and the limitation of opportunity, brevity hath been observed in this letter. Upon thee, thy son, thy household, and the loved ones of thy Lord be the glory and the Spirit.

BH03668: This is a Book which the Most Merciful hath…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a Book which the Most Merciful hath sent down to all who dwell within the realm of possibility, summoning all to a station wherein the Light hath shone forth and where He Who conversed on Sinai hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, and the Tree hath proclaimed: There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: This is the Promised Day, did ye but know it, and this is the Day whereof God’s Books of old have given tidings, and this is the Preserved Tablet.

Say: O concourse of earth! Deny not the signs of God after their revelation, and reject not Him Who hath come unto you from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Cast away your vain imaginings, then turn with your hearts toward the horizon of God, the Sovereign of existence.

Say: O servants! By God, the Day of Reckoning hath come, and the Lord of Creation hath spoken forth from the Most Great Prison, calling all to the Frequented Fane. The heedless have caused Us to dwell in the most desolate of houses, yet God hath designated it as His Frequented Fane, to their utter shame—if they but understood. Had they known what they had wrought, they would have wept both night and day, at eventide and at morn. Thus have We lit the lamp of proof within the niche of utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless one who remaineth veiled.

O thou servant who hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee through this Hidden Tablet which was treasured in God's knowledge from time immemorial. To this testifieth he who hath perceived the fragrance of the All-Merciful when He came with manifest sovereignty.

The servant who was present came before Us and presented what was in thy letter. Thereupon the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness surged, and He revealed for thee that which shall bring solace to all eyes. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him. He shall assist thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord. To this testifieth He Who proclaimeth in every matter that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

When the fragrance of Revelation was wafted abroad and the breezes of God wafted forth at the dawn of His Promised Day, the people rose up in opposition, save those whom God willed—thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Among them were those who followed the divines of the age who violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused those in the unseen realm and in the visible world to cry out. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee that which nothing on earth can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Most Kind, the All-Forgiving.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name all things were attracted and through Whose love the hearts of them that dwell in the kingdom of names were consumed! I beseech Thee by the tears of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the sighs of the sincere ones in Thy days, and by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace, to make me detached from all else save Thee, holding fast unto the cord of Thy loving providence, steadfast in Thy remembrance and in the service of Thy Cause in such wise that the hosts of denial shall not prevent me from turning unto Thee and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity.

O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thy horizon and set his face unto the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. O Lord! Kindle me with the fire of Thy love in such wise that all the seas of the earth shall not quench it. Then make me so steadfast that neither the ascendancy of the nations nor the hosts of the world shall deter me. Thou art He through Whose Name the Resurrection came to pass and the Hour was made manifest. Nothing whatsoever can frustrate Thee, nor can the clamor of the enemies prevent Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy power and might.

Thou knowest and seest my turning unto Thee, my humility, my submissiveness, my poverty, my need, my powerlessness and my lowliness, and Thou hearest my sighing, my crying, my appeal and my

lamentation. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen and its crackling in the kingdom of creation to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in the world to come and in this one, through Thy bounty and mercy. Thou knowest what I possess and I know not what Thou possessest. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen, to make me in all conditions hold fast unto Thy Will, content with Thy good-pleasure, and speaking Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom they that are in the heavens and on earth cannot weaken. Thou art, in truth, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01608: Regarding what was written about the land of Kha…

Regarding what was written about the land of Kha, it was submitted to the Most Holy Presence. This is what was revealed in reply:

Alif, Ha. Praise be to God that through the grace of the All-Merciful thou hast been adorned with the ornament of recognition and hast quaffed from the choice wine of utterance in the days of God. On a day that was mentioned and recorded in all the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures, thou didst attain unto His recognition, at a time when most of the divines, mystics and men of learning remained veiled from recognizing Him. Night and day they busied themselves with countless proofs and clear expressions to establish His truth, power and sovereignty, yet on the Day of His Manifestation they remained veiled from the very Object of their proofs. Not every soul is worthy of this living water.

All the Afnan must at all times be mindful of and thankful to the All-Merciful Lord, for they have attained unto a great bounty. Although its true station is not evident now, God will assuredly make it manifest in truth—a promise from His presence. He is verily the Rememberer, the Informer, the All-Knowing.

O My Afnan! Ask thy Lord, the All-Merciful, to aid all to turn towards Him and arise to serve Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Most Exalted. Thy efforts in the Cause of God have not been and will not be forgotten. Whatever thou hast done is acceptable. The Afnan who are here have mentioned and continue to mention thy services to God's Cause. He will assist thee in His service even as He assisted thee to believe in Him. By My life! Thou hast attained unto the Kawthar and Salsabil from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Preserve what thou hast been given by God. Soon what We have concealed today will be revealed. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thou hast been and will continue to be watchful over God's Cause in all conditions. By the life of thy Beloved! That in which the servants glory and of which the people of the lands are proud shall perish, but that which is attributed to thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, shall endure.

Regarding what was written about S, it was submitted. According to His command: Deal with him with patience. He rises at one time and falls at another. Thus doth the Lord of all being inform you from the precincts of His remote prison. But God may make him steadfast in His Straight Cause and guide him to the right path.

O My Name! Write to the Afnan that ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar hath ascended unto God and that he speaketh from the Supreme Horizon, saying: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!” Blessed is the soul that remembereth him and remembereth what the All-Merciful hath revealed for him in a mighty Book. God willing, the Afnan of the Tree should attend to his affairs to the extent possible. This is Our command unto them. He is verily the Commander, the All-Wise.

As for what was written about Jinab-i-Amin and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu’l-Hasan—upon them be 96 [Baha’u’llah]—it was submitted. They stated that Abu’l-Hasan himself had also expressed this matter to the servant. In any case, permission for trade was given to them from before. Let them act in whatever way the Afnan deem advisable. According to His command, send one hundred tumans from the funds of the land of Kha to the land of Sad to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Isma’il, and write to them that this sum has been sent as a gift from one of the friends to serve the two honored descendants of the Twin Luminous Lights, and they have requested this servant to deliver it, hence it is being sent. The trouble of delivering it rests with your honor. And according to His command, fifty tumans from that sum should be delivered to the son of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli-i-Qa’ini—upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah]—and thirty tumans should be delivered to the mother of Jinab-i-Sulayman Khan in the land of Ta. A portion has also been designated for the poor of this land, as some are in utmost hardship. Therefore, whatever remains of that sum should be sent to the Land of Purpose.

BH01708: O My Name! The letter from Husayn, upon him…

He is the Answerer

O My Name! The letter from Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, which he wrote to you was presented by this servant. God willing, may he ever dwell secure and at rest beneath the shade of divine favor. Verily He ordains for whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He wishes. He is indeed the Mighty, the Powerful. Some time ago a most holy, most exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him. The gaze of favor has been and God willing shall continue to be directed towards him. We have commanded and continue to command all the friends to unity and harmony, yet still the fragrance of this most exalted station has not been detected. We beseech God to assist a company of souls to arise for this greatest of services.

Mention was made of Mulla Muhammad-Rida. As requested, a Tablet was revealed especially for him and sent. God willing, they will deliver it to him that he may drink from the living waters concealed in the utterance of the All-Merciful, turn wholly to the most exalted horizon, and arise to aid the Cause with wisdom and eloquence. Those souls in the land of Kaf who are gazing toward the horizon of the Cause are all remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may they all manifest the most great steadfastness in such wise that neither human conditions deter them nor the allusions of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, cause them to slip.

We previously announced the appearance of the cawers in the cities and regions. God willing, they must preserve the pearls of divine love in His name and keep them hidden from treacherous eyes. O Husayn! Remind them on My behalf, then send them this clear Book. Say: Should anyone come to you with the book of hell, know that he is of Satan’s hosts and is the cawer promised in My clear Book. Cast behind you

the tablets of fire, turning to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. God willing, most holy, most exalted verses shall continue to be revealed and sent especially for the friends. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

O My Name! Give him the glad tidings of My mercy, My grace and My favor. We mentioned him before and sent him that from which wafted the fragrance of My favor that has preceded all worlds. Praise be to God, they were assisted in transcribing the divine verses. Blessed is the pen that moved, the ink that flowed, and the tablet that bore His mighty, exalted remembrance. This servant mentions him before the Wronged One and visits the Desired One on behalf of himself and of him who was named Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God.

O Mihdi! We address you at one time, and at another time him whose letter was read before the Throne. Verily your Lord does what He wishes and ordains what He desires. Mention was made in that letter of two of the loved ones of God. We send Our greetings to them both from this most exalted station and counsel them to show forth the most great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Throne and earth. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this luminous station.

And We make mention at the end of the letter of the letter Mim and Nun before Shin, and We send Our greetings to him and make mention of him in such wise that his remembrance shall endure in the lands, that he may thank his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory be upon the people of Glory from the Glory.

And likewise mention was made that he attained the presence of the two brilliant lights, the King of Martyrs and his brother. Blessed is he, again blessed is he and those who have intended that destination. By the life of God! We detect from the dust of that spot the fragrance of Paradise—He with Whom is the decisive Word bears witness to this. We send Our prayers upon those who have turned to them both, visited their resting-places, and uttered that which the All-Merciful has revealed in the Book. He who visited the sister, upon her be My favor, My mercy and My grace, and the Christ in Ray—it is as though he visited Me. Thus has the Most Exalted Pen spoken from the most exalted station. We make mention of them at this time and say: Upon you be the Glory of God, and the Glory of those in the most exalted Paradise, and the Light shining from the horizon of the favor of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Praise be to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

BH01684: Praise be to the Beloved Who is worthy…

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

Praise be to the Beloved Who is worthy and deserving, Who hath quickened and sustained the hearts of the sincere ones and them that are nigh unto Him with the Kawthar of divine knowledge. These are days the like of which have never been witnessed nor recorded in the divine Books, for the Hidden Mystery doth, with hands of bounty, summon all who are in creation to the Most Exalted Wine. Blessed are they who have drunk deep of this call and who have attained with complete certitude and assurance to the revelation of God. The Supreme Pen hath ever called and continueth to call the loved ones to the most exalted horizon at all times. Beseech ye God, exalted and glorified be He, that ye may remain firm in this

Cause and not be deprived of this divine table which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace. At all times take your portion through the Name of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Well is it with him who hath recognized and turned unto Him and hath attained unto the grace of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, thy letter reached the Holy Land and attained unto the Most Great Vista. Concerning what thou didst mention regarding the divine Tablets, that it appeareth therefrom that victory belongeth to the enemies—the intent is other than what thou hast mentioned. Should the loved ones act in accordance with the divine wisdom that hath been revealed in the Tablets, no one would ever prevail against them. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen of Command, did ye but know it. Praise be to the Beloved of the world that thou hast attained unto His love and thy mention hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

You have mentioned taking a further wife while already married to two. God's commandment on this matter is what has already in the Kitáb-i-Aqdas, been revealed by the command of Him Who is the Lord of all Names, from His Exalted Kingdom. Cling ye unto whatsoever hath been revealed therein of the laws of God, the Mighty, the Self Subsisting. Whosoever performs this in this day will attain to peace, prosperity, and steadfastness in this world, and to the most exalted Paradise in the next. Blessed are those who act accordingly and happy is the soul who performs that which will bring comfort to himself and to his partner. Verily, your Lord the compassionate has ordained for you that which will profit you both in this world and in the next. He verily is the All-Knowing the Omniscient.

O Supreme Pen! Make mention of the loved ones in that land who have cast aside all else but Me and hearkened unto My call and turned unto My face and drunk the choice wine of My revelation and directed their hearts to the horizon of My beauty and held fast to the hem of My bounty and clung to the cord of My favors and soared in the atmosphere of My love and were honored by My commandments and were stirred by the breezes of My days and caught the fragrance of My garment and arose to serve Me and to aid My Cause and spoke My praise and held fast to the wisdom that was sent down from the heaven of My command in the kingdom of My will.

Blessed are ye, O loved ones of God! Know ye the value of this mention that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen on this wondrous and glorious Day. By My life! This is a mention that cannot be equalled by what ye have reckoned or what any reckoner may reckon. Rejoice ye therein and place your trust in God, the Mighty, the Wise. Beware lest what is with the people prevent you. Drink ye the wine of steadfastness with the hands of the bounty of your Lord at all times. Should anyone turn with the eye of innate vision toward My most exalted horizon, by God! neither the happenings of creation nor the might of them that have drunk the Zaqqum of vainglory from the cups of heedlessness and passion shall prevent him. They are indeed among the abased ones.

We then make mention of those women who were stirred by the Word of God, and We make mention of their names before the Throne every year, nay every month, nay every hour, nay every moment. He is with them and heareth their cry and seeth what they do in the path of God, the Most High, the Most Great. O people of the letter Kha! By God! The Tongue of Eternity speaketh your mention from this Most Glorious Horizon. Rejoice ye in this joy around which circleth the joy of all in creation. Your Lord, the All-

Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness unto this. All glory be upon you from God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH01675: Praise be unto God, Who hath raised aloft…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of majesty and glory.

Praise be unto God, Who hath raised aloft the standard of divine knowledge upon the summit of learning and utterance, and hath adorned it with the embroidery of wisdom and exposition. He it is Who taught the Pen the mysteries of pre-eternity, and, through the power of His Most Great Name, brought forth within the world that which had been hidden. He it is Who drew forth the essence of meanings from the human temple, and made the spiritual mystery to shine resplendent in the corporeal realm.

To Him belong majesty and glory, might and perpetuity, dominion and beauty. He willed, and forthwith He commanded; He desired, and lo, He revealed; He stood forth in the midmost heart of all things, and subdued them; He unveiled Himself, and was made manifest. Verily, He is the Holder of the reins of destiny.

And may blessings and peace rest upon the repositories of revelation and inspiration, the spiritual intermediaries among men, through whom the banners of knowledge and wisdom were upraised upon the loftiest heights, and toward whose City every soul endowed with capacity turned in quest of the knowledge of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing; and upon such as have been illumined by their lights and have followed their traces—an enduring, everlasting, ancient salutation.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Thou Who hast brought creation into being, O King of the unseen and the seen! Should I seek to describe Thee as Thou art, in Thine exalted greatness and Thy glory, Thy might and Thine eternal being, I find my tongue dull and powerless in making mention of Thee, and my speech utterly incapable of praising Thee. Yet, if I keep silence concerning the sweet accents of Thy remembrance, my thirst would never be quenched, nor would the burning of my heart abate, nor the trembling of my limbs—enkindled as they are by the fire of longing and yearning for the subtle tokens of the remembrance of Thy oneness and Thy majesty. Amazement hath seized me, and the knowers are bewildered; they that love Thee have wandered in the wilderness of their passion and yearning.

Thou, by the sovereignty of Thy loving care and the kingship of Thy tender mercy, dost accept from Thy servants their mention of Thee amidst the wondrous tokens of Thy power, and their thanksgiving, encompassed as they are by the plenitude of Thy bounties.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of mankind, O Master of the Day of Reckoning, O Manifestation of the secrets of destiny, to confirm Thy loved ones in Thy remembrance and Thy praise, and in the exaltation of the standards of Thy glory throughout the kingdoms of Thy creation. Guard them, O my Hope, from the mischief of such as have been heedless of Thee and have failed to apprehend the outpourings of Thy days; and ordain for them, through Thy grace and Thy loving providence, in every one of Thy worlds, every good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book, and every promise Thou hast recorded for Thy chosen ones in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets.

Verily, Thou art He Who is potent to do what He willeth. Thou bestowest upon whomsoever Thou pleasest whatsoever Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Bountiful, the Munificent, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Peerless.

O spiritual Friend! Thy letter hath reached this servant, and the degrees of love and stations of affection which had lain hidden and concealed in the inmost heart of the words became clear and manifest. It sowed in the soil of the heart the seeds of joy and gladness, and bestowed upon the soul the utmost happiness and cheer.

We cherish the hope that at all times thou mayest abide in peace and repose beneath the shade of the protection and guardianship of the All-Knowing King, and that thou mayest be invested with the robe of His grace and loving kindness, and be nourished from the Tasnim of His favour and His bounty.

Jinab-i Mirza ʿAyn Mim, upon him be the glory of God, through the confirmations of the All-Merciful, hath attained unto the shore of reunion, and hath quaffed from the Salsabil of grace. Blessed is he and all who have drawn nigh and attained! We supplicate the Lord—exalted be His glory and magnified His grace—that He will not suffer receptive souls to be debarred from nearness to the spiritual City, nor hearts endowed with capacity to be deprived of the rays of the Sun of Reality. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful; His grace hath encompassed the world, and His loving care hath embraced all nations.

In truth, whatsoever falling short hath appeared, or shall appear, in the degrees of knowledge and the stations of wisdom, cometh from the paucity of men's capacity and the failure of the people of the world to exert true endeavour. Otherwise, His grace is boundless, and His loving-kindness without limit. Excellent is that word which hath been uttered:

> "All that is amiss proceedeth from the stature of the wearer; otherwise the robe of Thy bounty was never ill cut for any soul."

Beseech ye God to vouchsafe unto all that which is best for the beginning and the end, and to allot unto every one a portion of that Table wherewith He hath nourished His loved ones, that all may gather round the carpet of detachment, and with perfect unity and concord be engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

Convey, on behalf of this servant, wondrous and exalted greetings to all who are related to thee and to all the friends of God, and remember them in terms of glorification.

The Spirit, and magnification, and the glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH01694: Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God, Thou Master…

He is God, blessed and exalted be His glory.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God, Thou Master of mankind, Sovereign of destiny, and Revealer of the hidden Mystery! The knowing ones stand bewildered before the manifestations of Thy dominion and Thy power, and the thoughtful are amazed by the effulgences of Thy might and Thy grandeur. Whensoever I reflect upon that which Thou hast made manifest in the realm of existence from the tokens of Thy

sovereignty, and behold the powerlessness of Thy servants to praise Thee and the inadequacy of Thy creatures to render befitting thanksgiving and gratitude unto Thee, I am filled with wonder and exclaim: Glorified art Thou, O Thou Whose reign shall never pass away!

Thou hast created man and commanded him to bear the trust of Thy love—that trust which the heavens and the earth and the mountains were unable to bear. O my God, how can the weak and powerless one bear it save through Thy strength and Thy power? I beseech Thee to confirm those in whom Thou hast created the capacity for acceptance, that they may bear this Most Great Trust, O Sovereign of all mankind, O Ruler of this world and the next! Grant them success, O my God, to turn toward the Dayspring of the Sun of Thy unity and the Dawning-Place of the Light of Thy oneness. Thou knowest that the weak can accomplish naught save through the succor of the hands of Thy power, and the powerless can achieve no purpose save through the confirmations of the Sultan of Thy might.

Deliver, O Lord of all men and Ruler in the beginning and the end, Thy servants from the chains of self and passion, of heedlessness and blindness, and guide them to the path of Thy knowledge through the refinements of Thy grace and Thy providence. Confirm, O my God, Thy loved ones in raising the banners of utterance at the center of existence, and in guiding Thy servants through the decisive verses which Thou hast sent down in Thy Tablets, O Sovereign of creation and Ruler of beginning and return! Preserve them beneath the shadow of the Tree of Thy protection and guardianship from the evils of the wicked among Thy creatures, and send down upon them that which will gladden them and refresh their eyes, rejoice their hearts, and dilate their breasts. Verily, Thou art the Bountiful, the Generous! No God is there but Thee, the Bestower, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Merciful!

The spiritual beloved's epistle, eloquent of the stations of love and the degrees of affection and unity, hath been received, and praise be unto God that His honored servant hath entered the City of Nearness and partaken of the Kawthar of bounty. No greater favor is there than this—that the True One, glorified be His glory, hath adorned the temple of relationship with the robe of spiritual proximity and admitted the precious one to the law of gnosis and the table of certitude. The Kingdom of grace is in His hand, and the Realm of munificence and providence floweth from His right hand. He giveth unto whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth, and He chooseth for whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He pleaseth. No God is there but He, the Mighty, the Praised!

The one true God beareth witness that these servants are ever occupied with mention of the beloved ones, and we hope for the good of this world and the next for all. May ye ever remain preserved beneath the shadow of protection, and be sustained from the Salsab l of grace, and dwell in the paradise of nearness and reunion. Concerning the hardship and distress that had been mentioned, the True One, glorified be His glory, hath declared both before and after: 'Verily, with hardship cometh ease.'

We supplicate the Exalted One that He may provide the means of comfort for His loved ones, and through sheer grace and providence adorn them with joy and spiritual delight and tranquillity. Be ye not sorrowful in any wise! The True One, glorified be His glory, from the beginning that hath no beginning hath been known by the Most Great Name, and unto the end that hath no end He is characterized as the Compassionate and Merciful. 'Despair ye not of the mercy of God.' In all conditions be ye adorned with

the ornament of resignation, and cleave ye unto the cord of patience. Well hath it been said: Patience and victory are both ancient friends—following upon patience cometh the turn of triumph.

Remember ye the revered and honored mother with wondrous remembrances and refined glorifications, and likewise the sisters. The Spirit and Glory rest upon you and upon those who have remained steadfast in the Cause and have not broken the Covenant in the Day of Meeting.

BH01709: O people of the Ocean of Oneness in Urumiyyih!...

O people of the Ocean of Oneness in Urumiyyih! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all creation, a call that hath been raised in this wilderness which God hath made the seat of His mighty Throne. This is the desert wherein the cry of the Prophets and Messengers hath been uplifted, wherein the Spirit, with a company of angels, hath circled round and borne witness to that which shone forth from the horizon of the Hijaz—yet the people, for the most part, are among the heedless.

This is a station which God hath ordained as the place of circumambulation for His chosen ones on earth, and the outlook of the Supreme Concourse and the angels nigh unto God. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve God and His Cause, that hath spoken that which My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken, and borne witness unto that whereunto the Tongue of God, the All-Subduing, the Most High, the Most Great, hath borne witness.

O beloved of the All-Merciful in that land! Rejoice that the Wronged One maketh mention of you, even while He seeth Himself in the hands of the heedless. How many a day have I borne trials in the path of God, the Lord of all the worlds! How many a night have I been delivered into the hands of Mine enemies by reason of that which the hands of the idolaters have wrought! By the life of God! In all circumstances I have summoned all unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and have cast upon them that which I was commanded from the presence of One all-powerful, almighty.

Thus have We recounted these things unto you, that the affairs of the world and what it containeth of tribulation and distress may not grieve you. Verily, He is the Counsellor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In every state hold fast unto wisdom, and cling unto that whereunto ye have been bidden in the Book from the presence of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We have heard your call and beheld your turning. We have made mention of you in this Book, which announceth unto you the Ocean of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Be ye united in the Cause of God; thereby will the Cause be exalted and the standard of remembrance be raised upon every lofty height. Shun whatsoever ye have been forbidden in the Book. Fear God, and be not as those who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed every doubting, heedless soul.

Hold fast unto the cord of trustworthiness and truthfulness, and unto whatsoever will manifest the sanctity of His holy, His exalted, His inaccessible Cause. We have, in very truth, forbidden rancour and hatred and whatsoever breedeth corruption in the land of God, and have enjoined upon all that which revealeth the radiant countenance of the Cause and guideth all unto His straight Path.

Blessed is the one who speaketh in the Cause of God, who beareth himself towards the people with forbearance, and consorteth with them in a spirit of joy and fragrance. Thus hath God commanded you in His mighty Book.

Ye are they who have turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon, have received the goblet of the Bayan from the hands of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Praised, have hearkened unto the Most Sweet Call and answered it whilst the people, for the most part, were sunk in slumber.

Know ye, then, your stations before your Lord; thereafter guard them in His Name, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. Beseech ye God to vouchsafe unto you the Kawthar of steadfastness in this Cause—a Cause at which the feet of the knowing have faltered, inasmuch as they followed their idle fancies and cast away that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in His perspicuous Tablet.

Be ye not grieved at what ye have seen and heard in God, your Fashioner. Erelong will God, in His dominion, bring to light whatsoever He willeth and desireth; verily, He is powerful to do what He willeth by His irrevocable, His all-wise command.

Your names have been mentioned before the Throne, and for each one of you there hath been inscribed in the Tablet that which no effacement shall ever follow. Thus doth the Guarded Tablet from His presence bring you glad-tidings.

The glory of God rest upon you and upon such as love you and hearken from your lips unto the fair remembrance of God.

And We make mention of My handmaidens in that land—those who have cast away idle fancies and turned unto the Dawning-Place of certitude.

Rejoice, O My handmaidens, in My remembrance and in that which My Most Exalted Pen hath decreed for you in a Book which none but the All-Informed can comprehend. The glory of God be upon you and upon such as have followed the Cause of God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH01710: I am the Hearer and I am the Answerer

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O Jamal! Upon thee be My glory and upon those who love thee and make mention of thee for My sake and praise thee according to what hath been revealed from the Pen of My Command upon the Tablet of My bounty. Thou wert present before the Face […] before the Throne and the Light was shining from the horizon […] Be as thou hast been. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Let not the doings of the heedless ones and the allusions of the opposers grieve thee.

Say: O concourse of princes! By God, We have not come to create disorder in the land but rather to reform it. To this beareth witness the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. God hath forbidden in this Revelation whatsoever causeth grief to hearts—how much more the shedding of blood and that which beseemeth not the station of man. To this testifieth that which hath

been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen and beyond it He Who speaketh in this glorious and wondrous station.

Blessed art thou and happy art thou for having traveled through the lands to exalt My Word, and there befell thee in My path that which caused every fair-minded and discerning one to weep. We were with thee when thou wert speaking in the cities and domains of God, purely for His resplendent Face. Rejoice in My remembrance in these days wherein the idolaters have risen against Us without any clear proof from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: O concourse of divines! Fear ye God and be not of the transgressors. Behold ye and remember what hath proceeded from you and from your like against Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before Him the Son of Mary, and before Him He Who conversed with Me on the Mount of Knowledge—there is no God but Me, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Jamal! The glances of God's loving-kindness—exalted be His glory—have been and are directed towards thee. In all conditions observe wisdom and hold fast unto wisdom. In the blessed Tablets that which is revealed is contingent upon wisdom and limited by time. For instance, it is revealed: Say: O people of the world! The purpose is proclamation, not action thereon in these days, for the transgressors and oppressors are witnessed to be in the utmost pride and heedlessness. They have no ears. Beseech God that He deprive not His servants and withhold them not from the ocean of His bounty in the days of His manifestation.

Under all conditions must […] qualities emanate from man. The trustees are dawning-places of names and attributes […] Whosoever hath been heedless of this station hath wronged himself. To this beareth witness thy Beloved and thy Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Be thou confident in the grace and bounty of God. If there be delay in sending Tablets, there is no harm, for bounty is of such a degree that no matter can veil it. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

The Glory, manifest and resplendent, shining from the horizon of My Kingdom, be upon thee and upon those who love thee for My sake and make mention of thee for My glorious and wondrous Name. Remember thy family on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of what hath been revealed for thee in this glorious Tablet. Praise be to God, all are remembered and have attained unto God's bounty and are and have been beneath the glances of mercy in all conditions.

Convey remembrance to her from God. The first command is belief in God and the last is submission unto Him. Whatever hath befallen you, its grief hath penetrated even unto the prison. However, whatsoever occurreth is assuredly according to the requirements of consummate wisdom. We beseech God to bestow the good of this world and the next, that her eye may be solaced, her heart gladdened and her soul find rest. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. The joy […] returneth unto God. By the life of God, […] cannot be equaled by this wise remembrance. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Ancient Revealer. Glory be upon her and upon those with her and upon every maidservant who hath believed in the Lord of the worlds.

BH01749: Praise be unto God, Who hath ever been sanctified…

Praise be unto God, Who hath ever been sanctified above whatsoever hath been and whatsoever shall be; exalted beyond all that hath been said and shall be said; immeasurably lofty above all that hath been mentioned or shall be mentioned—by me or by any other. Glory be to Him Who hath made the Pen the expounder of His will throughout the realm of being, and hath taught it the mysteries of utterance. Verily, He is the Champion by Whose revelation the banners were cast down and the idols overthrown, and mankind turned toward the horizon of the Revelation of God, the Lord of all the worlds.

Glory, shining forth from the horizon of knowledge, be upon those peoples who have attained unto the knowledge of God, turned unto Him, spoken His praise, and arisen to serve His Cause, in such wise that no tyrant hath withheld them and no heedless one hath hindered them. These are the servants whom the Faithful One, in His justice, hath described as His loved ones—souls whose station no tongue can worthily portray.

I testify that there is none other God but Him. From everlasting He hath been and shall be; He commandeth and shall command; He acteth and shall act. Who is there that can prevent Him from accomplishing His purpose? He speaketh even as He spoke in the presence of enemies, at the time when the heedless and doubting gathered against Him with leveled spears and drawn swords. Verily, He is He Whom neither all created things can exhaust nor all contingent beings can confound. There is none other God but Him, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

And now: the servant hath received that which ye sent, and hath inhaled therefrom the fragrance of the praise of my Beloved and your Beloved—the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

Arise—God helping thee—to the horizon of His favour. The handwriting you have sent in these days was a tender and gracious breath. I read it and hearkened, and from it I breathed the fragrance of the singular love of the Cause. One writing bore the blessed name of a¸¤amud—upon him be the Most Glorious—and another was inscribed in the name of Ahmad. Each was presented before the Countenance again and again. He said:

> "We have perceived in his words the scent of sincerity. Woe unto the wronged one! Yet he shall, by the wondrous grace of his Lord, behold amazing deeds."

Praise be to God—the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, the Most Holy, the Most Great! God willing, their branches shall appear and shall prevail; the command is wholly His; verily, He is Witness over all things.

God—One, the Knowing, the Witness—beareth testimony that my tongue is far too feeble to recount the words of the Cause which were spoken—words whereof the Pen itself is powerless to make mention. God willing, be ye ever occupied in the remembrance of God, and arise to praise Him.

Recall ye those days when from the Blessed Tongue a single word was uttered, and hearts were awakened. This is, in truth, the Cause of God—how lofty are the stations it revealeth! Happy are they that know.

After the presentation of that supplication, a Tablet was sent down from the heaven of Will. Blessed are they that attain unto it. As to the marginal notes: they were especially presented before the Countenance. What you did beforehand has been acknowledged and brought to fulfilment.

Convey greetings from this lowly servant to the friends of that land. God willing, be ye all, in perfect love and tenderness and compassion, intent upon the good-pleasure of the Most Exalted Springtime of God, that ye may become of those who testify and are adorned with radiance.

Blessed are they, and blessed is every one who hath attained unto the knowledge of the Beginning and the End.

Glory be upon you, and upon all who have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon in this wondrous Day.

BH01752: My God, my God! Thou seest mine eyes fixed…

In the Name of our Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

My God, my God! Thou seest mine eyes fixed upon the horizon of Thy grace and the hands of this poor one raised to the heaven of Thy bounty. Whenever I contemplate Thy justice, O my God, my limbs tremble, my heart is agitated, my joints quiver, my sighs ascend and my tears fall. Yet whenever I contemplate Thy grace and Thy dealings with Thy loved ones, my spirit soars, my heart is assured and my soul finds rest. By Thy glory, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! My heart has melted from shame and my being is aflame with the fire of my sorrow. In my days I have done that which Thou didst forbid in Thy Books and through the tongues of Thy Messengers. I confess, O my God, to having wronged my soul. I have forsaken what was meet and proper and have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of Thy justice to lament.

My God, my God! My transgressions 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 yearning for the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and him that is far removed longing for the court of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the Day-Star of Thy bestowal, and by Thy Prophets and Messengers whom Thou hast made the lamps of guidance among Thy creatures and the dawning-places of piety amidst Thy creation, 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 Thy singleness, and assured of Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty, Thy might and Thy power.

Alas, alas! My heedlessness hath destroyed me and my disobedience hath weakened me. I know not, O my Purpose and my Adored One, with what countenance 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 kept me back from drawing nigh unto Thee, and my deeds have intervened between me and Thy bounty and generosity. I have done what Thou didst forbid and have neglected what Thou didst command. Therefore, alas, alas! I am he who cast aside the ordinances of Thy Book and took the book of my own self, and committed that which hath deprived

me of the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and barred me from the sweet waters of Thy mercy and Thy bounty.

Behold, O my God, my evil plight, my agitation and my confusion! My God, my God! My hope is in Thy grace and my desire is Thy generosity. The ocean of rebellion hath turned toward the ocean of Thy forgiveness, and the mountain of error toward the heaven of Thy bounty. Should Thou cast me far, who will draw me nigh, and should Thou deny me, who will call me unto Thee? By Thy power, O King of the visible and invisible realms, and Sovereign of grandeur and might! I find for myself no helper save Thee, no protector besides Thee, and no one merciful other than Thee. The fire of heedlessness and passion hath consumed me—where is the water of Thy mercy, O Purpose of them that have recognized Thee? The hosts of idle fancies and vain imaginings have removed me far from Thee—where is the light of Thy nearness, O God of the heavens and the earth? The thirst of disobedience hath destroyed me—where is the ocean of Thy forgiveness, O Thou in Whose remembrance the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee delight?

I beseech Thee, O God of earth and heaven, by the Ark that hath sailed at Thy bidding, and by Him through Whom the sweet savors of Thy Revelation were wafted and the celestial spheres of Thy heaven were honored by His advent, and by them through whom Thy traces were spread abroad, Thy standards were raised up, Thy commandments and laws were revealed, and the horizons of Thy realm were illumined, not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. O Lord! Thou seest the feeble one seeking the kingdom of Thy utterance, him that is far removed yearning for the precincts of Thy mercy, and the sinful one desiring the ocean of Thy bounty and forgiveness. Thou art God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O God! Send down Thy blessings upon Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones, and upon Thy loved ones who have championed Thy Cause, raised the banners of Thy Faith and the ordinances of Thy Book, and strove until they laid down their lives in Thy path. Verily, Thou art powerful to do as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01805: We make mention of him who was named Farajullah…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

We make mention of him who was named Farajullah and who emigrated with his Lord, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Wise, the All-Knowing. By the life of God, verily thy Lord's grace hath encompassed the world. Every atom beareth witness to His generosity, as do they who circle round His mighty throne. By the face of God, He hath come with a mercy that hath preceded all created things. To this all things bear witness, yet most people are heedless. And by the Word of God, His bounty hath encompassed existence itself. The tongue of the Adored One hath testified to this as He was established upon the throne and spoke: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised." And the Beauty of the Beloved—His loving-kindness hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. To this bear witness all trees and leaves, and beyond them the mountains and the seas, yet the people remain behind a mighty veil.

We have mentioned him whose name We have recalled, who turned to God, and We have immortalized his remembrance in Our perspicuous Tablet. We now make mention of what was presented before the Throne when his residence was in this Prison, which is circled by the Concourse on High and the near-stationed angels. We were seated upon the carpet when the servant in attendance appeared and mentioned that which had saddened his Lord, the Speaker, the All-Informed. O Farajullah! Hearken unto the call from this exalted Prison: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible." Let not what hath befallen thy handmaiden sadden thee, for she hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Rather rejoice that she turned toward God when she departed from the Land of Bounty, advancing toward the Land of Mystery—that place wherein the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Wondrous!" She directed herself, hastened, entered in, attained, and heard the call of her Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. She was with her Lord in the Land of Mystery, abided beneath the shade of His mercy, heard His call, was honored to hearken unto His verses, and was gladdened by what she witnessed of the traces of her Lord's mercy, the Generous.

We make mention of her on this day and give thee these glad-tidings that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. By My life! My grace hath preceded the world and nothing in the heavens or earth can prevent it. Thus have We mentioned her that she might attain unto the remembrance of her Lord, and We have sent this unto thee that thou mayest be among the thankful. Hast thou witnessed any greater bounty than this? Nay, by the Self of Truth—yet most people remain heedless. The call hath been raised between earth and heaven, and the sun of grace shineth from the horizon of generosity, yet most nations are among the lost. Blessed is the eye that no veil of desire hath prevented and the face that hath turned toward God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as He walked in this mighty Prison. And the glory rest upon him and upon all who have preferred the love of God to all else on earth and who have remained firm in His Cause. O Pen Most High! Make mention of the loved ones of thy Lord who circle round the Throne and have entered this Prison which hath been named the Most Great Prison by God, the Mighty, the Great. We beseech God to make you such that nothing on earth may come between us and you. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Answerer, the Generous. You are there and We are in this spot, yet We make mention of you as a bounty from Our presence, that ye may be among the thankful.

By the life of God! You are beneath the glances of My loving-kindness and before Mine eyes. To this My mercy and My tenderness bear witness, as do they whom We have acquainted with this wise Cause. We beseech God to assist you in that which will exalt your station and God's station, and to aid you in that which will cause your remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom of your Lord, the Ordainer, the Faithful. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH01879: The meanings have soared for a thousand years…

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

The meanings have soared for a thousand years to attain unto the station of this Word which hath been uttered by the Tongue of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Spirit hath soared through centuries which none can reckon save God, that it might visit this Body which walketh in the Most Exalted

Paradise that hath been named, by the Tongue of God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible, as the Most Great Prison. God beareth witness unto His Own Self that He hath appeared in truth and speaketh in this Castle wherein all matters have been confined to the mention of this Most Great Remembrance through which the greatest joy hath appeared in the world and every heedless and veiled one hath lamented.

O youth! The Lord of all beings remembereth thee and calleth to thy mind when thou wert standing before the Presence at the gate which was opened by the finger of divine power unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath the Ancient Beauty spoken in this exalted station. Behold and remember when thou didst hear the call of thy Lord and He conversed with thee with tenderness and care. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Loving.

And We remember thy father who attained unto the ornament of certitude and bore witness unto that which God did bear witness and uttered that which was recorded in My Preserved Tablet. We testify that he wavered not in this Cause and when he heard the call from the direction of his Lord, the Lord of Names, he said:

> "Here am I, here am I, O God of the unseen and the seen!"

He heard and responded and submitted when the Command came to him from the Dayspring of the revelation of his Lord, the Lord of existence. We adorned the heaven of his heart with the luminary of My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. He attained unto the most pure wine when Iraq was My greatest horizon. He took and drank in My blessed Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Once he attained in Iraq and again when the heedless ones drove Us from the Land of Mystery. Thus doth the Ancient Beauty speak before the face of the world, but most of the people understand not.

O Dhabih! Thy Lord remembereth thee in connection with that which befell thee in this path wherein the Guide Himself hath been guided by reason of what hath been ascribed to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I testify that thou didst believe in God when He appeared in truth, and neither the veils of learning nor the imaginings of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds, did hinder thee. Thou didst cast away what was with the people and took what was with God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne, and thou didst turn away from the people, advancing toward My Self-Subsisting Name, and didst abandon all things out of thy love for the meeting with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou art he whom the howling of wolves did not frighten, nor the barking of those who turned away from the truth, clinging to their vain imaginings. Lo! They are in manifest loss.

O Dhabih! The Goal of the world hath turned toward thee and remembereth thee with that which quickeneth every mouldering bone. He remembereth thee and remembereth thy days and what thou didst utter in this glorious and wondrous path. Thou art he who took hold of the Book with the power of thy Lord and cast the book of the evil ones into the lowest hell. Thou art he who acknowledged that which God acknowledged and drank the wine of steadfastness on a day wherein the limbs of all names trembled and all who dwell in the kingdom of creation were shaken. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Compassionate, the Generous.

For God's sake thou didst hear the gloating of every oppressor and didst bear from the aggressors that which caused every just and discerning one to weep. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who draweth nigh unto thee and remembereth thee with that which the Most Great Remembrance hath uttered, through Whose name the gate of heaven was opened and the sea of names surged and the fragrance of God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, was wafted.

The peace which hath dawned from the horizon of the Abode of Peace and the glory which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon him who hath uttered thy remembrance and praise and hath visited thy grave by the command of the Ordainer, the All-Informed.

BH01889: O Amin, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness…

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

O Amin, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Praise be befitting unto the Desired One Who, through His perfect power, all-encompassing will and penetrating decree, raised up the banner of "Verily I am God" between kings and subjects, erected the pavilion of glory in the most exalted places of the earth, and through the power of the Pen and the influence of the Word took possession of the realm of hearts. Unto Him be praise and glory, unto Him be gratitude and splendor.

Thereafter the Most Great Branch writes, as the servant in attendance had no time due to excessive writing. This is of God's bounty unto thee and unto him.

Tablets specifically addressed to Muhammad-ʿAli and Yusuf Khan were sent—deliver them to Bahram-Abad. Beseech God that He may assist all to truly turn to Him and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

The sum that you collected was received and sent to Khadra. Do not forget about the teacher's cloak—if a good Na'ini cloak can be found it would be better and more suitable.

The Tablet for the prince was sent, but act according to the consultation of Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness.

In these days special favor was shown to Aqa Siyyid Faraj'u'llah, upon him be the glory of God—that is, manifest verses were revealed and sent to him. Mention was made of you and the friends of that land and the companions at the gate of Isfahan whom you had mentioned in His presence—this flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou, O Amin! Unceasingly hast thou mentioned the friends and loved ones of God and sought for each that which hath no likeness.

Likewise specifically for Aqa Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin in the great city a Tablet was revealed and sent.

Aqa Hashim Aqa Qadir from the land of K also sent a letter in the name of God expressing his intention to pay the Huquq. It was commanded that it be given to Aqa ʿAli-Haydar who would deliver it to you—act as previously mentioned and deliver it.

O Amin, the glance of favor is ever directed toward [the poor]. Whatever arrives and is commanded, surely deliver it. In this divine age some of the wealthy ones have, praise be to God, been successful, but some have been deprived. Blessed is he whom God has enabled to serve His Most Great Cause and His Mighty Announcement.

Convey greetings to the loved ones of God wherever they may be. Say: Know ye the value of these days and in this spiritual age and divine century adorn yourselves with goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and arise to serve the Cause of God for which all have been created.

We send greetings to Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and likewise to Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God. Replies to Varqa's petitions from before and after will arrive, and We likewise make mention of the other loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor, exalted be His glory.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Wherever you meet [Jinab-i-ʿAyn-Ba], upon him be the glory of God, convey greetings and give him the glad-tidings and assurance of God's favor. And whatever you can deliver to them in these days is very beloved, acceptable, praiseworthy and rewarding. We beseech God to assist thee and him to serve His mighty Cause.

BH01885: O Land of Sad [Isfahan]! Where are they who…

He is the Faithful Herald

O Land of Sad [Isfahan]! Where are they who loved God and His chosen ones? Where are they who stood firm in His service in all conditions? Where are they who shone forth from the horizon of faithfulness like the sun rising from the horizon of heaven? Where is My trust in thee—didst thou deliver him into the hands of enemies, or did he sacrifice his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of Names? Tell Me what the people did to him through whom God's Cause was manifested among the servants and the horizon of love dawned in all lands. Be truthful with Me—where is the Most Great Trust? Where is he who circled round God, the Lord of the Throne and earth? Where is the Spirit who appeared in human temple to serve God, the Lord of Destiny? O Land of Sad! Where is the Tree of Love with its branches, boughs, leaves and fruits? It cries out, saying:

> "By Thy beauty, O Lord of Glory and Beloved of Ha! I cannot mention what I witnessed from the enemies. By Thy might, I am ashamed to present what the people did to their Lord, Master, Helper and Strengthener. How can I speak of that which saddens Thy heart, O Thou Desire of earth and heaven? Whenever I intend to mention it, weeping prevents me, and Thou art the Knower of both speech and whispered thought. By Thy might, O my Sovereign! If Thou were to decree my extinction, it would be dearer to me than to mention and relate before Thee that which causes grief in days Thou madest dawning-places of joy for Thy loved ones and daysprings of happiness for the people of Thy realm—and this despite my certitude in the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy will, the penetration of Thy purpose and the

encompassing nature of Thy power. Would that I had never existed and never seen Thee grieved, O Lord of nations and Sovereign of eternity!"

O Region of Sad! Why do I see and hear thy birds and their song, but see not My she-camel nor hear her cry? Is she in the garden above the earth or beneath it? O gardens of that city! Where is the breeze of God that wafted over thee, and where is God's fruit within thee? Has it been cut off or has it fallen? By God, the people are in manifest error. They have hamstrung her after she gave them to drink the purest milk from the breast of God's wisdom, the Lord of all worlds.

O My Name Ha! We concealed thy station while thou wert in this world due to the weakness of the servants. But when thou didst ascend, We unveiled thee and revealed what thou truly wert and what God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, had bestowed upon thee. Blessed is he who loved thee, found solace with thee, heard thy call, thy remembrance and thy praise, sought thy resting-place, and turned his face toward thy countenance for the sake of God, thy Beloved, thy Goal and thy Manifestation. Blessed is every seeker who seeks thy most exalted station and thy most glorious abode, who stands before thy tomb and visits thee with what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen and uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur in the prison of Akka. Joy be to him who remembers thy days and what appeared from thee in the love of God, thy Lord, and who relates to people what befell thee in thy Lord's Cause. By the life of God, he is among the people of Baha in a preserved tablet.

O My Name Ha! Thou wert a stranger in thy homeland, a captive in thy dwelling-place, and oppressed and alone among the servants. Blessed is the land God made the resting-place of thy body, and the city from whose horizon thou didst shine forth in thy Lord's days. It behooveth every lover to remember thee with what God hath remembered thee in His tablets. We beseech Him by thee to send down upon His loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Kind.

BH01933: Your letter reached this Wronged One in the Most…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

Your letter reached this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison and was seen. The Cause of Truth has ever shone like the sun from the horizon of glory—the eclipse of people's vain imaginings has not and will never overtake it. Colocynth has never been confused with honey. Every possessor of hearing and smell can perceive the song of the nightingale and the fragrance of the rose.

You wrote that your letter went unanswered and was delayed. Know this much: the purpose of this servant is that all on earth should gather together in perfect love and unity at the divine stream of His Cause. Pride and vainglory have no place here. For God's sake have We spoken what We have spoken, and for His sake have We been afflicted with countless imprisonments and tribulations. If you would reflect a little on what has come to pass, you would testify to what is recorded in this leaf.

And as for what you wrote about this servant considering those not his followers to be unbelievers—God forbid! Rather, those souls who are heedless of Truth and turn to other than Him are, by the testimony of the divine Books, unbelievers and ever shall be. Consider what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an that you may be assured I speak only what God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, has spoken.

You also wrote that if the matter rests on imitation, Abu Dharr and Salman the Persian are more worthy of being imitated since their excellence is universally acknowledged. If you follow this reasoning, you should not go beyond the scroll of Adam and cling to him, for all peoples—Jews, Christians, Muslims and most of the world's communities—accept him. And after him you should cling only to Moses and the Torah, for most people on earth have agreed upon them. But as for Salman and Abu Dharr, none but the Islamic sect accepts them. Now consider by what proof you passed beyond that which all agree upon—what was that proof and which path did you take? We say no more. He has said: "An hour's reflection is better than seventy years of worship."

This is the Day of the appearance of the blessed Word that says: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses." Hear the counsel of this Wronged One Who speaks for God's sake and has no purpose save this, for most of His life He has been afflicted and has sought no helper save God. Were you to turn to things with the ear of innate nature, you would hear their sighing, their crying and their weeping. Reflect on the state of the world and its changes and extinction. Ask God to guide you to a matter whose traces will endure permanently on earth.

Be not distressed at the delay in reply. Affairs have their appointed times. Moreover, no obligation rests upon a bird imprisoned in a cage. God willing, you will rend asunder the veils of fancy and attain the station of certitude. This is the station where the imagined is effaced and the known appears. The Cause is in His hand—He gives what He wishes to whom He wishes and withholds from whom He wishes what He wills. He is verily the Protector, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy.

BH01929: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art…

He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the King of names, for that Thou hast converted joy into vexation, and pitched the tent of sorrows during Thy festival of Ridvan. I swear by Thy glory! I repine not at that which hath befallen Me in Thy path. By Thy name, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! Tribulation borne for love of Thee is, verily, My cherished wish, the goal of My desire, and the solace of Mine heart; yet do I long to announce unto the world that from the Lote Tree of Fidelity the Most Exalted Fruit hath fallen, inasmuch as it was compassed by tempestuous winds blowing from the right hand of Thy decree, and smitten by the assault of Thine appointment as inscribed by the Pen of Thy behest.

O My Lord! The sea of troubles hath surged during the days of Thy happiness, and the fragrance of sorrows hath wafted even in the day of Thy blissful joy. Hath the refulgent orb of Thy Name Ha' set beneath the horizon of Sad, or is he still in the clutches of the enemies, who have cast away Thy Testament, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all names?

O Land of Sad! Doth My Name yet walk upon thy surface, or hath there reposed within thy womb a trust from Me? O insensate land! How canst thou be still, when the very ocean is concealed within thee? And how canst thou be illumined, when the refulgent orb hath set beneath thy horizon? O Land of Sad! Where is thy lamp, and where thy straight path? Where is God's overflowing fount within thee, and

where the Lote Tree whose shade God had made a shelter unto all that resorted thither, or sought it out, or chanced upon it in their travels?

I swear by God! O My Name Ha'! By reason of thine agony the Pen of the Most High hath halted; the dwellers of the Cities of the Names of God have lamented; and the hearts of His chosen ones have melted. Thou art he who accepted not a ransom in the love of God, the Lord of this world and of the next; and repeatedly craved of God that which actually befell him. Thou art the Most Great Ransom in the Crimson Book.

Did the people think that they had gained by their transaction? Nay, by Him Who is the King of Names! God is My witness that they suffered a loss such as hath had no equal in the knowledge of God, the Lord of the throne above and of earth below. The Tongue of Grandeur testifieth that it is thou who hast gained by this transaction. Nay by My life! All gain is thine, inasmuch as thou hast quit the earth, whose every atom beareth witness unto its evanescence; hast set thy face towards the dawning-place of eternity; and hast yielded thy life in thy yearning for the love of God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of all names.

By thy life, O My Name! By reason of thine agony the afflictions of the saints have been effaced, and the eyes of God's chosen ones and the Celestial Concourse have run down with tears. It hath reached such a pass that He Who is the Manifestation of God's Ancient Beauty among the nations hath been sorrowed. Wert thou present before this Wronged One in thine outward temple, and didst behold in what condition the Pen of the Most High recounteth thine afflictions, thou wouldst wail even as a bereaved mother in the kingdom of creation.

Alas, alas, O My Name Ha'! And again alas, alas, O My Name that shineth above the horizon of fidelity! And yet again, alas I cry, with a fervour such as to cause oceans to well forth from the eyes, and the hearts and souls to melt. Thou art he through whom the tale of the Sacrifice (Ishmael) hath been retold, and that which had been hidden in the knowledge of God, and written in His Mighty Book, hath come to pass.

O Land of Sad! Speak true, I prithee, and tell Me, Where is the She-Camel of God, that trod thy byways and grazed in thy fair pastures? Doth she still graze today, or hath she been hamstrung by the enemies of God, and by the enemies of His chosen ones and His servants? Then tell Me, did she drink and ascend, or did she suffer martyrdom whilst parched, and so ascend unto the Abha Horizon and the realms above?

Then tell Me, left she anyone behind to guard her home; to gather together her kin; to calm their trepidation; to fortify their hearts; to comfort them in their distress; and to console them in their grief and sorrow? Thou must needs in such a case, and at this very moment, repeat: The Kingdom is God's the Lord of the worlds! Verily, we are God's, and unto Him shall we indeed return.

BH01983: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Upon thee be…

He is the Consoler, the All-Merciful, the Generous

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this luminous Tablet which We have made the bearer of My grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We make mention of the leaf whom We named ʿIzziyyih, who attained Our presence and won victory in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of her and of those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We make mention of all My handmaidens at this hour wherein the tongue of grandeur hath spoken before the faces of the people that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the leaf who heard My call and responded, who beheld My verses and turned unto them. We testify that she believed in God and His verses, acknowledged that which hath been sent down from His presence, and confessed His manifestation, His emergence and His sovereignty. We testify that she was attracted by the call of God in the earliest days, responded and was set ablaze by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree in such wise that the reins of her free will were taken from her grasp. We have heard her crying out in the days and her yearning in the morning hours.

O My Pen! When thou desirest to make mention of her and to visit her, turn thy face toward God's loving-kindness and say: The first light that shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty and the first utterance that was voiced by the Tongue of Grandeur—upon thee, O leaf of the Tree of Faithfulness! I bear witness that, due to thy remoteness from the court of nearness, thy liver was consumed, thy joy was turned to sorrow and great was thy calamity. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden and My leaf, and blessed is the handmaiden who draweth nigh unto thee and visiteth thee, by virtue of that which the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken on this dark night. We beseech God to ordain for all who visit thee the reward of him who hath winged his flight from his homeland, seeking the most exalted homeland beneath the canopies of the grandeur of the Lord of all men. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee!

We testify, and the near ones and the sincere ones bear witness, that separation hath consumed thee, such that thy sighs have ascended and thy tears have fallen at all times. The heat of love hath encompassed all thy limbs. Thou art she who hath taken the cup of love and drunk therefrom in the name of God, the Possessor of Creation. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at every moment a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His own Self. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Thou art in the Most Exalted Paradise while the Lord of all men maketh mention of thee in the prison of ʿAkka. By the life of God! Through My remembrance of thee the ocean of thy Lord's mercy hath surged and the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors hath wafted—a bounty from God, the Possessor of this sublime station. Joy be unto thee, O My handmaiden, and peace be upon thee, O My leaf, and mercy be upon thee, O thou whose liver was melted in separation from Me! We beseech God to inscribe for thee in the Tablet, by the Most Glorious Pen, the reward of attaining His presence. He is verily the Creator of the heavens and the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Him, the Hearer, the Answerer.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all names, my Goal and the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the resplendent Light and by Thy firm, penetrating Command to forgive me and my parents. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the blood of the lovers in the land of Ya and by their patience

and steadfastness in Thy good-pleasure, and by this most pure Shrine, to fulfill my needs and the needs of Thy servants who have turned unto Thee and have taken hold of Thy Book. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH01988: O Muhammad-Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the Rememberer and the Helper, He is the All-Loving and the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings! Thy letter which thou hadst sent to Aqa Muhammad, upon him be my glory, was brought before Us by Badi'u'llah and was heard. Praise be to God, from every word thereof wafted the fragrance of divine love, and from the horizon of every letter shone forth the light of affection.

O Muhammad-Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names! Know thou with absolute certitude that thou hast attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness, and that is the Word of God, which it was and is. Time and again from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen have pearls of wisdom and utterance been revealed especially for the loved ones. Whosoever hath attained unto these and remained firm in the Cause hath attained unto all good. God shall soon exalt his mention in the world and his name among the peoples.

We have mentioned thy father before in such wise that through it the fragrance of the garment of utterance was wafted throughout all creation. Through My mention of him the ocean of forgiveness surged and the sun of pardon and bounty shone forth from the horizon of the world. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this great favor. And We have mentioned thy brother as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to the kinfolk. Each one is blessed with the effulgences of the light of the Sun of divine favor, exalted be His glory. Give them glad-tidings from Me and remind them of My verses. The loved ones of that land are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. By the life of God! That which no treasures or riches can equal hath been ordained for them. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: O people of God! This day is your day. Be as fire in your love for the Chosen One, as light in your mention of Him Who conversed on Sinai, as mountains in your steadfastness and firmness, and as the Kawthar in giving life to the dead. This behooveth him who hath laid hold on this mighty cord.

In these days the letter of the spiritual youth, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy, arrived, and likewise the letter of Ahmad, upon him be My glory and My grace, and they were heard. We beseech God to aid them and enable them to assist His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to send down upon them from the heaven of bounty that which will draw them near unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Say unto Abdullah Ahmad: Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel thee to be forbearing. If thou shouldst hear an unseemly word from thy brother, thou must conceal it and prefer forgiveness over retribution. Consider

what hath befallen him in this Cause. Verily he hath heard in the path of God that which caused the denizens of Paradise to lament. In all matters, silence and quietude concerning him are most fitting and beloved. This is what the Wronged One hath decreed in His mighty prison.

Thou didst mention Ali and his mother, upon them both be the Glory of God. A Tablet hath been specially revealed from the heaven of grace for him. Deliver it unto him that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. If the Huqúqu'lláh is found in that land, deliver one vahid to the mother or the son.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon My servants and My handmaidens who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from this manifest ocean.

BH01971: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

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

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down; it is, verily, the proof of God among His creatures and His testimony amidst His servants. Thereof testifieth the Tongue of Grandeur in this station, each and every atom thereof proclaiming: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting."

They who have attained unto the Days of God and borne witness unto that whereunto the Beauty of Pre-Existence hath borne witness among the nations—these are the people of Baha in the Kingdom of creation, and the companions of the Crimson Ark which the Pen of the Most High did mention ere this sweetest Call was raised in the visible realm of My mighty, inaccessible dominion.

We created the souls for these very days, the mention of which hath adorned the Books and Tablets. Yet when the dawn of the Day of Manifestation broke, and He Who held converse on the Mount spake forth, the servants turned aside from Him: among them were those who pronounced Him an infidel, and among them those who devised against Him calumnies without any proof or written testimony.

We, in very truth, summoned all unto the supreme Paradise, while they decreed that My blood be shed. Thus was the matter decreed; but the people, for the most part, understand not. The Call hath been raised, the Trumpet hath been sounded, yet most men comprehend it not. They have cast behind their backs the bounty of God and have taken for themselves the embodiments of idle fancy as lords and protectors. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen recount these things unto thee as a favour from His presence; verily, He is powerful to do what He willeth: He but saith "Be," and it is. By God! The Ocean of knowledge hath surged before all faces, yet the people have turned away therefrom, in that they have followed images and vain imaginings.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Javad! Rejoice, then give ear unto that whereunto the Lord of being summoneth thee—a remembrance upon which decay shall never work, by reason of the eternity of the realms of earth and heaven. We stayed the Pen concerning thy mention in accordance with a wisdom from Our presence; thy Lord doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth by virtue of His sovereignty that overshadoweth whatsoever hath been and shall be.

The gaze of God hath been directed toward thee in this most exalted station. Give thanks, and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the unseen and the seen! Thou hast ever held me under the watchful eye of Thy tender mercy. Thou seest and beholdest, and Thou art the One, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.”

Thy letter hath come and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of all being. Blessed art thou, in that thou hast turned unto the Desired One whilst every heedless and veiled soul hath turned away from Him.

Say: “O Thou Lord of the Throne and of the dust, O Sovereign of the world to come and of this first life! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through which the limbs of the Names have trembled and Thy Call hath been lifted up in the luminous Spot, that Thou mayest succour me to remember and praise Thee, and enable me to do that which beseemeth the days that are Thine. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty, directing myself unto the ocean of Thy grace, and holding fast unto the cord of Thy Command. Send down, then, from the heaven of Thy munificence upon this Thy servant that whereby my remembrance may endure in Thy Kingdom and in Thy Realm of might.

O my Lord! I am he who hath clung to the Ark of Thy Cause, that Ark which, by Thy power and Thy sovereignty, hath sailed upon both land and sea. O my Lord! Suffer me not to be deprived of that which is with Thee and of that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath destined for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, Whom nothing can frustrate; no matter can hinder Thee. Thou givest and Thou withholdest; and Thou, in truth, art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Loving.”

Thus have We taught thee and made thee to know, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

The glory of God rest upon thee, and upon such as have held fast unto the Cord that is mighty and unbreakable, and who have voiced His praise—this Wronged, this Stranger.

BH01960: He dawns from the horizon of utterance

He dawns from the horizon of utterance

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison is verily the Object of all tribulation and harm, and the Recipient of afflictions. There hath befallen Him that which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament, and the dwellers of the pavilions of Grandeur and Majesty to weep. Blessed is the soul that hath heard His call and hath arisen to serve His Cause and aid it through wisdom and utterance, and woe unto him who hath denied the proof of the All-Merciful and was among the heedless ones.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! Hearken unto My call, for verily I am in the ocean of sorrows and I make mention of thee with that which causeth the spirit of life to stir within the body of contingent being. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. We have heard thy call time and again, and thy letter was read before the Wronged One repeatedly, and We have answered thee with this Tablet, which when it

was sent down, all the tablets of the world bowed down before it. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones.

And We have heard thy sighs in the love of God and witnessed thy tears in separation from Him. To this hath testified what thou hast presented in this Station before which every station hath prostrated itself and around which every House attributed to God, the Lord of the worlds, hath circled. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance that the rapture and longing may seize thee to such a degree that thou wilt cry out among the concourse of names through this Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Be thou vocal with that which will cause the spirit of the world to soar and the hearts of them who are nigh to be attracted. Warble upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree with diverse melodies that the followers of all religions may be set ablaze thereby. By My life! For this wast thou created and for this wast thou commanded at this time wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, through divine favor you will appear and speak in such wise that frozen hearts and cold souls and cast-out stony temples will attain unto a new spirit and fresh vitality.

O thou who hast turned thy face toward My countenance and gazed toward My horizon! The Suriy-i-Hikmat which was specially revealed for thee from the divine Kingdom of utterance is in truth like unto a treasure, and precious pearls lie concealed within each word thereof. Should anyone recite it, with each reading he will behold a door opened. That honored one must recite this perspicuous Tablet for the friends with the most wondrous melodies. By My life! It guideth the people unto the truth and maketh them to recognize the Balance that calleth out betwixt earth and heaven, “Verily, I am the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing!”

Speak ye with My words that will bestow the essence of life upon every particle of dust and grant the wings of assurance, that they may soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and attraction. Previously this word was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: Different effects are witnessed from words in the kingdom of names and attributes. Thus hath it been ordained from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Therefore that honored one must at all times be occupied with educating the servants through wisdom and utterance. Verily He is with thee and will aid thee to make mention of Him and praise Him and serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Perspicuous.

And We make mention in this station of My loved ones in that land who have cast aside all else save Me and have taken hold of that which they were commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife. Verily We make mention of her and of My handmaidens who have turned toward God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH01959: May my spirit be a sacrifice for Your Presence…

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

May my spirit be a sacrifice for Your Presence. The intensity of the heat this year affected my body and caused weakness, but the water of life from Your Presence, which flowed from the Pen of love and favor,

provided the most excellent remedy for it. How pleasant and refreshing it was for me! When I drank from each cup of Your favors and each goblet of Your kindness, it so intoxicated and enraptured me that I was transported, ascended, entered, attained presence, and made my supplication. When Your prayer was offered before the face of our Beloved and your Beloved, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth that which diffused the fragrance of His favor, mercy and kindness toward your honor, and He said, exalted be His glory:

O My Name Mihdi! Praise be to God, thou hast attained to divine favor. This most exalted Word was previously revealed in the Crimson Book. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God in His days, for that Word hath been and shall ever be like a lamp before his face in all the worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted station, this highest rank and ultimate goal.

Praise be to God, you have attained, time after time, nay limitless beyond reckoning by century, age, epoch, eternity or pre-existence, to divine verses, signs, allusions, expositions, tablets and scriptures. Even if but a single word appear in a single moment, it is not and never shall be bounded by temporal limitations, for a single word shining forth in less than a moment from the Mouth of the Will of the King of Oneness manifests its radiance, its decree and its revelation clearly and evidently in all worlds, and like an artery in a body, it appears and moves through all times from the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from this ocean and gained knowledge of this Book. Likewise this blessed word appeared from the Dawning-Place of the Tongue in the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His glory:

God willing, divine favor, mercy and blessing are directed toward you, and He will grant you deliverance from troublesome and wearisome matters. Every difficulty is easy for Him and every hardship simple. Verily He is the Powerful One Who doeth what He willeth in creation and judgeth as He pleaseth through His firm and mighty command. During this utterance the table was spread, and mention was made of your honor while partaking of what was present: Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous Giver.

The Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have attained to what God desired when He appeared in truth through His wise command. Regarding Haji Mulla Ali, upon him be 966 [the glory of God], if it does not conflict with wisdom or cause notoriety in that land, there is no objection. The letter of Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, which was sent to that beloved one, has been forwarded. If your honor writes anything, please convey greetings of evanescence and nothingness from this ephemeral one. It is repeated that the letter was sent.

BH01964: Another section in answer

Another section in answer:

That which His Holiness the Exalted One—may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him—has ordained regarding inheritance is thus: Whatever remains from the deceased should be considered as two thousand five hundred and twenty portions, for this is a number whose foundation is from nine, and in its final digits that same nine appears, which is the numerical value of the Blessed Name Baha, and it contains nine fractions, namely: one-tenth, one-ninth, one-eighth, one-seventh, one-sixth, one-fifth, one-

fourth, one-third, and one-half. The children's portion is nine-sixtieths, the spouses' portion eight-sixtieths, the fathers' portion seven-sixtieths, the mothers' portion six-sixtieths, the brothers' portion five-sixtieths, the sisters' portion four-sixtieths, and the teachers' portion three-sixtieths.

This was what was intended by the Book of Ta, Ha, Za, Vav, Ha, Dal and Jim. And in this Dispensation, since the Ancient Beauty, out of pure grace and bounty, has designated the children's portion, which was nine-sixtieths, to be eighteen-sixtieths, and has reduced nine-sixtieths from those other six categories, now the division must be made in this way: from each of those six categories of heirs, one and one-half sixtieths should be reduced, which totals nine-sixtieths. The spouses' portion, which was eight-sixtieths, becomes six and one-half sixtieths, which equals three hundred and ninety. The fathers' portion becomes five and one-half sixtieths, the mothers' portion four and one-half sixtieths, the brothers' portion three and one-half sixtieths, the sisters' portion two and one-half sixtieths, and the teachers' portion one and one-half sixtieths. When all these numbers are added together, they equal that same hidden number which is two thousand five hundred and twenty.

The year has been fixed at nineteen months, and each month at nineteen days. All of these total three hundred and sixty-one. Since the solar year has three hundred and sixty-five days, and in some years three hundred and sixty-six, there are five extra days. It has been ordained that these five days, which are called the Days of Ha and the Days of Giving that precede the Fast, should be placed before the month of fasting, and the month of fasting is the last month of the year, while Naw-Ruz is the first day of the year.

As for the names of those nineteen months, they are as follows: First, the Month of Splendor; Second, the Month of Glory; Third, the Month of Beauty; Fourth, the Month of Grandeur; Fifth, the Month of Light; Sixth, the Month of Mercy; Seventh, the Month of Words; Eighth, the Month of Perfection; Ninth, the Month of Names; Tenth, the Month of Might; Eleventh, the Month of Will; Twelfth, the Month of Knowledge; Thirteenth, the Month of Power; Fourteenth, the Month of Speech; Fifteenth, the Month of Questions; Sixteenth, the Month of Honor; Seventeenth, the Month of Sovereignty; Eighteenth, the Month of Dominion; Nineteenth, the Month of Loftiness.

Likewise, these nineteen names are also applied to the days of each month. For example, the first day of each month is the Day of Splendor, the second day of each month is the Day of Glory, and the third day of each month is the Day of Beauty.

As for the names of the week, they are as follows: Saturday is the Day of Glory, Sunday is the Day of Beauty, Monday is the Day of Perfection, Tuesday is the Day of Grace, Wednesday is the Day of Justice, Thursday is the Day of Majesty, and Friday is the Day of Independence.

BH11720: This binding and irrevocable decree hath at this hour…

In His Name, exalted be His station of grandeur and power!

This binding and irrevocable decree hath at this hour been revealed from the direction of the Most Great Prison. Verily ye were for God, and there is no doubt that He is with you. O Abdul-Karim, upon thee be My Glory and My favors. Thy letter attained the presence of the Wronged One. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of patience and acted according to that which was ordained in the

Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thy deeds and thy steadfastness in adversity have brought Me joy. Ye were slain yet did not slay—well is it with you. Ye have done that which hath caused the fragrance of oppression to waft among all created things.

In truth, the glorious government—may God strengthen it—hath manifested justice, and justice is the cause of the elevation, majesty and power of kings. Blessed is he who is adorned therewith, who drinketh from its chalice and is illumined by its effulgences. This party must ever fix their gaze upon this station. God, exalted be His glory, hath ever loved and still loveth faithfulness, and in diverse Tablets hath commanded all to observe it. As to entering beneath its shadow, there is no harm in this for the settlement of affairs and the quelling of the fire of sedition. If they accept, a few will suffice.

This assistance from the glorious government and this manifestation of justice and fairness will, God willing, obliterate the oppression and tyranny of the world. We counsel this party never to forget this justice and to beseech God with all their hearts to perpetuate the traces of the Bearer of the Standard of Justice throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, for He hath purely for the sake of God assisted the oppressed ones of the world and hath judged with justice. This is the first assistance that hath been manifested toward these oppressed ones through the will of the great Emperor and the noble General—may God, exalted be He, strengthen them both. This station is most great.

My God, my God! Thou seest the oppressed ones among the wicked among Thy creation, and Thou witnesseth their sighs and tears in what hath befallen them at the hands of those who have made tyranny their practice in Thy land and oppression their characteristic in dealing with Thy servants. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the sun of Thy grace to aid the oppressed ones to patience and steadfastness in what hath befallen and will befall them in times of hardship and tribulation. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and the manifestations of Thy justice among all humanity to ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen relief from Thee, a helper from Thy presence, and a protector from Thy side to guard them from the evil of their enemies and those who hate them. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

It is most clear and evident that this assistance from the glorious government—may God, exalted be He, strengthen it—is the cause of all hearts turning toward it from all directions.

My God, my God! Aid him who desireth to help the oppressed ones among Thy servants, then exalt him through Thy bounty, Thy power and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We wish to seal this Tablet with mention of Fadil, upon him be My Glory and My favors. My Pen and My tongue bear witness to his sincerity, his service, his steadfastness and his presence at this time before the gate of God's mercy, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon him and upon those who have attained unto justice and fairness and have acted according to that which they were commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH01994: O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath ascended to the loftiest heights, and say: The first fragrance that wafted from the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all names, be upon thee, O thou star shining from the horizon of heaven! I testify that through thee the Most Exalted Horizon did shine forth, the Divine Lote-Tree did speak, the Most Great Word appeared, the Luminous Pearl and the Primal Point were made manifest—through which the hidden Secret and the treasured Symbol were revealed, the knowledge of what was and what would be was detailed, the breeze of God wafted throughout the world, the proof was perfected for all peoples, and the bounty was completed through the diffusion of the fragrance of the Bayan in celebration of the Most Great Name.

I testify that through you the seas surged, the rivers flowed, the trees brought forth leaves, the signs appeared, the mysteries emerged, the faces of the righteous were illumined, and in you the ocean of knowledge surged, the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted, and the gates of Paradise—around which all gardens circle—were opened. In you dawned the Daybreak whereby the lamp of idle fancies was extinguished, the Sun of Revelation shone forth and the Moon of inspiration gleamed. Through you the Living Waters overflowed to quicken all contingent beings.

I bear witness that in you was raised the standard of "There is none other God but I, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting" and was hoisted the pavilion of "Verily I am God, there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Beloved." The nightingale of divine knowledge warbled in the Kingdom of utterance: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving." He is indeed the Most Great Book, the Most Exalted Word, and the Greatest Sign. Through Him appeared God's pervading Will, His all-encompassing Power, His enduring Sovereignty and His all-prevailing Might. He is indeed the Countenance that shone forth from the horizon of eternity after the passing of all things. Through His appearance, the Maidens of inner meaning emerged from the palaces of the Bayan, the mysteries deposited in the Qur'an were revealed, the signs became manifest, and every stone bore witness to the Revealer of verses.

He is indeed the One at Whose appearance the mountains passed away and all things spoke in remembrance of God, the Lord of grandeur and might. Through Him every poor one turned toward the Kingdom of wealth, every bewildered soul toward the lights of guidance, and every thirsty one toward the Kawthar of eternity. I testify that in you appeared the Known Beauty, the Speaker before the Self-Subsisting spoke forth, the Sealed Wine was unsealed, and every destined matter was fulfilled.

I bear witness that thou art he who was assured of meeting thy Lord, the Lord of all names, and wast illumined by God's lights when the Most Great Luminary shone forth from the horizon of Zawra—a station none among all created things have surpassed save whom thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens, did will. Thou art he who didst drink the choice wine of certitude while people were in doubt and discord, and didst attain the meeting of that Day which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an—His word is the truth—"The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant when the people of the earth broke it, and for having turned to the Countenance

when the limbs of the servants trembled from the assault of the people of hypocrisy. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who visiteth thee, by virtue of what hath flowed from the Pen whereby the Bridge was erected, the Balance was set up, the Hour appeared, and the Bayan was sent down.

BH02001: A mention from Us to My loved ones who…

A mention from Us to My loved ones who have acknowledged God and recognized His sovereignty and turned to the Countenance when it shone forth from this manifest horizon. By the life of God! They are the ones who turned to the Dawning Place of inspiration when they heard the call of God, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O people of Qaf! We desire to make you hear the melody of God and give you to drink of the Kawthar of utterance from this Hand that was dominant over all who are in the heavens and earth. Turn with the ears of your hearts that you may hear the call of God from this far-off spot. Blessed are you in that you have cast away vain imaginings and taken the cup of certitude through this manifest Name. By God! Were you to discover what hath been ordained for you, you would soar on wings of joy and arise to serve the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Grieve not over anything. Rather, rejoice in that God remembers you from His Most Exalted Pen in this sublime station. Blessed are you in that you have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and faced toward the Qiblih of all horizons when every misbeliever turned away from it. Thus have We adorned your temples with the ornament of remembrance and illumined your hearts with the light of the utterance of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Say: Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and hold fast unto it—this is better for you, did you but know.

O Samandar! Your letter which you sent to Ism-i-Jud hath come before the Throne and the servant in attendance hath read it, and We make mention of you that you may rejoice within yourself and be of the thankful. Turn with the ear of nature that you may hear the melody of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, and turn with the eye of nature that you may behold the scene of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the horizon of certitude hath been illumined and the Countenance of the All-Merciful giveth you to drink of the water of life. Beware lest you deprive yourselves of that which your Lord, Who is dominant over every witness and witnessed one, hath brought. Say: By God! This is the Most Great Day and the Lord of Destiny hath by His own Self arisen to His Cause—He to Whose manifestation all in the unseen and visible worlds have bowed down. Gather ye together in remembrance and praise of God, then make mention of Him in such wise as to attract minds. Do you slumber upon your couches while He standeth at your heads giving you glad tidings of what hath been ordained for you in a preserved Tablet? Beware lest sorrows overtake you or the imaginings of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Loving, prevent you.

The land of the Prison hath cried out and lamented—were you to ask it why, it would say because the hem of sanctity hath been sullied by what the hands of those who have believed in God, the Single One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, have wrought.

O thou servant who art present! Hold back the Pen lest there flow from it that which would cause the Concourse on High to wail and the eyes of those near unto God to shed tears. Turn away from what thou wert occupied with and make mention of My loved ones who are there with My beautiful remembrance. Say: Upon you be glory, then praise, then immortality in that you turned when every hypocrite turned away, and drank when every transgressor was prevented, and knew when every doubter remained ignorant, and faced toward the Dawning Place of faith when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty.

Doth not suffice you what hath flowed this night from the Most Exalted Pen? Say: By Thy life, O Beloved of the worlds! We are satisfied with what we see and witness from the horizon of Thy grace—nay rather, we acknowledge that all this is naught but a token of the wonders of Thy bounty and favor. Thou art He to Whose grace the whole creation hath testified, and to Whose sovereignty all in the worlds have borne witness.

BH02029: This is what hath been sent down from My…

This is what hath been sent down from My Most Holy Pen to My sanctified name whom We have deposited in the land of Ha and Mim—upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds.

In His Name through Whom the ocean surged and the fragrance wafted!

The Glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of the providence of the Lord of eternity and the Most Great Name be upon thee, O Name of God, the Most Truthful, the Most Ancient, and His remembrance among the nations. I testify that thou didst not hesitate for less than a moment when the Call was raised between earth and heaven—thou didst turn, hear, respond and hasten until thou didst attain unto that which was recorded by the Supreme Pen and mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all beings.

O My Name! Rejoice in the Supreme Horizon, for unto thee hath turned the face of the Lord of Names and the King of the Kingdom of eternity, Whom neither the hosts of princes nor the opposition of divines could frustrate. We remember at all times the loved ones of the All-Merciful who were not weakened by the power of the mighty nor frightened by the onslaught of the enemies—they arose and said:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and of the former times."

O My Name! We remember when there shone upon thee the Sun of Permission from the horizon of the heaven of My Command, and thou didst turn toward My Kingdom with a face wherewith all created things turned, and with such humility that all contingent things became humble before it. I testify that thou didst leave thy home, turning toward the Heaven of eternity and the Supreme Height, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst present thyself before the Gate and didst hear the call of thy Lord, the Bestower, in that place for the hearing of which ears were created, and hearts and minds for its comprehension. Thou didst behold His horizon and didst attain the presence of Him Who denied the same to Moses when he said "Show me Thyself that I may look upon Thee."

Thou art the one who took the Sealed Wine in My Self-Subsisting Name, and the oppression of the people did not prevent thee from the remembrance of this Day. Thou didst take the cup of thy Lord's love, the Creator of all things, and didst drink thereof before the faces of all people. Because of this there came upon thee that which caused the denizens of the realms of might and the dwellers of the cities of the Kingdom to lament. We testify that by reason of thy calamity the Pen of thy Lord, the King of the Kingdom of Names, was stilled, and the rivers in the Most Exalted Paradise became motionless.

Through thee God guided His servants to His Straight Path, the Mighty News and His firm, unshakeable Command. God have mercy on the servant who drank the choice wine of thy utterance, heard thy mention, hastened to thy dust, visited thy grave and recited before the tomb that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken in the prison of Akka. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who held fast unto thee in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Support and God of the Kingdom and the Realm, and Master of the cities of wisdom and might! I beseech Thee by the finger of Thy power and will whereby the spheres of utterance revolved amidst the Concourse of creation, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, and by this grave which Thou hast made the point of circumambulation for Thy servants and creatures, that Thou forgive me and my father and my mother and whosoever hath hastened to the gate of Thy grandeur and before the throne of Thy manifestation. Verily Thou art He Whom the clamor of the servants and the might of the pharaohs of the lands do not prevent. Thou ordainest what Thou willest through Thy firm, unshakeable command. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Great.

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BH02054: This is a Book which the All-Merciful has sent…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing

This is a Book which the All-Merciful has sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance, that the people may recognize this Path which hath been made manifest in truth. By the life of God! The Balance hath been established, the Hour hath come in truth, the Path hath appeared, and the Bestower hath come with a Cause that encompasseth all the worlds. Blessed is the strong one who hath cast away allusions and taken what he was commanded in a Tablet that was blessed by the Finger of God.

O Rida! Hearken unto the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, it calleth between earth and heaven and summoneth all to a station that hath been raised up through the name of God. We have heard thy cry in the love of God and seen thee turning toward the horizon of the Cause. We make mention of thee and have sent down for thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the duration of My most beautiful names. Thy Lord is, verily, the Witness and the Helper.

We make mention of him who was named ʿAli before Naqi and give him the glad-tidings of a bounty that hath been made visible in truth from the horizon of glory. Take hold of the Book with a strength from Us

and a power from Our presence, and abandon those who remained far from the waters of nearness. We have heard thy lamentation in the love of God and have sent down for thee this Tablet which hath been sent down from the heaven of justice.

O Mahmud! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Hosts calleth thee from this Praised Station that was inscribed by the Pen of the All-Merciful in the Qur'an. We have heard thy cry and make mention of thee with that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of earth. Thy Lord is verily witness to what I say. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, for having turned toward this servant of Thine and mentioned him with verses that all on earth have failed to comprehend. Thou art, of a truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

O Asadu'llah! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison and counseleth thee and those who have believed to uphold the Most Great Trust among the concourse of creation. Thus hath the matter been decreed in thy Lord's Book. He is, verily, wise over all things. We send greetings from this Station to My loved ones who have attained unto My days, turned to My horizon, drunk the choice wine of My utterance, held fast with mighty constancy to My Cause, and performed that which they were commanded in My Book. By the life of God! They are among the Concourse on High in the Book of Names and the companions of the Crimson Ark that was inscribed by the Pen of Command. Hold ye fast to the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of grace in this Day which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance.

O Nasru'llah! The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, and commandeth them to that which shall profit them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy mention and make mention of thee and those who have believed with My beautiful remembrance. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to recognize Him Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. How many learned ones were heedless, and how many unlettered ones hastened, drank, and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Your letter hath come and that which ye sent hath been honored with acceptance, as a bounty from His presence. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with the ornament of deeds which God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02125: In the Name of Him through Whom the horizon…

In the Name of Him through Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined and the Pen of the All-Merciful spoke!

O Kamal! Thou hast heard the call of thy Lord when it was raised in truth, and drunk from the ocean of reunion when the Most Great Luminary was shining from the horizon of Baghdad. Blessed be the eye that hath seen, the ear that hath heard, and the tongue that hath spoken My Beloved Name.

O Kamal! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne time and again, and this is yet another time. Be grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!” He remembered thee when He was in Iraq and remembereth thee in this forbidden fortress. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken that thou mayest give thanks to the Beloved of the world and hold fast to the hem of God, the Lord of existence.

Leave the people and what they possess behind thee. By My life! What thou seest shall perish, but what hath been sent down from this Pen, before which all pens have bowed down, shall endure for thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God and clung to vain imaginings. Open your eyes and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! He hath appeared in truth and hath shone forth from that upraised Horizon. Beware lest ye take for Him a partner or likeness. Be fair in His Cause and be not of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Say: Unite in God’s Cause and His sovereignty, and follow not every rejected transgressor. Say: This is the Day whereof ye were promised in God’s Books, and this is a Cause before which every fair-minded one who hath spoken with justice and every believer who hath drunk My choice sealed wine hath bowed down.

O Kamal! By God, wert thou to learn of the sorrow of My heart and what hath befallen Me in this Prison which We named, upon Our arrival, the Most Great Prison, thou wouldst weep for My sake. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Seeing, inform thee. Be thou not disturbed by what We have related to thee. Be patient, then be steadfast. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee. Be firm in the Cause of God and in His love in such wise that the hosts of the world shall not deter thee. Thus doth the Most Great Name command thee from this glorious station.

Say: O people! Adorn yourselves with the ornament of servitude unto God, the True One. By God, the True One! This is its day, did ye but know.

We make mention of My handmaiden who believed in God and bowed before His countenance when He was walking. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Kind. Convey My greetings unto her face and give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her, and unto the faces of thy children who have believed in God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy brother who hath been mentioned before the Throne. Blessed are ye both in that ye have heard and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Thus doth God reward His servants who have spoken the truth and believed in Him when every rejected transgressor turned away.

Then convey My greetings unto My loved ones there, that they may drink from My words the wine of My loving-kindness, soar in the atmosphere of My love, turn with their hearts unto My countenance and My horizon, and rejoice in what hath been sent down to them from My Pen. Upon them be My remembrance, My praise, My mercy and My forgiveness. Verily, thy Lord is the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Generous, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH02127: Jehovah is His name, the God of all who…

Jehovah is His name, the God of all who are in the heavens and on the earth

O heir of Moses! Hear the call of the Lord of Hosts which hath been raised in the world of creation from the prison of Akka, summoning you to His most glorious horizon. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and laid hold on guidance, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

O Abdullah! The attraction of this Revelation hath seized the regions of the earth and their surroundings. Give thou the glad-tidings to the world of the God of Israel, through Whose manifestation the seas have yielded up the pearls of utterance from their shells, and the heaven of proof hath been adorned with its stars, and the mountains have brought forth their treasures and whatsoever was hidden within them by command of their Creator, and the earth its repositories and whatsoever was stored in its layers.

O Abdullah! On this day Sinai is filled with joy, and Carmel is delighted, and Jerusalem crieth out saying:

> "The gate of hope hath been opened and He Who was the goal of the former and latter generations hath come."

The earth hath presented its treasures as an offering, and likewise the seas their pearls, and Jerusalem its mysteries, and the heaven of proof its ornaments. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the divine fragrances on this luminous, spiritual day.

Today the cry of Zion is raised aloft and the Holy City hath descended from the heaven of the grace of the One True God. Say: O Children of Israel, deprive not yourselves. The promise of God hath appeared, the light of His Word hath encompassed the world. Cast aside the weak cord and take hold of the mighty staff. Thy service and recompense have been recorded by the true scribes in the eternal book with the everlasting Pen. This is the glad-tidings for which the spirits of all else but God yearned and whose time of appearance they sought.

Hold fast to the Most Great Name wherein lie concealed all powers. He is the Deliverer, He is the Revealer of the hidden Cause and the Discloser of every mystery.

O Children of Israel! The God of Hosts declareth: This is the day of the Most Great Manifestation. Arise to serve. Power and might, glory and grandeur circle round about. Know ye its worth and recognize its station.

O Abdullah! The recompense of thy deeds, actions and words hath been inscribed by the divine Pen in the crimson scroll. Now must thou arise in the Name of Truth and stand firm in His love. This is the day of triumph and the day of service. The mention of this service shall never be erased from the Book—it is everlasting and eternal. I swear by the God of the world its fragrance shall never be cut off. That promised tabernacle hath been raised up in the name of the Lord of Hosts—visible and manifest. It hath not been changed or altered, for God the Lord hath raised it up. As thy service and labor are great in the sight of God, He hath therefore willed that thou shouldst enter and attain unto that blessed, mighty and glorious tabernacle and gain that which in God's knowledge hath no peer or likeness. Take up the staff of trust and

turn thy face toward the gate of Palestine, that perchance thou mayest hear and become intimate with the melodies of the birds of Paradise.

BH02141: To be typed

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BH02190: In My Name, the Wronged One

In My Name, the Wronged One.

Divine decree confirmeth that which God's Will and Command hath ordained. The ledger of the world testifieth to His irrevocable decree. The palace of Chosroes which was the seat of the King of Kings is now the dwelling place of owls and spiders. Take heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! How many souls dwelt in palaces at dawn only to return to the grave at night! Yet graves are the treasuries of existence and tokens of divine bounty.

Divine decree is beloved by the wise, and all are content with it, nay rather thankful. The complainant is not and hath never been acceptable. "Whoso is not content with My decree, let him seek another Lord." Should a soul become aware of but one fruit from the tree of divine decree and comprehend it, joy and gladness, delight and expansion, submission and contentment would never depart from him.

Extinction is the gate to immortality, and immortality the gate to extinction. Non-existence is the door to existence, and existence the door to non-existence. The blessed word "All things shall perish save His Face" is a source of patience and solace for the peoples of the world. After this death there is life, and after this concealment there is revelation. Blessed are the dead who become the gates of the supreme Paradise and the cause of unveiling and meeting! Destruction itself betokeneth construction, and ruin indicateth prosperity. Death and life are requirements of the consummate wisdom. Neither hath been, nor shall ever be, without effect or fruit.

The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We testify that He is praiseworthy in His acts and is to be obeyed in His commands. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Book of God declareth that tribulations descend like torrential rain upon His loved ones, and this Wronged One in ʿAkka is caught in the talons of hatred. Yet in all conditions We are joyous and glad. The life of this world in the sight of them that are endued with vision is reckoned as but a moment, therefore neither its hardship nor its comfort is worthy of mention.

O Muhammad-Javad! We desired to console thee and comfort thee in what hath come to pass through thy Lord's decree. He, verily, is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Hold fast unto the cord of patience. Verily, He is the All-Patient and enjoineth upon thee gracious patience. Grieve not over anything. Arise to serve My Cause, speak forth My praise, and act according to that which We have commanded thee and those who have believed in My perspicuous Book. Beware lest anything prevent thee from turning toward the Supreme Horizon. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall remain for its people that which the ears of the unifiers are unable to hear. Hold fast unto the

cord of justice and righteousness, that there may appear from thee that whose fragrance shall endure throughout the eternity of My glorious and wondrous remembrance.

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon those whom affairs have not occupied from the Dayspring of Revelation, and whom the world hath not prevented from the Lord of mankind. They have advanced and said:

> "We believe in Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds and the God of all who are in the heavens and all who are on earth."

BH02206: A praise that is sanctified beyond the recognition…

A praise that is sanctified beyond the recognition and understanding of created things befitteth the most exalted and holy court of the Desired One, Who hath fulfilled His promises through a single exalted Word. Through Him the Path is made manifest, the Balance is established, and the Reckoning is complete. When the Trumpet was sounded and the Cry was raised, hearts were thrown into commotion and mountains were moved. After the exalted Word was raised between earth and heaven, whosoever turned towards it, his deeds were accepted, his reckoning complete, and he attained unto all that was manifested from God at the Hour of Resurrection and the appearance of the Day of Judgment. And whosoever turned away was deprived of all that was mentioned, his evil deeds increased and his good deeds diminished. Exalted, exalted is He Who weighed all things by a word from His presence and revealed on the Day of Resurrection that which was hidden in the breasts and concealed in the hearts and minds….

Today the Kingdom of utterance is stirred by the verses of the Desired One of all worlds, and the ocean of utterance surges with the breezes of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the soul whom the intimations of men have not prevented from the Sovereign of Power, nor kept back from the most luminous horizon. A group of the worthless ones of the age have arisen in opposition, though they were created to serve this Cause. Observe the deeds of the people of the Furqan, that thou mayest become aware and informed of what was wrought against the All-Merciful. For twelve hundred years or more they were occupied with discourse and study, in the nights and days they clung to the reading of books, beseeching and hoping from God, exalted be His glory, for the days of His manifestation. Yet when the Day-Star of the Cause dawned from the horizon of the Divine Will, all that anticipation and all those books and readings appeared as swords, and there befell the Beloved of the worlds that which caused the rocks to cry out and the clouds to wail….

The Supreme Pen counsels the friends to manifest supreme steadfastness, such that the limbs of the people of doubt and fancy may tremble for fear of the friends, and they may behold the light of steadfastness shining from the brow of each one. O thou who hast turned to My horizon! Until now they have not comprehended the Day of God, but are occupied with the games of the past, sometimes mentioning the successor, sometimes the guardian, sometimes the mirror, sometimes the noble one and chief and the like. Say: This carpet has been rolled up; the Day is the Day of God, none is mentioned but Him. Say: O heedless ones! What fruit have the Shi'ih party gathered from their words and deeds and beliefs? All they sowed was consumed by the poisonous winds of self and passion. The result of their deeds and fruits was that they martyred the best of creation with the worst of torments. Verily, the curse

of God be upon the wrongdoers! Now the friends must protect one another and inform each other of the tricks and deceits and stratagems….

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BH11610: Mention hath been made by Us of him who…

In the Name of the All-Glorious, the Most Holy!

Mention hath been made by Us of him who desireth to know the Purpose when He Who was hidden appeared with a sovereignty that conquered all possibility, that the fragrance of certitude might seize him in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and draw him nigh unto the Dayspring of assurance. The signs have appeared, the Hour hath been troubled, and the verses have been sent down in such wise as to fill the horizons. The fingers of the All-Merciful have proffered the cup of life—whoso drinketh therefrom findeth the delights of the rivers flowing in Paradise. The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined in such wise that the earth and the heavens were lit thereby, while those nigh unto God circle round the Throne and the sincere soar in this atmosphere which God hath sanctified from vain imaginings. Hearts have been attracted and minds have taken flight from the breezes of the days of God; they that were debarred are in doubt and schism. The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, and knowledge hath been effaced when the Self-Subsisting appeared with power and sovereignty. The Preserved Tablet hath appeared through My Hidden Name, and every hidden secret hath been revealed through this Name whereby the standards have been raised.

Say: O people! How long will ye follow vain desires? Cast them behind you, turning unto guidance. Verily it hath shone forth like the sun from the horizon of bounty and grace. Say: This Day shall profit you not that which the learned possess, nor that which the wealthy own, but rather that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all men. Where are the palaces of the Caesars, where the pyramids of the Pharaohs, and where are they who barred the way and turned aside from the Guide, and where are they who warred against and disputed with God? They have been cursed for what they uttered. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: Turn ye, O people, to the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing doth speak. Beware lest the world debar you from the Lord of Names. Hasten unto Him with radiant faces and illumined hearts—this is better for you, did ye but understand. Remember when the Messengers of God and His Emissaries came unto them, they denied and disbelieved in them and in what was revealed unto them of scriptures and tablets. When We found the fragrance of thy turning unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, We revealed unto thee this Tablet and sent it to thee, that thou mightest soar on the wings of utterance in the atmosphere of wisdom and mystical knowledge, and deliver unto the people the Cause of thy Lord, that they might perchance be awakened and turn unto God, the Lord of religions.

Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner—verily He mentioneth thee for the sake of God, that there might appear from thee that which shall perpetuate thy remembrance in the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Act according to what thou hast been counselled in the Tablet, and take the cup of life in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then give to drink thereof unto those who wander in the wilderness of forgetfulness, that it may bring them nigh unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Thus have We illumined the horizon of mystical knowledge with the sun of remembrance and utterance. When thou hast attained unto it, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of all things and in Whose grasp is the dominion of the earth and the heavens.

BH02297: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My Glory! The letter…

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

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My Glory! The letter from Jinab-i-ʿAndalib, upon him be God's Most Exalted Glory, reached Our presence, was heard and beheld. Praise be to God, by permission of the Self-Subsisting Lord, they are cupbearers of the choice sealed wine. With eloquent tongue and attentive ear, they are engaged day and night in the remembrance of God, the Lord of Lords. How blessed and pleasing it is for him! We testify that he hath attained the lights of the Revelation and heard what the Speaker of the Mount uttered from this exalted Station. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him and confirm him to arise to serve Him in such wise that his standing shall not be changed to sitting.

O Ism-i-Jud! They have become saddened by the word of one of the servants. Say: Verily thou art mighty through the might of God. His Tablets have borne witness to thee, and that which hath proceeded from the tongue of His grandeur. None can withhold what God hath bestowed upon thee through His grace, generosity, bounty and bestowal, and none can remove from thy temple the robe of thy Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful. God willing, with complete steadfastness they shall be occupied with guiding the wayward and awakening the heedless. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thou hast made mention of the loved ones. Jinab-i-Muhammad-Qabli-Rida hath attained the divine favors. We testify that he hath witnessed what God witnessed before the creation of earth and heaven—that there is none other God but Him, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the hereafter and the former times. He was mentioned before the Face, and We testify that he heard, hastened, attained the presence, and won that which was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. And We make mention of his brother who drank the wine of revelation from the cup of his Lord's bestowal, the King of the kingdom of the heavens and earths. We beseech God, exalted be He, to preserve him and ordain for him that which will make him a herald of His name among His servants with the wisdom We have sent down in the Book. We had sent down for him before that which caused the mountains to move. They both attained the Kawthar of My wondrous utterance and reached a station wherein neither names nor all that exists in the realm of creation could hinder them. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, as a command from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

To those souls who have newly intended the Most Great Goal, convey the greetings of the Wronged One and illumine them with the effulgences of the Day-Star of proof. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me

clinging to Thee and detached from all else save Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by Thy hidden mysteries in the Crimson Scroll, to assist me and Thy loved ones who have not been hindered by the doubts of the people nor deterred by veils from turning to Thee and drawing near to the court of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy word in this Great Announcement. Glory and power, grandeur and authority belong unto God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

BH02278: On the four festivals (by Nabil-i-A'zam?)

In the Book of Aqdas, the Most Exalted Pen has ordained four festivals for all the peoples of the world, wherein the followers of Baha should meet and associate with one another with love for God, to such extent as does not contravene the wisdom revealed in the Tablets of God. On other days they should engage in occupation and the earning of livelihood, and should regard such occupation itself as worship of the Self-Sufficient Lord, so that through this means mankind may be delivered from the idleness and sloth that has overtaken most regions.

The first is the Day of Baha of the month of Baha, which is the ancient Naw-Ruz and the Festival of the Fast, marking the beginning of months and years, wherein the bounties of God are made manifest on that day beloved of all worlds.

The second is the Most Great Festival, which is the king of festivals, being those days when the Ancient Beauty emerged from the Most Great House and illumined the Najibiyyih Garden with the light of His countenance. This is also called the Festival of Ridvan and the Festival of Roses, comprising twelve days from the Ancient Beauty's first entry into that garden at the afternoon hour of the thirty-second day after Naw-Ruz, until His departure from the garden at noon of the forty-third day after Naw-Ruz. Work is forbidden on three days of this blessed festival: the first day, from afternoon to afternoon; the ninth day; and the final day. On the remaining days they may engage in their occupations.

The third festival is the fifth day of Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1260, near the evening hour when the Exalted One—may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for Him—by command of the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth, made His declaration to the Babu'l-Bab, upon him be the glory of God. Therefore that night and day are of supreme greatness before God, and honoring this blessed festival is among God's commandments binding upon all the people of Baha.

The fourth festival is the Birth of the Ancient Beauty, who at the second dawn of the month of Muharram 1233 illumined all the world with the light of His beauty. Concerning the date of that blessed nativity, in that poem which I composed in the Land of Mystery by command of the Mighty Sovereign, tracing events from the beginning of creation until the day of that Most Great Luminary's birth, this verse flowed from the tongue to the pen:

> "Be ready, O friends, be ready indeed, The Hidden Day [1233] has come—no child was born before."

That blessed day is among the most noble and greatest of festivals. The first of Muharram, being the birth of the Herald of the All-Glorious Beauty, the Most Exalted Lord—may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for Him—is joined to this festival, and both constitute a single festival. However, the blessed birth of the Most Exalted Lord occurred at midnight on the first of Muharram 1235.

BH09212: As for the instructions that Jinab-i-Ism'ullah Mihdi should write…

As for the instructions that Jinab-i-Ism'ullah Mihdi should write to them: First, they should cease purchasing for the shop; second, they should endeavor to sell, even if it be with the assistance of those who peddle goods in the streets and bazaars; third, they should strive to collect any scattered debts they may have; fourth, if possible they should auction all the goods at once, or gradually over a specified period; fifth, they should not sell on credit, meaning they should not give goods to anyone to sell later and send the payment—it would be better and more prudent to sell everything for cash, even if at a small loss.

The statements that flowed from your pen regarding the aforementioned matter, expressing embarrassment and sadness, and the lack of success in service in that matter, were all presented at the Most Holy Court. He says, exalted be He:

> "O My Afnan! Do not grieve over anything. You have been and will forever remain under the glance of your Lord's loving-kindness, as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures. The fragrance of the love of God that emanates from you cannot be equaled by anything created on earth. With the utmost assurance and joy, remain occupied with the remembrance of God. Verily, He will protect you, assist you, and send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty whatsoever He desires. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

This servant submits that your honor should never be saddened by these matters, for truly if several times that amount were at your service and were all lost in transactions, not an atom would be diminished from your station at the Most Holy Court. For the Most Pure, Most Luminous, Most Holy gaze has not been and is not directed to such matters, and losses in trade and commerce have no bearing on your honor. I hope that that blessed heart will not be troubled by such matters, although it is known that your concerns have been for God and in service to God. However, the service to which God's gaze is directed has been and continues to be manifested from you.

Regarding what you wrote about determining the expenses of travelers, this matter is very difficult as the number of souls cannot be determined, and the original ruling was what was submitted. Now, whatever arrangement your honor decides upon is beloved, and it is certain that it will be acceptable in God's sight. After deducting expenses and losses, the remainder should be determined for commerce either there, or partly here and partly there. Whatever is gained should be spent on the aforementioned matter. This too depends on your opinion—if you arrange it there, it would certainly be better, as there is no specific trade in this land.

BH02250: Praise be to God Who is singular in His…

He is the Expositor, the Speaker, the Proclaimer, the Teacher between earth and heaven!

Praise be to God Who is singular in His grandeur and greatness, and unique in His power and transcendence, Who hath illumined the horizon of the world with the Day-Star of His Most Great Name, and adorned all regions with the rays that have shone forth from the horizon of His Most Exalted Countenance, and caused the nightingale of eternity to warble upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, and the dove of glad-tidings in the midst of the heavens, and the bird of joy in the Kingdom of Names. By God! The world hath been perfumed through the opening of the door of the Desired One, and the beauty of the Promised One hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of what hath been ordained by the command of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, in these days wherein the Throne hath been adorned by the establishment thereon of its Lord, and the world by the advent of its Creator. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Informed. Say: We have ordained marriage for him who was in the presence of the Throne and circled round it for a number of years, that he may act in accordance with what We have commanded him in the Most Holy Book, through which the breezes of the Command have wafted over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Lutfu'llah! Give thanks and praise unto Him Who hath, of His own accord, given permission for rejoicing on this Day, that the hearts of His loved ones may be gladdened—they who have soared in the atmosphere of His nearness and circled round His throne and spoken His praise and quaffed the choice wine of certitude from this manifest cup. We beseech God to make known to thee His grace and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous. By the life of God! If thou wert to know and become aware of thy Lord's favor, thou wouldst thank Him throughout thy days and make mention of Him amongst His servants in such wise as to attract the hearts of the heedless.

We make mention in this place of thy father who emigrated unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We had mentioned him before with such mention as caused all things to tremble and the trees to burst into leaf and the breeze of God to waft over the lands. Thy Lord is verily the True One, the Faithful. Blessed is he in that he fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and turned with his face toward the face of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. He attained the presence of and heard the voice of the Wronged One in this mighty Prison. We make mention of him in truth and say:

Blessing be upon thee, O thou who didst believe in God when most of His servants turned away from Him, and remained steadfast in His Cause when the feet of them that dwell on earth did slip, and didst drink the choice wine of certitude when all in creation were overturned save whom God willed, the Numberer, the All-Knowing. Thou didst hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having caused me to turn unto Thee and to be detached from all else save Thee, and to attain Thy presence and to hear Thy most exalted call in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee to assist me in

all conditions to remember Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH02290: A Book sent down by the Ancient King…

In the Name of the Speaker, the Manifest, before the faces of the world

A Book sent down by the Ancient King to draw the peoples near to the Most Exalted Horizon, the Station wherein was raised the Call of God, the Lord of Lords. O Manifestations of the Names and their Dawning-Places! Hearken unto the Call of the Wronged One. Verily it hath been raised in the prison of ʿAkka, and He announceth unto the people the glad-tidings of God, the Lord of Religions. This is the Day wherein the Proof hath appeared and the Testament hath been perfected and the Grace hath been sent down as a bounty from His presence—and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My loved ones in all lands! Hearken unto the Call of the Revealer of Verses. Verily He summoneth you unto that which will draw you nigh unto a station wherein the atoms cry out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous!”

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Bahram-Abad and give them glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed the horizons. O loved ones of God in that place! Rejoice ye that the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward you from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and that the Mother Book hath advanced unto you from this Most Exalted Station and Most Sublime Summit. He maketh mention of you through His verses, giveth you glad-tidings of the ocean of His bounty, illumineth you with the lights of His countenance, and teacheth you the path of God, the Lord of all men. We have been with you and have heard your mention in remembrance of this Cause when its light shone forth and before it bowed down all remembrance. Blessed is the one possessed of vision who hath drawn nigh and seen, and the one possessed of hearing who hath heard the Call of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge—He heareth and seeth, and He is the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Blessed be your tongues for having spoken the truth, and your ears for having heard the signs of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. By God! The ears were created for these days wherein the Call of the Intended One hath been raised from the Most Sublime Station, and eyes were brought forth to behold the lights in this Day wherein speaketh the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing before the faces of humanity in the prison of ʿAkka—the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One Who causeth the rivers to flow!

Beware lest the happenings of the world or the veils of the nations sadden you. Cast behind you your vain imaginings, turning unto the horizon from which the lights have shone forth. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and hath taken from the hand of My bounty My Sealed Wine and hath drunk thereof in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, at Whose appearance the dawning-places of vain imaginings were thunderstruck. Thus hath warbled the Dove of Utterance upon the branch of clear proof by command of God, the Revealer of verses.

O Bahram! Blessed be thy land for having been honored by the footsteps of My loved ones, and thy trees which God hath made a vista for My chosen ones, and thy houses wherein hath been raised the call of My

sincere ones whom the hosts of opposition have not frightened and whom the might of those who denied this bounty that hath encompassed all created things and this mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth hath not weakened. Say: This is a Day wherein the Pen hath moved by the will of the Ancient King and there hath appeared what was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the sanctified repositories of your Lord, the Revealer of mysteries. Blessed art thou, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Joy be unto thee for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH02306: The Will of God, like unto a lamp, has…

The Will of God, like unto a lamp, has illumined the world of existence. We hope that all may attain to this radiant light, find their way to the Dawning-Place of verses and the Source of evidences, and turn towards Him. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the All-Wise.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. After being submitted to the Most Holy Court, these manifest verses were revealed—exalted be His utterance:

> "O My loved ones in the land of Ta! We have made Varqa one who makes mention from Our presence, that he may guide the people to the Straight Path of God. He attained to recognition in the earliest days, arose to serve the Cause, and guided the people to this luminous horizon. He desired naught from My mention save service to the Cause and the performance of that which won the acceptance of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to preserve him through the hosts of the unseen and guard him by His sovereignty that overshadows all in the heavens and earth. And We ask Him to enable him to maintain this glorious and exalted station."

Furthermore, the Most Holy Tablet specially dedicated to Jinab-i-Mir Ali Asghar and Jinab-i-Haji Ali Asghar, upon them be the Glory of God, was revealed and sent. We beseech God to strengthen them that they may drink from the cups of bounty the wine of immortality. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Likewise a Tablet was revealed and sent specially for Jinab-i-Mashhadi Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. Grace, mercy and favors have encompassed all. Each of those who have turned to Him has received their portion and share from the ocean of His mercy and has taken from the breezes of revelation that which has no peer or likeness. We beseech Him at all times to increase the recognition, attraction, steadfastness, trustworthiness, love and kindness of His loved ones, so that through their influence all the peoples of the world may attain to that which is the greatest means for the order of the world and the tranquility of nations. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

To the honored friend Haji Nabil-i-Akbar and likewise Jinab-i-Mirza Mihdi, upon them both be the Glory of the All-Merciful, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech from God on their behalf that which befits the heaven of His generosity and bounty. Indeed, that which was mentioned was magnificent regarding

Jinab-i-Khalil, for he submitted mention of the loved ones to the Most Holy Court and sought bounty for all. The door of bounty is open and accessible to all—His is the praise in all conditions and His the gratitude through the duration of His earthly and heavenly dominion. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

The glory and the remembrance and the praise be upon you and upon God's loved ones there who were not prevented by the clamor of the world from turning to God, the Mighty, the August, the Praiseworthy.

BH02352: O Land of Sad (Isfahan), remember what the people…

He is the Remembering, the Sorrowful One

O Land of Sad (Isfahan), remember what the people did to the family of the Messenger and what befell the children of the Chosen One at the hands of thy people. O Land of Sad, the Sun of Hijaz asks thee about His family, and the Virgin, the Chosen One, about her sons and daughter. Did the oppressors place her grave in a dark well, or did they drag her out with ropes of hatred to another calamity? By the life of the Beloved, the powers of heaven were shaken by this dire catastrophe! Alas! Alas! The Luminary of Batha wailed among the Concourse on High for what befell His family from the manifestations of hatred.

O people of Sad! By God, ye have committed that which hath caused the dawning-places of vainglory and the daysprings of tyranny in all creation to be bewildered. Be fair—by what proof did ye slay those through whom the Cause of the All-Merciful was spread in the East and West of the earth? Alas! Alas! Through you the Ark of the Messenger was broken and the progeny of the Chosen One were drowned. Through you joy was transformed into sorrow and darkness encompassed all in creation, save whom the All-Merciful willed.

O people of Sad! Hearken unto what Muhammad, the Messenger of God, calls out to you from the highest horizon: "O people of hatred and wickedness! Where is my Hasan who was aflame with the fire of God's love in the kingdom of creation and was adorned with the ornament of faithfulness between earth and heaven? And where is my Husayn who accepted no ransom in the path of God, the Lord of all beings? By My life, O company of evil ones, no excuse or justification remains for you despite My words 'The righteous are Mine and the wicked are Mine.' Did ye imagine faith for yourselves and consider yourselves people of the Furqan? Nay, by the Self of the All-Merciful!

Every learned one who donned the robe of grace hath wailed at your deeds, and every knower adorned with justice hath cried out at your actions. The lamentations of the Concourse on High have risen from your tyranny and the cry of all things from what your hands have wrought. Ye read the Qur'an yet deny its Source and He Who revealed it, and ye acknowledge My Messengership yet slay My children and turn away from Him Who sent Me. O company of hatred, ye have bewildered Me—nay, all that was created by the Word of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mariner of the Sea! Where are thy ships? Have they been broken by the rocks of unbelief and discord? Or have they been drowned by the winds of oppression and hypocrisy? Or have they sailed from the cities of bodies to the gardens of spirits? Or have they migrated from the wilderness of separation and remoteness to the station of nearness and holiness and reunion? O Lord of the worlds! By Thy might and

sovereignty, I cannot mention what befell them from the winds of oppression. By Thy Self, I am ashamed to disclose what I have seen and known. Thou knowest what I have and I know not what Thou hast, for Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. But I present a word to show my submission to Thy binding command and my adherence to Thy decisive decree: The croaking hath risen for the Nightingale hath taken flight. Command belongeth unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

BH02392: The essence of praise and glorification befitteth the Lord…

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

The essence of praise and glorification befitteth the Lord of the heaven of names, Who hath bestowed true joy upon the peoples of the realms of knowledge and insight through the sealed wine and the preserved nectar, and illumined them with the light of divine unity. Exalted be His dominion and mighty His proof. There is none other God but Him.

O servant, before named Karim! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Today the Most Sweet Call and the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen are raised from the horizon of the Prison of ʿAkka. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto it and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Say: O servants! The wine of utterance of the Lord of Religions hath another exhilaration and another joy. While time remaineth, arise to conquer hearts and minds with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily God will aid you with His sovereignty and protect you with His hosts and exalt you through His bounty. Give thanks unto your Lord, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

His honor Asad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, mentioned you repeatedly and sent your letter to the Most Holy Court. We have heard your call and answered you with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. Grieve not over anything. Trust in God in all matters, the Lord of Lords. He will aid thee as He aided thee before, and He is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Be occupied with service to the Cause at all times. We previously stated that Peter was a fisherman who became possessed of divine wisdom. Today that honored one and all the friends must arise together in complete unity to teach God's Cause with wisdom and utterance. Great is the Day and great is the Cause. We beseech God to assist thee in that which will cause its fragrance to endure in the world. Soon shall the world and all therein perish, and there shall endure for thee what hath been ordained for thee by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book.

Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them down from the heaven of Will and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all contingent beings and Goal of all existence! And glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Attributes, for having remembered me in Thy Prison and enabled me to turn unto Thee and face the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which appeared at one time the ocean of light and at another the mountain of fire, and at times Thou showest it as a sun and at others as the heaven of grandeur and power, to grant me success in that which will cause my name to be exalted among Thy servants and

my mention in Thy lands. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one turning to the heaven of Thy riches and the weak one to the horizon of Thy power. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones in Thy lands. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Compassionate, the Generous."

BH11727: According to the Command, those beloved ones and chosen…

He is God, exalted be His glory! Wisdom and utterance.

According to the Command, those beloved ones and chosen ones must act in whatever way brings joy and gladness to the designated just government. All must be oriented towards goodly deeds. Teaching in that land must not extend beyond Muslims, and even then only if they are from Iran, meaning subjects of the Iranian government. It must not go beyond matters of character and that which leads to the elevation and advancement of stations. In truth, your deeds are the cause of the awakening of souls. If they are not aware now, they will surely acknowledge it later.

Another matter that must be considered is that copies of the Tablets sent, as well as the letter specifically dispatched to the maternal uncle, should not go to Iran, for the oppressors of the world secretly harass the oppressed. They know and recognize the divines of Iran.

Regarding the matter of oaths—excellent is what you have said and done. In truth, oaths are not acceptable. That which has repeatedly been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Tablets was intended to exalt the Word, so that it might draw the attention of the hearer and then convey that which causes elevation and ascendancy. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak before and at this time.

The actions of the glorious government in this matter have been for the sake of God. For one thousand three hundred years, the people of Iran have been occupied with cursing certain servants, reviling some among the people of various lands, and awaiting the appearance of imaginary forms. And when the Divine Tree grew and the Light shone forth, they busied themselves with cutting it down and extinguishing it. This supreme grace was bestowed upon the glorious government, which has surpassed the kings of the world in assisting the oppressed. We beseech God to strengthen it, preserve it, and ordain for it what He willeth. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayers.

Read the sacred Tablet that was revealed in the name of Husayn and keep it concealed from the people of hypocrisy. And if a time comes when it is appropriate, with regard to proving loyalty, mention its contents to those princes who have specifically manifested assistance and the appearance of justice and fairness in that land. This is beloved before God, for it is incumbent upon all to preserve the right of the Helper and the station of the Trustworthy One, and to show gratitude. God willing, that which occurred in the beginning and was hidden in the soil of hearts will, through the waters of divine will and the rains of the All-Merciful's grace, bring forth therefrom refined, wondrous and sublime fruits. The Command is in the hand of the Planter and the Cultivator, and He is God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11613: O thou who standeth at the Gate! The All-Bestowing…

He is the Wise Commander

O thou who standeth at the Gate! The All-Bestowing hath come to convey to the peoples that which will draw them near to the Lord of all men. Thy letter was received and heard. We beseech God to assist thee in that which is befitting His days. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

That which thou didst mention evidenceth love, humility, submissiveness and steadfastness. The honored believer and the Leaf who attained His presence in the days when the Luminary of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of Iraq—praise be to God—have attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. Blessed be they both! Verily, the Leaf hath drunk from the hand of bounty the wine of immortality, and for the believer hath been written the reward of attainment from the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly mentioned them in presence and absence. In truth, the one mentioned hath ever been occupied with the remembrance of God's friends. Blessed is he! Concerning the House, that which they mentioned diffuseth the fragrances of the love of God, and these fragrances have not ceased nor will they cease. However, in previous years another will took precedence over your will and attained this service. Your House too hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance through boundless grace and mercy.

The Exalted Herald—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—saith: All is that they might attain unto the word of contentment. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having adorned this deed of mine with the ornament of Thy acceptance and Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and those with me that which will draw us near unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

As to Rasul, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, in recent years he hath been engaged in service, ever holding fast to the transcription of verses and the teaching of the Cause. We beseech God to send down upon his burial place the rains of His mercy. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. Praise be to God, he attained Our presence and dwelt for a time beneath the canopies of grandeur. We beseech God that He may cause all those who arose for His sake to serve and arrange his affairs to attain unto His grace, bounty, glory and generosity.

As for what was mentioned concerning the estate of that departed and elevated one: if there be no heir, it should be given through consultation to the poor of this party. We convey Our greetings to all the friends of that land, both men and women, and We gladden and remind them through the effulgences of the lights of the Word, the Goal of all the worlds.

The Glory from Us be upon you, O party of God, and His mercy and His glory and His bounty. The Most Great Branch will send from His direction the answers to previous petitions. As commanded, this servant wrote in His presence.

BH02422: O Afnan! At the Throne was read, time…

He is the Comforter, the All-Knowing.

O Afnan! At the Throne was read, time and again, that which thou didst send unto Our name, al-Mahdi, and therefrom We inhaled the fragrance of sorrows in this affliction, through which the Temple of Grandeur hath been clothed with the raiment of grief. Verily thy Lord, He indeed is the One Who remembereth, the All-Knowing. In this most great calamity hath My Most Exalted Pen lamented, whereunto beareth witness that which the Creator of heaven hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Blessed is he that maketh mention of them who were martyred in the path of God, whether in former days or in later times, and in these very days, and reciteth that which hath been revealed for them from God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Afnan! The Divine Lote-Tree hath wailed and the Rock hath cried aloud, yet the ungodly lie fast asleep. Soon shall they be awakened by the lashes of the wrath of thy Lord. He, in truth, is the One Who informeth, the All-Knowing.

O Afnan! Although it behoveth every soul that hath quaffed the choice wine of Divine love to share, in this most great calamity and this grievous loss, with the denizens of the Concourse on high, who are the true companions in bereavement—for the countenance of the Wronged One is manifest and evident in the utmost sorrow, as a token of His grace, His faithfulness, His mercy, and His loving-kindness; verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days—yet it behoveth thyself and the other friends of God to be seen in complete submission and acquiescence, in patience and holy resignation. This blessed verse hath in these days descended from the heaven of the Divine Will:

> "We have adorned Our head with the crown of forbearance, and Our temple with the armor of patience, upon this straight Path."

Yet do We beseech God to protect Us from the wrath of the Forbearing.

It was formerly said:

> "Be thou assured in the bounty of thy Lord, and be of them that give thanks."

And from the Most Exalted Pen there hath in these days been revealed that which betokeneth the loftiness of rank and exaltation of station of the martyrs. A portion thereof We commanded to be written out and sent, in thy name, unto Mahdi, that haply ye may attain, through the reading thereof, unto this grace.

O Afnan! We offer Our condolences unto you and unto such as have believed concerning that which befell My Name Ha', through whom the horizon of fidelity was illumined, and likewise concerning those who were martyred with him in My manifest path. By the life of God! Not a single atom of the deeds of the ungodly shall be passed over, but thy Lord, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, shall recompense them therefor. We have, moreover, aforetime revealed in the Mizan that whereby the hearts of them that know may be assured. Verily thy Lord is the sovereign Protector over all things, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a Book encompassed by none save His all-embracing knowledge. Verily the Requiter walketh before the eyes of men, and the discerning beholdeth and seeth. He, truly, is the Hearing, the Seeing.

From Me, magnify ye My loved ones who have remained faithful to My Covenant and have held fast to My mighty Cord. The glory be upon thee, and upon the Afnan, and upon them that have attained unto the choice wine of My wondrous utterance.

BH02421: O My Name Jamal, upon thee be My glory!…

O My Name Jamal, upon thee be My glory! The leaf, thy wife, hath attained Our presence and been honored with visiting on behalf of the handmaidens of God who dwell in Hadba. Ask God, exalted be His glory, to illumine all with the splendors of the Sun of unity and adorn them with the robe of oneness. You should give the friends of God the glad tidings of this most great bounty and supreme favor.

As for the daughter of Rasul, upon him be the glory of God, We had previously commanded her to patience and forbearance until her husband's fate became known. Thus was the matter ordained by the All-Knowing Ordainer. The husband's fate had outwardly been concealed but later it was confirmed that he had attained martyrdom. Blessed is he and those who have attained this most exalted station. We send Our greetings to the daughter and her mother. We testify that she heard My word and showed patience after My command, and He is the All-Wise Witness.

Remember her on My behalf and give her the glad tidings of God's mercy and grace which have encompassed all in the heavens and earth. She may choose as she wishes according to God's Book, the Lord of the worlds. The law of waiting was revealed when the husband's fate was concealed, but after its discovery to act according to what is revealed in God's Book was and is beloved. Praise be to God, through this means she attained the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Verily He mentions whom He wishes and ordains for His near servants the good of the hereafter and this world. He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Regarding the daughter of Muhammad-i-Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God, as commanded the servant in attendance before the Face has written, you also should write. God willing, may the men and women of that land succeed in all conditions in that which is befitting and appropriate. If they act according to the command, the gates of blessing and joy will be opened to all. Verily He has power over what He wishes through His word "Be" and it is.

We make mention in this station of him who was named Hasan who emigrated with Me and give him glad tidings of My remembrance of him. And We remember him who was named Muhammad-Taqi for whom I desired his Lord's favor, and We ask God to forgive him as a grace from Him and remit his sins. We counsel him in what befits every name that is attributed to God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of mercy be upon thee and upon God's servants and handmaidens in Hadba and Zawra and in the cities of God, the Mighty, the Loving. And We remember My Name the Oppressed who was imprisoned in God's path, then those with him from among God's friends, the Lord of what was and what will be.

BH02393: Praise be to God Who opened the closed doors…

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

Praise be to God Who opened the closed doors and guided His chosen ones and friends, leading them to the straight path and the mighty announcement. The days which through the tyranny of the oppressors appeared as darkest night were illumined and made radiant through His special grace and favor. The mountains of hatred, rancor, envy and corruption proved no obstacle. The prevention of the preventers, the calumnies of the calumniators, the turning away of princes and the objections of divines had no effect. The Hand of Power with celestial might removed all barriers. Witness to these matters has been the presence of the new traveler, upon him be my glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God, in the days of adversity he turned to the Dawning-Place of verses and through divine power and the means of the heavens and earth obtained the greatest portion and mightiest share from the ocean of attainment and the river of meeting. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him with the hosts of His might and power, to guard him with the ranks of His dominion and grandeur, and to ordain for him that which will exalt him among His servants and benefit him in all the worlds of His worlds. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

As for what thou didst mention regarding consultation and movement, whatsoever the Most Great Branch hath approved is approved. We beseech God to make the outcome blessed and to adorn it with the glory of His approval and acceptance. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning the turning of Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be my glory, that too must end in consultation. Verily He hath sent down consultation and its wisdom in numerous Tablets and in His Mighty Book.

They mentioned gifts. Let them obtain a copy of the Tablet of Gifts which was previously revealed concerning Afnan ʿAli, upon him be my glory and loving-kindness. The sincere shall find from it the fragrance of the gift of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the mighty throne. Whatever is possible shall also be bestowed. Within His grasp is the control of all things. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Praised.

We make mention at the end of the Tablet of Darvish Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be my glory. Praise be to God, he is illumined with the light of recognition and is steadfast in service to the Cause. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to confirm him in manifesting His Cause throughout the land and spreading His signs among the servants. They must make firm the foundation of endeavor and occupy themselves with conquering hearts and souls through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. This is a matter which the Commander hath ordained from the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Tablet be upon My loved ones there who have taken for themselves a station beneath the canopies of the grandeur of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH02411: Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all that are in the heavens and on earth! And thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all who are in the kingdoms of

Revelation and creation, for having awakened me when I was asleep, and raised me up when I was seated, and caused me to speak when I was silent, and taught me when I was ignorant, and made me aware when I was heedless. Unto Thee be glory and bounty, unto Thee be grace, O Lord of earth and heaven, for having shown me Thy Beauty and caused me to hear Thy verses and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Repository of Thine inspiration, and guided me to the horizon whence shone forth the Sun of Thy knowledge and appeared the Manifestation of Thy Cause Who spoke that which Thou hadst foretold in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets.

O Lord! The poor one hath risen before the ocean of Thy wealth, and the stranger hath turned toward his most exalted home in the precincts of Thy great mercy. O Lord! Withhold not from him the glances of Thy care, and deprive him not of the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy bestowals. O Lord! I have sacrificed in Thy path what Thou didst give me through Thy bounty, and have spent in Thy love what Thou didst grant me through Thy grace. I beseech Thee, O Master of the kingdoms of names and Sovereign of the kingdom of eternity, to confirm me in sacrificing my spirit in the path of Thy good-pleasure and love. By Thy glory, O Lord of the world and Lord of the nations, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name! If Thou confirmest me not in this, I will complain of Thee unto Thee and will cling with the hands of the world to the hem of Thy generosity, that Thou mayest grant what I desire through Thy bounty and decree what I have asked through Thy grace and favor.

O my God and the God of all things, my Purpose and the Purpose of all things! Verily I am a supplicant who returneth not disappointed and a seeker who turneth not back dejected. Thou seest him cleaving to Thy door and knocking upon it, hoping for Thy ancient bounty and anticipating Thy wondrous favor.

O Lord! This is a day wherein Thy Cause hath appeared and Thy sovereignty hath come forth and Thy power hath prevailed and Thy greatness hath been exalted. Ordain for every one who hath attained the honor of visiting Thy countenance and hearing Thy call and entering the luminous spot and the most exalted Paradise by Thy leave and command, the recompense of them that have attained.

O Lord! This is a day wherein I behold that the very essence of fasting hath fasted out of longing for Thy Cause, having tasted the sweetness of Thy call which was raised from Thy most exalted station and Thy most resplendent horizon. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain for every one who hath fasted that which beseemeth Thy loftiness and Thy bounty and Thy generosity. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Bestower, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Lord! My eagerness hath increased when I heard that Thou hast named Thyself the Bountiful, and my yearning hath grown when I became certain that Thou art indeed the Generous, the Merciful. I beseech Thee to forgive those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and to adorn their fathers and mothers with the ornament of Thy pardon and beneficence. Verily Thou art the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02499: O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the Qayyum after the Qa'im

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the True, the Manifest King. Hearken unto the Call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, planted by the hand of the Lord of Names in the Most Exalted Paradise. God! There is no God but Him, the One Who rules over all who are in the earth and heaven. Verily He hath come for the salvation of the world and hath manifested what He desired as a grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have sent down the blessing of proof and the table of utterance from the heaven of grace and bounty. Blessed is he who hath attained unto them, and woe unto every ungrateful denier.

We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, and have revealed for thee that whereby the Sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His Name, the All-Merciful. This is the Day wherein that which was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets hath been made manifest, and wherein the betrayal of the eyes and the secrets of the hearts have been unveiled.

Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and deny not that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. This Day is the Day of Resurrection, and all that was hidden and concealed in hearts and breasts hath been and is being made manifest. Blessed is the one whom the veils of names prevented not from the Lord of all beings, and who hath drunk the choice wine sealed from the hand of divine grace. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark which God described in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', a command from His presence, and He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

We beseech God that He may assist thee to serve His Cause and enable thee to achieve that which will exalt His Word amongst His servants. Night and day We are occupied with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds, and when the effulgences of the lights of manifestation and the call of Him Who spoke on Sinai were raised from the Sinai of knowledge, all the divines of Persia arose in rejection and denial, and unwittingly pronounced judgment against the very Manifestation Himself, whereat all things raised their lamentations. By the lights of the Sun of Truth! They perpetrated such an injustice as hath never appeared in the world, and committed that which causeth the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven to weep and wail, while the perpetrators remain heedless and veiled. We beseech God to assist thee that thou mayest arise to help His Cause with wisdom, love and kindliness. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Single, the One, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH02494: O Asadu'llah! The heart is aflame and the Luminary…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Asadu'llah! The heart is aflame and the Luminary of the horizons is saddened by the tyranny of the people of discord and hypocrisy. By the life of God! They have held a fly up against the Lord of Lords. Have hearing and consciousness departed from the world, or have justice and fairness vanished? One

who was unable to speak in the presence of others has, through his vain imaginings, surpassed the Lord of all beings. The Kingdom of Utterance is stirred today by the Word of the All-Merciful, yet the shameless people are afflicted with a hundred thousand ulterior motives and diseases.

O thou who hast migrated in My path! Upon thee be My glory. Hearken unto My call and remind My loved ones on My behalf. Then make them hear My lamentation, My cry and My appeal from the prison, because of what hath befallen the Cause of God through the whisperer who whispereth in the breasts of men.

Say: O friends! Arise with a mighty resolve and powerful determination to serve the Cause, and stand firm. Perchance tyranny, corruption, strife and contention may be eliminated from the world. Show mercy to yourselves and others, and fix your gaze solely upon the most exalted horizon. This is the day of the manifestation of true divine unity. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and laid hold on the hem of Him besides Whom there is none other God. In past ages and centuries this blessed word hath issued from the tongues of people, yet they remained heedless of its meaning and reality. In these days the Sun of unity hath dawned, the ocean of knowledge is surging, the Point of Truth is manifest, the mystery of existence is revealed, and the Hidden Lord is seated upon the throne of manifestation.

Consider this time a precious opportunity and act as behooveth you. Take what We have commanded you, forsaking what the people possess. Thus have We commanded you before and after, and at this moment.

You mentioned Mulla Rida, upon him be the Glory of God. We heard this. We beseech God to strengthen him in the greatest steadfastness, in such wise that he may see naught in the kingdom save the countenance of the Ever-Present Lord, and may speak naught except this Most Great Announcement. Permission to turn toward the Desired One hath been granted.

We counsel thee and the people of God, together with the mentioned handmaiden, to that which hath caused and will cause the exaltation of the Word. You must pass over the servants and lands like the breezes of spring, that the flowers of divine love may spring forth from all gardens. Today the breezes of the All-Merciful are blowing and the Hidden Mystery is revealed. Strive that you may succeed in rendering a service from which the fragrance of eternity may be wafted.

Convey My glory to My loved ones and friends who have not broken My Covenant and who have drunk the choice wine of My love through My Name, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH02433: Praise be to God that through the outpourings…

He is God, exalted is He

Praise be to God that through the outpourings of the cloud of divine mercy and the effusions of the clouds of eternal grace, they are verdant, flourishing, joyous and delighted in the gardens of love and good-pleasure. They have ever been and continue to be under the glances of His unfailing grace and the dawning rays of the Sun of bounty, adorned and honored with the crown of divine favors. We beseech Him, exalted is He, to cause the breezes of His generosity and the winds of His grace and bestowals to

waft upon you at all times from the Sheba of His bounty, and from the heaven of His glory to shed upon you the lights of His gifts and favors. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

And now, a few days ago your esteemed letter, from which wafted the fragrance of divine love and affection, arrived and what you sent was received. Since it was intended that some work should be sent for the honored lady, the reply was somewhat delayed outwardly, for praise be to God, through His grace and favor you have been and continue to be mentioned in all nights and days in the Most Luminous Presence. Two most pure garments of the Twin Resplendent Lights—may my spirit and the spirit of all the worlds be sacrificed for them—were sent specifically to comfort the heart of the honored lady, along with one tailored harkay garment for Inayatu'llah, Hibatu'llah, Vaffaqahu'llah and Ayyadahu'llah, and thirty-seven pieces of almond candy. We beseech God to grant you its inner sweetness just as He has granted you its outer sweetness.

Furthermore, convey pure greetings and radiant salutations to that honored beloved, namely the esteemed Khalil—upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], Lord of nations. His mention has ever been and continues to be in heart and tongue and has never been effaced for a moment. Praise be to God that they have attained to His love, are manifest through His Name and are speaking His praise. Likewise convey pure greetings and boundless salutations to that spiritual father, namely this servant's true dear father, and to Aqa Abdu'r-Rahim and Aqa Asadu'llah—upon each one of them be the grace and mercy of God. And likewise remember the female believers and Aqa Abdu's-Samad and the children with goodly mention from this servant. Mention to the esteemed Khalil: May God protect us and you and then the company of those who drink this accursed tea! In truth if one dirham of it were to be sprinkled over all of China it would transform all of it. The tea that was first sent by that honored one bore no resemblance or relation whatsoever. Surely that beloved one has also partaken of it himself. May mercy be upon you, O people of the pavilion of glorification, one and all are remembered. The basket and handkerchief were sent.

BH02492: O Abu'l-Fadl, upon thee be My glory! God…

In the name of the All-Knowing, the Peerless One!

O Abu'l-Fadl, upon thee be My glory! God is aware and the sun and moon bear witness that the King Who doeth what He willeth and the Sovereign Who ordaineth what He pleaseth, in days when the foundations of the world trembled from the onslaught of tyranny and the pillars of justice and equity were shaken, summoned all, without veil or hindrance, to God, exalted be His glory. However, the deeds of the divines of Iran prevented and deprived them from the horizon of the All-Merciful, and the rejection by the ignorant divines became the cause and reason for the rejection of the people of that land.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the exaltation of Thy Most Great Word and the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the earth honored by Thy footsteps, and by the trees over which passed the breezes of Thy Revelation, and by the springs that flowed before Thy face, and by the mountains that attained the fragrance of reunion with Thee, and by the tabernacles of Thy glory raised by Thy command for Thyself, to assist Thy servants to return unto Thee and to repent before the door of Thy grace, and to

that which will benefit them and elevate their stations. Verily Thou art the Bestower in the beginning and in the end.

O Abu'l-Fadl! Ali Haydar, upon him be My glory, forwarded thy letters to the Most Holy Court, and each attained the honor of being heard, and from their words wafted the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God, thou art confirmed and successful in serving the Cause in the days of God. Blessed are they whom the veils of idle fancies have not deprived of the ocean of light.

Make thou the Persians aware of the endless bounties of the one true God. Say: That which was hidden hath been revealed. Today the trees are singing, the fruits are manifest, and the signs are evident. This is the day of joy and gladness. Ye must cleanse yourselves from the darkness of earth that ye may attain unto everlasting light.

O Abu'l-Fadl! The All-Bountiful Lord hath been and is with thee. This is that Word which the near ones and the sincere ones have longed to hear. Give thanks unto God for this great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Convey My greetings to the people of God. Today the Book hath attained unto its home, and Sinai unto He Who conversed upon it, and the Tree unto its Caller. The people of God must be set ablaze with the light of manifestation and the fire of the Tree—a blaze that will set the world aflame. Say: This is the day of deeds. Strive ye, that there may appear from you that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them that hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02452: Praise be to the Lord of all creation…

In the Name of the Beloved, exalted be His Name and elevated be His station!

Praise be to the Lord of all creation and the King of all realms, Who caused to flow from the outpourings of His Command-bestowing Pen the rivers of eternal life and the everlasting Kawthar of immortality amongst humanity. And He made the holy souls and the abstracted temples from among His loved ones to be the source, place and channel of this universal divine outpouring amidst creation. Through them is the existence given to drink what descends from the clouds of grace and bounty, and through them is adorned the preamble of the Book of Creation and embellished the Kingdom of Heaven with the lights of God, the Lord of the Throne and earth. Through the warmth of their love and the delicacy of their spirit and the sign of their tranquility and steadfastness in God's Cause have grown from the soil of hearts the plants of knowledge and wisdom, and the trees of understanding have been raised in the paradise of human realities.

Blessed be the All-Merciful for having manifested from His wondrous craftsmanship and His mighty innovation a noble person whom He named with this name before His glorious throne, and filled his heart with the jewels of His love and his inner heart with the pearls of His knowledge, and caused his tongue to speak with wondrous utterance in remembrance of His mighty and bountiful Self.

The letter of that soul-friend who, like a spiritual bird soaring in the heaven of inner meanings and singing with various melodies in the branches of remembrance and utterance, stirred this evanescent temple and drew it with the right hand of attraction and rapture, and gave it to drink from the pure water of enduring love which, through divine confirmations, was flowing in the rivers of words. Therefore I said:

> "Praise be to God for having assisted His loved ones in that which causes the lights of the morn to shine and the fragrance of musk to waft [among] the near ones."

The supplication which was previously submitted was read before the Face. After the Most Pure Hearing listened and hearkened, these gracious words were revealed:

> "O Nabil-i-Qabli-ʿAli! We have heard your call. Excellent is that which you have supplicated from God, the Goal of the worlds. It was read before the Throne and We found from it the fragrance of sincerity and devotion and your turning to the Purifier of the world. Blessed art thou for having moved thy tongue in remembrance of God and adorned thy heart with the ornament of His love and thy breast with His shining, radiant lights. We beseech God to confirm thee in that whereon thou art and to grant thee at all times that which descendeth from the heaven of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous."

The Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch, may the spirit of the worlds be a sacrifice unto them both, remember that honored one with the Most Wondrous and Most Glorious remembrance and with mighty, sublime greetings. The Glory be upon thee, then remembrance and praise be upon thee.

The servant of God 3 Jumada ath-Thani

BH11730: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech…

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Whom Thou hast manifested and made His Revelation the very Revelation of Thyself, and His concealment the very concealment of Thyself; and through His primacy Thou hast confirmed Thine own primacy, and through His finality Thou hast established Thine own finality; and through His power and dominion every possessor of power hath testified to Thy power, and through His grandeur every possessor of grandeur hath testified to Thy grandeur and Thy majesty; and through His self-subsistence Thy self-subsistence and all-encompassing nature have become known; and through His Will Thy Will hath been manifested; and through His countenance Thy Face hath shone forth; and through His command Thy Command hath become manifest; and through His signs the horizons have been filled with the wondrous signs of Thy sovereignty, and the heaven with the revelations of the glory of Thy unity, and the seas with the pearls of the sanctity of Thy knowledge and wisdom; and the trees have been adorned with the fruits of Thy knowledge; and through Him all things have glorified Thee, and all things have turned toward the court of Thy mercy, and all faces have turned to the splendors of the light of Thy countenance, and all souls to the manifestations of the glory of Thy oneness.

How transcendent is Thy power, how transcendent Thy sovereignty, how transcendent Thy might, how transcendent Thy greatness, how transcendent Thy majesty which was manifested through Him and which Thou didst bestow upon Him through Thy bounty and generosity! I testify, O my God, that through Him Thy most great signs appeared and Thy mercy preceded all things. Were it not for Him, the Dove would not have cooed, nor would the Nightingale of Praise have warbled in the heaven of destiny. And I testify that with the first word that proceeded from His mouth and the first call that was raised by Him through Thy Will and Purpose, all things were transformed—the heaven and all that is therein, and the earth and all that is thereon. Through it the realities of existence were transformed, separated, divided, distinguished, joined together and unified. Through it appeared the creative words in the world of dominion and kingdom, and the manifestations of unity in the world of might, and the signs of oneness in the realm of divinity. Through that call the servants were given the glad-tidings of Thy most great Revelation and Thy most perfect Command.

When He appeared, the nations were thrown into confusion, upheaval appeared in earth and heaven, the pillars of all things were shaken. Through Him appeared the great tribulation and the Most Great Word was differentiated, whereby appeared the distinction between every atom of all created things. Through it was the Fire kindled and Paradise made manifest. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Thee, and woe unto him who hath turned away from Thee and denied Thee and Thy signs in this Revelation wherein the faces of the idolaters were darkened and the faces of the sincere were illumined.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by this Revelation, to ordain for us the good of this world and the world to come, and to send down upon us from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will render us independent of all except Thee and detached from all save Thyself, holding fast unto the cord of Thy loving care and clinging to the hem of Thy tender mercies. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH02497: O thou who dwellest in the precincts of thy…

He is the Almighty!

O thou who dwellest in the precincts of thy Lord’s mercy! We have seen thy letter and read what was therein. Verily thy Lord is the All-Seeing Witness.

As for what thou didst ask regarding him who turned away from God—verily We concealed thereby the source and origin of the matter, as a wisdom from Us, and He is the All-Wise. He is mentioned as the Mirror in the language of the people, and this is a name that applies to all things. Verily thy Lord hath ever been sanctified above this name and its like and what transcendeth it, as every person of illumined vision doth testify. Should anyone discover the interpretations of My Book and the allusions of My words, he would bear witness that from the beginning of the Cause I made mention of him according to his station and rank, but the people are in manifest ignorance.

Today, should any soul reflect even slightly and be fair-minded, he will surely distinguish truth from falsehood and comprehend it. The light of the sun cannot be confused with darkness. The point is that he

was mentioned by the name of Mirror, but those who have denied God and His verses in this Revelation utter words at every moment and speak according to their vain imaginings.

The person of insight and knowledge speaketh not through imitation but rather through investigation which surrounds him. Before the Revelation, every soul was firm in his belief in the Point of the Bayan and ascended. He is reckoned with God as being immersed in the ocean of mercy. Whatever skilled physicians and surgeons do regarding a patient is valid and executable, but they must be adorned with the ornament of justice. If they know the truth, this is assuredly preferable and more beloved.

Question: If one of the followers of the Calf, meaning one of the friends of him who turned away from God, should utter unseemly words about the Branches, and it be possible to bring him to justice in such a way that no harm would come to the Divine Cause—is this permitted or not?

Answer: This is absolutely not permitted. In all scriptures, books and tablets this reprehensible act, which is killing, has been strictly forbidden in the Book. Blessed is he who heareth! Woe to the heedless! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

As for the final matter mentioned regarding the betrayal by one whom you had trusted with your family—this matter and its ruling depend on its manifestation in the visible world. O thou who hast turned to God! Today the bird of justice is caught in the talons of oppression. The dark clouds have prevented its light from shining. If the people of the world become ready and capable of receiving this most great bounty and supreme gift, in that very moment the lights of the Sun of Justice will shine forth from behind the veil of clouds, and the darkness of oppression by treacherous souls will return to nothingness, like a shadow when the sun shines forth. The glory be upon thee.

BH02476: All glory and praise and might and grandeur…

He is God, exalted be His glory, His is all grandeur and majesty

All glory and praise and might and grandeur and loftiness and sublimity and transcendence belong to God, the Possessor of all names and Creator of earth and heaven, and to His chosen ones and trustees and friends whom He has singled out for Himself and elected for His days and chosen for the service of His Cause and the exaltation of His remembrance among His creatures. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

And then, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. Your esteemed letter arrived and this evanescent servant was blessed with it. After visiting, reading and learning its contents, it attained the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and all of it was presented.

Regarding the letter of the beloved Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, and what he mentioned about the Khan, it was presented. He said:

> “We beseech God to forgive him and remit his sins and ordain for him what will benefit him.”

Ten majidis were allocated to be given, and afterwards, for as long as they are occupied with treatment, one quarter majidi should be given daily to his family, and from the time this letter arrives, give them for one full month.

And regarding what you had written about some old belongings of the departed Aqa Muhammad Hadi being given to Mulla Muhammad Ali, and one majidi being given as payment—the command is that Mulla Muhammad Ali should deliver that one majidi to the heirs of the departed one, and in exchange one majidi will be given here to the aforementioned gentleman.

Furthermore, the skullcap and letter addressed to Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, arrived. And regarding what you had written about the tea that was sent causing embarrassment to that beloved one—that honor should never have any thought about such matters that might cause the slightest sadness to the heart, for it has been and is very clear that that honor exercises the utmost care and consideration in all related matters, and desires that whatever is most exalted and glorious of everything should be present, and none who looks with the eye of justice can deny this. This evanescent one's submission was entirely about the tea itself, that it is of this kind.

And regarding what you had written about relief from outward impurity, it was presented. He said: "Now they are involved; God willing, they will gradually be freed." In conclusion, upon you be the glory of God and His remembrance and praise at all times, before all times and after all times. And praise be to the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

The servant

BH02506: Praise be to God Who assisted His servants…

He is the Answerer from His Most Exalted Horizon

Praise be to God Who assisted His servants to turn unto Him on a day wherein most of His creation turned away, and united the hearts of His loved ones through one of His names, and revealed unto them what was hidden in His knowledge, and taught them His straight and manifest path. O thou who gazest upon the Face! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and attained the honor of being heard, as a favor from Him unto thee. We have answered thee with a Tablet that calleth out with the most exalted call, saying:

O peoples of the earth! He hath come, Whose advent was heralded in God's Books, from the Self-Subsisting unto the Most Great Name. We beseech God to assist all to draw nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the One Who doeth what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. We rejoiced to find in thy letter the fragrance of thy love and thy turning unto Him, and thy humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Master of this Day. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of earth and heaven, my Lord and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names! I praise Thee and thank Thee for having guided me to Thy path and caused me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs in Thy days.

I beseech Thee, O Bestower of bounties and Creator of nations, by Thy Most Great Name through Whose revelation the Names were thunderstruck and the people of the kingdom of creation were shaken, except

such as were seized by the hand of Thy grace and delivered through Thy bounty and generosity from the clay of idle fancies—O Lord! Thou seest that I have turned unto Thee and placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee to make me one of them that stand firm in the service of Thy Cause and to enable me to perform such deeds as may be adorned with the glory of Thy acceptance. Then ordain for me, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, that which shall accompany me in every world of Thy worlds and preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, who have disputed Thy signs and warred against Thy Self. Enable me in all conditions to remember Thee, to glorify Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Jalal! Thy name hath come before the Wronged One and the glances of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, have been directed towards thee. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee illumined with the light of His Cause and adorned with steadfastness in all conditions. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O ʿAta'u'llah! Thou art in the House while the Wronged One remembereth thee in His Most Great Prison and prayeth God to ordain for thee that which beseemeth the heaven of His grace and the sun of His bounty. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

At the end of My Tablet I make mention of My handmaidens and My leaves, and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy and of His remembrance and His signs which have been revealed at this time from My perspicuous Pen. The glory be upon you all from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH02523: To be typed

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BH02642: In My Name that overshadoweth all names!

In My Name that overshadoweth all names!

O son of Abhar! He Who is the Lord of Destiny makes mention of thee from this spot whose every atom and every created thing proclaims: The Promise hath been fulfilled and the Promised One hath come from the heaven of the Divine Command with the standards of His signs.

Forget not My favor unto thee and My loving-kindness towards thee when thou wert present before My face and We caused thee to hear My sweetest call whereby all created things were attracted. Rejoice in that We have answered thy prayer and supplication and forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness from the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have indeed cleansed them of transgression as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord's mercy hath preceded and His loving-kindness hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven.

Be thou turned toward the Face and draw nigh unto Him, speaking His praise and arising to serve His Cause, remembering what We showed thee in the Prison in the most exalted station. We have permitted those whose presence thou didst desire before the Prisoner, and We counsel them to observe wisdom lest their departure raise the clamor of those who have denied God, the Lord of all mankind. Say: O

people of Baha! Take ye wisdom from Us and transgress not beyond it. Thus have We commanded you in the Scriptures and Tablets. We have accepted thy presence and thy visitation on behalf of God's loved ones and companions. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My robe and arose to serve My Cause whereby feet have slipped.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Do what ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. Beware lest anything prevent you or the hosts of those who have turned away from God frighten you when He came with the hosts of revelation in the final return.

O son of Abhar! Pass through the lands like the breezes of dawn that all who are receptive may find from thee the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and friends.

Say: O party of God! The clamor hath been raised in all regions. This is what We foretold you when Zawra was the seat of the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and in the Land of Mystery and in this spot which God hath made the point of circumambulation of the righteous. Beware lest the doubts of the divines or the intimations of the jurisprudents prevent you, or the might of those who were heedless of God frighten you when He came with power and dominion.

The splendor [of Baha] hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy upon My loved ones and friends who were not held back from the Truth by the affairs of creation. They arose and said:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Lord of the hereafter and of former times. He is indeed the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving."

BH11617: O my leaf! Hearken unto My call…

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

O my leaf! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, for verily it will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We testify that thou hast attained unto the presence of God and stood before His countenance and heard that which was uttered [by the Wronged One] concerning His Great Announcement. Praise be to God that thou didst turn toward the prison in days when the fire of rejection was ablaze in all directions, and thou didst partake of the choice sealed wine from the hand of the Self-Subsisting at a time when most of the men of earth were observed to be bewildered and perplexed in the wilderness of remoteness. Know thou the value of this most great favor. He confirmed thee and guided thee to the shore of the ocean of His bounty.

Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in those regions. We beseech God to aid all to that which will guide the handmaidens of the earth, and give thou glad-tidings to each of them of God's bounty and grace, exalted be His glory. All have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. How excellent is the state of those handmaidens whom the doubts and intimations of the barking ones and the transgressors, and the oppression of the tyrannical, did not withhold from the Manifest Truth. These are the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the countenances of the most high Heaven. How many are the claimants

to knowledge, grace, mystical insight and certitude who today are not and were not mentioned before the Throne, and how many are the souls who had no access to any gathering, yet attained to the hearing of the call and became joined to the Truth.

O my leaf, say:“My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the cup of Thy love and the Kawthar of meeting Thee, and for having honored me with attaining Thy presence and causing me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Book and Thy Most Ancient Light to ordain for each one of Thy handmaidens the reward of meeting Thee and standing before Thy face. O my Lord! Disappoint them not of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor of the Kawthar of reunion with Thee, nor of the fragrances of nearness in Thy days, nor of the sweet-scented breezes of utterance at the dawning of the lights of the sun of Thy countenance. Thou seest, O my God, Thy handmaidens and leaves turning toward the lights of Thy face, dawning from the horizon of the heaven of Thy love, holding fast to the cord of Thy favors and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Ordain for them, O my God, through Thy generosity, that which will cause the fragrance of Thy sanctity and detachment to be diffused through them. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.”

O my handmaiden! We give thee yet another glad-tiding, and that is thy name which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord’s favor, and We have named thee “Mardiyyih” in the Tablet Verily thy Lord is…

BH02601: Praise sanctified from mention and utterance befits…

He is God, exalted be His glory, His majesty, His holiness and His splendor

Praise sanctified from mention and utterance befits and is worthy of the peerless Beloved Who, with a single breath from the Most Exalted Pen, adorned sheer nothingness with the garment of existence, and after bringing into being and manifesting all contingent things and created beings, set apart man for Himself, breathed His spirit into him, and deposited within him the gems of His mysteries and the wonders of His lights. Blessed is he who has arisen and continues to arise through the Spirit of God, and remains steadfast in His Cause, His love, His remembrance and what He has commanded in His Book, and preserves what he has been given from his Lord, the Mighty, the Ancient.

And further: your letter arrived and from it was inhaled the fragrance of love and affection, which has been the primary cause for the creation and appearance of all things. Blessed art thou, O beloved, in that thou hast attained unto that which is beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh, and the object of desire of the hearts of them that are sincere and devoted. I presented before the pavilion of grandeur mention of your praise and glorification and that of your family. All convey mention and glory to you and your family. Praise be to God that most times mention of you has been made outwardly and the Sun of special favor has dawned. After your letter reached this servant, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. After submitting mention of you repeatedly, He expressed His favor, saying “Blessed art thou, again blessed art thou.” Convey on behalf of this servant greetings and glorification to the true friends, namely Aqa Ghulam-Ali and Aqa Ghulam-Husayn and Aqa Ali-Akbar and Aqa Lutfu’llah, upon

them be the glory of God, and to whomever thou findest devoted to assisting the Beloved. And likewise remember the family with most wondrous mention.

Glory be upon thee and upon them. I convey special greetings and salutations to ʿInayatu'llah. God willing, through divine favor they shall grow up and attain to lofty stations. Every great one was small before the manifestation of His grandeur, except these little ones who are great in the divine Kingdom and whose station is mighty, to such a degree that the Pen of Command and Decree is raised on their behalf.

He is God.

As commanded, you should come and bring ʿInayatu'llah's mother. Peace be upon you and God's mercy and His favor.

BH02654: Lawh-i-Kimiya 3

He is the All-Knowing Expositor.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! The servant in attendance here presented thy letter and laid it before the Most Sublime Vision. It became known that thou art [distressed] over the non-appearance of imagined matters and [thinkest] that divine assistance is through gold and the exaltation of the Word is through silver. God forbid!

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! Thou art among those souls who have dwelt for years beneath the shade of the Lote-Tree, and after the intoxication of things and the thunderstruck state of most people, thou didst turn thy face toward the Countenance and didst bear hardships in the path of God. All these matters have been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Divine Glory that the treasures of the first and the last, and whatsoever existed in and is now visible upon the earth, cannot equal these aforementioned stations. Preserve this station. Let not ugliness seize this good name. This hath ever been and shall ever be acceptable in the sight of those who possess the Most Great Elixir.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! The Most Great Elixir hath been the Word of Truth, which the Hand of Power hath manifested from the Hidden Mine through the Hidden Name. Nurture it in the retort of the heart with the fire of love, and after its effect appeareth in all the pillars, if but an atom thereof be bestowed upon the people of the world, thou shalt behold all the copper of existence transformed into pure gold. This is the Most Great Elixir, with whose mention the Pen of the Ancient of Days hath been and is occupied.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! From thy words, constriction of breast and heart was observed—that is, they indicated thy grief and distress. This is most strange. This was and is certainly not befitting thy station. Thy heart must be illumined by the Name of Truth and thy breast must appear more vast than the kingdom. This beseemeth thee and those souls who have, in the path of God, drunk from the cup of hardship and tribulation. Water at all times the tree of hope with the water of divine bounty, that it may remain verdant and flourishing and its effect may become manifest in creation. This is the counsel of the Wronged One, the advice of the Wronged One, and the utterance of the Wronged One. God willing, thou

art accounted among those who hearken in His presence. Blessed art thou, and those with thee, and those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of thy wife who was enkindled with the fire of love and affection.

BH02659: O My leaf and My handmaiden! Upon thee be…

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

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed with the Burning Bush. All the handmaidens of the earth, be they queens or princesses or others, would sacrifice their all to hear the blessed word "O My handmaiden," yet in this age of Divine Manifestation and diffusion of the fragrances of Divine Revelation, all were deprived save a few. Give thanks to the Purpose of all worlds that thou hast attained this most great bounty and supreme station.

What is now necessary and obligatory is to preserve this station, by this Name through which the Trumpet was sounded, the treasures were revealed, souls were thunderstruck, and that which was hidden and treasured from all eternity was manifested. This is the day of sight and hearing, yet most are heedless and veiled. The travelers who left their earthly homeland seeking the divine true homeland attained to presence, hearing and witnessing.

And Ruhu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, repeatedly mentioned you in the Most Holy Court and beseeched from the Truth that which would forever remain immortalized in the book of the world. Therefore these hidden pearls and treasured gems which were in the ocean of the utterance of the Purpose of the worlds have been revealed and sent that thou mayest attain unto them. Were all the peoples of the world to sanctify their ears from doubts and allusions and tales of the people and attain to hearing this supreme Word which hath been mentioned, all would hasten body and soul to the Most Exalted Horizon and the prison of Akka.

We make mention at this moment of My loved ones who attained the presence of My countenance and were blessed with what was revealed in My perspicuous Book. Thou art mentioned before the Face and art the recipient of special favors. His honor Varqa, upon him be My glory, mentioned most of them and requested a word from the Mother Book for each one. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid all to do what He loveth and is pleased with, and to make mention of His male and female servants through the Pen of Grace with what beseemeth His generosity, bounty and bestowal. Verily He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

We promised Ruhu'llah this wondrous and mighty Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee O my God for having fulfilled Thy Covenant and accomplished Thy Promise. Thy handmaiden testifieth to Thy grace, Thy loving-kindness, Thy generosity and Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Noble. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH02655: O Ghulam! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

O Ghulam! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call, for verily it will draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. This Day hath another station and another significance, inasmuch as the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have ever awaited, lest they be deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower in the Divine Day. On this blessed Day there hath appeared that which had been hidden from all eyes and sight. Today mercy hath preceded all else and the divine bounty hath encompassed all, such that there hath been revealed for every soul among those who have turned towards Him that which the servants are powerless to comprehend.

Say: O servants of God! He hath come with the knowledge of "He doeth what He willeth." Should He prefer an atom to the sun, or a drop to the ocean, all must accept it, for none knoweth the requirements of divine wisdom. Today the servants must bear witness to the sovereignty of God, glorified be His majesty, and submit to whatsoever hath been revealed and recorded by the Supreme Pen, which is the Self of Truth. The Exalted One hath said: "The entire Bayan is but a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise. Should He accept it, verily He is to be praised in His deed, and should He reject it, verily He is to be obeyed in His command." Whosoever holdeth fast to that which hath been mentioned shall be preserved from the terror of the Most Great Day.

Say: O servants! Know ye the value of these days and deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of the Most Great Name. Fix your gaze upon the divine signs that perchance ye may drink from the cup of utterance of the Goal of all existence that which bestoweth eternal life and everlasting existence. Praise be to the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen, Who hath mentioned thee through His supreme grace—a mention that is eternal and everlasting. If thou hast attained unto this Tablet and drunk the choice wine of proof from the wellspring of its words, enlighten the people and send a copy of this most mighty, most holy Tablet to the friends of God, that they may drink of the Kawthar of utterance and receive their portion from the choice wine of grace.

O Shaykh! Hearken with the ear of thy heart to the call of the Wronged One, and arise to reform the world—an arising that no hindrance in the world can prevent or influence. This is the call of the Peerless Friend that hath been raised from the prison of ʿAkka. Blessed are they that turn towards Him, and blessed are they that drink! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02624: Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy…

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

Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge the oneness of Thy Being, that Thou art without peer or equal, and that Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been seated upon the throne of Thy grandeur and glory. I beseech Thee by Thy Will that hath encompassed all created things, by Thy Purpose that hath prevailed over all creation, by the effulgent rays of Thy grace's sun, and by the pearls concealed within Thy knowledge's ocean, to adorn my head with the crown of detachment, my temple with the robe of godliness, my tongue with Thy

remembrance, my heart with Thy love, my eyes with the vision of Thine exalted horizon, and my ears with hearkening to the rustling of Thy Most Luminous Pen.

Alas, alas, O Lord of all beings and King of earth and heaven, for my heedlessness and hesitation! Thou art He Who remembered me when I was silent in Thy remembrance, and turned toward me from the direction of the prison when I was occupied with other than Thee. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all nations and Who hast been made manifest through the Most Great Name, to make me a banner of Thy remembrance amidst Thy servants and an ensign of Thy guidance in Thy lands. Then ordain for me to attain Thy presence, to stand at the gate of Thy majesty, and to remain steadfast in Thy Mighty Message, whereby the limbs of the idolaters have quaked.

Alas, alas, for my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness and my banishment in Thy days! I know not, O my Goal and my Beloved, what Thou hast ordained for me by the Pen of Thy decree. Hast Thou ordained for me what Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and circled round Thy Will, or hast Thou deprived me of the wonders of Thy gifts and favors? Thou seest, O my God, that this destitute servant hath turned toward the waves of the ocean of Thy riches, this thirsty one toward the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and this weary one toward the Kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy might and power, Thy grandeur and all-encompassing sovereignty, not to disappoint this servant of what lieth with Thee. Thou, verily, art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing escapeth Thy knowledge, nor can any affair hinder Thee. Thou art, in truth, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

By Thy glory, O Thou Who art mentioned in all hearts, the thirst of my separation can only be quenched by attaining Thy presence, my soul findeth no rest save in hearkening to Thy call, and my being cannot find tranquility except by beholding the lights of the horizon of Thy manifestation. Thou seest me, O my Lord, clinging to Thy cord and detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the sincere hastened to the place of sacrifice and offered up their souls and bodies in Thy path, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace a mercy from Thee and a blessing from Thy presence. Thou art, verily, the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH02657: O Murad! The Guides to the paths have ever…

In the Name of God, the One, and prayers upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet.

O Murad! The Guides to the paths have ever been the Messengers, and they are the Manifestations of Truth among creation, the Daysprings of Names in the kingdom of creation, and the Sources of Command and the Wellsprings of the revelation of God, exalted be His glory. He has ever been and continues to be hidden, His path closed off, and seeking in this station forbidden. And since the gate of attainment was closed and people were debarred from knowledge of the hidden treasure, He chose pure essences and holy souls and sent them from the higher realm to the kingdom of creation, that they might guide all and lead them to the straight path. Each of these holy souls, for God and in His path, bore infinite tribulations and made people somewhat aware. Some denied, others turned away, while a group became assured and believed, and a band became unbelievers and hypocrites. Blessed are those souls who were illumined by the lights of the dawn of truth and turned toward the highest horizon.

All these Prophets and Messengers were commanded to wisdom—that is, each spoke and revealed the Cause according to the capacity and measure of the people. Now We counsel thee, and take as witness the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise, that all may testify in the most great scene: Hold fast to the cord of servitude unto God, the Truth, then mention Me as befits. Beware lest thou utter what We have not permitted thee. Today the honored community is seen to be weak, as ye have seen and heard. It is incumbent and obligatory upon all to hold fast to the sure handle and, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, to beseech from the mighty Truth the protection, glory and exaltation of the white community. Verily, He has power over all things. Act according to what was mentioned in thy presence; transgression beyond that is not permitted. God willing, ye shall be assisted in all conditions. We beseech God to aid thee and ordain for thee from the Supreme Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He has power over all things.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to His Honor Ahmad. We beseech God to assist him to act according to what has been revealed in the Book and to grant him shelter under the shade of the Tree of Providence in all worlds. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Verily we are God’s and to Him we return.

BH02690: In My Name, dawning from the horizon of utterance

In My Name, dawning from the horizon of utterance

This is a mention sent down by the All-Merciful for him who has turned to the Countenance on a day wherein the gathering of the world was scattered and lamentation was raised between the heavens and the earth, that he may rejoice in My remembrance, which God has made the choice wine of life for all contingent beings, the Most Great Spirit amongst the nations, and the supreme gift to all creatures. Exalted is the Lord of Religions Who has come from the heaven of grace with manifest justice.

O Hadi! We sent forth the Qa’im, Whom all the divines of the age denied, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. Then when successive years had passed, We manifested Our Self with Our Name the Self-Subsisting, yet the people turned away until they pronounced judgment against Us with such tyranny as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. They seized Us time after time and imprisoned Us again and again—once in the land of Ta, and again in Mim, and yet again in Ta, and in the Land of Mystery, and in this mighty prison. We give thanks to God in all this and We accepted what befell Us at the hands of those who were heedless of God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention of thy father, through whom the lips of mystical knowledge smiled in all creation and who attained the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of him with that which nothing on earth can equal, and We remember him throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom. And I am verily the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

O Rida! Rejoice in that the Lord of Names makes mention of thee from the precincts of the prison with such mention as draws to it the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Blessed is he who turns to thee and visits thee, by virtue of what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, and presents himself before thy noble resting-place.

Thou art he who turned to God's horizon and faced Him on a day wherein every heedless one remote from Him turned away.

The first mention uttered by the tongue of the Lord of Eternity among the nations is upon thee, O thou who spoke in remembrance of God and turned to His Face after the passing of all things. I testify that thou didst drink the Choice Wine that was sealed from the hand of His Name the Self-Subsisting, and cast behind thee all idle fancies, and took hold of the Book of Certitude through a power from God, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou in that thy head was adorned with the crown of acceptance and thy temple with the ornament of God's favor in His wondrous Day. The glory and the remembrance and the spirit and the peace and the fragrances wafting from the garment of thy Lord's mercy be upon thee, O thou who hast attained the tender mercy of the All-Merciful when He came with manifest sovereignty.

BH02689: We convey greetings to the friends of God…

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

We convey greetings to the friends of God and give them glad tidings of the ocean of the grace of God, exalted be His glory. O people of Nun, blessed are ye and joy be unto you, for from the beginning of the Cause ye attained unto that of which all on earth were heedless. There befell you in the path of God that which caused the Concourse on High to grieve. Whatsoever hath happened and whatsoever will happen in the path of God—all hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. This is a great glad tiding for you. No deed hath been lost, and its reward is preserved with God. Soon shall the recompense and reward of all be made manifest and evident.

Jinab-i-Amin hath made mention of you. Ye have been and are blessed with the divine remembrance, both before and after. We counsel you to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. With perfect unity and harmony, be ye engaged in the remembrance of God and in His service. The service of God, exalted be His glory, hath been and ever shall be to teach His Cause and guide the people. This cannot be achieved except through goodly character, pure deeds, and kindness and love. We beseech God to aid all to do that which is pleasing unto Him.

Some time ago a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to Mulla Muhammad-Shafi', as well as a Visitation Tablet for His Holiness Vahid and the favored ones of God, exalted be His glory. This is the Day of joy and gladness, for God is manifest, His call is raised, and the horizon of the world is illumined and adorned with His light. Implore God for steadfastness. Soon shall the croaking of the raven be silenced. This is the news which the Most Exalted Pen hath given before and after. Some of the people of the Bayan are engaged in plagiarizing divine verses, while others lie in wait with feigned humility and submissiveness, assuming various guises that they might perchance ensnare His loved ones. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness in such wise that the people of the world shall be powerless to prevent them. Take ye hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him. He shall suffice you in truth. Beware lest anything prevent you from this Straight Path and this Mighty News. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

That which hath reached Amin is acceptable in the presence of the Wronged One.

BH02714: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory!…

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

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The matters are known and what has occurred is evident. However, thou must walk in the footsteps of the Wronged One and engage in dispute with no one regarding any matter. For example, if someone asks a question and thou mentionest a word in reply, if it is accepted, well and good; otherwise silence is preferable, lest there proceed from thee that which would sadden hearts. Observance of this station is most essential for thee. The protection of the Cause is incumbent upon thee. For instance, God forbid, if someone were to revile thee, thou must remain grateful. By the life of God! Through silence in this station all things will speak. It behooveth Us not to disclose more than what We have disclosed unto thee as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Helper. In all conditions, the exaltation of the Cause must be kept in view, and this cannot be achieved except through wisdom, and wisdom is not attainable except through meditation and patience. Be patient, verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Grateful. The glory from Us be upon thee, upon thy beginning and thy end, thy outward and thy inward.

Another matter: The leaf, daughter of His Holiness the Afnan the departed, [and] the honored Aqa Siyyid J-ʿA, upon him be all the most glorious glory, insisted with utmost persistence on remaining in this land and serving in the Sacred Household. In truth she is most rational and virtuous, but they did not accept, for one day His Holiness the Greater Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious glory, was present and this servant was also present, and addressing the Afnan he said:

> “We would like Sughra to join Mahmud and be content with his companionship.”

At first they demurred but later agreed to whatever proceeded from the Source of Lordship.

Another matter: That which several years ago Her Holiness the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be all the most glorious glory, had requested and was promised, they also intend to bring from potentiality into actuality. Verily He fulfilleth His promise, there is no God but Him, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous. And it is likely that the honored matron, mother of His Holiness the Afnan Aqa Siyyid M, upon them both be all the most glorious glory, has specifically settled in Beirut for this matter. Knowledge is with God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02687: Praise be to the Lord of grace and bounty…

He is the Speaker before the faces of princes and of divines.

Praise be to the Lord of grace and bounty, unto Whom all laud and glorification are meet and worthy, inasmuch as, through His exalted and blessed Word, the ocean of generosity hath been stirred to its depths, the Dayspring of Manifestation hath ascended and established Itself upon the throne of justice, and the light of mercy hath shone forth and compassed all created things. Happy are the souls whom the

promptings of self and desire, and the manifestations of rebellion and iniquity, have not debarred from turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon; who, by the power of God and the might of the Self-Subsisting, have cast behind them all that is in the realm of being, and have lifted up the Book of God with a strength beyond all reckoning. These are the servants whom neither the divers hues of the world, nor the ascendancy of nations, nor the hosts of princes, nor the opposition of the learned, have been able to deter. We beseech God to preserve them through His power, to guard them through His sovereignty, and to send down upon them at all times the signs of His bounty and the clear tokens of His mercyâ€“those mercies that have preceded all existence, whether of the unseen or of the visible world.

O ʿAli-Akbar, upon thee be My glory! My Name, upon him be My glory, hath sent to the Most Holy Court thy letter which was adorned with mention of the martyrs of that land. Although what transpired hath caused grief to the Concourse on High, the Supreme Paradise and the Most Glorious Pavilion, yet in its inmost essence there appeared from it a mighty exaltation and manifest ascension. By the life of God! In its inmost essence is concealed and treasured the Most Great Glad-Tidings which God shall manifest as a bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We cherish the hope that all the friends of God will arise to champion His Cause and in all conditions remain detached and free from corruption, conflict and contention. Today all things are speaking and making mention of what hath come to pass. Were the oppressors to hearken to but one line thereof, they would, by their own hands, bring about their destruction. Would that the veil might be lifted from before their eyes, that they might recognize what they have wrought in the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be My glory, previously sent that which testified to the acceptance and steadfastness of the friends, upon them be the glory of God, in that blessed land. The Wronged One beseecheth God to ordain for them the good of this world and of the next and to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones and My chosen ones who have not been deterred by the might of the world from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

BH02666: Praise be to God Who hath adorned the Mount…

He is the Mighty, the Great!

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the Mount with His Interlocutor, and the Tree with its Planter, and the Fire with its Kindler, and hath revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets.

The letter of the Afnan, upon him be my glory and my loving-kindness, which was sent to this servant was presented before the Face of the Wronged One and was perused. Praise be to God, the entire letter was illumined with the light of divine love and aflame with the fire of godly attraction, speaking and testifying of the ocean of sincerity. We beseech God to ordain for thee that whose mention and traces may be spread throughout the world. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And concerning what thou didst write about Abdu'l-Hamid, upon him be my glory—three petitions arrived from him and from Mulla Abdu'llah, entitled Rafi'-i-Badi', upon him be my glory, and another person. And afterwards two petitions arrived from the honored Afnan Haji Mirza Muhammad-Ali, upon him be my glory and loving-kindness, and from Abdu'l-Hamid. Twice there was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will especially for them that which hath no likeness or parallel. Before thy letter, by the space of several days, it was sent. One Tablet was also revealed in reply to the petition of Muhammad-Hashim and was sent to the honored Haji Mirza Husayn to deliver. We beseech God to assist them to serve the Cause and to give them to drink at all times from the cup of His loving-kindness that by which the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven may be attracted. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Blessed art thou, O My Afnan! Thou hast held fast to the teaching of the Cause of the Divine Lote-Tree. This is thy station, and it beseemeth thee and is worthy of thee. To this testifieth My tongue and My pen and My Tablet, of which none hath knowledge save God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to Ibn, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. He hath ever been and still is remembered. And We make mention of Nuru'llah and Muhammad and counsel them to patience and forbearance and to that whereby their stations may be elevated among the people. And We beseech God to send down upon them a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His side. Verily, He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

The Glory shining forth from the horizon of grace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning this firm and mighty Cause.

BH02726: O Mihdi! God willing, through the grace…

In the name of the one, the compassionate God

O Mihdi! God willing, through the grace of the Cherisher of nations and the Lord of the world, thou shalt abide, sheltered and at rest, beneath the shadow of the Most Great Name, and shalt remain occupied with the remembrance of the one Beloved. The Beloved of the worlds declareth: The world hath possessed neither permanence nor fidelity, nor doth it now possess them. Though some have complained, and still complain, of its faithlessness and instability, yet in truth it hath ever been, and remaineth, beloved, inasmuch as Divine wisdom hath so required, and without His command and His will not a leaf of the leaves hath stirred, nor will it ever stir. Whatsoever hath come to pass is in conformity with wisdom, and all must needs be content therewith—nay rather, cherish hope in it. Yet in certain matters, when after the sweetness of reunion there cometh the bitterness of separation, and when after nearness and meeting the decree of remoteness is pronounced, it is for this reason that sighs of sorrow and grief are raised and the tears of the eyes are made to flow. Otherwise, the matter is even as some among the wise have borrowed from the words of Idris and have set down:

> "In all possibility there is nothing more wondrous than that which already is."

That which befell you hath in truth befallen all the people of Baha, for he was among those souls who, in the earliest days of this Revelation, attained unto the honor of turning unto it and was adorned with the

ornament of true recognition. We, verily, make mention of him at this moment as a grace from Us, and We are, in truth, the All-Knowing Remembrancer.

O Muhammad, son of Husayn! This Husayn remembereth thee—that Husayn by whose will the Most Exalted Pen was moved, and the kingdom of names was adorned—and He saith: Upon thee be My glory, My remembrance, My mercy, the remembrance of the Concourse on high, and the splendor of the inmates of My exalted Paradise. Thou art he who didst remain faithful to the covenant of God and to His testament, and who didst turn unto Him when every heedless soul turned away from Him and every clamorous crier rose up in protest against Him. Thou didst stand firm in the love of thy Lord when the trees of existence were seized by tempestuous winds, and thou didst utter the praise of thy Lord when He came invested with the banners of signs.

In this world thou wast one who spoke in His remembrance and attained unto His love, until thou didst ascend unto the Supreme Companion, unto that station the pens of the people of creation have faltered to describe. Thus doth God reward him that laboreth in His path with the fairest of rewards. He, verily, is the Lord of the world to come and of the world that now is, the Sovereign of the throne and of the dust beneath it. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02669: My God, my God! I testify to Thy manifestation…

He is God, exalted is He!

My God, my God! I testify to Thy manifestation and Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken before the creation of Thy heaven and earth, and to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose. O my Lord! Grant me complete detachment from all else save Thee, that I may wholly cling to the cord of Thy bounty and hold fast to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity.

My God, my God! I have witnessed the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness and have hastened toward them with my grievous sins and mighty transgressions. I have beheld the effulgences of the Sun of Thy wealth and have turned toward them in my poverty and need. O Lord of the Throne and of earth, Master of the Hereafter and of this world! O Lord of the world and Beloved of nations! Thou seest the ignorant one standing before the gate of Thy knowledge, and the destitute one before the kingdom of Thy riches.

I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, whereby the dead were raised and the Manifestations of Names and Attributes appeared, to make me one of those through whose mention Thy Most Exalted Pen was moved in the kingdom of creation, and through whom Thou didst aid Thy Cause and manifest Thy sovereignty, and through whom Thou didst raise the banner of “Verily Thou art God” and the standard of dominion for Thyself in Thy kingdom and Thy realm of might.

O Lord! I long to be detached from all else save Thee and attracted by Thy verses, in such wise that I move not except through the winds of Thy Will, nor speak except by that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy favor—strengthen them in such work as will promote Thy Cause and from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure will be diffused. O Lord! Adorn my deeds and aspirations with the light of Thy acceptance.

I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge my heedlessness and forgetfulness in Thy days. O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will set right my affairs, then enable me to make good what hath escaped me during the dawning of the lights of the Day-Star of Thy Revelation. O Lord! Look not upon my failings, but upon Thy bounty, and not upon the hosts of my disobedience, but upon the waves of the ocean of Thy pardon and forgiveness.

Blessed is the heart that hath melted in Thy love, and the liver that hath been consumed in its remoteness from the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness, and the eye whose tears have flowed at the sight of Thy tokens, and the breast whose sighs have risen in longing for Thy presence.

Alas! Alas! O my Lord and my Beloved! If Thy binding decree should prevent me from turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence and entering Thy prison and appearing before the throne of Thy manifestation. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou givest through Thy Will and takest through Thy Purpose. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH02801: In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon…

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance!

This is a Day wherein the Mother Book proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Ruler of all necks,” and the Mother of the Bayan declareth: “The dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of lords,” and the Mother of the Tablets calleth out, saying: “O people! By God, the Day hath come, and sovereignty and dominion, might and power belong unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return!” Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and found the fragrances of Revelation as they wafted from the Most Exalted Horizon in the prison of ʿAkka. Woe betide every heedless doubter! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and summoned all to this Horizon from which the lights have shone forth.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He verily aided thee until thou didst turn to the Horizon from which the parties have turned aside, save whom God did will, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower. Thou hast attained. Hearken unto the Call of God. All in the world were created for turning towards and serving humanity, yet all are deprived save a few. Reflect upon the confirmations of God, exalted be His glory, and His bounties. He guided thee through a hundred thousand outward and inward means to the Most Exalted Horizon and led thee aright. This is a great bounty—know thou its station and preserve it through the Name of God, exalted be His glory.

The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning and devotion to the Dayspring of verses and the Lord of names and attributes. In times of trials and tribulations We have been with thee. Nothing escapeth His knowledge and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over anything. Say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy mighty Announcement and Thy straight Path, and for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and for having sent down for me again and again that whereby my mention and my name shall endure in Thy Manifest Book.”

Repeatedly hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. This is a glad-tiding that no glad-tidings of the peoples can equal, nor the joy of the world. Give thanks and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee!"

Repeatedly hath the Afnan, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness, mentioned thee, and in those days too was the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet revealed and sent in thy name. Verily thy Lord loveth His loved ones and maketh mention of them in such wise that their names shall endure in His Book. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones and illumine them with the splendors of the lights of the Day-Star of utterance, the Goal of all the worlds.

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BH02752: His honor Ism should write this letter in his…

His honor Ism should write this letter in his own name in reply to Aqa ʿAli-Asghar, upon him be the Glory of God.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Mashhadi ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, it was read repeatedly and I forwarded it to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and mention was also made of you in His presence. Assuredly this mention is greater, more excellent and more beloved than all other mentions. Praise be to God, this matter was properly accomplished, and this servant did what he could in bringing forth mention of your honor in the Most Holy Presence where it was discussed.

As for the matter of funds for the house door, no such arrangement was made. In most cases the treasury has been found to be empty, nay rather in debt. Several years ago, after the Rasht incident, the sum of one hundred tumans was bestowed upon him and another person, each receiving fifty tumans according to the draft. This was a bounty that was bestowed. For the house door, no funds can ever be found that could be given for business. Expenditures in the Most Great Prison have reached a point where their enumeration is difficult. God willing, his honor Aqa ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, will act in whatever way leads to the manifestation of affection, love and fellowship.

This lowly one beseeches from the ocean of God's grace and mercy, exalted be His glory, that He may assist His loved ones to perform such deeds and actions as will cause the exaltation of the Cause and the upliftment of the Word of God. At one time this exalted word was revealed concerning one of the loved ones—magnificent is His utterance and glorious His proof:

> "O thou such-and-such! Should the entire world and all that is therein be given over to thee, and shouldst thou observe that by accepting it the glory of the Cause would be diminished by even an atom's weight, thou must forsake it."

In any case, the point is that at present there are no funds from God's treasury with the aforementioned gentleman, though this servant has one hundred tumans with him. It is hoped that affairs there will proceed with truthfulness, sincerity and uprightness, and that debts will be paid.

O my God, my God! Assist Thy loved ones in that which will raise their stations among the parties and their ranks in the lands. Verily Thou art the Owner of creation and the Commander in both beginning and return.

BH02821: O Thou whose remembrance is the companion…

He is the Comforter!

O Thou whose remembrance is the companion of the hearts of the yearning ones, whose name is beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones, whose praise is cherished by them that are nigh unto Thee, whose countenance is the goal of the mystics, whose call is healing to the breasts of them that have turned towards Thee, and whose tribulation is the ultimate desire of them that are detached! Glorified, glorified art Thou, O Thou in whose hand is the kingdom of the realm of the heavens and earth! O Thou through whose word from Thee the contingent beings were struck unconscious and their pillars scattered, and through another word were gathered together and each part was joined to another part! Glorified art Thou, O Thou who hast power over all who are in the heavens and earth, and art mighty over all who are in the dominion of Command and Creation!

None is like unto Thee in creation, nor any equal to Thee in invention. No soul hath known Thee, nor hath anyone attained unto Thee. By Thy might! Were one to soar in the atmosphere of Thy holy oneness—verily the mystic is he who draweth nigh through impotence and confesseth to sin, for if existence should make mention before the manifestations of the might of Thy Cause, it would indeed be a sin unequaled by any sin in the kingdoms of Thy creation and invention. Shatter ye the cup of fancy through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then take ye the chalice of prosperity through the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn.

Thus have We given life to the bodies of words through the sprinklings of the ocean of utterance of thy Lord, the Subjugator of the winds. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet and been attracted by the Kawthar of the All-Merciful, say: Thine be the praise, O Dawning-Place of praise, and Thine be the glory, O Thou in whose hand is the glory of the heavens and earth!

> "I am in love with both His love and His wrath indeed, And strange it is that I should love these opposites."

We have found from thee the fragrance of acceptance, wherefore We have sent down unto thee this Tablet, which nothing that hath been created in the earth can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They who have been awakened by the call of God, these are the people of Baha in a mighty Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and make up for what thou hast missed. Thus doth the Prisoner counsel thee from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Convey the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom—thus doth command thee He Who calleth all unto God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Reflect upon My days and what hath befallen Me in the path of God, thy Lord and

the Lord of the worlds. Arise to mention thy Lord with such steadfastness as cannot be prevented by the cawing of the impious nor the braying of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily the glory be upon the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark through the name of God, the Possessor of Names. They are indeed among the triumphant ones.

BH02734: What is submitted by this evanescent servant to your…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great

What is submitted by this evanescent servant to your exalted presence: Although I have not had the honor of serving you outwardly, yet inwardly the fragrance of your love moved me and the breath of your affection stirred me to arise to express my sincerity to your presence, even though my mention is not worthy of one who has been illumined by the lights of the Divine Realm and has turned to God, the Sovereign of the Realm of Might. We beseech God to make you a helper of His Cause and one who speaks His praise among His creation, and we beseech Him to assist you that there may appear from you that which will exalt God's Cause throughout creation and by which the horizons will be perfumed. Verily, He is the Protector of those who have been faithful to the Covenant and have turned to God on the Day of Meeting.

This evanescent servant submits that in these days the beloved N.Z., upon him be the Glory of God, attained the Most Holy Presence, and when he mentioned your praiseworthy qualities and lofty, pleasing characteristics, the warmth of love was manifested to such a degree that this servant was emboldened to submit this petition. I beseech and hope from the True One, exalted be His glory, that He will assist this evanescent servant to make mention of His loved ones in a manner befitting and worthy of them. Likewise I hope from God's generosity that He will cause your honor to succeed in matters that will be the cause of enduring, steadfast remembrances in the earth, for all that people today are occupied with and take pride in will pass away and become non-existent, while that which will endure and remain are those matters that appear today from steadfast, firm and resolute souls, and these matters will become the dawning-place of the world's remembrances and the source of creation's utterance.

For years mention of your honor had been heard, but no means appeared by which this servant could venture to write a petition. Praise be to God, this time through the mention of the aforementioned person, the means appeared, although it has caused trouble to your honor, therefore I hope for and continue to hope for forgiveness. I hope that, God willing, the musk-laden breezes from the paradise of your honor's love will ever pass over this servant and never be cut off. May the Glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God.

The servant of God

BH02809: O thou who circlest round the Throne! O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli!…

He is the Answerer!

O thou who circlest round the Throne! O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! O thou who hast emigrated in the path of God! The letter which the Afnan, upon him be My glory, had written unto thee was presented in its

entirety by this servant before the Throne, and from the heaven of the Divine Will there were revealed repeatedly, specifically for him, wondrous and sublime verses. Give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy. The letter which was sent from Iran was likewise presented before the Presence and its contents were heard in detail.

This is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned save Him. All names stand still in their own station. No one is permitted to utter a word except as ordained by God in the Most Holy Book which hath been sent down from the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. Whosoever speaketh the words of truth is assuredly beloved in the presence of the Throne, but those souls who are extinct in self and alive in God—they are the upright souls who are content and are a source of contentment. God willing, may all attain to this exalted and most exalted station.

This word is from the previous Manifestations. One of the holy ones said: "O Lord, how can I reach Thee?" He replied: "Cast away thyself, then come." Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance. The glory which proceedeth from the Glory be upon My Afnan, and upon thee, and upon those who have attained unto this mighty station.

At the end of the letter, We make mention of the one who wrote to the Afnan about events in those parts, that he may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon him and upon those who have believed in God in that place, as a token of grace from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

As to thy mention of the attention of the Name of God, Jamal, upon him be My most glorious glory: God willing, may he be blessed by divine grace and hold fast with perfect wisdom. We have mentioned him before and sent unto him that which cheereth the eyes of them that are endued with insight. We send Our greetings upon his countenance and upon those with him and upon those who hearken to his words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of this mighty Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed, feet have slipped, eyes have been startled, limbs have trembled, pillars have been shaken, and faces have been transformed, and every mighty structure hath been stirred save such as God, the Lord of this manifest Day, hath willed. Thus hath appeared from the atmosphere of My utterance the whistling of My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath turned, and drawn nigh, and heard, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!"

BH02876: ʿAyn, Lam. The dust of hypocrisy hath enshrouded…

He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful

ʿAyn, Lam. The dust of hypocrisy hath enshrouded the Luminary of the horizons, and the sorrows of the world have transformed joy itself. In these days, according to outward appearances, grievous tidings have arrived from every direction, for the embodiment of tyranny sitteth enthroned upon the seat of oppression while justice, poor and forlorn, hath withdrawn to a corner. Glory be to God! In the great city such a door of greed and avarice hath been opened that none but God can reckon its prevalence. Outwardly they appear submissive but inwardly—God forbid! Nevertheless, the grief of this Wronged One in these days is beyond description. Yet still do We recline upon the throne of power and sit upon

the cushions of glory. The might of the oppressors cannot weaken divine power, nor can the calumnies of the slanderers conceal the face of truth. Those possessed of hearing and sight exist in the world—they are the true assayers among the world's peoples. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

In these days certain news which outwardly causeth sorrow hath arrived, including the ascension of thy mother and her rise to the Supreme Companion. Today the ocean of mercy is surging and the sun of grace is shining bright and manifest. At the beginning of the Revelation this blessed word shone forth from the Mouth of the Divine Will: The relatives of those assured souls who accepted the Cause and who, in the early days, quaffed the water of immortality from the hand of bounty, are adorned with the blessed robes of forgiveness. We love to make mention of her at this time as a command from God, the All-Bountiful, the Generous:

> "O My leaf! O Mother of Ali! Rejoice that the Pen of God, the Most High, hath moved to make mention of thee in the prison of Akka, and by its movement the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy that hath preceded all creation wafted abroad. The light shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times His everlasting favors and eternal bounties, and to ordain for thee every day that which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Chosen One."

According to instructions, the original revelation was sent.

BH03974: That which has been inscribed by the Supreme Pen…

That which has been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the preamble of the Book of Divine Protection is this blessed and exalted Word: Know, O peoples of the earth, that the fear of God hath ever been the primary cause of tranquility, and the source of order and peace in creation. For this matter preserves the servants and adorns the world with continuing betterment. Had the nations abroad held fast to this, assuredly these affairs which have caused terror in the world and the perturbation of peoples' hearts would not have occurred or appeared.

In all things moderation is praiseworthy and beloved. Excessive civilization has been and continues to be a cause of destruction. As can now be observed in Europe, by their own admission, they commit murder in various ways with an oppression the like of which has never been heard, let alone witnessed. Ere long they shall be seized with great punishments, for the vitality of men's belief in God is dying out in every land, and this weakening has given strength to the ignorant and caused their audacity and presumption. Among the matters incumbent upon all today is adherence to that which instills the fear of God, for this is the cause of security and safety, and the source of comfort and mercy, as it preserves people from abhorrent deeds and unacceptable conduct. In this case, the fruits of the blessed words "Wherein thou seest no crookedness or inequality" will be witnessed.

In brief, two things are necessary and obligatory for man: First, religion, which preserves him from transgressions and sins—blessed is he who hath adorned his head with the crown of piety and his temple with the armor of the fear of God. Second are deeds, for through deeds and character man is distinguished from the animal….

Moderation is necessary in dealing with Sheikh Muhammad. Beseech God that they may maintain a single countenance. This is an exalted station. If you deem it advisable, you may read to him what hath been revealed specifically for him. Should it fall into his hands, it might cause certain matters to arise. In any case, I beseech God to confirm him. Verily, He is powerful over all things. However, that spiritual friend must in all circumstances hold fast to wisdom. We beseech God, our Lord and the Lord of the worlds, to assist you and protect you from the evil of the oppressors, and to aid you in guiding the servants. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

The dwelling-place of that honored person should, outwardly, remain unwritten and not be kept at hand. If there be any Tablet or other writings, a copy thereof should be taken; there is no harm in brevity, yet concealment, so far as possible, is preferable and more seemly.

The letters of the dearly cherished, Janab Aqa Shaykh Muhammad—upon him be the splendour of the Most Glorious—were received, and his reply will, God willing, be dispatched next week. Convey to him my greeting and salutation. Praise be to God, he hath ever been, and still is, remembered in the Most Holy Presence.

Another matter: the sacred Tablets are inaccessible. Three blessed Tablets, in the most holy hand of Hadrat Ghusn-i-Akbar—my spirit and my very being be offered up for the dust of His sanctified threshold—were bestowed, each one addressed to one of three named persons, upon whom be the Glory of God.

BH11618: This is a mention from the Wronged One…

In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all Names!

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when the Lord of Names appeared with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in earth and heaven, that the rapture of the wine of remembrance may so grip him that he may voice the praise of God amongst His servants. The horizon of bounty hath been illumined and earth and heaven have been made to shine, and yet most of the people remain in doubt and dissension. They have clung to their own desires and have opposed Him through Whom all things have proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the One, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.” The intoxication of the dregs of heedlessness hath seized them in such wise as to debar them from the divine fragrances when they were wafted throughout creation.

The Divine Lote-Tree calleth out at all times with the most exalted call, summoning all unto God, the Creator of heaven, yet the people have been prevented from hearkening by their following of idle fancies. We testify that they are among the dead. All things have been stirred by the fragrance of reunion save those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the End. God shall soon destroy their souls and what they possess through His conquering might. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling.

Did that which the Caesars possessed benefit them, or did that which the Pharaohs had amassed avail them? Leadership deluded them to such a degree that they occupied themselves with the world and its ornaments during their numbered days, and were heedless of that which was with their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Behold the people and their lack of awareness—they have chosen for themselves that which will soon perish and have cast behind their backs that which will endure as long as God, the Lord of all men, endureth. Thus have We sent down the verses from the heaven of grace and favor and dispatched them that thine eyes may be consoled thereby and that thou mayest thank thy Lord by night and by day.

Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and remind them of that which We have revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! My glance is directed towards you, My tongue maketh mention of you, and the hands of My loving-kindness give you to drink of the Kawthar of My favors at eventide and at dawn. We counsel you to show forth the utmost steadfastness in the Cause of your Lord, the Lord of Names, lest the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Religions, debar you. Then make mention on My behalf of thy children and those who are with thee, and give them the glad-tidings of this mercy which hath preceded all created things. Say: Hold fast unto the cord of remembrance and praise amidst the concourse of creation, that thereby may be attracted the hearts of those who have been heedless of God when He came with the Kingdom of verses. And upon thee be glory, and upon them, and upon those who have attained unto this Day which God hath made the Dayspring of all days.

BH11619: O Khalil! Convey My greetings to the people…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

O Khalil! Convey My greetings to the people of Faran on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Today all relationship is with God, glorified be His majesty, and none is mentioned except Him. Blessed are they who have attained unto the cord of true oneness and held fast thereunto. These are the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. We beseech God to aid all and grant them such confirmation that their names may not be withheld from their Creator, Lord and Quickener.

Some souls who imagined themselves seated upon the cushions of steadfastness were deprived of the Truth merely at the mention of a name from among names. Say: O people! All names have been and are created by a Word. What fruit did the adherence of the former people to names yield? Night and day they were occupied with the mention of names, heedless and debarred from the Truth. The consequence of those deeds was that on the Day of Resurrection they cursed the Lord of all beings and martyred Him. And now in mosques and from pulpits they utter that which causeth the eye of God to weep and the hearts of His trusted ones to burn.

Say: Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One and beseech God not to afflict His servants anew with the vain imaginings of the former people, and to grant them that which will exalt them and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The aforementioned person hath ever been before Our face, and thou mayest keep the mentioned tablet. Those tablets were revealed in those days, but the means for their dispatch were not available. Likewise, a blessed epistle was revealed in the name of Ruhani nearly three years ago from the heaven of the Divine Will, together with the names mentioned in his petition, and it hath not yet been sent. We beseech God to assist her and My handmaidens and My leaves, and those who have attained His presence, heard His call, and responded:

> "Here am I, O Thou Goal of all that are in the heavens and earth! Here am I, O God of the exalted Throne!"

The glory shining forth from the horizon of My kingdom be upon you, O My loved ones, My companions, My friends, My leaves and My handmaidens who have heard the call and have attained unto that which God hath willed in this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Wondrous, Most Luminous and Most Great Revelation.

BH02857: Praise, glorification, mention and splendor befit the sublime station…

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

Praise, glorification, mention and splendor befit the sublime station of the Most Exalted Pen, which at every moment has manifested the pearls of wisdom and utterance before the faces of the religions. His mention is the Lord of mentions and His word is the sovereign of utterance. The dominion of the world did not prevent Him, nor hold Him back from His purpose. Exalted be His penetrating Word and glorified His triumphant Will.

We were immersed in the ocean of knowledge when there came and appeared before Our face one of the Branches who was named Diya' in the Kingdom of proof, and in his hand was thy letter which thou hadst sent to him, and he read it before the face of the Wronged One. Then from it wafted the fragrance of devotion, steadfastness and acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee from the Pen of Destiny that which shall cause thee to be mentioned by His name amongst His servants and to be the dawning-place of steadfastness unto the people of His kingdom. Verily, He is the Ordainer of whatsoever He willeth through His Will, and the Manifester of whatsoever He desireth through His sovereignty and power.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! I do not complain of what hath befallen Me in My days, and I am content with My good-pleasure and what We have ordained for Myself in My path. Thou knowest, and God knoweth, that I was in the depths of tribulations through what the hands of the oppressors who We had raised up to champion My Cause and to stand before the gate of My grandeur had wrought. Thou seest Me outwardly seated upon the throne of utterance before the faces of the world, but wert thou to look with the inner eye thou wouldst see Me beneath the claws of hatred.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! By My life, I remain silent at a time when from My utterance hath flowed the ocean of wisdom and knowledge, and from My tongue the river of mercy and proof. The power of the world hath not weakened Me, nor hath the clamor of nations saddened Me, nor hath the oppression of the tyrannical among My servants frightened Me, nor the rebellion of My creatures. By My

might and majesty! I have concealed what hath befallen My Self—My inner being weepeth while My countenance smileth. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, and hath commanded all to patience and gracious concealment.

O Muhammad! We have heard thy call, thy communion, thy mentions and thy prayers. We have answered thee with verses and mentions that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the heavens and earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of the friends and bid them to the most great steadfastness. Praise be to God, they are gathered beneath the blessed Tree and are occupied with His remembrance.

BH02921: O Zayn, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness!…

In the Name of Him through Whom the gates of utterance have smiled!

O Zayn, upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! My Branch Diya' presented the letter that was sent before the face of the Wronged One, and it attained the honor of being heard. Blessed is he who sent and wrote it. The Tongue of Grace at the beginning of its utterance spoke these words:

> "O Zayn! We have taken the word Juzani' and put Ha'i' in its place."

This is the great glad-tidings and the supreme bounty. Give him My glad-tidings and remind him of My verses. We have indeed revealed for him a Tablet from whose horizon has shone the sun of God's mercy, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Their deeds have been accepted, praise be to God. They did not oppose anyone, and whatever befell them they bore with patience and left it to God. These are they who possess constancy in the Book of thy Lord, the Chosen One. Blessed are they who command in the land of love, and blessed are My friends therein. Whatever befell them, they did not protest and remained focused on the Luminary of God's Cause which has dawned from the horizon of the Mother Book.

O Zayn! They interceded for their enemies. Nevertheless, the wicked ones in Iran have not ceased their oppression. Their necks have been stretched forth in hypocrisy. We beseech God to aid them to conduct that is pleasing and acceptable. Glory be to God! They witness outwardly the love, kindness and tenderness of God's friends, yet they have not awakened nor intended to return. Verily God is the Forgiver, the Generous.

Surely by now the friends in the land of Nun and Jim have acted according to that which has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of consultation. However, in all cases they must pray and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to illumine His Majesty the Sultan with the light of justice and fairness, that he may judge among the servants with pure justice. In times when the fire of hatred is inflamed, they should send their petition to His Majesty the Sultan so that he may be informed of what has befallen them. It is not permissible to seek recourse to various governments. They should seek justice from the Sultan. Verily He heareth and answereth, and He is the Protector, the Helper, the Succourer.

That which the opposers now consider to be the cause of humiliation for God's friends is the very essence of glory. Soon this shall become manifest and shall be witnessed by the believers who have heard the call and said: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!"

BH02892: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

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

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath revealed unto him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the potency of My verses may draw him to My Kingdom and strengthen him to arise for My remembrance and praise in such wise that the winds of opposition shall fail to shake him and the doings of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, shall be powerless to deter him. How many a servant awaited the days of God, yet when the horizon of Revelation was illumined, he denied both the Witness and that whereunto He testified! Thou shouldst at all times render thanks unto God, for He hath aided thee and enabled thee to attain unto this praiseworthy station. Say:

O my God and the God of names and the Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the limbs of all things trembled, to make me steadfast in Thy love and looking toward Thy horizon and speaking forth Thy praise and holding fast unto the cord of Thy Cause. O Lord! I am he that is poor and hath knocked at the door of Thy riches. I implore Thee by Thy bounty and Thy grace not to deny me that which is with Thee. O Lord! Write down for me that whereby my remembrance shall endure in Thy Kingdom of Names, through the perpetuity of Thy most excellent names. Thou art indeed the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hearken with thy inner ear to the voice of the Wronged One. There hath befallen Him that which hath befallen no one else. Beseech the Lord, exalted be His glory, to preserve the lamp He hath lit from contrary winds. Every tribulation in the path of the Beloved is beloved and desired. I swear by the pearls of My divine knowledge, if thou wert to become aware of that which at every moment befalleth the Self of God from those who claim to love Him, thou wouldst surely arise in lamentation and weeping. My sorrow and grief I complain of only unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of all worlds. Thou must turn with the utmost joy and radiance toward the lands of God and give the glad-tidings of the True Friend unto His loved ones.

Praise be to God, thou hast turned unto Him and partaken of the Kawthar of His presence. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, that through His grace He may preserve this great deed and supreme benevolence. Great is the station and great the deed. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give thee to drink of that which shall gladden thy heart and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in every world of His worlds. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Giving, the Gracious.

BH03008: A Book sent down by the Wronged One…

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the Seer.

A Book sent down by the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison to him who has turned to the Supreme Horizon and drunk the choice wine of bounty from the hand of the favor of his Lord, the Munificent, the Generous.

We have mentioned thee time and again as a token of Our grace, for thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, but most of the people are heedless. At all times hath the Pen of the All-Merciful made mention of His loved ones, that all may drink from the ocean of joy and repose upon the couch of contentment. How blessed is the state of one who hath drunk from the Kawthar of revelation and stood up with utmost steadfastness in the Cause of God.

That which hath been and is recorded in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets concerning assistance—the purpose thereof is the mention and praise of God and the teaching of this mighty Cause through wisdom and utterance. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and gladden them with the remembrance of the Wronged One.

Today the Most Exalted Pen counseleth the people of Baha to preserve their stations. God willing, may they attain unto this most great gift and act in accordance with that which exalteth the Cause. The honored Nazir, upon him be My glory, is present and hath attained to pilgrimage on behalf of the friends. May God, exalted be His glory, aid them all to that which hath been and is the cause of enduring mention.

Were the station of but one of God's friends to be made manifest amongst mankind, all would be struck senseless by the radiance of its light, save whom God willeth. The diverse colors of the world have occupied its people and deprived them of the Supreme Horizon, yet he who possesseth sight is not withheld by worldly affairs from the Most Great Prospect. Verily He speaketh the truth and manifesteth to whomsoever He willeth His straight path.

Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God, the Lord of the worlds. He shall manifest unto thee that which He hath willed and ordained from His Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon him who mentioned thee in the Prison—he who is named Abu'l-Qasim in this noble station.

BH03016: Praise be to God that you have reached…

He is God, exalted is He!

Praise be to God that you have reached the shore of the ocean of reunion and attained that which is the ultimate goal in both beginning and end. Praise be to God that you left your homeland and turned your face toward God's path, and for the love of God bore the hardships of travel. And now, through His grace and favor, you have arrived near the City of Nearness and alighted in the vicinity of the Friend's Ka'bah, becoming intimate with the meeting of the true Friend—the true Friend whom God has chosen for His service and His Cause and His love and His remembrance among His servants, and named him with this name in the kingdom of His names. All this is from God's grace and mercy and God's generosity and care.

This servant, with a hundred thousand tongues, offers thanks to the true Beloved that your honor has, with permission, turned toward the prison land—and this is another and greater bounty in the sight of

the Most Great Horizon. Blessed are you, and all glory and blessedness be upon the sanctified presence of God's Most Truthful Name, upon him be the praise of God and the praise of all in the worlds.

Furthermore, it is submitted that news of your honor arrived by telegraph with a brief mention of tidings. Now a detailed account is submitted: Sometimes caravans come from Beirut to this land. Since the land route lacks security, therefore your honor should observe—if a reliable caravan is departing, travel in its company, otherwise wait and depart by sea vessel. Utmost care in this matter is certainly necessary, as it is absolutely not permitted to travel without a reliable caravan by this route.

Convey to the companions on my behalf an exalted greeting. Glad tidings to them, then glad tidings to them! By God, the reality of glad tidings takes pride in giving them glad tidings, but people are heedless of this most great bounty.

To the honored and revered master, his honor Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be all His most glorious Glory, I present pure devotion and the Most Holy, Most Exalted greeting. Likewise I send greetings to the other friends in that land. Glory be upon you and upon them and upon the people of Glory, in the beginning and the end.

The servant

BH03044: O Jafar! He Who is wronged makes mention…

O Jafar! He Who is wronged makes mention of thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and gives thee the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness…

We make mention in the Persian tongue that ye may become aware of the heedlessness of those who claim divine love. All the followers of the Quran acknowledge and confess that after the Manifestation, Husayn shall appear on earth and all the Prophets and Messengers shall gather beneath His blessed standard. Likewise shall the Qa'im return and join with the Prophets and Messengers beneath the standard. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and veiled save whom God willeth, and most veiled of all are the people of the Bayan. I swear by the Sun in the heaven of truth that all that was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books of the past and future hath been made manifest and evident, and the appointed times have come to pass.

Yet all are observed to lie dead in the graves of their desires. These utterances flow from the Pen out of consideration for the weakness of the servants; otherwise the commanding Word proclaimeth at all times: "The Self-Subsisting hath appeared after the Qa'im, and He it is by Whom the Bridge was erected and the Balance set up, and the Hour came, and the Resurrection arose, and the Trumpet was blown, and the Speaker of the Mount spoke, and the Inevitable came to pass, and the Striking Day struck, and the heaven was cleft asunder, and the earth was split, and the mountains were moved, and every pregnant one cast down her burden, and thou seest mankind as drunken, yet they are not drunken, but severe is God's chastisement."…

BH02959: Praise be to the Desired One Who, through…

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

Praise be to the Desired One Who, through a hidden drop in the Most Exalted Word, hath adorned the world with a new and wondrous life. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this life which is, in truth, manifest and visible in the garment of immortality. Prayer, praise, glorification and glory be upon the loved ones of God, whom neither the doubts of the divines nor the allusions of the ignorant could deter. They heard, they hastened, and they said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the Kingdom of Names, for having manifested and revealed Thy Cause resplendent and Thy momentous Message, and for having announced unto all what hath been ordained for them by God, the Lord of all worlds."

The honored Andalib, upon him be My glory, made mention of thee. We have remembered thee in this wondrous Tablet, and have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and have brought forth for thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the shells of the ocean of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

This is the Day of grace and bounty, the Day of assistance and service. Yet through the hosts of deeds and character have the sword and its implements, and war and its equipment, been erased from the Book. This most great bounty and supreme favor is specific to this Revelation. Those steadfast souls who have quaffed from the crimson cup the Kawthar of immortality must assist the Cause of God through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land, then share with them that which hath flowed from the treasuries of My Pen, that they may rejoice and be among the thankful. This Day hath no peer or likeness, and from the loved ones must appear that which befitteth this Most Great Day. Verily, We have remembered thee with that which nothing in all creation can equal, and We have accepted what thou didst send, as a bounty from Our presence and a favor from Our court. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glory be from Us upon thee and upon those whom neither the taunts of the enemies nor the power of princes could prevent from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

BH03166: In My Name, the Self-Subsisting, the Steadfast

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O Ali-Akbar! A strange world has appeared—that which should exist is absent, and that which should not exist is present. Truth is non-existent while falsehood and calumny are manifest. Each day the opposers of the Threshold attribute some theft and refer it to the poor, helpless inhabitants of Akka. Through tricks and schemes they seek to stain His sanctified hem, in order to erase the traces of truth and establish the

traces of falsehood. You saw what Akhtar wrote, and the story about the Qur'an has surely reached your ears. Glory be to God! The realms of justice and fairness are darkened and clouded.

Despite all this, and griefs the like of which have never appeared in the world, the Most Exalted Pen moves and the Tongue speaks. For the sake of protection and preservation, We sent some souls from this land to the Threshold with utmost love, as circumstances had appeared that would lead to corruption and bring about causes of murder. Therefore, out of mercy We did what you have heard. However, they joined the dawning-place of vain fancies, namely Shaykh Muhammad Yazdi, and he acted according to Yahya's fatwa in ways whose mention would cause you grief. Outwardly, one would not have thought such souls existed in the world of being. You should abandon their mention and remember God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

God willing, you will be assisted in all conditions to aid and teach God's Cause. A special Tablet of Visitation was revealed and sent for Bik, upon him be My glory and bounty, and likewise a Tablet was revealed and sent for one of his relatives. Some time ago, Aqa Siyyid Musa submitted a petition to the Most Holy Court. His answer was also revealed—deliver it to him.

God willing, may the people of the world drink from the Kawthar of nearness and be illumined by the light of justice. Night and day the Most Exalted Pen is occupied with wise counsels and loving exhortations. We beseech God to create attentive ears. Verily He is powerful over all things. Glory be upon you and upon My loved ones there, and upon My handmaidens and the leaves of My Tree who have believed in the Single One, the All-Informed.

BH03072: O Dhabih! The verses have been sent down…

He is the Expounder, the Caller in the midst of heaven

O Dhabih! The verses have been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's Will, the Lord of Names and Attributes. Thereupon the servant who was present came before the Throne and asked whether Dhabih had a portion. We said: Yea, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful!

The Face of the Wronged One turned from the direction of His Most Great Prison toward thee, and He remembereth thee with what flowed from the River of Life in thy name when the House of the Beloved was surrounded by the hosts of tyranny and wickedness. Reflect that thou mayest know what was hidden from men of understanding.

Remember when the All-Merciful revealed unto thee what was named the Tablet of Ra'is wherein He revealed what was hidden in His all-pervading knowledge. By the life of God! All that was revealed from My Most Exalted Pen hath come to pass. Read and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses! That which hath appeared and shall appear hath been revealed in the Tablets. This is attested by what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered when He was in the hands of the wicked ones.

O Dhabih! The Wronged One crieth out and lamenteth by reason of what hath befallen Him at the hands of them that denied God, the Lord of all men. Hearken unto what the idolaters say. Among them is he who saith He hath claimed Lordship. Say: Yea, by My life! This is He Who was promised in the Scriptures

and Tablets. If this be Baha's crime, what sayest thou of Him Who declared "Verily I am God from time immemorial"? Say: Read ye the verses of God that ye may understand the mysteries of this Cause which hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then read what We revealed unto thee aforetime and in this time wherein He Who is the Lord of the Day of Return is established upon the Throne. Convey My glory unto thy son who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and entered the White Spot, the place wherefrom was raised the Call "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Compelling." Blessed is he in that he hath turned, entered, attained the presence, heard and won that which was recorded in the Book. Then convey My glory unto thy family and My loved ones who have held fast unto the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Subduer of winds.

BH03082: How many trees are adorned with wondrous divine fruits…

He is God, the Helper

How many trees are adorned with wondrous divine fruits while we remain imprisoned beneath the earth, and how many flourishing gardens appear on earth while these existing eyes are forbidden from beholding them! How many birds sing upon the branches of trees while these ears are deprived of hearing them! Therefore, one must count these numbered days as precious and not remain heedless of the remembrance and praise of God. In all conditions, take refuge in God and be vigilant lest through satanic whisperings you remain deprived of the divine breezes.

Strive to manifest yourself among people with goodly character and praiseworthy deeds, that perhaps the breaths of holiness and detachment may waft from you, that perchance the hearts of the dead may attain eternal life through association and fellowship with you and become sustained by the Kawthar of submission and contentment.

Although the counsel of the wise benefits not the ignorant—as We have counseled in all Tablets that no one should oppose another—from the time of Our sojourn in Iraq until now We have forbidden people from carnal desires and from contention and warfare with others. Nevertheless, they committed that which was forbidden in all pages and Tablets, and the harm of the deeds of the ignorant has rebounded upon this imprisoned servant. And souls who have committed all manner of unseemly acts now display themselves in the garment of asceticism and attribute to this servant all that they have done. This is what was revealed in previous Books, that wolves would appear in sheep's clothing and busy themselves with deceiving people.

In any case, in all conditions fix your gaze upon the Truth and be detached from all else. Count His remembrance as precious and betray not the trust of His love to the treacherous and the thief, but preserve it with the utmost care. Give thanks at all times that separation has been changed to union, remoteness to nearness, and that you have attained the recognition of God in days when most are veiled.

And the Spirit be upon you.

BH03109: Glory be unto Thee, Thou O My God…

He is God, Exalted is He, the Lord of Loving-Kindness and Bounty

Glory be unto Thee, Thou O My God, the Lord Omnipotent. I testify to Thine omnipotence and Thy might, Thy sovereignty and Thy loving-kindness, Thy grace and Thy power, the oneness of Thy Being and the unity of Thine Essence, Thy sanctity and exaltation above the world of being and all that is therein.

O my God! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee, holding fast unto Thee and turning unto the Ocean of Thy Bounty, to the Heaven of Thy Favour, to the Day-Star of Thy Grace.

Lord! I bear witness that in Thy servant Thou hast reposed Thy Trust, and that is the Spirit wherewith Thou hast given life to the world.

I ask of Thee by the splendour of the Orb of Thy Revelation, mercifully to accept from him that which he hath achieved in Thy days. Grant then that he may be invested with the glory of Thy good-pleasure and adorned with Thy acceptance.

O my Lord! I myself and all created things bear witness unto Thy might and I pray Thee not to turn away from Thyself this spirit that hath ascended unto Thee, unto Thy Heavenly Place, Thine exalted Paradise and Thy Retreats of Nearness, O Thou Who art the Lord of all men!

Grant then O my God, that Thy servant may consort with Thy chosen ones, Thy saints and Thy Messengers in heavenly places that the pen cannot tell nor the tongue recount.

O my Lord, the poor one hath verily hastened unto the Kingdom of Thy Wealth, the stranger unto his home within Thy precincts, he that is sore athirst to the heavenly river of Thy Bounty. Deprive him not, O Lord, from his share of the banquet of Thy Grace and from the favour of Thy Bounty. Thou art in truth the Almighty, the Gracious, the All-Bountiful!

O my God, Thy Trust hath been returned unto Thee. It behoveth Thy Grace and Thy Bounty that have compassed Thy dominions on earth and in Heaven to vouchsafe unto Thy newly welcomed one Thy gifts and Thy bestowals, and the fruits of the Tree of Thy Grace! Powerful art Thou to do as Thou willest, there is none other God but Thee, the Gracious, the Most Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Pardoner, the Precious, the All-Knowing.

I testify O my Lord that Thou hast enjoined upon men to honour their guest, and he that hath ascended unto Thee hath verily reached Thee and attained Thy Presence. Deal with him then according to Thy Grace and Bounty! By Thy Glory, I know of a certainty that Thou wilt not deny Thyself from that which Thou hast commanded to Thy servants, nor wilt Thou deprive him that hath clung to the Cord of Thy Bounty and hath ascended to the Dayspring of Thy wealth.

There is none other God but Thee, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Omniscient, the Bountiful.

BH03065: Today the Speaker of Sinai is calling out…

He is the One Who has dominion over all names!

Today the Speaker of Sinai is calling out in the Kingdom of Utterance, summoning all to the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. Yet ears worthy of hearkening to this Most Exalted Word are rarer than red sulphur. Blessed is the soul whom neither the chains of blind imitation nor the power of those who would set limits has prevented from the Dayspring of Divine Unity or deprived of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. The waves of the ocean of manifestation surge before all faces, and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shine forth from every direction. Yet the desires of self and passion have become an obstacle, preventing eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon and ears from hearing the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to make all aware and not deprive them of the outpourings of His days. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Your letter was forwarded to the Most Holy Court by Afnan, upon him be My glory. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love and devotion wafted from it. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist you in that whose fragrance will never cease to endure throughout the dominion of His kingdom and His sovereignty, and to make you a standard of His name amongst His creation. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

The aforementioned youth attained Our presence and meeting—although for several years this Wronged One has not associated with any of the outside parties. We met with them repeatedly and signs of purity were evident from his countenance. We beseech God to assist him in that which will cause the eradication of corruption and establishment of the reformation of the world. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. The details will surely be mentioned by his honor Afnan. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to the friends in that land and illumine them with the splendors of the light of the Sun of remembrance. Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have turned with radiant hearts and shining faces to the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein all atoms proclaim:

> "The kingdom and the dominion, the grandeur and might belong to God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat!"

BH03106: May my spirit and my being be sacrificed…

He is the Most Manifest, the Most Glorious

May my spirit and my being be sacrificed for Thee! The blessed leaf adorned with the mention of the Beloved brought solace to this distraught heart and caused sorrows to crumble. Alexander first built from blocks of might and power an impregnable barrier so that the people of tyranny and rebellion would not transgress against the people of guidance and righteousness, and that barrier remained firm as mentioned in the Book of God. We beseech God to raise up an Alexander who will breach these barriers and fortresses and deliver the friends from imprisonment. However, they have said there are two prisons—one outward and one inward. Outward imprisonment, if without crime or transgression, is beloved; nay, that prison is the homeland of lovers and the dwelling place of those drawn nigh:

Wherever Thou art with me, I am content, Even if my abode be in the depths of a pit. Wherever our King spreads His carpet, Be it a wasteland or the eye of a needle.

The furnace, through mention of the Friend, is a true rose garden, while the rose garden, without the Friend, is truly a furnace:

With Thee the furnace is a rose garden, O Life-Giver, Without Thee the rose garden is a furnace, O Heart-Ravisher.

Every hardship in the path of the Beloved has been and will be sweet nectar. But the prison which in divine terminology truly merits this name is the prison of self and passion. We beseech God for power and strength that through His assistance we may emerge from this dark, crushing prison and enter the boundless expanse of justice and righteousness. The grief of that [physical] prison lasts but numbered days, while the afflictions of this prison are unnumbered and unlimited. We beseech God to open before your faces the gates of goodly things, for He is the Guardian of good deeds.

O my beloved, I have not been and am not heedless of your remembrance for a moment. All the friends, in all nights and days, are beseeching and hoping from God, glorified and exalted be He, that they may attain the presence of that soul-beloved. This is not difficult for God. The Spirit and Glory and Holiness and Splendor be upon you and your family.

BH11925: O thou who hast turned thy face toward…

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting; exalted be His glory, the Almighty.

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the shore of abiding life, and dost dwell beneath the shadow of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of Names!

That which had been adorned by the pen of affection and the ink of love and unity hath reached Us. From the blackness of its script there breathed the musk of fidelity, and from the blossoms of its meanings there wafted the fragrance of love and purity. I beseech God, the Lord of existence and the Possessor of the unseen and the seen, to guard thee within the shades of His protection, to vouchsafe unto thee the blessing of His grace, and to give thee to drink of the soft-flowing Salsabíl of nearness and reunion.

When I beheld thy message and perused thy letter, I repaired unto the court of nearness, and laid that which thou hadst uttered, with the tongue of lowly entreaty and supplication, before the face of thy Lord, the All-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. Then was the fragrance of bounty stirred, and the ocean of the grace of the Lord of all being surged; and there was sent down for thee a Tablet wherein the luminary of loving care shone forth from the horizon of favour and mercy.

I beseech my Lord, the All-Glorious, to ordain for thee the bounty of attaining its presence and of reciting it at morn and eventide. Blessed art thou, for thou hast attained unto this supreme favour, and hast been sustained by this celestial banquet and this greatest gift. It behoveth thee to render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, in the night-season and at the hour of dawn, and to arise, with the most great steadfastness amidst the realm of creation, in remembrance and praise.

By thy life! The grace of God hath encompassed the horizons, and the showers of His mercy have rained upon all regions. Blessed is he who hath striven to attain thereto and hath adorned his outer and inner being with the vesture of acceptance.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord, my Hope! Thou art He Who hast ever described Thyself as the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous; Thy effulgent grace hath encompassed the world. No likeness hath any unto Thee in Thy power and Thy might, nor any peer in Thy sovereignty and Thy majesty. Thou hast brought existence into being and hast made manifest all created things, and Thou hast adorned those who love Thee, in the realm of the unseen and the seen, with the robe of Thy grace and bounty.

Thou beholdest such as love Thee and turn unto Thee, expectant of the outpouring of Thy favour and the appearance of Thy gifts. Decree for such a one, through Thy encompassing care and Thy all-embracing mercy, that which shall rejoice his heart in Thy days, gladden his soul through Thy loving-kindness, and dilate his breast through Thy tenderness.

Then do Thou, O my Lord and my Desire, protect him, by Thy Greatest Name, beneath the shade of the Lote-Tree of Thy Cause that overshadoweth the world, and strengthen him in whatsoever shall exalt his name in Thy dominion and make his remembrance enduring in Thy Kingdom. Verily, Thou art the One Who is potent to do what He willeth. There is no God but Thee, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Mighty, the Munificent.

O thou beloved! Convey, on behalf of this Servant, wondrous cries of magnification unto the faces of those who have been adorned with the robe of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all creation, and give them the glad-tidings of the appearance of grace and bounty from the realm of the decree of the Lord of origination.

The spirit and the glory rest upon thee and upon thy household.

BH03265: The letter of your honor, which was adorned…

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

The letter of your honor, which was adorned with mention of the Beloved, reached this lowly servant, and the fragrant, amber-scented breezes from its words and utterances, written in remembrance of the King of Oneness, were inhaled. O joy to those breezes by which the paradise of the hearts of those near to God is concealed! And blessed is the tongue that has spoken the mention of the All-Merciful among all possibilities, and the heart from which has flowed the Salsabil of the love of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! I beseech Him, exalted be He, that through the waters of your remembrances of the King of Names, He may revive the trees of the hearts of His servants who have been heedless of the Most Great, Supreme Announcement and His Ancient and Most Great Remembrance, that He may make all the Divine Lote-Trees of knowledge among the contingent beings, and cause all to speak forth your call and testify that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Be it known that after observing the luminous letter, it was presented at the threshold of the Throne. The petition that had been submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence was presented in its entirety before the Face. A wondrous and sublime Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for your honor, and likewise all the names that you had written were presented before the Throne. Infinite favors have been shown to all, and specifically for each name a sublime Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and sent forth. God willing, may all attain to them and, through the

fragrances of the revealed verses—from a single breath of which the realities of Paradise are set in motion and stirred—arise with a wondrous spirit and sublime form to serve the Cause and manifest that which is befitting of this Day. And that is, first, to sanctify the self from all else save God, and then, to appear with praiseworthy characteristics, commendable attributes, and goodly remembrances among humanity, that through their breaths the horizons may be perfumed and through their lights all things may be illumined. By God! They are the people of Baha among all creatures.

Upon them be the glory of God and the glory of all the worlds. Verily, remembrance and praise and glorification and splendor be upon you and upon them and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God.

The servant of God

BH03231: Glory be to Him Who sendeth down the verses…

In the Name of the One through Whom surged the Ocean of Knowledge!

Glory be to Him Who sendeth down the verses as He willeth! He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon! Thy letter hath reached the Most Great Prison, and the servant who standeth before the Throne hath read it. We have answered thee with that whose fragrance hath wafted between the heavens and the earth. Moreover, We have mentioned thee in the Book which We sent unto him who hath turned unto God and who was named Samandar in the kingdom of creation. Verily, thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Munificent.

That which thou hast wrought in the path of God hath been presented before the Throne. He shall surely reward thee with the most excellent of rewards. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Great.

Be thou thankful unto God for having enabled thee to recognize Him and for having made thee one of those who have attained unto His wondrous Day. This is the Day of God. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by its light and who hath done that which beseemeth God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O Lord of the world and Creator of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me, in all conditions, a servant of Thy Cause, a helper of Thy Faith, one who remembereth Thy Name, one who uttereth that which Thou hast sent down through Thy sovereignty, and one who acteth according to that which hath been inscribed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Self, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for the near ones among Thy servants, and to decree for me that whereby my remembrance shall endure in Thy kingdom. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

From this spot We send Our greetings unto them that have believed in that place, that they may rejoice in the mention of this Wronged One and hold fast unto that which they have been commanded by God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

The Sun of Grace hath dawned, and God hath mentioned every name that was in thy letter through verses that have gladdened them that dwell in the kingdom of names and have stirred the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Thy son is mentioned in the Book. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Manifest, the All-Wise.

The glory rest upon thee, upon him, upon thy family, and upon them that believed when the Trump was sounded and all who are in the heavens and on earth swooned away, except such as thy Lord pleased, the All-Knowing.

BH03228: A mention from the Wronged One to him who…

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

A mention from the Wronged One to him who hath attained unto the lights of unity when the Manifestation of the Cause appeared from God, the Lord of the worlds. The horizon of utterance hath been illumined and the Most Exalted Pen hath moved by the command of thy Lord, the All-Informed. We had indeed held back the Pen for successive years lest the clamor be raised by those who cast the Truth behind their backs and followed what they were bidden by every heedless remote one. When the appointed time came, the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen was raised—verily He is the Generous Bestower.

Thou wert mentioned in the prison—this Book which speaketh "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise" beareth witness to that. Conceal the face of the Cause from every treacherous doubter. Hold fast in all conditions unto the cord of wisdom and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven, for having drawn me nigh unto Thee and caused me to know Thee and taught me and given me to drink the choice wine of revelation from the hands of bounty and made me one of those who have attained. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy days and the waves of the ocean of Thy grace that Thou make me in all conditions empowered to remember Thee and steadfast in Thy service. O my Lord! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen me in Thy path. My days have passed in prison because I turned unto Thee and believed in Thy signs. Do with me as beseemeth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

The glory from the Wronged One be upon thee and upon thy family and upon the children of him who attained unto the knowledge of God when those on earth turned away from Him save whom His all-compelling Will did choose among those in the heavens and the earth. Convey my greetings and give my salutations to each one who is with thee there. Say:

> "We have remembered you and do remember you—verily He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing."

And We counsel them with that which will manifest their station and glory and rank among the people, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them in what He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

BH03196: Verily, We make mention of him who hath desired…

Verily, We make mention of him who hath desired the countenance of God and hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of existence. This is the Day whereon mankind hath arisen before God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day whereof God informed and gave glad tidings unto His servants through His word:

> "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God."

Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. This is the Day whereon the mountains have been set in motion, yet most of the people understand not.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard that which thou didst call unto God, the Lord of the Frequented Fane. Thy yearning hath attained unto Our hearing, and We have revealed for thee that which no thing among all things, nor any treasure among all treasures, can equal. Hold fast unto the Most Great Name and cleave unto the hem of God, the Lord of the exalted Station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur did speak and summon all unto His praiseworthy habitation.

Among the people is he whom the attraction of the verses of thy Lord did so seize that he cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity. He came, heard, and responded, attaining unto that which was recorded in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in My preserved Tablet.

Thou didst seek forgiveness from the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful. We have purified thee, as a bounty from Us, with the water of loving-kindness and favors. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the Most Kind.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My words and attain unto the traces of My Pen, make mention of My days and what hath befallen Me from Mine enemies who cast the Command of God behind their backs, following every rejected scholar and every forsaken ignorant one. Those who, at mention of Us, arose and said what they said have pronounced judgment against Us, and when We manifested the Cause they turned away from Us and objected to Us with such tyranny as caused the denizens of the Kingdom to lament.

We counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted. This is what behooveth him who hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon in this Promised Day. Glory be unto the people of Glory who have held fast unto God's Covenant and Testament and acted according to what they were commanded in His inscribed Tablet. Praise be unto God, the Lord of Kings and Sovereign of the realm of might.

BH03259: In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon…

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the Kingdom.

This is a Book sent down by the King of Omnipotence unto him who hath turned to My horizon and heard My call and directed his heart unto the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth, before the creation of all beings: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!"

By God! There hath appeared that which had never appeared before, and the Speaker of Sinai, Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords, hath spoken. The story of the Fire hath returned in the Sinai of the righteous and calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven:

> "The Promise hath come, and the Lord of Names hath appeared with the hosts of revelation and the standards of signs!"

Can any among the divines vie with Me in the arena of utterance? Nay, by thy Lord, the All-Merciful! Say: Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies which are indeed idols, if ye be among the possessors of insight.

We have heard thy call aforetime and that wherewith thou didst call upon God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. We answer thee with this Tablet which God hath made a light unto the righteous and a fire unto the wicked. Thou didst attain unto My mention aforetime, and in this hour when the All-Merciful hath ascended the throne of utterance with power and sovereignty.

Say: O people of the Qur'an, know ye your station! Ye made mention of Me throughout ages and centuries, yet when the fingers of might rent asunder the veils and shrouds, ye pronounced judgment against Me with such tyranny as caused the pillars to tremble. Ye arose at My mention, yet when I manifested Myself unto you, ye arose with swords of hatred and committed that which caused the hearts of the people of the cities of justice and equity to be sorely troubled.

Say: O people of the Bayan, We behold you as We beheld them. Soon shall ye reap from the trees of your deeds the fruits which they reaped before. Take ye heed, O ye who are endued with insight!

We counsel thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast with utmost steadfastness in this Cause whereby the lights have shone forth. We have heard thy verse and prose in the love and praise of God. It behooveth thee to thank Him for having aided thee unto this bounty which the treasuries of the earth cannot equal. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this.

BH03247: In truth, after your departure the prison truly became…

He is God, exalted is He!

In truth, after your departure the prison truly became a prison. Some are occupied with lamentation and moaning, while others are consumed by the fire of separation. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to make you the cause and means of the reformation of the world. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The two letters addressed to this servant were seen. The affairs there are difficult, as most of the servants are inflamed with the fire of enmity and moved by base desires. The improvement of every matter has been and remains within God's mighty grasp. Verily, He has power over all things.

His honor Aqa Siyyid M is present before Us these days and says that hereafter the climate of that land becomes very bad. It would be good if you would proceed to Lahore or Kashmir or other places. You should certainly investigate yourself and go to whichever city you deem suitable. These matters are for your own benefit. They have also mentioned that there is one named Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Husayn there who is

very trustworthy and honest and is also knowledgeable in the preparation of food. If deemed advisable, they may refer their services to him. This too depends on your judgment.

Furthermore, we have given eighty English pounds and obtained a draft to be paid to you there. Please receive it. Convey Our greetings to the honored Nazir. God willing, may they be joyous and adorned with the ornament of health and occupied with the remembrance of God. They have written from Nayriz that their relatives do not intend to proceed in that direction, but rather intend to go to Yazd. We wrote to those parts that if they are willing, they should send them and provide whatever is needed for the journey expenses. We shall pay it back soon.

Do not be saddened by affairs. Whatever comes to pass is assuredly for the best, and right is with you, and universal outpourings are ordained for you. All send their greetings with utmost longing. Write daily that which will bring joy to all. The purpose of mentioning Rida is that no ill-feeling or conflict should arise or be created there. The command is in God's hand alone.

BH03224: In the name of Him through Whom was hoisted…

In the name of Him through Whom was hoisted the banner of divine knowledge upon the most exalted station in the realm of possibility.

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, that the remembrance may draw him to a station wherein neither the happenings of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall deter him, wherein he shall arise before all faces and give to drink unto all beings, through My Name the Self-Subsisting, My choice-sealed wine, that perchance they that slumber may arise from the couch of heedlessness and turn towards the lights of the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Mustafa! Upon thee be the Most Glorious Glory of God. The Most Great Branch hath made mention of thee in this Most Holy, Most Luminous Station. We make mention of thee through that which God hath made as the Kawthar of Life for the followers of all religions. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless. This is a Day wherein the fragrance of revelation and inspiration hath been wafted amongst mankind, and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom and Dominion belong unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

Arise in My Name to serve My Cause, and remind the servants of this Momentous News wherewith the Books of God, both past and future, have given glad-tidings. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of that which he was bidden in this perspicuous Tablet. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison, then aid Him through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He will verily assist thee and exalt thee through His firm and mighty Command.

Say: He hath appeared with truth with such steadfastness as the might of the servants could not frighten Him, nor could the clamor of the heedless deter Him. Say: O peoples of the earth! Judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared with truth, and be not of the oppressors. This is a Day wherein the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath been raised. They who have heard it, these are the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, the mention of which God hath revealed in the

Book of Names. He is verily the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Command.

Thus hath the Tongue of Ancient Days spoken, when He was in the Most Great Prison, as a mercy from His presence upon thee. He verily desireth whomsoever hath desired Him, and loveth whomsoever hath loved Him. To this doth the Mother Book bear witness in this glorious and exalted Station. The Glory shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces unto God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH03253: Your letter hath come before Us and the Wronged…

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

Your letter hath come before Us and the Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee through the tongue of His loving-kindness in the kingdom of His utterance, wherefore the fragrance of faithfulness hath been wafted between earth and heaven. Thou art he who hath turned unto the Countenance and traversed the path until thou didst enter the Valley of the Noble One, which God hath made the seat of His glorious Throne. Thou didst attain the presence and didst hear what My tongue did speak. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We have remembered thee in Tablets that shall testify on thy behalf in all the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou art he who crossed land and sea in thy longing to attain My presence, until thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hands of thy Lord's bounty, the Merciful. We beseech God to make thee known through His Name, speaking His praise, gazing toward His horizon, soaring in the atmosphere of His nearness, and holding fast to His mighty cord. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the hearts of those near unto Thee among Thy servants have melted, and at Whose remoteness the tears of the sincere ones among Thy creatures have fallen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst cause the mountains to be scattered in dust and the earth to become a level plain, and by the Most Great Word whereby Thou didst subdue all who are in earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions strengthened through Thy loving-kindness, speaking Thy praise, and standing firm in service to Thy Cause. O my Lord! This is a day wherein Thou hast opened the doors of Thy grace and mercy, and the rains of Thy utterance have showered from the clouds of Thy generosity upon Thy creatures. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee, then grant me from the ocean of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy majesty. Then make me steadfast, O my God, in the service of Thy Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Almighty.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Know thou with certain knowledge and manifest truth that even should all who are on earth flee and turn away from thee, the Prisoner will not flee from thee and will be with thee under all conditions. Verily He is possessed of great faithfulness. He will not leave thee; He will remember thee as He remembered thee before, and will shelter thee as He sheltered thee beneath the shadow of His mercy. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of all who have knowledge and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH03207: To be typed

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BH03236: Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who by the movement…

He is the Ever-Relenting, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who by the movement of the finger of Thy will didst rend asunder the veils, and through the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation didst illumine all lands! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Luminary of love shone forth and the throne of Thy utterance was established amongst Thy servants, to ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy loved ones the good of this world and the world to come. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O my Lord! Thou knowest and seest how one of Thy handmaidens hath entered the Most Great Prison, hath heard Thy most sweet call, and hath responded among the maidservants as though she had drunk of the Kawthar of recognition from […] of Thy bounty, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and the Creator of heaven! […] beneath the shadow of Thy loving-kindness and within the precincts of Thy mercy until the decree of Thy destiny came upon her and caused her to ascend unto the Supreme Companion through Thy might and power. I beseech Thee, O God of the kingdom of earth and heaven, by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, the Manifestations of Thy inspiration, and the Recipients of Thy knowledge, to adorn her with the robe of forgiveness and to send down upon her from the ocean of Thy mercy that which will draw her nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds.

I beseech Thee, O my God, my Master, my Lord and my Hope, by the ocean of Thy forgiveness, the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty, to send down upon her at every moment a mercy from Thee, that supreme joy may take hold of her after grief had seized her in the realm of possibilities. Thou art He to Whose bounty, loving-kindness, grace and benevolence all atoms bear witness. I testify that she hath repaired to her station which Thou hadst ordained for her through Thy command, detached from all else save Thee and turning unto Thee. Deal with her, then, as befitteth the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty. And I bear witness, O my God, that her brother came before her unto Thee, holding fast to Thy cord, clinging to the hem of Thy robe, and awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy. Send down, then, upon him at this moment that which will gladden his heart and solace his eyes. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can sadden. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Strong, the Mighty, the Munificent, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH03398: This is a Book from the Wronged One…

He is the Almighty, the Most Great!

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who hath attained the lights of nearness and heard the Call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. O Muhammad-Quli, hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it will guide thee and protect thee from the evil of those who have denied God’s proof and

His evidence, and turned away from His straight path. They are servants who have taken falsehood as their helper.

That which thou didst send before hath arrived, and in these days with one of My loved ones, upon whom be My glory and My loving-kindness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to illumine His loved ones with the light of the Most Great Steadfastness and adorn them with the ornament of justice. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Generous. Remember on My behalf My loved ones who have not broken My Covenant and Testament, and who have arisen to serve the Cause out of love for God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

If thou shouldst see ʿAyn and Ta, convey to him My greetings and say: Beware lest thou enter the dwelling-place of the ungodly who are consumed with the fire of hatred and have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Let him regard the deniers as a mere handful of clay. Say: Fear not the turning away of people and their gatherings, and say not that which beseemeth thee not before thy Lord. The knowledge of all things is preserved in a clear Book. Thus hath the Tongue of Utterance spoken from this sublime station.

His honor Ismi Mihdi—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—sent thy letter to the Most Holy Court. After its perusal, this Book from the Mother Book was revealed that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make His loved ones there among those whom neither the doubts of men nor the allusions of those who have denied this supreme grace have caused to slip.

BH03407: O Abu'l-Qasim, hear with thy inner ear the call…

In His Name through Whom the Sun of Divine Unity has shone forth!

O Abu'l-Qasim, hear with thy inner ear the call of the Wronged One.

In these days certain vain imaginings have arisen. Beseech God to protect His people. The former people would each day, with the hands of idle fancy, fashion an idol of their imagination and call it the Fourth Pillar or other names. Glory be to God! One is astounded at the words and deeds of that people. Each day they would claim some new understanding and knowledge, until finally their knowledge culminated in this: One day, before attaining maturity, this Wronged One entered a gathering where two individuals wearing enormous turbans were, from behind a curtain, describing to one of the ladies their own spiritual knowledge and stations, until one of them stated that we must determine whether Gabriel is higher or Qanbar, whether Abbas is higher or Salman. This Wronged One was bewildered. After a few minutes it was mentioned:

> "O Mulla, if Gabriel is the one referred to in The Faithful Spirit descended with it upon thy heart', then Master Qanbar was not even present there."

In those days this Wronged One lamented the wrongs done to the Seal of the Prophets. I truthfully say that such wrong was done to Him by the former people that the Tablet wept and the Pen cried out—a crying that caused the Concourse on High to weep and the companions of the Most Exalted Paradise to cry out. We beseech God to protect this people from such idle fancies and vain imaginings and to keep them steadfast on the straight path. Verily He is the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Today the Mother Book has turned toward thee from the prison precincts. Blessed is he who hath remembered thee and sent thy name to a place named after this heaven. We have remembered thee and answered thee with verses that all the books of the world and what the nations possess cannot equal. He Who hath spoken before all faces beareth witness to this. The Kingdom and the Dominion belong to God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03420: O Badi'! We exhort thee to patience, to composure…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Badi'! We exhort thee to patience, to composure, and to that trustworthiness which hath been the trust of God committed unto His creatures. Blessed are they who raise aloft its banners and who guard its station.

O ʿAli, son of Muhammad!

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity.

Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbor, and look upon him with a bright and friendly face.

Be a treasure to the poor, an admonisher to the rich, an answerer of the cry of the needy, a preserver of the sanctity of thy pledge. Be fair in thy judgment, and guarded in thy speech.

Be unjust to no man, and show all meekness to all men. Be as a lamp unto them that walk in darkness, a joy to the sorrowful, a sea for the thirsty, a haven for the distressed, an upholder and defender of the victim of oppression. Let integrity and uprightness distinguish all thine acts.

Be a home for the stranger, a balm to the suffering, a tower of strength for the fugitive.

Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring.

Be an ornament to the countenance of truth, a crown to the brow of fidelity, a pillar of the temple of righteousness, a breath of life to the body of mankind, an ensign of the hosts of justice, a luminary above the horizon of virtue, a dew to the soil of the human heart, an ark on the ocean of knowledge, a sun in the heaven of bounty, a gem on the diadem of wisdom, a shining light in the firmament of thy generation, a fruit upon the tree of humility.

BH03313: Praise be to God Who hath adorned the preamble…

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

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the preamble of the Book of Existence with the mention of the Beloved, through Whom appeared the First Embroidery and whatsoever the peoples need, through Whom the countenance of the world smiled and the breeze of the All-Merciful wafted among the nations, through Whom the decree of unity was manifested and the command of oneness was established, through Whom was raised the banner of the Seal above all standards and the flag of the Beginning among all peoples. Verily, He is the Manifestation of the Most Great Sign which God, the Lord of Names, hath sent down: He is the First and the Last, and the Manifest and the Hidden. Exalted be this most sublime station unto which no birds of the hearts of those in the kingdom of creation can soar. And peace and blessings be upon Him and upon His family and companions through whom God's Cause was made manifest and the Dove of the Command cooed upon the branches. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Muhammad! Thou art he who hath turned toward and attained the presence of the Wronged One and heard what hath befallen Him in the love of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We counsel thee with wisdom and utterance and with that which will manifest the station of man among the peoples of all religions. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to ordain for thee what shall profit thee in the hereafter and in this world. Verily, He is the Lord of mankind.

God willing, may all attain through divine grace and act according to what is in the Book. O Muhammad! Thou wert present and didst hear from the Wronged One that which is in truth the cause of the exaltation of God's religion and His Faith. Say: O servants! Hold fast unto goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. I swear by the pearls of the sea of divine knowledge that the hosts of virtuous character are mightier than earthly hosts. Had the people of the lands held fast unto these, the religion of God would never have been observed to be weak. We beseech Him to assist all in that which is the cause of the glory and elevation of His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things and ready to answer.

BH03312: Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through…

In the Name of Him Who is Sovereign over all names

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through His Most Great Name unto the world, whereupon all things proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom and the Dominion, the Majesty and the Power belong unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of the heavens!"

Blessed is he who hath heard and is endowed with hearing, and blessed is he who hath witnessed and is possessed of sight, for he is indeed among the companions of the Crimson Ark which God hath mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have heard thy call and have witnessed what hath befallen thee at the hands of those who have denied God and His signs, rejected His proof and disputed His evidence. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name, to aid thee through His sovereignty, and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of His bounty—whosoever drinketh thereof hath attained unto all good from God, the Lord of the Last and the First. Grieve not over that which hath been ordained by the Pen of Destiny. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Bountiful. He will assuredly help thee and open before thy face the door of His bounty and draw thee nigh unto Him. He, verily, is established upon the throne of wisdom and utterance.

Thou hast been mentioned by one of my Afnan who hath attained My presence and drunk the choice wine of understanding from the cup of My utterance. We make mention of thee in this Tablet whose fragrance shall endure as long as God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Master of this Day whereof the Books of God, the Lord of lords, gave glad-tidings, shall endure. When thou receivest My letter, say:

> "My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great and Most Glorious Name to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones in Thy lands and Thy chosen ones in Thy dominions. Thou art He through Whose sovereignty all created things have testified, and through Whose power all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful."

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have not broken My Covenant nor denied My proof, who have stood before all faces declaring:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Kingdom and the Dominion. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Bountiful."

BH03316: My God, my God! Nearness to Thee is my…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over all names

My God, my God! Nearness to Thee is my hope, Thy forgiveness my aim, Thy good pleasure my desire, and Thy pardon the ultimate object of my aspiration. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, by the manifestations of Thy power, by the revelations of Thine omnipotence, and by the Word through which Thou didst raise up the standard of Thy oneness amongst Thy servants and unfurl the banner of Thy remembrance throughout Thy lands, to assist this servant to act in accordance with what Thou hast commanded in Thy Book.

O my Lord! Thou seest me enkindled with the fire of separation from Thy loved ones. By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world and He Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name! I desire none other than Thee and love none but Thee. I implore Thee not to leave me to myself. Aid me, under all conditions, to remember and praise Thee.

O my Lord! Thou beholdest the thirsty one advancing toward the ocean of Thy grace, the poor one awaiting Thy bounty and benevolence, and the sick one yearning for the fountain of Thy healing. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Messengers, and by Him through Whom the breezes of Thy Revelation were cut off, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below.

Then cause me, O my God, to be among those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon. Thou seest me, O my God, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity and favors. Thou seest my tears and hearest the sighs of my heart. Through Thy grace and favor, ordain for me that which will calm my agitation. Strengthen, O my God, mine eyes to behold the countenances of Thy chosen ones and loved ones, and illumine the vision of my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. Thou art He Who hath, by Thy power, borne witness to all created things, and by Thy grandeur to all existence. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Bless, O God, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations, through the dawning-places of Thy knowledge, the daysprings of Thy power, the manifestations of Thy Self, and the source of Thy recognition. I beseech Thee by them to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, remind them of Thy verses, and aid them in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art God. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH03349: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Utterance

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made manifest that which was recorded in the Books of old. He is, verily, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! That which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an hath appeared, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of grace did rescue. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: O concourse of divines! Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow that which ye have been commanded in a mighty Tablet. Reflect upon the former ages and upon the deeds of those who turned away from the Truth and disputed His signs, until they pronounced judgment against the Prophets and Messengers. They cast the command of God behind their backs and seized upon that which they were forbidden in His perspicuous Book.

Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned toward the Supreme Horizon. He is indeed of the people of this noble station. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Behold and call to mind what befell God's chosen ones and His messengers on earth, and be possessed of gracious patience. The Wronged One consoleth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, and remembereth thee with that which shall endure as long as the names endure. Thy Lord is, verily, the True One, the All-Informed.

Beware lest anything prevent thee from God. Hold fast unto His mighty cord. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet, turn thy face toward the House and say:

O Lord of nations and Manifest One through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word, which Thou hast made the conclusive utterance in the kingdom of creation, to render me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thy horizon, who standeth firm, who speaketh in Thy remembrance and in service to Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Then write down for me, O my God, through Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which shall profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Then provide me with one who shall remember Thee in my days, who shall succeed me and inherit my turning unto Thee, my recognition of Thee, and my remembrance of Thee. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03367: Tablet of Visitation for ʼAbdu's-Salih, Gardener in the Service of Baha'u'llah

He is the Compassionate, the Generous

Blessed be he that entereth the Ridvan Garden, extolling the name of God, his Lord, the Most Compassionate.

O ye the followers of this Wronged One! Upon arriving at the precincts of this garden, stand ye at its gate, say:

May the perfumed breezes wafting from they flowers and blossoms blow over thee, O ʿAbdu's-Salih, O thou effulgent light! I bear witness that the evidences of they handiwork in this garden are a testimony to thy living presence and to the services that thou hast rendered to thy Lord, the God of mercy. I testify that thou art alive in the Most Exalted Horizon and that thy name hath been recorded in the Crimson Scroll.

Sufficient unto thee, O Salih, be these tidings, uttered by this Wronged One in the prison-town of ʿAkka! I testify—and with Me the concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise, and the inmates of the All-Highest Heaven do likewise testify—that thou didst, verily, attain unto the Days of God, didst ascend to heaven in His days, and didst consecrate thine own days to the service of His Days. Alas, the very trees are sighing in their separation from thee, the flowers are mourning in their bereavement, and the twin streams are weeping in their desolation—yea, their sorrows have afflicted all the gardens of the earth. All joy and blissfulness be thine, O Salih, for the Lord did bless thee in thy life and in thy death; and thou wast mentioned by the Pen of Glory in the Most Exalted Paradise on the day thou didst repair to God, the Lord of men—a day whereon the dwellers of the realms above inhaled from thee the heavenly fragrance of thy garden.

Radiant glory and effulgent splendour be upon all who seek out thy resting-place, who visit thee, and call thee to remembrance for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds; and upon thee, upon thy beginning and thy end, upon thy outer and thy inner being, rest His light and mercy, his grace, his loving favours, his providence and blessings.

He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Blessed art thou, O Salih, in that this day thou hast chosen for thyself, within the precincts of the mercy of thy Lord, an exalted station and a manifest remembrance. Magnify thine own soul on My behalf, and then beseech God that He may bestow upon Us that wherewith He hath endowed thee, and deliver Us from this world, from its rigors, and from its afflictive torments. Blessed is he who remembereth thy days and seeketh, through thee, to draw nigh unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on the earth. O Salih! Forget not thy loved ones in thy praiseworthy station, thine exalted, blessed, and manifest abode.

BH03517: We have sent down the verses and manifested…

He is the All-Possessing, the Most High!

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of the people hear not. They have cast away that for which they were created and have taken up that which was forbidden unto them in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. O Buzurg! Be thou ready to hearken unto My most sweet call in this most exalted station which God hath adorned with His mighty throne.

O Land of the Prison! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath made thee the dawning-place of the angels and the Spirit, and the dayspring of His signs and the rising-place of His clear proofs. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Grieve not over thy burdens. Recount unto thy Lord whatsoever hath appeared in thee. Thy cause is not hidden from God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired through His power and sovereignty. He, verily, is the Strong, the Almighty, the Powerful. The happenings in the lands and the deeds of the servants prevent Him not from that which He desireth. He speaketh before all faces that which guideth them that have gone astray unto His straight path.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest my poverty and need, my powerlessness and weakness. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy riches and the hosts of the land of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy supreme sovereignty and the outpourings of Thy mighty grandeur to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thee and unto Thy loved ones who have arisen to help Thy Cause and who desire the salvation of Thy creation. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My God, my God! Thou seest how the thirsty one hath hastened to the Euphrates of Thy mercy, and the poor one to the ocean of Thy bounty, and the abased one to the heaven of Thy glory. I beseech Thee by the Point through which the books of the world were distinguished, and by Thy Name whereby Thou didst illumine the faces of the nations, to bring forth for me from the hand of Thy power the pearls of the depths of Thy knowledge. Thou seest me, O my God, standing before Thee to serve Thy loved ones, speaking Thy praise, and holding fast to Thy firm cord and to Thy Most Great Name. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH03570: O Haji Aqa, upon thee be the Glory…

In the Name of the Manifest, the Luminous, the Speaking, the Evident One!

O Haji Aqa, upon thee be the Glory of God! Night and day, the people of Baha beseech God that He may not afflict His servants with vain imaginings like unto the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih sect. They considered themselves the most just of all people, yet they committed manifest injustice in their killings, such that the people of the cities of justice and fairness remain bewildered. We hope from God that the people of God will arise with utmost effort to protect His servants, lest another party appear like unto that party and again bring forth that which causeth the fire of hatred and animosity to be kindled.

Thy name hath come before the Wronged One, Who maketh mention of thee in this perspicuous Book. Today is the day of teaching. Each one of the loved ones must turn to this Most Great Cause and with wisdom, utterance, spirit and fragrance guide the heedless to the horizon of awareness. Thus doth the Dove of Utterance warble upon the highest branch of possibility, by the command of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

And this is what was revealed for his honor ʿAziz, upon him be the Glory of God:

In His Name, through Whom was broken the seal of the Choice Wine!

O ʿAziz! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this spot wherefrom the Call hath been raised, as a token of grace from God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath seen, and woe unto the heedless! Say: He Who was hidden from all eyes hath come, and He through Whom the fragrance of God, the Lord of this exalted station, was diffused, hath appeared. The Promised One hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. Should anyone ask thee about the Glory, say: Verily it is under the claws of hatred, as attesteth My perspicuous Book. The winds of oppression have encompassed the Lamp of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to arise to serve Thee and assist them to be steadfast in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Powerful One, to Whose grace the beings bear witness and to Whose grandeur all created things testify. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Ancient of Days.

BH03567: O thou who soarest with the wings of certitude…

He is God, exalted be His station, to Whom belong greatness and grandeur!

O thou who soarest with the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of inner meanings and utterance, and who art adorned with the ornament of wisdom and exposition! Thy letter, which was embellished with the mention of the Hidden Name and the Treasured Symbol, hath come before the Wronged One. We have heard what the dove of remembrance cooed upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of thy heart, and We found thee swimming in the ocean of divine decree, which is a mystery of God's mysteries, a protection from His protection, and sealed with His seal. We beseech God, exalted be He, to show you the Sun that shineth from its depths—verily it is the mystery, and the mystery of the mystery, and the mystery enshrouded in mystery.

Through it are all suppositions and imaginings effaced, and through it hath the sun of certitude shone forth from the horizon of the will of the All-Merciful. Through it the ocean surgeth, the divine fragrance is diffused, and the breeze of God wafteth over all things. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it, detached

from all else. At times thou seest it in the form of fire and its flame, and at other times as the Water of Life for all contingent beings and the Most Great Medicine for the healing of the world. By thy life! Whoso hath found its fragrance will never be heedless of it, even should all on earth assail him with sharpened swords and piercing blades.

He beholdeth all his acts and remembrances as a single remembrance, and his state in the service of God's Cause as eternal. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant us success in recognizing this most exalted Station and most luminous Spot, and to aid us in effacing the imaginary and manifesting the known. Verily, He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Furthermore, it hath been proven with clear proof that thy mention of this Prisoner, Who hath become forsaken by the world, was solely for the sake of God. We beseech Him to reward thee with the best of rewards and to confirm thee in that which will cause thy remembrance to endure through the eternity of His most excellent names and most exalted attributes. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03582: O Muhammad Taqi! God shall increase thy recompense…

He is the Speaker upon the throne of the world!

O Muhammad Taqi! God shall increase thy recompense on account of thy son who hath ascended unto Him. My son, Mihdi, in like manner, took his leave of this world soon after Our arrival in this prison.

O Muhammad Taqi! The world is sorely agitated and enshrouded with dust. Its ordeals have taken precedence over its peace, its wrath hath surpassed its grace, and its afflictions have exceeded its delight. It is the object of desire of the heedless, while the discerning despise it. Peace and security are found therein as rarely as the philosophers' Stone, whilst its calamities continue to mount beyond enumeration. Man is compelled to behold in this world what he wisheth not to see, and he is obliged to associate closely with those whose presence he abhoreth. Had this world any significance, thou wouldst behold Me established upon its thrones, and had it any value, its Creator and Sovereign would not have turned away therefrom. Leave it to its people that its sadness may not overcome thee or its vanities please thee. Its glory is abasement, its riches are poverty, and its constancy is ephemeral. Where is the splendor of Parviz and his golden hoard, where is the leisure of the powerful and their tall mansions, where is the wealth of the tyrants and their serried hosts? Wert thou to see the palace of Khosrow today, thou wouldst find it barren save for the reverberations of the echo and the spider's web.

Profit by their example, O thou endued with understanding, and grieve not over that which hath befallen thee. Thus do We comfort and console thee and admonish thee to be patient and long-suffering. Verily, thy Lord is the Ordainer, the Unconstrained. We do not mean by "the world" anything more than its people, for as it is in itself, it is the ground which supporteth My steps, the pasture for My flock, the panorama of My chosen ones, the dawning-place of the evidences of My power, and the manifestation of My most excellent names and exalted attributes. Verily, thy Lord is the Expounder, the All-Knowing.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, rest upon him who hath ascended unto the realm on high and entered beneath the shelter of the providence

of his Lord, the Master of this world and the next, the King of the Throne above and the earth below, and upon those who have not allowed the affairs of this world to alarm them in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03518: The servant in attendance has appeared and presented what…

He is God, exalted be His glory!

The servant in attendance has appeared and presented what you sent to him. We heard it with an ear that has no likeness in the world and saw it with an eye that brings comfort to all eyes. That which you hoped for from the bounty and favor of the Desired One of the world—God willing, you will attain it and have attained it. O Mihdi! Consider the unburdened heart as an ocean, and the heart that is clouded by the dust of the world as the eye of a needle. Praise be to God that in your early days you attained the recognition of Truth and attained His presence, and drank the Kawthar of inner meanings in Iraq and in the Land of Mystery and the Most Great Prison, and freely partook of this greatest feast. By the life of God! If its value were known, all the treasures of the world and what the nations possess would not equal it. And from the Supreme Pen was recorded concerning you that which today you are veiled from knowing. It shall be revealed in truth—verily I am the Unveiler, the All-Manifest, the All-Knowing.

As regards Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the glory of God—in these days word has come that his presence would not accord with wisdom. This is one reason, and another reason is that if We were to summon him We would need to summon all the companions of that land, and in these days this would not accord with wisdom. God willing, We shall summon him later. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken—inform him that he may be among those who are informed. O Mihdi! We love those who desire Our presence and We love to see them—to this bear witness I and you and he who stands before the Face and writes, and this swift Pen. We have enjoined wisdom upon all and We must observe it. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over what He willeth. Praise be to God, the One, the Single, the Unique, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And it is for Him to withhold permission until God brings about His decree.

BH03497: Glorified be He Who has manifested His Cause…

He is the Herald in the Kingdom of Knowledge

Glorified be He Who has manifested His Cause with a sovereignty that has encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily He speaks the truth and summons all to this Announcement at which the limbs of the idolaters have quaked. No thing can frustrate Him, no matter can prevent Him, the power of the world cannot weaken Him, and the hosts of kings and rulers cannot frighten Him. Say: O people of creation, judge fairly by God, the Creator of heaven—can any among you race with the horsemen of utterance in this arena? Nay, by His Own Self, the Mighty, the Bestower! Your powerlessness is attested by a clear Book from His presence. This is a Day wherein the Mother Book calls out from this supreme horizon and summons all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who has ears to hear and has turned towards Him, and woe unto the heedless ones. Judge fairly, O people, concerning that which has appeared in truth, and be not of the wrongdoers. When thou dost find the breezes of revelation and drink the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having drawn me nigh unto Thee and enabled me to turn toward Thy horizon and for having made manifest to me Thy path. I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed what was hidden in the treasuries of God's protection and what was stored in the blessed, luminous land—the place wherefrom the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary proclaims: The kingdom belongs to God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thus has the dove of knowledge warbled upon one of the branches, and the herald has called out between earth and heaven: The gate of utterance has been opened and the All-Merciful has come with clear sovereignty. O people! I desire from you no benefit nor anything of things, but rather We desire to draw you nigh unto your Ancient Master, through Whose finger's motion were set in motion worlds which none knoweth save God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who has judged fairly and turned towards Him, and blessed is every hearer who has heard the Call when it was raised from this noble station. Thus have We adorned the horizons of the heaven of the Tablet with the stars of utterance. Blessed are they who possess true knowledge.

BH03571: O beloved of the heart! Your adorned letter arrived…

He is God, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty!

O beloved of the heart! Your adorned letter arrived and from its delicate expressions were inhaled the fragrances of love and affection. Praise be to God that you have attained the most great favor time and again and have been blessed with the bounty of nearness and presence, which is the most glorious of divine bounties. There is no favor in divine knowledge greater than this, and no bounty higher or more excellent than this.

We beseech His infinite grace and favor that He may ever cause that beloved one to abide beneath the shade of the Tree of divine protection and preservation, and guard him from the evil of the people of tyranny and pride, and adorn him with the robe of grace and mercy, and sustain him from the Salsabil of generosity and loving-kindness. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth and is gracious and all-knowing toward His loved ones.

Although after prolonged days of separation the period of reunion also passed briefly, yet thanks must be offered that in these times, despite the multitude of enemies and the opposition of the people of tyranny and wickedness and the paucity of helpers and the attacks of the wicked, He made possible the means of meeting beneath the Tree and made His loved ones happy with this bounty. His is the praise and glory and grandeur and majesty and power and eternity.

My God and my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by Thy comprehensive grace and Thy mighty favor to assist Thy loved ones in remembering Thee and praising Thee and thanking Thee in the places of Thy bounties, and preserve them in the shelter of Thy protection from the evil of the most wretched among Thy creatures, and grant them the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest.

Furthermore, the press of occupations prevents lengthy writing. Convey to the friends of God, one and all, wondrous and sublime remembrances, especially to Mirza Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God. The rest of the spirit and glory be upon thee and upon thy family.

BH03690: The Supreme Pen hath testified that there is none…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the All-Knowing Expounder.

The Supreme Pen hath testified that there is none other God but Him, and that He is the One Who hath revealed Himself unto all things through His most beautiful names on the Day wherein the horizon of Divine Unity was illumined by the Sun of His Name, the All-Subduing Lord of all creation.

This is the Day wherein the Mystery of Divine Unity hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained. With Him did the Day begin and with Him shall it end, and from Him have the lights appeared and unto Him have they returned. Blessed is he who hath seen with his own eyes and blessed is he who hath heard with his own ears that before which the mountains would have crumbled away. There is nothing that hath not been encompassed by the manifestations of the lights of Divine Unity.

Among the people are those who have recognized and turned towards Him, and those who have remained heedless and turned away. Well is it with him who hath drunk the wine of Divine Unity from the cup which God hath made the fountainhead of the seas. He cannot be known through aught else beside Him nor can He be comprehended through anything other than Himself. And despite His manifestation in all things, He hath ever been sanctified above them and exalted beyond that which the people of mystical knowledge have uttered. Whoso hath recognized Him in His Manifestation hath attained unto Divine Unity, and whoso hath remained heedless is of the people of the veil.

O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance of Divine Unity and drinketh from the cup of detachment, hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged in this Most Great Prison: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Hold fast with power and assurance to this cord, which when it moveth, all created things become still and all contingent beings find peace, and when it becometh still, all who are in earth and heaven are stirred into motion.

We have read thy letter and perceived from it the fragrance of thy love. We beseech God to aid thee in that which will cause thy mention to endure in the Kingdom and thy name to last in the Heaven of Remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained on this Day wherein all who are on earth were thunderstruck save those whom God, the Lord of all men, hath willed.

BH03659: Glorified be He Who through His power hath raised…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Pure, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted

Glorified be He Who through His power hath raised up the banner of “Verily, I am God!” upon every lofty and impregnable mountain, then through His wisdom established Himself upon the throne, doing what He willeth. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth. The atoms have testified to that which

the Revealer of verses hath testified in this exalted Castle. Behold ye the power of God and His sovereignty!

He that imprisoned Me in the most desolate of places is today beneath the earth, while the Lord of mankind is in this glorious station. He passed judgment upon Us with such tyranny as the eye of creation had never witnessed. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, yet most of the people are heedless. The promise hath come to pass, and that which was in the Tablets hath appeared. Blessed is he who is endowed with true vision. God hath seized those who oppressed Us with a mighty grasp from His presence, and will seize those who transgressed against the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who turned his face toward Mine, who emigrated in My path until he entered the seat of My throne in My prison and heard with his own ear My call and My utterance, that he may soar with joy at My remembrance in the atmosphere of My love and recount unto My loved ones that which My Speaking Tongue, the All-Knowing, hath pronounced. Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and blessed art thou, O ʿAli, for having turned thy face toward the Ancient of Days and discovered the fragrance of the Hijaz wafted from the garment of God, the Lord of the worlds.

From this station We send Our greetings to My loved ones who have attained unto My days, who have clung to the hem of My commandments and ordinances which were sent down through My mighty and wondrous decree, that the remembrance and utterance may raise them to the summit of knowledge and bring them nigh unto a station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds." Thus hath spoken the tongue of thy Lord, and by it hath moved the Supreme Pen in its luminous station.

BH03773: Jim, Vav. God will console you through His grace…

Jim, Vav. God will console you through His grace. He is verily the Consoler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve not for thy father. He hath ascended unto God, and from him emanated the fragrance of My love, the Most Mighty. It behooveth you to grieve for those who are heedless, not for those who have attained unto the mention of the All-Wise. God hath forgiven him before his ascension and after his ascension. He hath caused him to enter a station the description of which the pens of all worlds are powerless to recount.

Convey My greetings unto him who was named Ali. Say: Beware lest thou grieve in My days, and beware lest anything sadden thee. Behold the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness and be thou of the joyful ones. I was younger than thee when My father ascended unto God, and certain souls would console Me, but God consoleth thee with His own sacred and wondrous tongue. Judge thou fairly: after this, doth grief beseem anyone? Nay, by My Beauty that shineth from this manifest horizon! This is a word We have sent down through Our grace, that nothing that appeareth on earth may sadden thee. Thy Lord is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

This is not a day of sorrow and weeping. Rather, it behooveth thee and those who have believed to rejoice in the days of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. He will suffice you in truth, and He

is more compassionate than a thousand fathers—this within the limits of creation; otherwise His attributes are far exalted above being bounded by limits or exhausted by pen and ink. To this testifieth every knowing and discerning soul.

Put your trust in Him, then occupy yourselves with His remembrance, then rejoice in that He remembereth you in His Most Great Prison with verses that all the treasuries of the world cannot equal. Blessed is he who hath ascended. He is among those who have been guided by the lights of the Cause and have turned with radiant countenance toward the Beloved. Among the tokens of his goodly intent are your appearance and your arising to serve your Ancient Lord. Remember him with joy and fragrance, and We remember him from this noble scene. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in My kingdoms, and every beautiful remembrance….

BH03747: O Ibn-i-Asdaq who is sanctified! Upon thee be My…

He is the One Who speaks with truth and appears with justice.

O Ibn-i-Asdaq who is sanctified! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Wronged One, in the midst of tribulation, remembers His loved ones and chosen ones and servants, and counsels them to such steadfastness that neither names shall prevent them from their Creator, nor things from their Sovereign, nor the earth and its treasures, nor the heaven and its stars, nor the seas and their waves. Thus did the Tongue speak when the Wronged One was in a palace whose very particles proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the worlds.” By God’s life! Baha desired naught but to purify the world from the dust of self and passion. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will for the righteous ones.

Your letter was received and we informed the honored Amin, upon him be My glory. We beseech God to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. As to the matter mentioned, although some souls previously desired to render assistance to the Cause of God, they were not honored with acceptance. And now it is observed that this matter has become very necessary, for the pillars of the world are in motion and in foreign lands widespread diffusion hath occurred. Soon that which will cause the deniers and the opposers anxiety and shame shall appear. And in view of the grace directed toward the aforementioned one, his will hath been made conformable to the Will of God and adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure. God willing, he shall attain to such assistance as will cause the exaltation of this Cause in the world and its pillars. This is the most great bounty which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the providence of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Replies to the petitions shall arrive in due course. Glory and peace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03739: In My Name that overshadoweth all that was…

In My Name that overshadoweth all that was and is to be!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letter of Andalib—upon him be My glory—which he had sent to thee was brought to the Most Holy Court by Afnan ʿAli—upon him be My glory.

Praise be to God that Andalib, with most eloquent utterance, warbles in praise of the Object of the world's adoration. He hath ascended, through his love of God, glorified be His majesty, to the heaven of fluency and eloquence, and the Lord of all beings hath testified to that which will preserve his mention as long as the Kingdom of Names endureth. His verse is the dawning-place of joy and his prose the source of gladness. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen him and enable him to preserve what hath been sent down for him from the Kingdom of His wondrous utterance.

Blessed is he, inasmuch as his praise and glorification, as well as his mention of the name of Afnan and the chronogram which appeared from the realm of his utterance, have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Happy is he! He hath ever sought admittance into the presence of the Wronged One, but We have delayed permission for the sake of teaching the Cause of God and for another matter. We beseech God to aid him at all times to spread abroad the revelations of the Supreme Pen.

This is the Day of service, the Day of teaching, and the Day of assistance, but through wisdom. Utterance is effective, especially if it proceedeth from pure and detached hearts. We beseech God to assist him with the hosts of His knowledge. Verily, He hath power over all things.

As to what he mentioned regarding Haji Mirza Husayn, he hath been honored with the effulgences of the lights of permission. In all circumstances they must observe and hold fast unto wisdom, lest the clamor of them that have disbelieved in God and violated His Covenant and Testament be raised. Should wisdom permit, let them turn with such detachment that all things will turn toward the Supreme Horizon. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this noble and sublime station.

The glory which proceedeth from Me rest upon him and upon whosoever hearkeneth unto his word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03762: O Muhammad, upon you be my greetings! The letter…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

O Muhammad, upon you be my greetings! The letter which you sent to this servant was presented before the Presence, and from it were evident and manifest the degrees of your attention, sincerity and devotion. We beseech God to adorn you with the ornament of service to His loved ones, even as He adorned you before. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

You should in all conditions be mindful of the state of the travelers and emigrants—upon them be the grace of God and His mercy—for these souls are souls who have been blessed with the infinite outpourings of the Lord of Names and Attributes. The Divine Will assisted, and the means of the seen and unseen worlds, by the command of the Lord of existence, provided aid, until they arrived at the shore of the Most Great Sea and attained the presence and were blessed with hearing and witnessing. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! They have outstripped the world in their devotion, and there hath been sent down for them that which hath diffused the fragrance of grace and favors. We beseech God, blessed and

exalted be He, to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions and to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones who have cast away idle fancies and have taken the choice wine of certitude from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have drunk in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The letters which were sent in your name were all presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and one by one He made mention of each of them. We beseech God to honor them with a reply. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Likewise, your petition to one of the Branches was read before the Presence. God willing, an answer will be graciously given. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Convey to all the emigrants the greetings from the Wronged One, and illumine them with the light of remembrance and utterance of the Desired One of all worlds. Peace and glory be upon you and upon them and upon God's sincere servants.

BH03755: O Zayn, upon thee be My glory! The honored…

He is God, exalted be His glory!

O Zayn, upon thee be My glory! The honored Haji Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be My glory, arrived and the Huquq was received. They have endured much hardship, though whatever befalleth them for the sake of God is pure comfort—its fire is light and its poison is supreme honey.

This Day is the Lord of Days, and deeds performed therein are the sovereign of all deeds. Blessed is he who hath aimed for the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Paradise, and who hath attained unto the presence and circumambulated it. Were all the seas of the world to become ink and all trees pens, they could not fulfill this remembrance.

We beseech God to ordain for His loved ones who have held fast to His Book and are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness that which diffuseth the fragrance of generosity. One drop from the ocean of His bounty brought the world into being. His sea of bestowals hath no shore and the river of His mercy no end.

The loved ones of Nun and Jim, as well as Kha and Vav, have all at this hour been illumined by the effulgent lights of the Day-Star of remembrance and utterance. Let that honored one mention all of them on behalf of this Wronged One and remind them. The missive of the known souls hath been accepted and adorned.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for His loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Him and illumine them at all times with the lights of His knowledge. My God, my God! Thou seest those who have turned to Thee, yearning for Thy presence and to stand before Thy face, and those who remember Thee in their lands. O Lord! Ordain for each one of them what Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

At this hour the Day-Star of permission hath risen from the horizon of will. Inform Janab-i-Kalb-ʿAli that, God willing, with his gaze fixed upon the decree of wisdom and his trust placed in God, he may aim for the Most Exalted Horizon.

BH03771: O my leaf, O my handmaiden! Upon thee be…

In the name of the Beloved of the world!

O my leaf, O my handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to turn, acknowledge and confess that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken.

Today, whosoever hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon is recorded and inscribed before God as one of the people of true divine unity, for this blessed Day is associated with God alone and in the books of the past and future is designated and known as the Day of God. The whole world was created for the recognition of this Most Great Cause, but the recompense of their deeds prevented and deprived all except those souls whom the hand of power took hold of and delivered from the darkness of self and passion.

If thou were to praise and glorify God, exalted be His glory, with all thy members, limbs, veins and hair until the Day that hath no end, it would assuredly be as mere nothingness compared to this most great bounty.

If wisdom requireth and it doth not conflict with prudence, there is no objection to turning toward the prison. We beseech God to assist thee, preserve thee, and grant thee the bounty of His presence and ordain for thee its reward. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, and He is powerful over all things.

Thy pen reached Us and was honored with acceptance and was blessed by the finger of thy Lord's power. The water of life hath flowed from it—rejoice thou, for thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thy intention was made manifest in the Most Holy Court and appeared in the form of that very pen which thou didst intend. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth and changeth one thing for another, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath believed and remained steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03653: A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who…

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

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be, that he may be attracted by the verses of his Lord and make mention of Him with myriads who, by their cry, have caused all who are in the heavens and earth to swoon, except those whom God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath delivered. O thou who hast turned toward the Countenance! Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, for through it thy remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of the names of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Lord of the worlds and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the gate of the prison, and all who believed in Thee and Thy signs turned toward Thee, to bless those who have quaffed the wine of Thy love and soared in the atmosphere of Thy will, casting aside their own desires and clinging fast to Thy Will. O Lord! Have mercy on all who have circled round the Kaaba of Thy presence and cast aside their vain imaginings, turning toward the horizon of certitude through Thy bounty and favor. O Lord! This is Thy servant whom Thou hast named Jamshid in the kingdom of Thy names, and Thou knowest that he turned toward the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thine inspiration on a day whereon the souls of Thy servants were perturbed and the faces of Thy creatures were changed, save those who were illumined by the lights of Thy countenance and turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity.

O Lord! Ordain for him the best of what lieth with Thee in Thy Kingdom and Thy dominion, then open before his face the doors of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And Thou knowest, O my God, that he hath migrated unto Thee and tasted the sweetness of tribulations in Thy path. I therefore beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst send down the heavenly table to the sincere ones among Thy creatures, to make him in all conditions take refuge in Thy presence, seek protection in Thy court, hold fast to the cord of Thy favors and cling to the hem of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great. And praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

BH03770: O my leaf! Upon thee be My glory…

In the Name of the One God

O my leaf! Upon thee be My glory and favor! Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to the Goal of the world that thou dwellest in a house from which the mention of God is raised, and art related to one who from the earliest days hath spoken in remembrance of God and arisen to serve His Cause. Know thou the station of this bounty. All the world and its servants and handmaidens have been brought from nothingness into being specifically for the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Now the queens of the world turn in remembrance of God to temples, churches and mosques, and engage in mention and prayer with the utmost humility and submissiveness; nevertheless they are deprived of the fragrance of the garment of His Revelation and forbidden from the shore of the sea of nearness and reunion. But thee hath He guided through His grace and shown the way. Thou hast attained to that which was the purpose of creation.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I testify to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, to Thy might and Thy power and Thy grandeur, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been the Protector of Thy servants and handmaidens, and powerful over all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by Thy grace which hath encompassed all contingent beings, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and by the lights of Thy countenance, to make me in all conditions turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and hold fast to the cord of Thy favor, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Then I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and the next, and that which

befitteth the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of gifts and bestowals. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And praise be unto Thee, for verily Thou art the Goal of them that know.

BH03641: To be typed

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BH03911: The spiritual letter of that soul-beloved friend, breathing…

He is God, exalted be His glory!

The spiritual letter of that soul-beloved friend, breathing the fragrance of the love of inner meanings, reached this evanescent servant after four days. Likewise the tray and the two rulers arrived the day before. It did not become known through whose neglect the delay had occurred; in any case they came to hand and were examined.

Concerning the ruler[?] for the cooking-pot lid, it had been intended that Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Javad—upon him be the glory of God—should inspect that ruler. It is exceedingly pleasing. As to the ruler for the basin, this too is not without merit; yet the former basin appeared preferable in Our sight. Therefore, in accordance with the wish of that honored one, it was sent.

Regarding the tray, it was delivered unto Jinab-i-Khajih, and that which had been written was mentioned. He stated that for the present the tray is not needed, but that he desired several coffee-pots; if brass arrive, instructions shall thereafter be given. Furthermore, on the day when that honored one was present, mention was made of the large platter placed beneath the samovar, namely that in two or three places it had become bent, and that its middle did not stand firm; but it was forgotten that it should be given into his service. Now, therefore, the tray, the ruler for the basin, together with the basin itself—these three pieces—have been sent.

The eggplants of which thou hadst written were brought by dear father and arrived. Even today, too, a basket which had been sent by carriage was remembered by you and eaten with relish, and is still being partaken of. Assuredly the taste of thy soul also hath received therefrom a portion and a share, and hath been nourished.

Convey the most wondrous remembrance unto Jinab Aqa ʿAbdu’r-Rahim. In the presence of the members of the household, make mention in the most exalted Abha greeting. The dwellers within the pavilion of the sanctuary send unending greetings and glorification.

The servant

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BH03927: O Ahmad! The Single, the One calleth thee…

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

O Ahmad! The Single, the One calleth thee from this glorious station. Hearken unto the call of thy Lord—it cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth, nor by that which the kings and rulers possess. Ponder thou upon God's favor and mercy, that He remembereth thee as a bounty from Him—and verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Leave behind the world and all that is therein. By the life of God! It shall perish, while that which hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, shall endure for thee. Dost thou ponder on that which hath been revealed unto thee? Dost thou discover the fragrances of thy Lord's verses? By God! Through them is the world perfumed—to this every fair-minded and perceptive one doth testify. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the Most Great Prison. When thou hast attained unto it and perceived its fragrance, turn with thy heart to His most exalted horizon and say:

O Lord of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the limbs of the world trembled, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking in Thy praise and glorification. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous and I am the poor one. I have turned to the gate of Thy riches—I beseech Thee not to drive me away, but rather to protect me. Verily Thou art the Protector, the Generous One. We make mention in this station of My handmaiden who hath heard My call and turned toward the horizon of My will. Say: O handmaiden of God! Blessed art thou and thy brother who turned toward God and hastened to the place of sacrifice in love of the Lord of Names. When his blood was shed he said:

> "Happy am I and content am I that I have attained martyrdom in God's path, the Lord of all worlds."

By God! When he turned, the Concourse on High welcomed him, then those whom none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who visiteth him and seeketh intercession through him with God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

BH03909: Praise be to God, the effulgences of the rays…

He is the Rememberer and He is the Remembered.

Praise be to God, the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of the Utterance of the Desired One of the worlds have encompassed all. The tyranny of oppressors, the might of the heedless ones, and the clamor of the divines could not prevent or hold back the Will of God, and the Cause has reached such a station that the kings of the world have desired to become aware of its purpose. We beseech God to aid all to perform those deeds which have been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Know thou with evident certitude that the power of the Most Great Word and the penetrating influence of the Supreme Pen cannot be prevented or hindered by the clamor of those who wear turbans who, in

the presence of the ocean of knowledge, are accounted among the ignorant. Blessed art thou for having turned towards God, heard His call and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

All that hath befallen you hath been mentioned in the most holy and exalted Court and recorded in God's Book. We heard thy call before and after, and have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Soon all that is visible shall return to nothingness, while that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the station of the friends shall endure and remain, and shall neither be erased nor altered.

The friends in that land must unite and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause of God through wisdom and utterance. This is the service that hath been mentioned in the Tablets. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

One of My leaves hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God to send down upon her mercy from His presence, to forgive her through His bounty and generosity, and to cause to descend upon her that which befitteth His grace and bounty. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The Glory be upon thee and upon every servant who hath believed in God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Bounteous.

BH03819: Hallowed praise, exalted above the mention of all created…

Hallowed praise, exalted above the mention of all created things and sanctified beyond the description of all contingent beings, befitteth the Presence of the Desired One—He Who, by His Most Exalted Word, hath brought forth an innumerable creation from the realm of non-existence into the court of being.

That blessed Word is the one by which all Names are invoked. He is the Sun of Reality, on Whom dependeth and upon Whom is conditioned the training of the peoples of the world. He is the true Balance, the divine Path, the spiritual Temple. He is the Most Exalted Horizon, the primal Pearl, the ultimate goal of all abodes.

Every soul that is enabled to attain unto that blessed Word—meaning, to win the honour of hearing it—is numbered among the inmates of the Paradise of Oneness. In all things the effulgent rays of the light of this Most Sublime Word are manifest and apparent: its traces are visible in all, yet it is hallowed above them all; its splendours shine resplendent in every thing, yet it is exalted beyond them all.

Blessed the hand that hath taken hold of this Most Exalted Cup and drunk therefrom in His Name, the Bestower, the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God that He may draw all the dwellers upon earth, by the fire of the Word of the Most Great Name, and illumine them with the radiance of His Manifestation. Verily, He is the One Who is potent to accomplish whatsoever He willeth. All created things bear witness that there is no God but He, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

God willing, in the very fountain of being, come ye and quaff the wine of non-existence, and arise to make mention of the Lord in such wise that neither weariness nor indolence shall hinder you therefrom.

We have indeed inhaled the fragrance of your love, and have sent unto you that whereby ye will find the sweet savour of the verses of inner meanings, in this Day whereon every thing proclaimeth: “There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

The glory of God be upon you and upon them that are with you—those who have turned unto the Lord of all worlds.

BH03950: O Rida, upon thee be the peace of God!...

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

O Rida, upon thee be the peace of God! The letters which thou didst send to this servant were presented before him. That day, illness prevented his presence, and therefore there was delay in answering thee. However, land and sea, heaven and earth, all bear witness to thy turning unto God, thy obedience, thy service, and thy every movement and rest for the sake of God. Blessed is the mother who suckled thee and the father who raised thee. We heard thy supplications and read thy letter. Praise be to God, the grace of God hath been and is with thee.

And as for thy intention to travel for the purpose of serving the Cause, this hath been accepted. However, since the services of this land are in thy charge, thy departure is not permitted, and thy movement and transfer to another place is not allowed. In truth, any soul who today is assured of God and gazeth toward the horizon of His Cause, and is adorned with the most great steadfastness which is the most glorious robe in the world—one moment of such a one cannot be equaled by this earth. Dwelling in cities and lands endureth with the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Blessed art thou, O Rida, in that thy tongue hath confessed, thy heart hath acknowledged, thy inner being hath indicated, and thine eye hath testified to the oneness of God and His singleness, and to His power, His grandeur and His sovereignty, and that there is none like unto Him, and He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God, exalted be He, by Muhammad His Messenger and by his family and companions, to protect the people of unity from the hosts of misbelief and to assist them in that which He loveth and approveth. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

BH11763: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath attained...

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath attained unto the lights of faith and acknowledged that which the people of the earth have denied, save those whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed. He hath stood firm in that which God commanded and taken refuge in the shelter of His mercy, which hath preceded all creation.

Rejoice thou in thy Lord’s grace and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! And praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made the Most Great Prison a paradise for Thy loved ones, whom vain desires have not held back from following Thy command. I beseech Thee to make

me, in all conditions, one who uttereth Thy praise and rendereth thanks for that which Thou hast bestowed upon me in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and ruleth in the kingdom as He pleaseth. This is a day wherein the All-Merciful hath ordained union, that there might appear from it one who would speak and make mention of God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having drunk the choice wine of God's love and attained unto this noble station. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave unto His luminous hem. Beware lest anything keep thee back from God and His sovereignty. The world shall pass away, but that which hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, shall endure.

Despair not of God's Spirit and His mercy. He hath made mention of thee in this Tablet that thy remembrance might endure amongst creation. Preserve thou this mighty station. Give thanks unto God for having caused the plant of joy to spring forth from the soil of sorrow. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The glory be upon thee and upon her whom We have bestowed upon thee. Be ye thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glorification be unto Thee, O Glory of them that know!

BH03815: Praise be to God Who has made death…

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

Praise be to God Who has made death a herald for those who are near, sincere, and yearning. This arena is the arena of lovers—blessed are they who attain! It is the gate of reunion and the source of hidden treasures and concealed mysteries. Glory be to God! He has graciously made that from which all people turn away to be the key, and through it has manifested that which nations cannot comprehend and fail to recognize. Likewise He has made it a sign of punishment for the turning away ones, the deniers, and the deceivers.

Praise be to God! Muhammad-Qabli-Rida, upon him be the light and radiance of God, dwelt for successive years beneath the shade, partaking of the fruits of the Blessed Tree and abiding beneath the pavilions of grandeur, until his days were ended by his ascension to the Supreme Companion. At the time of his ascent, the angels and the Spirit received him and brought him into the highest Paradise, his head adorned with the crown of My Most Glorious Name and his temple with the ornament of My Greatest Favor. By the life of God! In that moment there appeared what all the pens of the world are powerless to describe. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! He attained unto the signs of God in his life and after his death. We bear witness that he is among those who have attained in My manifest Book.

O Kuchik, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for illumining my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and acquainting me with Thy Great Announcement, whereby the realities and pillars of the idolaters were shaken. I beseech Thee by the lights of the faces of Thy loved ones and the mysteries hidden in Thy Book to enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever

Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03896: In My Name through Whom the Sun of Proof…

In My Name through Whom the Sun of Proof has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance.

This is a Book which the Lord of Eternity has sent down in the Most Great Prison unto him who has turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw him to the Kingdom of certitude and that he may testify to that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ibrahim! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this wondrous Tablet. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make it a lamp before thy face and a light in thy presence, that it may preserve thee from the darkness of the earth and its tyrants and give thee glad tidings of that which He hath ordained in His perspicuous Book for His loved ones. Give thanks unto God that thy letter hath attained the presence of the Wronged One and hath been honored to be heard by thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thee and to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thy Command. I beseech Thee by the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the murmuring of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, and by the fire of Thy love whereby the hearts of the denizens of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Garden were set ablaze, to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to celebrate Thy praise and glorification and to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy creation cannot frustrate, nor can the power of the princes among Thy servants weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Ibrahim! Blessed art thou for that which hath been sent down bearing witness unto thee. Preserve this most great station through My Name, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Moreover, We give thee glad tidings of that which thou didst desire from the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness. He hath forgiven her who hath ascended, and him for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not held back from the Truth—they arose and said: "The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

BH03963: O Leaf of My Divine Lote-Tree and My kindred…

In the name of the incomparable, the All-Knowing God

O Leaf of My Divine Lote-Tree and My kindred circling round, soaring in the atmosphere of My mercy and drinking from the chalice of My bounty and the Kawthar of My presence! Praise be to God that thou hast been singled out for His special favors. Thou hast traversed the path and attained to that which hath been ordained in the Book by the Pen of God. What hath befallen thee through God's decree and destiny hath

truly grieved Me. I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn thee with beautiful patience and mighty fortitude. The world hath ever been the abode of tribulations and calamities, but since it is transient, sorrow is unwarranted, for everlasting divine blessings and infinite mercies are ordained. Fix your gaze upon this blessed verse which hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will in the Qur'an:

> "Wealth and children are an adornment of the life of this world: but good deeds, the fruit whereof endureth forever, are of more merit with thy Lord as a hope, and of more merit as an object of reliance."

This year there befell this Wronged One what hath befallen no one else, for they have sullied the hem of sanctity with the calumnies of heedless and lying souls. It is clear and evident to all what was the bounty, what was the favor, and what was the ingratitude and rebellion. In all circumstances We beseech God to assist that honored leaf of the Lote-Tree to remain steadfast in her devotion and to do that which beseemeth His days.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the leaves and handmaidens of God, and upon His kindred whom neither the vicissitudes of the world deterred from the Lord of mankind nor the might of rulers frightened in this Most Great Announcement and His firm and mighty Cause.

BH03832: To be typed

To be typed.

BH03831: In the Name of Him through Whom was raised…

In the Name of Him through Whom was raised up the heaven of mystic knowledge in the world of being!

A remembrance from Us to him who was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Meeting and drank from the ocean of attainment when the Most Great Luminary was shining from the horizon of Iraq. Rejoice in that which the Supreme Pen maketh mention of thee as the Lord of Names walketh in this place round which circle proof and demonstration. The servant who is present before the Throne hath presented the letter from thy brother and laid bare its contents before the Wronged One, and We make mention of thee through these verses whereby hath shone forth the Sun of creation from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Lord of all existence. Grieve thou not over anything; be thou of such disposition that neither the circumstances of the world nor the words of those who have denied God, the Lord of all religions, should sadden thee.

Remember when thou wert before the Throne and didst hear the call of thy Lord and recognize that which was hidden from most of the servants. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the nations Who hast appeared through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee to accept from me what I have wrought in Thy path, then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the One Who doeth as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God that on this divine day you have tasted of the sealed wine and attained unto the Kawthar of mystical knowledge. Preserve thou this station and be of the thankful ones. Be not grieved over what hath befallen. That which thou didst perform aforetime for God's sake and didst send forth was accepted before the Throne, though outwardly it came not to pass according to thy wish. Be thou confident in thy Lord's grace. Verily He maketh mention of thee through that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure in His kingdom. He is verily the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Convey wondrous greetings to the friends of God and illumine them all with the lights of the Sun of remembrance. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The glory of God be upon thee and upon thy family from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03856: The world is in turmoil and whatsoever hath been…

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

The world is in turmoil and whatsoever hath been recorded and set down by the Pen of Revelation in the Sacred Tablets is now manifest and evident. May that soul ever drink from the choice wine of the mystic knowledge of the Beloved of the worlds, and may he shine forth in the assemblage of the world even as the morning star, brilliant and resplendent, manifest and radiant. That which proceedeth from God will verily endure and persist. How excellent is the state of the one who hath attained unto the days of God and inhaled the fragrance of the merciful Garment. Render thou thanks unto God for having recognized, discovered, turned thyself and attained unto the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

In these days several letters from that land arrived at the Most Great Prison and attained the presence of the Wronged One of the horizons, and the answer to each one hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will. Should that soul examine them, it would be most pleasing. May thou ever drink from the chalice of bounty and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of contentment. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends in that land and say: This is a Day wherein every soul must strive with utmost endeavor to seek the choice wine of steadfastness from God, glorified be His majesty, inasmuch as the heedlessness of the peoples of the world hath reached such a pass that they distinguish not between good and evil, nor do they differentiate between truth and falsehood, save for a few whose eyes have been anointed with the salve of insight. I beseech God to aid His servants to witness and hearken. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

The glory rest upon thee and upon thy family and thy children and those who are with thee in this Cause whereby faces have been illumined and hearts enlightened.

BH03881: The verses have been sent down and the evidences…

In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler, the All-Knowing!

The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, and the Cause is in an exalted station. The clouds cry out: "The Bestower hath come!" yet the people remain in a distant place, hastening to the croaking, turning away from the Preserved Tablet of God. Say: Fear ye God, and spread not corruption in

the earth, nor follow every heedless doubter among the people of the Bayan who hath turned away from the All-Merciful, clinging to that which We sent down to My Herald whom We sent with a clear proof. Say: O thou who disbelievest in God and turneth away from His sovereignty! Hast thou not heard what thou wert commanded in the Bayan by thy Lord, the Wise? He said—and His Word is the truth: "Beware lest the Bayan withhold you from Him Who will come unto you with the truth, and beware lest ye do as did the people of the Furqan." Fear God and be not of the lost.

Say: The Bayan hath testified to Me, and the Books cry out with My Name, the All-Knowing. Say: Every matter hath been made dependent upon My leave, and every Book upon My wise command. Can the Bayan profit him who hath turned away from the Dawning-Place of Revelation? Nay, by My Name, the All-Merciful! The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in His mighty stronghold.

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne and who gazeth upon the Countenance! When thou hearest My call, arise by My leave to make mention of Me amongst My creatures with the wisdom that hath been sent down in My glorious Book, that perchance the people may be awakened by thy remembrance and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed art thou for having drunk and attained. Woe unto every stubborn oppressor! Grieve not over any matter in the Cause of God. The world and all that the people possess shall perish, and the station shall remain unto those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby was raised the standard that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH11761: Praise be to God Who hath made the line…

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

Praise be to God Who hath made the line, formed from the Primal Point manifest in the letter B, the ornament of His Name, the All-Subduing above all names. Then He divided it in two through the mystery concealed between the two commands, and joined the one with the other through the wisdom hidden beneath the veil of destiny. Thus was the Most Great Book completed, and by it were adorned all who are in earth and heaven, that the Daysprings of negation might witness at the station of annihilation what the Tree of Divine decree hath witnessed in the luminous spot, and might turn towards the Dawning-Place of the Call at the station of evanescence—that place wherein the Most Exalted Word donned the crimson robe in the kingdom of creation, and that the people of the Kingdom might hear the melodies of the leaves suspended upon the Tree beyond which there is no passing, in remembrance of this Remembrance Who hath appeared with the standards of verses to all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Praise be to God Who hath made the Hour a proof for this Hour which, when it uttered the First Word, established the Most Exalted Balance, and when it stirred of itself and by itself, caused the dwellers of the graves to quake through the stirring of the breezes of the Lord of Names. At one time it appeared with the ornament of antiquity in the mystery of His Most Great Name, and by it were the peoples attracted; and at another time it appeared through a command whereby all things hastened unto God, the Revealer of verses.

Praise be to God Who hath made the first blast a glad-tiding to the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark, and the second a trial for the people of the Bayan who have clung to that which the All-Merciful hath not revealed, who have followed the people of the Furqan in their conjectures and imaginings, and who have turned away from the Innovation manifest from all directions—He to Whom the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified in the pavilion of glory and made Him sanctified above all likes and similitudes.

Praise be to God Who hath spoken with decisive utterance and made it manifest through the power of the Divine Realm at the Pole of the Realm of Might, reflected upon the Kingdom with dazzling proofs and manifest evidences.

BH04008: In My Name that is sanctified above mention…

In My Name that is sanctified above mention and utterance!

Praise be to the peerless Lord Who, through the diver of His absolute Will, hath brought forth the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the shells of the sea of man. He is the One Who is mighty, Whom neither the veils of the heedless nor the doubts of the opposers have deprived of the lights of the manifestation of the Lord of the worlds. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His power! There is no God but Him.

This is a Book from Us to him whose name was present before the Countenance and who hath attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people! The Day of God hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Take hold of that which God hath sent down with a power that all the hosts of the earth cannot weaken. To this testifieth the Most Great Book that walketh in the prison and speaketh: “There is no God but Me, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.”

When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause whereby Thou hast illumined the world, and by Thy most sweet utterance and the most exalted pen to make me one who speaketh of Thy remembrance and who holdeth fast unto Thy cord. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

“O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy bounty and the sick one unto the Kawthar of Thy healing. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creation. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Great.

> “O my Lord! Deprive me not of the wonders of Thy grace, and make me not to be forbidden and debarred from that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee and the sincere ones. Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the One powerful through Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth.”

BH11766: O Davud! The All-Loving Lord proclaims in the Most…

O Davud! The All-Loving Lord proclaims in the Most Holy Book: There hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which constitutes an impregnable fortress for the protection of mankind and a guiding light unto the Most Great Horizon. Say: Cleave ye thereunto, O people of God, and be not of the heedless ones.

Justice and fairness are as two wings for the servants of God, and blessed is the state of the soul that hath attained unto these twain and become detached from all that is in the world and in the realm of creation. This is the Day of freedom, know ye this.

The false tales of ancient times have kept the servants back from the Lord of all beings. The people of Persia, both day and night, were engaged in the remembrance of the Goal of the world's desire and yearned for the appearance of the Self-Subsisting One. Yet when the veils were rent asunder by the finger of Him Who revealeth the verses, and the luminous dawn broke forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, all turned away. The cause and reason for their turning away were those souls who, without God's leave, followed those heedless and ignorant ones.

We beseech God—glorified be His majesty—to aid all to achieve unity and concord, and likewise to grant them success in reflecting and deliberating upon those matters which are the cause of tranquility and deliverance.

Praise be to God that the Dawning-Place of verses hath appeared and the Dayspring of clear tokens standeth manifest before all faces. While time remaineth, strive ye, that haply ye may attain unto the everlasting bounty and the eternal feast. This bounty is the protector of the servants, and this feast is the helper and sustainer of all peoples.

O Davud! He Who is mentioned from the prison maketh mention of thee and commandeth that which shall protect and preserve thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the All-Wise Counsellor and the All-Knowing Remembrancer.

BH11629: O thou who art wronged! The Wronged One remembereth…

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

O thou who art wronged! The Wronged One remembereth thee and calleth unto thee from His Most Great Prison, and announceth unto thee the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O thou who art wronged! There hath befallen thee in the path of God that which hath caused grief. The whole world awaiteth this Day, and yet they curse and revile those tyrannous souls who in the past inflicted injustice upon the Manifestations of Divine Unity, while they themselves are engaged in that which no oppressor from the beginning of creation until now hath ever perpetrated. The Divine Lamp shineth resplendent before all faces, and the ocean of bounty surgeth on the right hand of all beings, yet they remain unaware and ask when the Lamp will appear and when the Sun of Truth will dawn and when the ocean of mercy will surge. Such is the state of the people and the leaders of the earth. All that hath

come to pass and continueth to come to pass hath as its cause and origin the ignorant ones of the earth who have become known for their learning. Fie upon them and upon those who follow them without any clear proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. By My life! Greater than this hath befallen the Self of Truth. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken, as a token of His grace, that thou mayest hear and be of the thankful ones.

The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath borne hardships in the path of God, the Most High, the Most Great, and hath taken the cup of tribulation in the name of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and hath drunk therefrom at one time for love of Him and at another in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise. By the life of God! He is assuredly among the people of the Crimson Ark. His name hath been inscribed in a Book which none hath comprehended save His all-encompassing knowledge.

BH03972: To be typed

To be typed.

BH04026: O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory!…

He is the Most Holy

O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! What thou didst send was observed. However, regarding the hope of souls who have turned and their orientation to this direction—We have commanded all people with wisdom, and certainly the attention of known souls will cause agitation and spread of false statements.

By My life! He who desires My presence is among those who have attained the presence of My countenance, heard My call, and attained the Kawthar of My meeting and the choice wine of My reunion. Verily from the Most Exalted Pen is written the reward of attainment for whomever desires it. Thy Lord is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Through this very desire they have attained to this Most Great Remembrance—they must give thanks to their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. In all matters We have been and are mindful of what benefits the servants themselves, and God is sufficient as witness.

Regarding transactions, if you observe any benefit from your going—that is, if rights can be paid according to divine law without any harm occurring—in this case there is and was no objection. And regarding the matter of the name H, do whatever you deem advisable. As he wrote, it is difficult, for here no one is seen who intends to send funds to the land of A and land of M. In any case, do whatever you deem advisable. If you intend to engage in trade and seek profit, in this case request it—there is no objection.

The servant in attendance performs one visitation for every letter that arrives from you. God willing, may all be assisted in what befits the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH04108: O thou who hast turned thy face toward…

He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! Hearken unto what the Supreme Pen recounteth unto thee on this dark night wherein the servant in attendance before the Face hath offered his hospitality—verily He is the All-Knowing Expounder.

We went forth from the prison, directing Our steps toward the garden, and found it adorned with the ornament of names and honored by the presence of the Wronged One Who remained imprisoned for successive years in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Reflect upon what hath befallen Us at the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. We called them unto the supreme Paradise, yet they arose to harm Us—thus was the matter decreed, and thou art among those who bear witness. Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in God in all thine affairs. Verily relief and hardship, glory and power lie within His mighty grasp—He is indeed the All-Powerful, the Mighty.

We have remembered thee and do remember thee as a bounty from Us—verily thy Lord is the True, the Generous.

Say: O people! Hearken unto the Call from the Supreme Horizon and be not of those who remain veiled. The Day hath come wherein its Lord proclaimeth with a voice that hath enraptured the hearts of those near unto God. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great favor. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which shall profit you in this world and the next—verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise Remembrancer. Thus hath it been sent down from My Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who followeth that which he hath been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. They who responded when the Call was raised—these are the people of Baha, while they who turned away have no share of this Cup.

The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who were with thee and turned toward the Supreme Horizon and believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH04010: Praise be to the Beloved Who, through the word…

He is the Remembering and the Remembered.

Praise be to the Beloved Who, through the word “no [God is there]”, caused all the manifestations of negation to perish, and through the blessed word “except [God]” guided the manifestations of affirmation to the station of immortality. the ungodly have ever been deprived of the Most Great Scene and forbidden from the Most Pure Fountain.

O leaf! Praise God that thou hast grown from the tree of divine love and been sustained by its fragrances. Blessed are those souls who, when the winds of trials blew, were not prevented from the love of the Servant of the All-Merciful and did not withdraw their hands from grasping the cord of His favor. In the blowing of the winds of tests, the manifestations of oneness become distinguished from the dawning-places of misbelief. Claims are not completed through words alone, but are contingent and conditional upon deeds.

By God! If life be sacrificed in the path of the Beloved, the name “life” would be truly applicable to it; otherwise it has been and will be but loss. Were the servants to soar to the divine heaven on the wings of detachment and become aware of that which is hidden, all would hasten freely to the place of sacrifice. However, in accordance with consummate wisdom and for the preservation of souls in the world, this station remains concealed and stored in the treasuries of protection.

O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God and regard all as non-existent save those in whose faces thou perceivest the radiance of the Most Glorious from God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. Blessed is thy father who remained firm in the Cause in days wherein the feet of the mystics slipped, and blessed be thy mother and those who are in thy household. And the Spirit be upon thee, then Glory be upon thee, then Mercy be upon thee and upon such handmaidens as have believed in God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved.

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BH04060: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath turned and attained unto the knowledge of God on a day wherein the divines turned away, and through their verdict the rulers, and then those servants who violated the Covenant of God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Summoning. O Buzurg! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have heard what was therein and have answered thee through this Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the light of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. Beware lest the doubts of those who have turned away and denied God, the Revealer of verses, prevent thee. Say:

> “My God, my God! I wish to hear Thy remembrance and praise from every vein of my veins, and from my hairs Thy description and the description of Thy loved ones. My God, my God! I testify that this Day is Thy Day, wherein naught should be seen save the signs of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee to inscribe me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, among those who have acknowledged Divine Unity and detached themselves from idle fancies and from that which befitteth not Thy days. O Lord! Honor me with Thy presence, or through Thy bounty and favor ordain its reward for me. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being and Master of the hereafter and the former times, by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, and by that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thine infallibility, to make me one of the servants of Thy Cause, that I may glory therein amidst Thy servants and Thy creation. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer.”

Convey My greetings to My loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and grace. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid them to unity and harmony, draw them nigh unto Him, and ordain for

them through His bounty that which befitteth His might and His manifestation and His grace and His mercy that hath preceded all created things. The glory of God, the Manifestor of clear proofs, be upon you.

BH04333: O Jafar! The Lord of Destiny hath made mention…

He is the Manifest One from the Most Exalted Horizon

O Jafar! The Lord of Destiny hath made mention of thee from His Most Great Horizon. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds! I testify that this Day is Thy Day, wherein Thou hast manifested what Thou didst promise unto Thy servants. I beseech Thee to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the doubts of any remote scholar shall not withhold me.

O Jafar! Observe, then call to mind when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, appeared—the divines of idolatry, the doctors of the Torah, and the people of the Gospel and the Psalms turned away from Him. And when We sent forth the Spirit, there rose against Him Annas, who was the most learned of the divines of his age in his country, and who pronounced judgment against the Spirit with such injustice that all things lamented, and beyond them every discerning soul.

We seal Our utterance with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His words: "No apostle cometh unto them but they laugh him to scorn." By God! The first to deride Him were the divines of the earth and its doctors. The Books of God, both past and present, and that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen at this moment, bear witness unto this.

Thy name hath been presented before the Prisoner, and He hath revealed for thee this Perspicuous Tablet. When thou art blessed with it and perceivest the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Glory of the world! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested that which Thou didst desire with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the opposition of the nations who violated God's Covenant and Testament and were numbered among the deniers in My wondrous Book could prevent.

BH04257: My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst…

He is the All-Merciful in His station of remembrance and utterance.

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst turn unto Him and didst arrive at the blessed spot wherefrom was raised the call of God, the Lord of all worlds, and thou didst stand before the countenance of the Wronged One, and didst hear His call, and didst behold His station in this great prison.

We counsel thee, O Husayn, with that which will exalt the station of man amidst all religions—for He is the True Counsellor, the All-Loving, the Most Generous—and with the fear of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. And We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the most great steadfastness in this Mighty Announcement, whereby the heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the earth

hath been rent, and those who claimed every glorious station have been thunderstruck. Blessed is he who hath arisen and spoken, saying: "I am the first to repent and the first to return."

Be thou steadfast in My remembrance and praise in such wise that the doubts of them that are on earth shall not cause thee to slip, nor shall the clamour of the heedless hold thee back. Take hold of the Book with the strength that proceedeth from Us and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having aided me and made me know Thee and caused me to enter into a station whereat Thy tongue hath spoken, manifest and resplendent, amongst Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the blowing of the breezes of Thy mercy and by the vessels of Thy glory and power which the waves of the hearts of Thy creation cannot impede, to ordain for me that which shall profit me and draw me nigh unto Thee. 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 All-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

The glory that proceedeth from Us be upon thee and upon those who heard the call on the Day of Meeting and who arose and said:

> "The Kingdom hath come, belonging unto God, the Lord of all worlds."

BH04277: This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful…

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

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Verily it is the water of life. Blessed is he who hath turned unto My Name and drunk thereof through My wise remembrance. O thou who gazeth toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison. Verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks for having been enabled to turn towards Him and hear His voice in His presence. This truly is a great bounty.

Thou art the one who hath turned toward the Countenance and entered and attained the presence and heard what most of mankind hath not heard. Thy Lord is verily the Witness, the All-Seeing. Reflect upon His grace and generosity—He hath caused thee to hear My sweetest call and behold My most glorious countenance and drink from the Kawthar of revelation by My bounteous hand. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

Praise thy Lord by night and day, then make mention of Him amongst His servants who have turned toward His luminous horizon. Convey My greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of this Book which speaketh with truth between the heavens and the earth, that by God, the Manifestation of Revelation hath come and calleth out in the most exalted voice to all, young and old, inviting all to the supreme Paradise, that station wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaimeth: The kingdom belongeth to God, the One, the All-Informed.

Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee. Trust in all matters in God Who created and fashioned thee. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Soon will He send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty that which shall gladden thy heart. Thus doth the All-Knowing give thee glad-tidings. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast the world behind them for the sake of God and taken His Book which hath been inscribed by this wondrous Pen.

BH04352: O Muhammad-Qabl-Rida! God willing, thou shalt attain unto…

O Muhammad-Qabl-Rida! God willing, thou shalt attain unto the good-pleasure of God and become content with His Will and Purpose to such degree that thou shalt behold no will save His Will and shalt fix thy gaze upon no purpose except His Purpose. This is the most glorious, most impregnable, most holy and most exalted station. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it.

God, exalted be His glory, hath brought forth creation from the realm of nothingness that it may be the cause and means for the development of the world. This development, in its primary degree, pertaineth to the human person—that is to say, they must first establish the edifice of the heart upon His Name's firm and mighty foundation, and thereafter occupy themselves with inner and outer edifices. Blessed is the soul that hath understood that which hath been uttered by the Tongue of the Wronged One.

This is a day of joy and delight—make not thyself sorrowful through idle words and sayings. God is Our witness and Our testament—cloud not thyself with vain imaginings. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and attained unto the Manifestation of God's names.

I swear by the Day-Star of utterance that whosoever preserveth this most great station and passeth his days with complete steadfastness, he is reckoned and accounted among the people of Baha. By the life of God, he was and ever shall be, in the sight of God, the most ancient, the most distinguished and the most noble. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you to accomplish that which He loveth and desireth. Verily He is the Lord of this world and the next.

May the light shining from the horizon of the forehead rest upon God's sincere servants, and upon thee, and upon thy wife, and upon those born of thy loins, and upon them that have held fast unto righteousness and acted according to that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of all worlds.

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BH04154: O Ali! Bear thou witness that there is none…

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

O Ali! Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is indeed the Book of Eternity for the Concourse on High, and the Most Great Name amidst all peoples, and the Supreme Scroll for the cities of names, and the Preserved Tablet which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne, and for these verses being sent down, verses with which nothing in the heavens and earth can compare.

O Ali! We have read thy letter and heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, and those names contained therein have been honored at the court of thy Lord, and their mention hath reached the hearing of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Do thou give them the glad-tidings of this most sweet Remembrance, then send unto them thy letter which hath been crowned with the diadem of thy Lord's clear utterance, the Mighty, the Generous. Beseech thou God that He may enable them to remain steadfast in His Cause and aid them in that which shall cause their names to endure on a preserved tablet. Say: Blessed are ye for having believed in God and turned towards the Countenance through which the heavens and earth were illumined and the horizon of utterance was made to shine in this noble station. Say: His remembrance is indeed the key to all treasures, and His name is the ladder whereby the sincere ones ascend unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Great.

Blessed are they whose names were uttered by the tongue of Revelation and unto whom was turned the face of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Forgiving, the Generous. Say: By God! Were ye to discover that which hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of your Lord's favor, ye would arise to serve Him and thank Him throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Verily the glory be upon them and upon thee and upon those who have turned unto this bounty and held fast unto My sacred and beloved hem.

BH04266: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

He is the Rememberer, He is the Remembered One!

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath turned towards God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting, that the explanation might draw him nigh unto the horizon of true knowledge and adorn him with the ornament of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Thy letter hath come to the Most Great Prison. We have read it and answer thee with this inscribed Tablet. O ʿA.B.! Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Praise be to God, with the arm of certitude thou hast rent asunder the veils and mists and turned toward the supreme horizon and the most exalted summit in days when all were heedless of Him and turned away, save whom thy Lord willed.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones. His honor Amin and ʿAli-Haydar, upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, have repeatedly mentioned thee. Blessed is he who remembereth thee and loveth thee.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, and for having illumined my heart with the lights of Thy knowledge, and enkindled my soul with the fire of Thy Lote-Tree, and loosened my tongue to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. I beseech Thee, O Quickener of the world and Educator of the nations, to make me in all conditions to hold fast to Thy cord and be mindful of Thy verses. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The petitions of his honor Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, have arrived and continue to arrive, and in each instance he maketh mention of thee and seeketh for thee that which hath had and hath no likeness or equal, and in truth thou hast attained unto and achieved this. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH04163: He Who abides without decline

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We make mention in the Book of him who drew near unto the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, on a day wherein every doubting idolater turned away from the Countenance. We had mentioned him before and honored him with the presence of the Desired One when He was established upon the throne in the land of Iraq. Remember when thou didst turn to God and enter the Precinct of Paradise and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of Lords. We gave to drink of Our sealed wine unto those who turned towards Us, while they that turned away have no escape, nor have the wrongdoers any helpers. Make mention of My loved ones in that place and be thou thyself a scroll by which people may remember.

Say: Be ye united in the Cause of God and differ not as did the people before you. Fear ye God, O people of understanding! Say: Be ye steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the cawing of the raven shall not deter you, nor shall the call of any crafty rememberer frighten you. Hold fast unto the Most Great Remembrance, for He speaketh among you that which causeth bodies to take flight.

Say: We make mention of you as a grace from Our presence and remind you of that which hath been revealed in the Psalms and Tablets. Blessed art thou, O thou who art assured in God, and blessed are those men and women who are with thee. Glorify them on My behalf, then make mention of them with most excellent remembrance.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the oppression of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration to preserve me beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Mercy. Then grant me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy grace and the choice wine of Thy favors, and aid me to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants and to make mention of Thee in Thy dominion. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH04241: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the One manifest above His servants.

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 Book. Through Him the mysteries were revealed and the righteous proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.” Whoso acknowledgeth Him hath acknowledged the oneness and singleness of God, and whoso turneth away from Him is accounted among the heedless in the Book of God, the Lord of this promised Day.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call. He remembereth thee and maketh mention of thee at this time in such wise as hath enraptured the Concourse on High and the Supreme Paradise, and then those who circle round the Throne of God, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved. We bear witness that thou didst attain the presence before the Face and didst hear the voice of the Wronged One and didst drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, the Lord of existence.

We counsel thee with that wherewith God hath counseled His servants, both before and after, and He is the Truth, the All-Knowing, the Unseen. Be thou vocal in His praise, steadfast in His Cause, holding fast unto His cord, and arising to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Decreed. I bear witness that thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion time after time, and didst attain the presence time after time. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and preserve thee and assist thee through the hosts of the seen and the unseen.

Convey My greetings unto thy mother and thy brother and thy sisters, and remind them of God's verses, and give them the glad-tidings of His grace, and illumine their hearts with His knowledge. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel thee in this exalted station. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have taken the chalice of triumph in the name of the Cleaver of Dawn and have drunk therefrom as a grace from God, the Lord of the dominion and the Kingdom.

BH04135: Praise be to God that you have drunk…

In the Name of the All-Seeing One

Praise be to God that you have drunk from the wine of divine knowledge and turned toward the supreme horizon. Today it is incumbent upon every soul to strive with utmost […] to attain a station that will endure in the divine Kingdom, for this Day has no peer. How blessed is the one who beholds with penetrating vision that which has been made manifest, and listens with true hearing to that which has been raised up from the Dawning-Place of utterance. God willing, may the hearts of the people of that land be adorned with the ears of knowledge and wisdom through the rain-showers of divine grace. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation, in such wise that, detached from all who dwell on earth, you may turn to God, exalted be His glory.

Were man to reflect even briefly, he would surely not occupy himself with that which is transient, nor would he let slip from his grasp that which endures. At all times, whatsoever exists will perish. You must adorn yourself through lofty endeavor with such virtues that the riches of the world cannot tarnish them, and they will remain preserved from the grasp of change, revolution and discord. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Knowing.

Say: O my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and advancing toward the horizon of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to assist me in that which befitteth Thy Revelation in Thy days and the exaltation of Thy Cause in Thy lands. Then preserve me from whatsoever may prevent

me from drawing nigh unto Thee and standing in service to Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing.

BH04192: God the Exalted, through the tongue of His Prophets…

God the Exalted, through the tongue of His Prophets and Messengers, promised all the peoples of the earth this most holy, most mighty and most luminous Day, that all might prepare themselves for the divine presence and not let slip their opportunity. Yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, all turned away and rose up in opposition. Would that they had been content with such actions! Rather, they rose up to calumniate and issued decrees for the shedding of pure blood. There is no land wherein their blood was not shed, and no air unto which their sighs did not ascend. Verily thy Lord is the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing.

These abominable deeds have been and will be the cause of tribulation and hardship for all on earth. For many years afflictions have not ceased from the earth, but flow like torrential rain. If they subside in one place, they flare up in another.

And the holy, assured, content and well-pleased souls—whatever befalls them has been and will be in the path of God. If they are martyred, their spirits ascend to the divine Companion and find their dwelling in the highest Paradise. By God's life! Theirs is the best end and most excellent return. But the oppressive souls are afflicted with the flames of divine servants' wrath, and after their spirits depart they are chastised with a torment a hundred thousand times more severe than earthly punishment. Thus does He inform thee, with Whom is the knowledge of the Book.

Afflictions will not cease until they repent and return unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04212: A remembrance from Us unto one who has drunk…

He is the One Who has dominion over all who are in the realm of possibility

A remembrance from Us unto one who has drunk the living waters, when the people were wrapped in evident veils. They who have heard and turned unto Him—these are the people of Baha, the Lord of all worlds. How many a servant has strayed from the path and clung to Satan! Say: By God, he neither nourishes nor avails, were ye of them that know. Say: Abandon vain imaginings and turn with attentive ears unto the Lord of all creation, then hearken to that which He proclaims from this mighty Prison. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken, when We were in manifest sorrow. Grieve thou not over anything, but trust in all circumstances in the One, the All-Informed. He ordains for thee whatsoever He willeth through His authority.

He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon her who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed art thou and she, and her father who hath attained unto the Most Exalted Companion—to this beareth witness the Lord of creation in this Tablet through which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of God, the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-ʿAli, who was martyred in the path of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Say: The glory be upon thee and upon those who found from thee the fragrance of sincerity in

this Cause whereby hearts were stirred. Blessed is he who remembereth thee and praiseth thee and turneth toward thy grave out of love for God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus have We made mention of him who turned unto God and was steadfast in His Cause, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Protected.

BH04232: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Forgiving, the Merciful, the All-Powerful

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of knowledge surged in all creation and the fragrance of Thy Revelation wafted among the concourse of religions. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Merciful to the servants, by Thy Name before which all names bow down in adoration, and by the light of Thy countenance before which all on earth and in heaven humble themselves, and by the Crimson Ark which Thou didst ordain especially for the people of Baha in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and enable me to do what befitteth Thy days. I testify, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and to that which Thou didst reveal unto Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen Ones.

O Lord! I have heard Thy call, turned to Thy horizon, recognized Thy Revelation and hastened to the Dawning-Place of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Name and by Thy Most August Self not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as acknowledge Thy unity and such of Thy creatures as are sincere. O Lord! I have clung to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and held fast to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy grace and bounty not to disappoint me of that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. I know not what is within Thy Self; Thou knowest what is within mine.

Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Send down Thy blessings, O my God, upon them that have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, who have not broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who hastened unto Thee when Thy call was raised, and who strove in Thy path with befitting striving. These are honored servants whom neither the might of the opposers nor the power of the deniers could frighten. They arose and proclaimed:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the angels and the Spirit and the Lord of all in the heavens and on earth."

Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

BH04302: This is the Day whereon the Mother Book proclaimeth…

He is the Expounder, Who speaketh before the faces of all the worlds.

This is the Day whereon the Mother Book proclaimeth before the eyes of the concourse: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the One, the All-Informed."

The seas cry aloud: "Lo, the Chosen One hath come with a mighty sovereignty!" The trees exclaim: "Behold, He is come Who was ever mentioned, and hath been made manifest Who was ever hidden, and hath spoken forth Who was ever silent—by a command from God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty!"

O darvish! This day is the Day of the Greatest Glad-Tidings, for it is the Day of the appearance of the "Great Announcement"—that good whereof mention hath been made in all the heavenly Books and which hath been inscribed by the Pen of the Most High.

These are the hours of joy and exultation, the days of gladness and rejoicing. Each and every created thing announceth to thee this good news, and is engaged in praise and magnification.

Blessed is that soul who hath freed himself from the world and all that the nations possess, and hath kept his heart pure from its trappings and adornments.

Jinab-i-Shaykh Salman—upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful—hath mentioned thee; wherefore from the Most Exalted Pen this Most Holy, Most Inviolable Tablet hath been revealed and sent.

From God We entreat that He may assist thee and the loved ones of that land to accomplish that which beseemeth purity and holiness.

Say: "O my God, my Lord, my Desire and my Beloved! Upon Thee do I place my whole trust, and from Thee I beseech whatsoever is worthy of Thy bounty. Thou art, in truth, the Ocean of generosity and the Lord of existence. Never hast Thou regarded the deserts of Thy creatures as a cause for withholding, nor debarred Thy servants from the court of Thy holiness, Thy nearness and Thy tenderness. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

BH04357: He is the Beloved Who, beauteous grace, was witnessed…

He is the Beloved Who, beauteous grace, was witnessed upon the throne of beauty in the spirit of rapture.

O Leaf of Paradise! Arise and with the tongue of rapture sing, and with the throat of the spirit carol, and say: Here am I, O Beloved One, turning toward the fields of Thy mercy; and here am I, O Desired One, mine eyes opened to behold the wonders of the beauty of Thy beloved-ness; and here am I, O Worshipped One, my heart consumed by the fire of separation from Thee; and here am I, O Beloved One, my breast aflame with the fires of longing for Thee; and here am I, O Sought One, my liver dissolved by the intensity of remoteness from Thee and exile from Thy presence.

How long, O my God, shall I melt in the fire of separation and burn in the flames of the fires of longing? At such time I call upon Thee with the tongue wherewith Thy servants who yearn for the sanctuary of Thy presence and who stand firm before the Kaaba of reunion with Thee do call upon Thee, that Thou mayest cause me to ascend unto the heights of the sanctity of Thy oneness and raise me to the kingdom of rapture of Thy essence, that I may soar on wings of detachment to the Lote-Tree of ascension in the paradise of Thy providence, and hover with holy swiftness in the atmosphere of the sanctity of Thy mercy, that I may thereby be among those who journey in the realms near to Thy countenance and in the kingdom of Thy presence and meeting.

And praise be to the Beloved of lovers.

Therefore one must needs soar like the birds of Paradise in this soul-refreshing atmosphere with the wings of spirit, until one attains the presence of the Friend and cleanses and purifies the heart from all earthly conditions, and unites with the King of Oneness, and closes the eye to the contemplation of aught else and opens it upon His countenance.

BH04561: In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing!

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing!

O son of Dhabih! You are beneath the gaze of your Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know ye the station of this mighty, this exalted Station.

O Habib! Reflect upon Dhabih—upon whom be My glory—and that which proceeded from him. After hearing the Call, he tarried not for less than a moment, but turned his face toward the realm of oneness. And this occurred in days when the people of the Bayan were heedless and veiled from the root of the Cause, inasmuch as divine wisdom required concealment. God willing, may you engage in the remembrance of God—glorified be His majesty—with utmost sanctity and detachment, and gaze toward the horizon of His Will.

We have made mention of Dhabih and those related to him in the hidden and treasured Tablet, which in one place is referred to as the Crimson Tablet. At the beginning of the Cause, God—glorified be His majesty—regarded acceptance alone, for before the revelation of divine ordinances and laws, He revealed and cast forth the Word. Whosoever accepted it without hesitation attained unto all good. But after the heaven of divine decree was raised up and the sun of the Cause shone forth, it became binding and obligatory upon all to hold fast unto it and act according to it. The Command is in His hands—He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth and as He willeth. He is the Commander, the Possessor, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Glory be upon thee and upon him who attained the presence [of God] in the Most Great Prison, and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH04365: The Wronged One has been drawn to the verses…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

The Wronged One has been drawn to the verses of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, and turns toward you from the prison quarter, mentioning you with a mention that equals not the mention of the world. To this testifies He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

O My Afnan! Upon you be My peace and My glory. You were mentioned before the Wronged One previously, and at this moment when the fragrance of utterance has been wafted throughout creation through that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken:

> "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be."

You have attained to the mention of God and His praise in the earliest days. We beseech Him to aid you with the hosts of inspiration and to send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily, there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God of the Kingdom and the Realm, and Sovereign of might, grandeur and power! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the potency of Thy will, to assist Thy Afnan at all times in such wise that the fragrance of Thy Word may be diffused among the religions. Thou seest him, O my God, having taken for himself a station near to Thee. Ordain for him every good that was in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

We make mention of the son in this station and give him the glad-tidings of God's mercy, the Lord of existence. The glory from Us be upon you and upon him and upon those who hearken to thy word and love thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH04383: He is] the Most Holy, the Most Great…

[He is] the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing

O thou who art mentioned before the Prisoner! Hearken unto the call of the Hidden Name, Who hath appeared in truth and proclaimeth with the most exalted call in the kingdom of creation:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!"

Turn not unto the people and their rules, but look to what the Self-Subsisting One hath brought forth with a sovereignty that encompasseth what was and what shall be. It beseemeth not one like thee to turn unto mere indications, but rather unto God, the Revealer of verses. He calleth thee to the supreme horizon. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Loving.

Ask those who were present before the Throne when the ocean of verses surged. By My life! They are sent down in such wise that all in the realm are powerless to compose their like, yet most of the people know not. Leave behind all that is with the people and arise to serve thy Lord.

Say: O people! By God, that which had never appeared in creation hath now appeared, and the All-Merciful hath come with the kingdom of proof. Turn ye unto Him and follow not every veiled learned one. This is the Source from which all knowledge hath appeared and every determined matter. Say: Beware lest desire prevent you from the supreme horizon, or what the people possess bar you from God, the Lord of existence.

Know thou the worth of these days, then seek the grace of thy Lord, the All-Compelling over those in the unseen and the visible. It behoveth thee to manifest that whereby thy mention shall be established in Our Preserved Tablet. Grieve not on account of the people and their clamor. Rather, rejoice in the remembrance of the Truth Who remembereth thee from this praiseworthy station.

BH04564: O My Name! The servant in attendance presented before…

O My Name! The servant in attendance presented before His countenance the letter of the Afnan which was addressed to you. God willing, may they be at all times the recipients of the mercy of the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, they are engaged in serving the Cause. Blessed is he, for We find in his words, time and again, that which indicates his progress in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds, and that which profits him. This, by My life, is the All-Knowing!

O Mihdi! I swear by the fragrance of the garment of the Beloved of the world that for every deed, every movement and every turning which occurs today for the sake of God, there is a station the true description of which none save God is capable of mentioning.

They mentioned Jinab-i-Alif and Sin. If he acts according to what was commanded and according to that which We counseled him in an instant, the divine assistance will undoubtedly aid him without delay. Beseech God that the outward conditions of the world, which in truth are reckoned as vain imaginings, may not withhold him from the immortal Kingdom. If he discovers the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and partakes of the fruits of the immortal Tree, a hundred thousand worlds will not prevent him nor keep him back from the Friend.

The outward and the inward have been and shall ever be in the grasp of God's power. Verily, He is the Giver, the Taker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may he walk in the footsteps of My Name Ha' and like him shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of the love of God. Verily, He aids whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Generous.

BH04379: Today the Divine Lote Tree in the Most Exalted…

In the Name of the One True God!

Today the Divine Lote Tree in the Most Exalted Paradise speaks forth this most sublime word:

> "Verily, I accept whosoever turns unto Me and remember whosoever remembers Me."

O sons of My Afnan! Praise be to God that Ahmad—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—has attained his most great goal, his ultimate purpose, and his loftiest summit, and has achieved that which was recorded and inscribed in God's Book, both past and future. He has attained Our presence and heard that which caused the lips of mystic knowledge to smile throughout creation. The hand of grace took hold of him and enabled him to attain the most holy and exalted Court. He heard the Call with both his outer and inner ears and attained the vision of the highest horizon. He was honored to attain the presence and dwelt beneath the spreading shade of mercy. He hears that which ears were prevented from hearing and sees that which eyes were prevented from beholding, save those who have detached themselves from all else but God—these are they who are recorded as the successful ones in the Clear Book.

In these days Diya mentioned you, therefore mention of each one has flowed from the tongue of the Wronged One and been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to assist you in that which is befitting. We ask Him to protect you from the evil of your enemies, to aid you with the hosts of the

seen and the unseen, and to exalt you through His Name amongst His servants. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers.

Glory be upon you and upon those who love you and remember you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH04563: O My Name Mihdi! The traces of the Afnan…

O My Name Mihdi! The traces of the Afnan—upon them be My glory—which they sent to thee were mentioned by this servant in the presence. We have heard the mention of him who mentioned Us and the call of him who called upon Us, and We answered them before and after their mention, and We assigned to each one a station, and God hath preferred some over others and ordained for whomsoever He wished whatsoever He wished. Verily He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. It behooveth them to thank God their Creator and to hold fast unto wisdom as a command from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

And whatsoever was sent hath arrived and continueth to arrive. This servant and you should write of its receipt so they may be informed. Through the Afnan, that which concerned Muhammad Khan was accepted. Permission to stay was granted that he might rest in the shadow of the Tree. Were it not for the movement and inner turmoil of this land, some would have attained unto this station. Likewise the pilgrimage of two souls was also adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

The Afnans have borne and continue to bear burdens in service to the Cause. God willing may they be assisted and be engaged with utmost joy and fragrance and complete steadfastness. Blessed is he who in the Day of God hath attained unto His mention and service to His Cause, for these two shall not pass away but shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly realm endure.

Regarding the purchase of property and its cost which thou didst inquire about—We did not wish to mention this matter as it would cause hardship to some. The Name Jamal—upon him be My glory—hath turned toward those regions. Write him [news] and convey greetings from God.

BH11632: Praise be to God Who parted the waters…

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

Praise be to God Who parted the waters of the Furqan and the Bayan through His Name, at Whose appearance all religions did bow down, for He is indeed His own Self. He hath appeared with such conclusive proof as hath shaken the very foundations of all things. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

And now, in this spiritual dawn, having aimed for the heaven of inner meanings and having attained the presence [of God], I turned towards the Countenance of the Ancient of Days, and these sublime words were revealed from the Dayspring of might and power. These are His words—exalted be His glory, magnificent His grandeur, and mighty His utterance:

> “O son of Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. Turn thy face toward the Wronged One, detached from all that is on earth. Thus did We command thee before, and at this hour We beseech God to aid thee to attain His presence, to open before thy face the gate of reunion, and to preserve thee through His grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.”

This servant submits that some time ago, when the letter from His Holiness Ismu’llah (upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God) arrived, permission was granted from the Source of Authority for your honor to turn toward the intended destination. Now once again this most exalted and most holy command hath descended from the heaven of divine will. Blessed are you and those who have attained this supreme blessing, this great gift, this heavenly feast. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite us and make us among those who have attained. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. I convey greetings and salutations to the friends in that land. May the glory shining from the horizon of our Lord’s loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have clung to the hem of our Gracious Lord.

BH04368: Praise be to God Who, through His generosity…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Bestower of bounty and favors.

Praise be to God Who, through His generosity and grace, has raised up His Afnan to a station whereof the tongues of all peoples in the world will soon speak in remembrance and praise of them, and they shall witness the effects of what hath been ordained for them, both outwardly and inwardly, which none knoweth save God, the Lord of all beings.

And blessings and peace be upon the Tree, its root and branch, Who was named Muhammad in the Book of Names and by the Most Beautiful Names in a Tablet which none knoweth save the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and upon His family and companions through whom God exalted His Cause, manifested His sovereignty and perfected His commandments and ordinances—blessings that shall never cease from God, the Lord of all creation.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letter which thou didst send in the name of Jud was presented before the Wronged One and was heard. Therein was mentioned the Afnan of China, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds. We testify that he attained in the earliest days to My verses, to presence before My countenance, to hearing My call and beholding My horizon. By My life! All the treasures of the earth and its riches and glory and loftiness and dominion cannot equal one word of what hath been revealed at this time, for these shall perish while that which We have made a treasure for My Afnan in this Tablet shall endure. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen them and honor them and draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH04451: To be typed

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BH04420: Alas, alas! O God of Mercy! Thou didst ever…

He is the Wronged One!

Alas, alas! O God of Mercy! Thou didst ever console Thy servants who were afflicted with calamities in Thy days. But today who can console Thee in this calamity before which all calamities bow down, and this sorrow which hath stunned all sorrows? I used to behold Thee, O Wronged One of the horizons, comforting Thy chosen ones in tribulation and adversity. But from this day forward, who shall comfort Thee in this anguish which hath transformed the lands and melted hearts?

Alas beyond all alas! Alas which hath shaken the world and melted the hearts of nations, for I see Thee in such grief that Thou dost not wish to hear mention of the Ridvan, and how couldst Thou desire to see what hath been enumerated therein of Thy bounties and favors? O Lord! The fire of tyranny hath been kindled in the world—where is the light of Thy justice, O Ancient King? By Thy glory, O Thou imprisoned Wronged One! It grieveth me to see the Temple of Justice beneath the claws of tyranny, and it grieveth me to see the Dawning-Place of faithfulness in the hands of the wicked. I know not, O my God and God of earth and heaven, whether he hath drunk from the chalice of martyrdom or remaineth under the will of those through whom the standards of tyranny were raised amongst creation.

By Thy sovereignty, O Beloved of the world and Desired One of the seen and unseen! Were the eyes of the world to weep and the hearts of nations to burn, it would not befit this catastrophe wherein all things hear the cry of Thy heart and the lament of Thy soul. I testify that this is a calamity that cannot be mentioned by the pen nor described by the tongue. The affair is in the hands of God, Lord of all creation.

BH04511: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

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

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility, and it summoneth all to the Most Sublime Horizon—that Station from which the Sun of Revelation hath shone forth, whereby those who lay in their graves arose, and the Nightingale of Eternity warbled upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

The gaze of the Wronged One hath been directed towards thee, and He hath sent down for thee that which God hath made a sign to the lands and a token to His servants. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord and be of them that are steadfast. We have heard mention of thee and witnessed thy turning unto Us, and We have revealed for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Stand firm in the Cause through God's power and might, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the One Who dominateth all things, to make me steadfast in Thy service and vocal in Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned towards Thy most sublime horizon, and thereby have the tongues of Thy wretched servants been loosened against me. I beseech Thee to protect me beneath the shadow of Thy supreme protection and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Then grant me the

Living Waters which the hands of Thy bounty distribute among all contingent beings. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Beware lest the utterances of the idolaters sadden thee, or the clamor of them that have disbelieved in God, the True King, the Manifest, hold thee back. We counsel thee at the end of this Tablet with the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath sent down in His wondrous Book. Act thou according to that which thou hast been bidden and place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH04530: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have recognized Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast caused to shine forth from the horizons of the heaven of Thy Book the stars of Thy commandments and ordinances, whereby Thou hast preserved the rights of Thy creation and Thy creatures and made known unto them that which profiteth them in Thy earth. And among these is the law of fasting which hath dawned forth from the horizon of Thy Will and descended from the heaven of Thy Purpose, and which Thou didst ordain for them that have turned unto the court of Thy manifestation and answered Thy most sweet call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided Thy chosen ones unto the ocean of Thy mercy and caused them to hear the cooing of the doves of Thy Cause through Thy grace and favors. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Name through which the sincere ones hastened unto the seat of Thy throne and the believers unto the dawning-place of the lights of Thy countenance, to send down upon our hearts from the clouds of Thy bounty that which will purify them from all else beside Thee and sanctify them from the mention of aught except Thyself.

O Lord! We have turned unto Thy most exalted station and Thy most glorious horizon. I beseech Thee not to disappoint us from that which is with Thee, to grant us Thy presence, and to ordain for us in all circumstances that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and honor us with Thy good-pleasure, which Thou hast made the greatest of all matters in Thy Books and Tablets.

Moreover I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of names, by them that have fasted in Thy love and acted according to that which they were commanded in Thy Book, to ordain for every assured one to drink the wine of certitude from the hand of Thy bounty—the best of the hereafter and of the former time—and to inscribe his name with Thy Most Exalted Pen among such as have had their deeds accepted through Thy grace and generosity. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH04573: O people of the earth! Associate not partners…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O people of the earth! Associate not partners with God, and slay not anyone of whatever faith they may be, and dispute not with those who enjoin upon you what is good in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: He

desireth naught for you save that which shall profit you. Fear ye God, O people of insight! When ye meet anyone, consort with them in a spirit of fragrance and joy. Thus doth the Lord of all mankind command you. Leave behind all that the people possess and take what shall profit you throughout the ages. Say: Beware lest ye make yourselves manifestations of hatred in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who is a father to every orphan, a treasure to every poor one, a companion to every stranger, compassionate to every prisoner, and a refuge to all who are fearful of the oppression of the people. Say: Beware lest ye support the treacherous who have corrupted and corrupted the people. Thus doth your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, command you.

When ye see anyone object to you, remind them with clear proof and evidence. If they accept, it is for their own sake, and if they turn away, oppose them not. Thus doth God command you in this Revelation whereby the horizons have been illumined. Verily the days pass, lives draw to a close, leaves fall, and fruits turn. Take ye heed, O people of understanding! God hath decreed that every soul should act according to what hath been sent down in this Book which hath been adorned with the name of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Rejoice in what hath been revealed unto thee, then remind the servants thereof from God, the Lord of the Final End. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth the call of God and acteth according to what He hath commanded in the Book.

BH04777: All things have been thunderstruck by the Call…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

All things have been thunderstruck by the Call of God save those whom the hand of grace hath seized. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. To this all things bear witness, but the people understand not. The world hath been adorned with the ornament of justice, yet the people perceive it not. Every thing hath testified to that which God hath testified—that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the Face of God, and blessed are the hands that have been raised to the heaven of His grace, and blessed is the eye that hath been honored to behold His glorious and beloved countenance.

O thou who gazeth upon the countenance, give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and for having caused to shine upon thee such lights of the Manifestation as have bewildered the hearts of those who have inhaled the fragrances of revelation—verily they are honored servants. We testify that thou hast turned toward Him and drawn nigh unto Him and hast heard the call of the Wronged One in this forbidden prison. Thou wert in the presence of the Throne for successive days. Return now to thy place by the command of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. If thou findest in anyone the fragrance of the love of God and His chosen ones, convey to him My greetings. Say: O My loved ones! Let not the deeds of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, cause you grief. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness. By My life! All shall perish and sovereignty belongeth unto the King of Kings. Thus have the breezes of revelation wafted that the dwellers of the graves might arise thereby. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath acknowledged this glorious station.

BH11637: O son of Abhar! Thou hast been and art…

O son of Abhar! Thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. Thou hast ever been and art illumined by the grace of God and the effulgent rays of the Sun of loving-kindness. Strive thou that perchance thou mayest kindle with the fire burning in the sacred Tree those that have grown cold.

O son of Abhar! Look not at the people and their deeds, neither be thou grieved by their derision, their words and their actions. Fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon, and voice His praise in the kingdom of creation. Say: O people of God! All things and the realities of existence seek sustenance from you. Know ye your station and preserve it in the name of God. Ere long shall the influence of the blessed Word encompass all and the Cause of God be made manifest. Strive ye that perchance ye may attain unto that which beseemeth the stations of them that are nigh and the sincere ones.

O son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory. Hearken unto My call which is raised from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Informed. Forget not My favor unto thee and My loving-kindness towards thee. Arise and say with wisdom and utterance that which will comfort every grief-stricken one, assure every hesitant one, and cause the hearts of men to soar. This is what thou hast been bidden by God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's covenant and His testament, and who have acknowledged that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken in this Most Great Announcement and this Wise Remembrance.

BH04858: God is Most Glorious

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In My Name that overshadoweth all names!

This is a day in which We left the house, proceeding to another place until We reached it and made it the Most Great Scene by God, the Possessor of Destiny. The pavilion of glory was raised beside one of the rivers, with water flowing over white pebbles. From the right was heard the murmur of water and from the left the rustling of trees. We were glorifying God and all things were glorifying with Us. We sat and heard from the rustling of the trees:

> "By God! The Chosen One has come and the Intended One has appeared—He Who was mentioned in God's Books, recorded in His Scriptures, and promised in the Mother Book."

Then We took up Our Most Exalted Pen to make mention of My Afnan who soared in My atmosphere, outstripped My other Afnans, and traveled through the lands until he entered My prison and attained that which was revealed in My Books of old and of later times—he whom neither the might of tyrants, nor the hosts of Pharaohs, nor the clamor of the ungodly could deter. Upon you be the Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, the Lord of the worlds.

In previous years the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be My Glory, made a certain request which was granted acceptance. In view of that promise, for some time now the friends, upon them be the Most

Glorious Glory of God, have come for pilgrimage and the aforementioned matter. Therefore, due to Our special favor, We wished to inform you of this. This is of God's grace upon you. Glory be upon you.

BH04926: O Mulla! Hearken unto the call of the Lord…

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

O Mulla! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all beings from the precincts of the Prison. Verily, it draweth thee nigh unto God, purifieth thee from disobedience, and giveth thee to drink of the Kawthar of life from the hands of bounty and bestowal. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have sent down unto thee on this night that which will draw thee unto God, the Lord of Lords.

Say: O concourse of the Furqan! Open your eyes. The All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty. Beware lest the doubts of men hold you back from the Greatest Perspective, or the might of the oppressors frighten you—they who have broken the Covenant in the final end. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One and drinkest the choice wine sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by the Word whereby earth and heaven were attracted, to make me one of those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward the light of Thy countenance, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names! O my Lord! Thou seest my tears and hearest my sighs. I beseech Thee by the rustling of Thy Lote Tree and the murmuring of the water of Thy bounty to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy manifestation, Thy power, Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of any good that Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH04725: A remembrance from Us to him who has attained…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us to him who has attained unto the Day of God, and heard the Call, and answered his Ancient Lord, that he may rejoice within himself and remember God throughout the nights and days. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This is a Tablet whereby the seas have surged and the mountains moved and every small and great one was thunderstruck, save whom God willed. Thus was the matter decreed in God's scrolls aforetime, yet most people remain heedless.

Say: Arise from the slumber of desire and turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! The heaven hath been cleft asunder and its Lord hath come with manifest sovereignty. It behooveth every soul to be wholly turned unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed—to hear with his ear what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and to see with his eye what hath appeared among creation, and to perceive through his sense of smell the fragrance of the All-Merciful which hath been diffused throughout the worlds.

Rejoice, O servant, then give thanks for this Tablet through which the spirit of life hath been breathed into the body of contingent being. Blessed is he who hath heard and found and believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thy letter hath been read before the Countenance, and We have answered thee with this mighty Book. Reflect upon God's favor and mercy, that He remembereth thee as a bounty from Him. He, verily, is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

Convey My glorification unto My maidservant and give her the glad-tidings of My wise remembrance. Put your trust in God in all matters. He, verily, ordaineth for you what is best for you. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH04656: God willing, may you ever remain occupied…

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

God willing, may you ever remain occupied with the remembrance, thanksgiving and praise of God. The world hath occupied mankind and held them back from turning to God. The people of divine unity must implore help and deliverance from the All-Possessing with the utmost lowliness and supplication, that perchance the believers may remain protected from the oppression of the idolaters.

We beseech God, by Him Who adorned His head with the crown of nearness and meeting—He through Whom were manifested God's most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes—to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and approveth, to protect them through His bounty, to aid them with His hosts, and to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the All-Possessing, the Most High.

Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered. God willing, mayest thou strive and endeavor with perfect steadfastness to improve the affairs of the servants. Grieve not over anything, for verily He is the Helper of whosoever turneth to Him and relieth upon Him.

We make mention of Abdu'l-Husayn and convey Our greetings. God willing, in his early youth may he be adorned with the ornament of pleasing character and goodly deeds. Verily He hath power over all things.

O Ahmad! We have remembered thee and do remember thee, and We beseech God to aid thee in His remembrance and to enable thee to that which will cause the fragrance of His loving-kindness to be diffused, and to guide thee to such deeds as will exalt His Cause amongst His servants and His creation. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Upon you be the peace and mercy of God and His blessings.

BH04723: A mention from Us unto him who hath attained…

He is the Expounder, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

A mention from Us unto him who hath attained unto the ocean of divine knowledge and believed in that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in His wondrous and mighty Book. We make mention of him who hath turned with the most pure countenance unto the Most Sublime Vision and hath witnessed that

which the Tongue of the Lord of Destiny hath uttered in this exalted station. Be thou thankful that the Pen of Revelation hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee in a station wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Hold fast unto the Book and be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of every heedless doubter have slipped. When the clamor is raised in those parts, withdraw thyself and be of them whom neither the tempests of idle fancies nor the storms of those who are moved by the winds of desire can shake. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing.

O My Pen! Make mention of the beloved who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O thou who art beloved of God! Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth all existence, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. From this station We send Our greetings unto the faces of them that have believed, and unto those women who have made mention of Us before the Throne and have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O My handmaidens! Rejoice ye in this Most Great, Most Glorious Remembrance. Verily, He remembereth every maidservant who hath turned unto Him and believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04805: In My Name, the Strong, the Trustworthy

In My Name, the Strong, the Trustworthy

The Divine Book is occupied with the mention of the friends at eve and at dawn. Today the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark must hold fast to that which causeth the exaltation and elevation of the blessed Word. All must regard time as precious and cleave unto that which is befitting.

O My leaf! Hearken unto My call. Verily it draweth thee to My Kingdom and maketh thee know My manifest and straight path. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names, for having illumined the heart of Thy handmaiden with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto her that which hath drawn her nigh unto the court of Thy glory and the carpet of Thy holiness. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the Sun of Thy Manifestation to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thy glory and Thy majesty and Thy power and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have desired naught save the wonders of Thy bounty and favor. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee once again, O Thou the Desire of the world and the Adored One of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, to ordain for me the most great steadfastness whereby neither the oppression of Thy servants nor the tyranny of those who have disbelieved in Thy days and turned away from the horizon of Thy Revelation shall prevent me. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of the nations hath not frustrated, nor have the veils of them that have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment hindered. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04616: In My Name, the Warbler upon the Branches

In My Name, the Warbler upon the Branches

Praise be to God Who hath manifested that which was hidden through a power that neither the hosts of the world nor the ranks of the nations who cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies, could withstand. I bear witness to that which God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. He hath spoken, and caused all things to speak His praise and remembrance, yet most of the people hear not. The Light hath shone forth and the Fire hath called out from the Divine Lote-Tree:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of all that was and shall be."

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, revealing unto thee that which the treasuries and riches of the earth cannot equal. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Truth at a time when the people turned away from it—they who have violated the Covenant and the pledges. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee or prevent thee from beholding the Most Great Horizon, this holy, mighty and exalted Station. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of bounty, say:

> "Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by the arising of the Hands of Thy Cause to serve Thee, and by the mysteries concealed within the hearts of Thy near ones among Thy loved ones, to make me steadfast and vocal in Thy service and praise. I further beseech Thee by Thy Will which hath subdued all who are in earth and heaven to assist me in all conditions to act as befitteth Thy days. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all affairs."

BH04800: In My Name, Who speaketh from My most exalted…

In My Name, Who speaketh from My most exalted horizon:

The Book of God speaketh the truth, and the Bayan proclaimeth, and behind them both the Mother Book crieth out, saying:

> "O people! Follow Him Who hath come with power and sovereignty. Beware lest ye deny the Truth through what ye possess. Hearken unto His call, then hasten unto Him. This shall enrich you and profit you."

To this doth testify He Who proclaimeth in every state that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Siyyid whose name is Ibrahim! He who hath loved Me and soared in My atmosphere hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee in a Tablet with which no scriptures or tablets can compare. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the tokens of My Pen, for having turned toward My horizon, and for having acknowledged that which hath been sent down in My Books. Verily thy Lord is the One

Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet the people remain in doubt and dissension. They have forsaken their God and followed every heedless doubter. Having drunk from the Euphrates of My mercy through the Pen of My loving-kindness, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having adorned my head with the crown of Thy utterance and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book to open before my face the door of Thy bounty and to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Generous."

The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God, the Lord of all men.

BH04870: O Isma'il! In this most great Revelation there hath…

He is the Remembering, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Isma'il! In this most great Revelation there hath been made manifest that which in no age or dispensation hath ever been revealed. From every direction have arisen sanctified, assured, and stainless souls who, in the fullness of spirit and fragrance, hastened toward the place of sacrifice—nay, toward utter self-surrender—and accounted their lives as naught in the path of Him Who is the Purpose of all the worlds.

O Isma'il! From every quarter a ravening wolf hath appeared, and upon the sheep of God hath there descended that which the Pen is powerless to recount. By reason of the heedlessness of the servants, and through their cruelties—such heedlessness, indeed, that, though they have beheld that which hath appeared, and have listened to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance, they are slain upon the couch of extreme negligence, drunken and bewildered; and this, in truth, is plainly seen.

This veiling is of the wine of self; turn thou away from it, and seek thou the truth from God. Perchance He may bestow ears that will hearken and eyes that are keen, that they may, hereafter, discern what they are now heedless of.

Say: My God, my God! Have mercy upon Thy servants; then send down upon them, from the heaven of Thy bestowals, that whereby Thou mayest make them to know the ocean of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy generosity, and the sun of Thy munificence. Verily Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are held the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Glory be upon thee from Our presence, and upon thy wife who hath turned, hath hearkened, and hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Magnify thou her before My face, and remind her of My mercy which hath preceded the whole of existence, both the unseen and the seen. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH04919: O Muhammad! His honor Afnan desired to take…

He is the One Who speaketh the truth and manifesteth justice.

O Muhammad! His honor Afnan desired to take from the treasury of divine knowledge a pearl of utterance as a gift for you and bring it forth. From this desire the light of love shone forth. Blessed is he and joy be unto him, and blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Some time ago there was sent especially for thee that which hath no likeness or peer. Thou hast ever been and art remembered before the Wronged One. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and illumine them with the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of the providence of God, exalted be His glory.

Say: O friends! Fear and anxiety have never befitted and do not befit the people of truth. Death shall seize man but once, and if it occurs in the path of the Friend, it is assuredly most excellent, most beloved, most exalted and most glorious. No fair-minded one would deny this station. Say: O people of God! Hold fast unto wisdom and cleave unto the betterment of the world and the refinement of the souls of nations. For whosoever acteth according to that which God hath willed, no fear or peril hath ever touched or shall ever touch him. Spirit upon spirit, grace upon grace, bounty upon bounty hath been inscribed for him by the Most Exalted Pen. Well is it with thee, O Muhammad, and with whosoever hearkeneth unto thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04934: In My Name, the Mighty, the Compassionate

In My Name, the Mighty, the Compassionate.

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. Today the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree warble in melodies and strains which, were the people of the world to hearken unto even less than these, they would witness all differing things, contrasting forms, and divergent views united as the letters of one blessed word. And that word standeth even as a tongue before the Kingdom, expressing the purpose of all worlds, and uttereth the blessed, hallowed, exalted word:

> “I have turned my face toward Thee, O Creator of the heavens and earth, O Fire of the hearts of them that yearn, O Beloved of the hearts of them that know!”

Today the ocean of utterance hath different waves, and the Mount of Knowledge a different song. The Zamzam of Batha hath another melody, for the Lord of all being hath come without veil or covering, despite the desires of the people. Blessed is the soul that, with ears purified from the tales of the people and the stories of old, hath sought to hearken and hath attained thereunto.

God willing, may that leaf and other leaves drink from the cup of this utterance which hath appeared from the Dayspring of divine revelation, and may they guide the handmaidens of the earth to the direction of God’s loving-kindness. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Imprisoned, the Wronged One. Verily, in the midst of sorrows He hath remembered thee with that which hath caused the mountains to tremble and the Herald to cry out: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Wealthy, the Most High!”

The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and thy sister, and upon them that have turned and believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH04624: O Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God!…

O Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God—exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon His Prophets, His Messengers, His Emissaries and His loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Giving, the Generous, the Gracious.

Your letter was received and caused boundless grief, as if it carried sorrows and anxieties, for it indicated your poor health. The Wronged One beseeches God to grant you health and well-being, to sanctify you from every affliction and illness and whatever saddens hearts. We beseech Him to adorn you with the ornament of healing and draw you near to Him in all conditions.

Your letter arrived when we were outside the city, thus there was delay in both its receipt and response. If you need anything for expenses, obtain it from Aqa Muhammad-Rida and send the bill. God willing, through remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and His Name, healing has been and will be granted. Hold fast to "By My life, with Him is the ocean of healing." Verily He is the Powerful, the Healer, the Sufficient, the Protector, the Helper, the Generous.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to each of the friends. God willing, may they dwell in tranquility and comfort beneath the shade of the divine Tree of Grace. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH04813: In My Name, the All-Wise Speaker

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This is a Book sent down by the King of the Kingdom to him who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath remembered thee in such wise as nothing in all creation can equal, nor can any in the heavens or on earth prevent it. O Muhammad! Call to mind when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, the people turned away from Him and every heedless doubter opposed Him. The Truth hath been revealed and that which was hidden in knowledge hath been made manifest. From the heaven of bounty have been sent down verses before which all the hosts of the past and future cannot stand.

Say: O people! Fear God, and follow not those who have denied God's testimony and His proof, and have committed that which hath caused every discerning soul and every informed sage to weep. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect thee and to aid thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word. Let not the utterances of those who have denied the Day of Judgment grieve thee. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and hast heard My call, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto me that whose traces shall not be cut off through the perpetuity of Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The Glory shining forth from this horizon and the Light radiating from this exalted station be upon thee and upon those who have not broken My Covenant and have not denied My proof which hath encompassed all existence from first to last.

BH04891: O Jalal, upon thee be the peace of God!...

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving

O Jalal, upon thee be the peace of God! O Jalal, upon thee be the light of God! O Jalal, upon thee be the grace of God, His bounty, His generosity and His loving-kindness! Although outwardly no mention of thee was sent and was delayed, yet God knoweth that inwardly thou wast and art remembered, and dost ever stand remembered and present before the Wronged One. We beseech God to send down upon thee the verses of His mercy and the rain-showers of His bounty, and to give thee to drink, both outwardly and inwardly, from the Kawthar of His generosity and bestowal.

Convey to all the loved ones in that land the greetings from the Wronged One, and we beseech God to aid them all in that which causeth the exaltation of the blessed Word of religion and trustworthiness. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We have mentioned and continue to mention Aqa Siyyid Yahya. We hope that he will change his flight into return. If it be deemed advisable, make the effort once and return. God willing, may you be enabled in all circumstances and times to be engaged in remembrance, be confirmed in steadfastness, and successful in service. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace be upon you, O My loved ones and friends, from this Wronged and Exiled One. Should anyone ask you about the B and the H, say: He is under the claws of hatred. We beseech God to protect His chosen ones from the evil of His enemies and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH04765: Upon thee be the glory of God and all...

Upon thee be the glory of God and all that befitteth the heaven of His grace...

Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and the warmth of longing and desire was evident and manifest from its words. Praise be to God that thou hast attained the infinite outpourings of God and the gaze of His favor is directed toward thee, such that in every city thy name was mentioned twice before the Throne and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke thy name. Nothing can equal this. In these days, since the Pen of Command was occupied with writing replies to the petitions of the people, there was some delay in turning toward thee. Should God will, He will reveal that which He desireth. Verily, He is the Revealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist thee and His loved ones to serve Him and to remain steadfast in His love. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Then We send greetings from this sacred and luminous quarter to the Generous One. Thou didst send before the Throne in the Persian tongue:

“Who will grant me access to that King of Beauty,

When this ill fortune is lower than a beggar’s aspiration?”

According to the learned ones, We do not accept this statement. Thy fortune is most exalted and supremely lofty, for He hath caused thee to attain unto the sublime Truth and guided thee to the straight path. Blessed is the fortune that moveth man from his homeland and draweth him to the true divine homeland. Know ye the value of this fortune which is interpreted before God as divine confirmation and that which is ordained in the Tablets. Praise be to God that fortune assisted thee and thou didst turn willingly toward the Chosen One. Thanks are due to this fortune. This is from God’s bounty unto thee, that thou mayest be among the thankful ones….

BH04634: In My Name, the Self-Subsisting

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Trustworthiness is a sun that, when it shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom, illumineth all regions. And for it hath been ordained a heaven, and verily it is man himself. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath created all possibility and adorned it with the lights of this sun, shining from this station. He in whom the lights of this sun shine not forth cannot truly be called man. To this doth the Book of God, the Lord of lords, bear witness. Blessed is the city that is illumined thereby. By My life! It is the mother of cities and countries, and through it divine grace descendeth from God, the Lord of creation, and blessings grow in every season. Through it is man’s station elevated and his essence made manifest to all in creation. Through it are hearts expanded and souls assured and the righteous made joyful. He who hath attained unto it is remembered by the Concourse on High and is turned unto by people of understanding. He who hath opened his eyes with the light of recognition chooseth it above all else on earth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned the heaven of deeds with the sun of trustworthiness and recognition. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower.

Remind thou the people of this Tablet and acquaint them with what God hath intended for them in the Book. We have sent down these verses unto thee that thou mayest recite them to those who have turned unto God, the Revealer of Books and the Manifestor of proof, that they may act upon what is contained therein and hold fast unto that which they have been commanded in the Tablets. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have remained faithful to the Covenant.

BH04728: A remembrance from the Wronged One to those whom…

He is the One Who speaks before all faces

A remembrance from the Wronged One to those whom neither learning nor idle fancies have held back from God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, through Whom the heaven was cleft asunder and the earth was rent and every lofty mountain was leveled. Beware, O people, follow not your vain imaginings but follow the Truth, the Knower of all that is hidden. Thus has the Tongue spoken when the All-Merciful came from the heaven of divine knowledge with a manifest proclamation. O peoples of the earth! By God’s life, you were created for naught but the recognition of this Day wherein the Herald proclaims:

“The Kingdom belongs to this manifest Beauty.” Beware lest what the people possess prevent you from turning to God, and beware lest the veils of those who have denied God’s proof and His evidence and who have uttered that which none of those who are endowed with understanding have uttered, hold you back.

We have heard your call and have remembered you out of Our grace, and have answered you through this irrevocable Tablet. Say: O people! If you desire verses, they have indeed encompassed all directions, and if you desire proofs, they have verily appeared through the truth, and if you desire the choice sealed wine, by God, its seal has been broken by the finger of divine power from God, the Lord of all being. When the Kawthar of My utterance has seized you and My call has attracted you, say:

> “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy path and given me to drink of the Salsabil of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the Light that has shone forth and appeared, and by the fragrance of Thy garment that has been diffused and spread abroad, to make me one who gazes upon Thy Cause, who speaks Thy praise, and who holds fast to the cord of Thy loving care. Thou art verily the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Loving.”

BH04835: Your letter was received. Praise be to God, it…

In the Name of the One True God!

Your letter was received. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the ornament of love and embellished with the light of recognition. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ever keep fresh and verdant the realm of love through the morning breezes in this springtime of inner meanings, and not to deprive it of the fragrances from the gardens of fellowship and unity. In truth, this bounty has had and has no likeness or parallel, for from love appears unity, and through the light of unity the horizons become illumined and radiant. God the All-Knowing has been and is witness that you have always been and are under the gaze of kindness, mercy and love. He has loved and loves faithfulness, and this blessed name is among the names that have ever been before the face of the Beloved.

Your migration and arrival with your mother, upon her be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and her ascension to the Supreme Companion, and likewise your second migration and the manifestations of love and affection and hardships endured in His path, exalted be He—all have been and are before Our sight. We beseech God to ordain that from which the fragrance of eternity wafts. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer. The glory shining forth from the heaven of your Lord’s loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have held fast to His mighty cord. Praise be to God, Who is the Lord of all worlds, the Beloved of those who know Him, and the Goal of those who seek Him.

BH04918: O Muhammad! We have made mention of thee…

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

O Muhammad! We have made mention of thee in truth, and have sent down unto thee that whereby thou mayest guide the people unto My straight Path. We have ordained for thee that which none of the things the eyes behold can ever rival. Guard, then, thy station, and be of the thankful.

O Taqi! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He, verily, hath sent down, for everyone whom thou hast mentioned in thy book, divers Tablets; each single letter thereof proclaimeth, before all eyes:

> "Verily, I am the Glorious Book, and the kingdom is God's, the Lord of all the worlds."

We have given thee to drink, and have made thee to know, and have conferred upon thee (Our bounties), and have sent unto thee Our most great signs, time after time. Recite them in a spirit of joy and fragrance, for thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

There remaineth not one of My Names but We have, for its sake, sent down that whereby the eyes of them that are endued with knowledge are solaced and made to rejoice. Beware lest aught debar thee from the remembrance of God. That which thou beholdest this day shall perish, while there shall abide with thee that which hath been sent down from My wise, My all-compelling Pen.

Magnify, on My behalf, My loved ones—those who have cast aside all else save Me, and borne witness unto that whereunto My Tongue hath borne witness. Upon them be My glory and My mercy, which have outstripped all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

Be thou one who speaketh in My Name, a guide unto My path, and one who hasteneth, through My irrevocable, firmly established Command, unto goodly deeds.

Glory rest upon thee, and upon such as hearken unto that which thou recitest unto them of the verses of thy Lord, the Ancient Revealer.

BH05234: In My Name, through which the light hath shone…

In My Name, through which the light hath shone forth from the Mount of Revelation.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who remembereth you in the Most Great Prison and guideth you to the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Hidden One hath been made manifest, and that which was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Great, hath been revealed. Beware lest human conditions prevent you from the Lord of Destiny, and beware lest the oppression of any remote oppressor frighten you. Take the chalice of eternity in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink therefrom once in remembrance of My Most Great Name, and again in remembrance of My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Say: O people of the Bayan! He around Whom the Bayan revolved hath come, and that which was mentioned by the tongue of the Point, Who gave the glad tidings to the servants of the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, hath been made manifest in this mighty and wondrous station.

When thou attainest unto My verses and that which hath flowed from My Pen, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved! I beseech Thee by

Thy Pen which Thou hast made as an ensign for the manifestation of Thy Cause and as a herald of Thy Name amongst Thy servants and as a light unto those who have sought Thy supreme horizon and as darkness and vengeance unto every wicked and vile one. And I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty and to cling to the hem of Thy mercy and to be immersed in the ocean of Thy oneness. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH05073: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me…

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me enkindled with the fire of Thy love, after having been imprisoned in the most ruinous of Thy lands and held captive by the hands of the idolaters among Thy creatures. Yet despite the trials that have encompassed me from all directions, my pen moveth by Thy inspiration and revelation, my finger acteth by Thy will, mine eye gazeth toward the horizon of Thy loving-kindness, my heart burneth with the fire of Thy love, my tongue uttereth Thy praise, and every limb of my body yearneth for what Thou hast ordained for it in Thy decree.

I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose word the world was set in motion and by Whose name the Ancient Sea was made to surge, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will cause to spring forth from the soil of hearts the plants of Thy knowledge and the fruits of Thy love and praise.

O Lord! Assist Thy male and female servants to achieve what Thou hast intended for them in Thy days and decreed for them in Thy Tablets, that they may turn toward Thee with hearts detached from all else besides Thee. Thou art He Who hath subdued all created things through the word of Thy command and all beings through the movement of Thy finger. Thou hast ever been established upon the throne of majesty and upheld in Thy self-subsistence amidst the manifestations of glory.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art exalted above all, to withhold them not from the shore of Thy nearness, nor to keep them back from the Kawthar of life that floweth from the Pen of Thy name, the Most Merciful. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH04967: O beloved ones of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto…

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

O beloved ones of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison—verily there is no God but Me, the Hearer, the Answerer. Then know ye that Our servant who was surnamed Abu'l-Hasan hath appeared before the Throne and presented that which ye possess in your love for God, the Lord of the worlds. By this hath My Most Exalted Pen turned toward you and maketh mention of you through that whereby your remembrance shall endure in the kingdom of creation. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Generous. Give thanks for My remembrance of you. By God! It is the water of life for you and the fragrances of the All-Merciful amidst all possibilities. To this beareth witness he who hath

inhaled My fragrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have heard your call and witnessed your turning toward the countenance of God, and We have sent down for you that which all the treasuries of earth cannot equal, were ye of them that know. Hold ye fast unto God and cling to the hem of His bounty and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, for having numbered us among them who have attained unto Thy recognition in Thy days and who have voiced Thy praise when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee. O Lord! We beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, which hath been made sovereign over all names, to make us in all conditions turn toward Thy face, gaze upon the horizon of Thy grace, drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, seek refuge with Thy presence and cling to the cord of Thy bounty. Then ordain for us that which shall profit us and that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

BH04954: Today, which is the twenty-first day of the month…

He is God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

Today, which is the twenty-first day of the month of Jumada al-Avval, this Tablet hath been adorned with the raiment of the Pen. Praise be to God, the welcome tidings of your welfare and peace reached us the day before yesterday, and all were made joyful thereby. We beseech God to open through you the gate of His bounty, to cause through you the Kawthar of meanings and utterance to flow throughout cities and lands, and to bestow upon you every good thing revealed in His mighty and unerring Book.

As for Mahd-i-ʿUlya, after your departure she was greatly distressed. Why did you not write her something during this interval? For some time she remained given over to lamentation and mourning, but thereafter attained, in some measure, unto patience and resignation. In brief, you should write to her in particular, and say whatever may bring her solace and composure.

A few days ago, several letters addressed to Jinab-i-Nazir arrived. This servant sought permission, opened the letters, and presented them all before the Presence. In the letter which this servant was writing to Jinab-i-Varqa, we made mention of Muhammad ibn ʿAbdu'llah—upon them both be the glory of God—as well as of Jinab-i-Mahmud. And concerning the family of Jinab-i-Nazir, we wrote that what had formerly been commanded must be carried out. We ask God to enable all to attain unto that which is acceptable and beloved in His sight.

Peace be upon thee, and upon Nazir, and upon whoso loveth thee, serveth thee, and observeth the right of God in thee.

BH05110: There hath appeared before the Throne he who was…

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

There hath appeared before the Throne he who was named ʿAli-Qabl-Nabil, whom We manifested from Our sanctified name. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing.

When he attained the presence, he besought God for thy appearance before the Throne. We answered him according to what he desired of My bountiful grace, and We made mention of thee before Our countenance, and We accepted thy presence at the gate. We bid thee to make mention of God and to aid His Cause through wisdom and utterance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee from this noble prospect.

When the rapture of My verses overtaketh thee and the wine of My remembrance and utterance intoxicateth thee, turn thy face toward God, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having turned toward me from the direction of Thy prison and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee, in making mention of Thee, and in praising Thee amongst Thy creatures, and to make me steadfast in Thy love and content with what Thou hast ordained for me in Thy preserved Book. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken and will continue to speak. Verily He is the Expositor, the All-Informed.

We had sent thee a Tablet before, and this is yet another time, and We shall send it unto thee should God wish and desire it as a bounty from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones who have soared in Mine atmosphere through My Name and have cast aside all else, turning with their hearts toward the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04959: In My Name, the Speaker before the faces…

In My Name, the Speaker before the faces of the servants!

Today the One Who is the Purpose of all who are in earth and heaven and the King of the Kingdom of Names speaks these sublime words: O My handmaidens and My leaves! Hearken with the ear of the spirit to the call of the Blessed Tree and grasp firmly its most pure and luminous hem, that perchance ye may attain to that which hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book.

All the women of the world have been created specifically for the recognition of the Intended One, and yet most of them remain heedless and veiled from this station. I swear by the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the horizon of the prison of ʿAkka that all the treasures of the earth with their ornaments and colors cannot equal the blessed word “O My handmaiden!” How many queens have yielded up their spirits in their longing for this mention, yet attained it not, while thou hast now attained!

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of eternity and God of the worlds, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name, for having caused me to hear Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the rivers of Thy most exalted Paradise, and the manifestations of Thy favor in the supreme Heaven, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the revelations of the Day-Star of Thy generosity, to make this handmaiden of Thine steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking Thy praise and glorification. Then ordain for her what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy throne at eventide and at dawn. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Meeting.

BH04994: God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt continue…

In the name of the one Friend!

God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt continue to drink, through the bounties of the Beloved of endless days, from the Kawthar of the love of the Goal of all worlds, and thou art free and detached from the world and all that is therein. In this morn when the world-illumining Sun hath dawned from behind the veil of the soul, may thou drink from the Kawthar of eternity and be engaged in the remembrance of the Friend. God declareth: Thou wert ever mentioned in the Most Holy Court and didst attain unto the glances of His favors. Blessed art thou and thy crimson leaf who attained and ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. No mention hath been forgotten before God, nor will it be, and no service hath been nullified or lost.

Reflect upon the crimson leaf, upon whom be all the most glorious Glory of God. In view of the love and enkindlement and yearning and attraction that was in her, God, exalted and mighty be He, made her the object of mentions, for there was revealed in her honor that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. Hear thou the call of this Wronged One, and be not grieved by the things that have come to pass, and with utmost joy and gladness speak forth the praise of God. Verily He seeth thee and maketh mention of thee in such wise as to gladden thy heart. He is in truth the Announcer, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy leaves, from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH11919: Praise and thanksgiving that hath proceeded from the tongue…

He is the Hearer, He is the Answering One

Praise and thanksgiving that hath proceeded from the tongue of grandeur hath ever been and still is reserved unto His hallowed Being. Had it not been for the letter Shin of the complaints of the heedless ones becoming manifest, verily would the decree of the Tree of Paradise have been realized and made manifest in this earthly realm, and the world would have been freed and delivered from the blow of want. Exalted be His station of thanksgiving, and exalted be that which proceedeth from Him by the leave of His Creator and His Lord. O My Name Ali-Qabl-Akbar, upon thee be the Glory of God, and O Mihdi, upon thee be My everlasting Glory. The letter which thou didst send through him who was named Siyyid-Qabl-Hasan hath come before the Wronged One.

We testify that he hath attained unto the presence and hearing. Blessed is he, inasmuch as We have found from his letter the fragrance of My wondrous and glorious love. We beseech God to adorn him with the light of turning unto Him, that he may hold fast unto it, severed from all else save Him. This is God’s decree, both in the past and in the future, but most men know it not. O Hasan, render thanks unto God, thy Lord, for He hath made mention of thee and hath sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the duration of His glorious and mighty Kingdom. The bounty and the bestowal belong unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: O Hasan, We shall soon send that which thou didst desire through the grace of thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The Glory from Us be upon thee, O My Name, and upon My martyrs in the Land of Ya, and upon all who are steadfast and upright.

BH05021: Praise be to the Lord of existence Who, through…

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

Praise be to the Lord of existence Who, through His Best-Beloved Name, illumined the hearts of His chosen ones with the light of recognition and adorned them with the glory of steadfastness. O Ha! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We have been with thee under all conditions and were present when God, with power and sovereignty, took one of the deceivers. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to exalt thee through His Name, that there may be manifested through thee that which will spread His signs throughout His lands. He is verily the Almighty, the Unconstrained. That which We revealed unto thee before hath come to pass, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of lords, shall be made manifest.

Hold thou fast to the teaching of thy Lord's Cause. He will protect thee through His power and will guard thee through the might that hath encompassed all created things. And as for what hath befallen My loved ones in the Land of Ya, God hath made it the supreme means for the exaltation of His perfect Word. Its effects shall soon be made manifest from all directions. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee and those with thee, through His Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the next, and to open before thy face, through the key of His Name, the Lord of all names, the gate of His bounty.

He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His Cause that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones whom the hosts of those who denied the Beginning and the Return could not frighten.

BH05050: Mention from the Wronged One, Who hath chosen tribulations…

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

Mention from the Wronged One, Who hath chosen tribulations in the path of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, unto Haji M.S. Verily, he emigrated for the sake of God time and again, and was imprisoned once in the land of Ta and at another time in this Most Great Prison. By God! Baha glory taketh pride in tribulation, having quaffed the choice wine of the love of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The world proclaimeth, saying: "O people! Behold my morning and my evening, and the time when the sun standeth at its zenith." Thus doth it inform them of the changes it undergoes, all of which testify to its transience and its imminent passing away.

O servant! Hearken unto the Call, that thou mayest witness that which the Essence of Baha witnesseth in this most exalted station—that there is none other God besides Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O my God! Leave me not to myself, but cause me to gaze, morn and eve, toward Thy most exalted horizon. Then manifest through me that which befitteth Thy Name, through which the Dove hath warbled upon the branches and the Mystic Dove hath spoken: "There is none other God besides Him, the

Forgiving, the Generous." We beseech God to assist thee and thy family to serve His loved ones, and to ordain for you that which shall profit you in the worlds of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH05044: A remembrance from Us to him who hath drawn…

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

A remembrance from Us to him who hath drawn nigh unto the horizon of utterance and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We make mention of everyone who hath turned towards the countenance of God and We teach him His straight path. O thou who hast turned to God! Hearken unto what the Wronged One addresseth thee from this remote prison. He testifieth to that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and of the earth: verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and We answer thee with this Tablet. He, verily, is the All-Compelling, the Answerer. Blessed is he who hath opened for thee the door of the treasure and taught thee what was within it, in the name of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed is he who gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of life in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and cast upon thee the Word of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. When thou hast received the Tablet, arise and turn towards the Most Sublime Horizon and say:

O Lord of eternity and Creator of nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby bodies were struck down and spirits were drawn forth, to make me one of them who have found the sweetness of Thy verses and who have drawn nigh with their hearts unto the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty. Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and who have offered up their souls in Thy path. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH05062: 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, which conveyed your love, kindness and affection, arrived. Immediately the light of sincerity, attraction and enthusiasm rose from the horizon of the heart. It has been proven that every tree of love, affection and devotion grows from heart and soul through the attention and consideration of God's chosen ones. This servant beseeches his Lord to manifest through your honor at all times that which draws souls near unto Him. Verily He has power over all things. After its reading in His presence, He graciously listened and said:

> "Praise be to God, the letter brought glad tidings of health, devotion and orientation toward the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Verily He was with him and will be with him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

End.

In these days He has repeatedly mentioned your honor, and at the time of writing commanded:

"Write that they should come on Thursday so that a meeting may take place."

Regarding what was written about the funds—if it refers to the funds of the esteemed Hakim Musa, they were assigned to the beloved and honored Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be God's peace, and should be in liras. If it refers to other funds, whether mejidiyyes or otherwise makes no difference—they all go back to Aqa Faraj and others like him, upon them be God's peace. Peace and praise be upon your honor and upon God's near servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant

BH05101: In My Name, the Self-Subsisting!

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We have manifested that which is befitting for the Cause of God in His days. Every fair-minded and discerning one bears witness to this. All things have spoken even as God hath spoken. Blessed is the ear that heareth. Woe to the heedless! The world hath been honored by the appearance of God, yet most of the people are sunk in slumber.

O concourse of earth! Hearken unto My call. By My life! It will guide you to the straight path, draw you nigh unto the most exalted Habitation, and cause you to drink the choice wine of recognition from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Bountiful.

We have made mention of all who have turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds, and have summoned them unto the supreme horizon—the Spot wherein the Ancient Beauty proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Glorious. We have arisen to promote the Cause and have revealed it through a sovereignty from Us.

But when the horizon of the Bayan was illumined and that which the All-Merciful desired was manifested, those who circled round Me were consumed with the fire of jealousy and hatred. Thus doth the Lord of Names make mention, that every discerning believer may become aware thereof. By God! He hath done what none among those who disbelieved in God in bygone ages had done. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a perspicuous Book.

We beseech God to assist His servants to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped and the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed.

We make mention of thee as a token of grace from Us and a mercy from Our presence, that thou mayest rejoice and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath placed his trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH11779: In My Name the Hearing, the Answering

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O Muhammad-i-Tahir! He round Whom circle the Concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise and the angels brought nigh, maketh mention of thee on this night.

Give thanks unto God, then remember Him at all times. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and fidelity, and that whereby the Word of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted.

When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, the Imprisoned! I testify that Thou hast chosen tribulation for the salvation of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and hast dwelt in the prison for the deliverance of all who are on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all names. Thou art indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

I beseech Thee, O Mystery of Being and O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of the seen and unseen, to aid me in that which befitteth Thy wondrous Cause and beseemeth Thy glorious Day. Then write down for me, through Thy bounty and favor, that which shall preserve me from the croaking which Thou hast foretold and from its transgression.

O my Lord! I am the helpless one, the wretched one, standing before the door of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to deny me [that which lieth with Thee]. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that have recognized Thee and the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH05567: O Isma'il! The All-Glorious remembers thee from the prison…

In the Name of Him Who is Supreme over all Names!

O Isma'il! The All-Glorious remembers thee from the prison precincts and summons thee to God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. He created creation for His knowledge, yet when He appeared and sent down the verses, they denied Him and His perspicuous Book. Be steadfast with such steadfastness as no authority of princes can shake, and speak forth with such utterance as the clamor of the heedless cannot silence.

We have heard thy call, and thy name was present before the Wronged One. We have revealed for thee that which has diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. Exalted be His grace that has encompassed existence and His mercy that has preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Nothing escapes His knowledge—He hears and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. When thou attainest the presence of revelation and hearest the shrill voice of My Pen, say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made clear to me Thy path, and for having sent down to me Thy proof, and for having manifested what was hidden in Thy knowledge—a grace from Thee unto Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven, and by the effulgent rays of the Daystar of Thy Revelation from the Sinai horizon, to make me speak forth Thy praise and glorification and hold fast to Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one who has sought the gate of Thy riches—I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of what lies with Thee. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Most Generous of the generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH05486: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto all who are in the realm of possibility, that perchance the people may cast away what they possess and take hold of that which they have been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the luminary that hath shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Great. Blessed is he who hath turned his heart unto it and acknowledged that which the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath spoken. O servant! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One in this mighty prison, and the servant who was present read it, and We answer thee with this perspicuous Tablet.

By God's life! A single word thereof surpasseth all that whereof the kings and princes who have amassed the treasures of the earth without God's leave do boast. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Seeing. Give thanks for having attained unto My remembrance while I was wronged at the hands of the heedless. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Possessor of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which necks have bowed before Thy sovereignty and power, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy sons and thy wife and thy sister and those who have believed in this wondrous Cause. Convey My greetings unto them all and remind them of that which hath been sent down unto thee from the presence of One Who encompasseth all things.

BH05255: This is the testimony which God—glorified be His majesty—vouchsafed…

In the name of Our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

This is the testimony which God—glorified be His majesty—vouchsafed unto me at the first of His descent into the barracks, when I besought of His bounty that He might send down unto me, from the heaven of His grace, a testimony whereby I might bear witness unto His own Self, even as He beareth witness unto His own Self. Thereupon was this testimony revealed unto me from the tongue of His greatness, and inscribed by the Pen of His might, that I might testify therewith and be numbered among them that have attained. Thus hath He spoken—exalted be His glory and immeasurable His majesty.

O Wronged One!

I bear witness that He hath testified unto His Essence that He is not to be known through aught beside Him, nor to be comprehended save through Himself. By one of His Names there hath been hoisted, upon the Sinai of existence in the realm of the unseen and the seen, the standard: "He, verily, is, in truth, no God but He." And by another Name He hath reared, upon this praiseworthy station, the tabernacle: "Verily, I am God; there is no God but Me." All things do testify unto Mine own Self, and all names unto My sovereignty. And I testify that they have not known Me, and that whatsoever they possess returneth unto one of My Manifestations who have been created by My Pen.

Whoso attaineth unto this testimony and beareth witness to that whereunto God hath borne witness in this Leaf, him will God make independent of the testimony of all who are in heaven and on earth.

O my God! I entreat Thee by Thy belovedness to make this testimony the lamp of my heart, the radiance of my countenance, and the light of my breast in this world and in the world to come. Verily, Thou art He Who hath power over all things.

BH05491: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down from His Most Great Prison unto one of His handmaidens who hath attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of the Ancient of Days speaketh in this Most Great Prison. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Grieve not at the happenings and changes of the world. By My life! That which will draw My handmaidens nigh unto a station wherein the atoms shall proclaim "The Kingdom is God's, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praised!" hath been ordained. Blessed is the leaf who hath heard My call, who hath held fast unto the Tree of My loving-kindness and clung to My luminous hem.

O My handmaiden and My leaf! When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

My God, my God! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy perspicuous Book, and Thy firm Command, and Thy Most Great Name, the All-Glorious, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for the circling ones around Thee, and the maidens of the court in Thy days, and those who gaze toward Thy horizon. I testify, O my God, to Thy manifestation and Thy establishment upon the throne of utterance in the kingdom of creation, and to the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee to send down upon Thy male and female servants that which Thou didst send down upon them that circle round Thy throne. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH05624: O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness. This is the Day of Revelation, and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of utterance. Blessed is the soul whom neither the tales of the ignorant divines nor the vain imaginings of the heedless servants prevented from the Most Exalted Horizon, nor deprived of the Kawthar of divine knowledge which floweth from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Give thanks to the Goal of all worlds that He aided thee to turn towards Him and believe in Him.

The entire world awaited the Day of Manifestation, yet on the Day of God, their deeds profited none. Their actions became the cause of the waywardness of the servants. Had they held fast to the divine Will and acted according to that which is in the Book, they would not have been seen deprived and forbidden from the ocean of grace and the sun of loving-kindness on this wondrous Day.

Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Goal and the Goal of the world, my Object of Worship and the Object of Worship of the nations, for having aided me to turn towards Thee when men were in evident drunkenness. I beseech Thee by the Concourse on High, and by the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy glory and the tabernacle of Thy grace, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have cast away all else save Thee and have turned to Thy Most Exalted Horizon when Thy call was raised. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH05280: Today the divine fragrance is wafting from the garment…

In the name of God, the Speaking One!

Today the divine fragrance is wafting from the garment of His Cause—surely every possessor of smell perceives it. The Sun of the Countenance is manifest and shining from the horizon of appearance—every possessor of sight beholds it. The Euphrates of utterance is flowing and streaming forth from the Finger of the Will of the All-Merciful—everyone whose thirst is true thirst attains and will attain unto it. Besides these souls, all are and were dead. Therefore one should not be saddened by the deeds and actions of the dead, for they were and are not worthy of mention. O Greatest Leaf! The Supreme Pen commands: In all conditions be occupied with the remembrance of the Friend and with the utmost joy and fragrance drink from the life-giving water. Count all contingent beings as absolute nothingness. Soon will the whole world return to extinction, while the banner of immortality has been and will be raised in the name of Truth. “Everything will perish save His dominion which belongeth to God alone.” Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the believing and devoted women of that land and say: God is witness and sees and hears, and He has not forgotten and will not forget the leaves of the Tree of Love. And the Glory be upon thee and upon them.

BH05585: Verily God revealed to one of His loved ones…

Verily God revealed to one of His loved ones in His revelation: O Javad! I do not forget him who remembers Me, and I am a companion to him who loves Me, and One Who remembers him who desires Me, and a fortress to him who turns his face toward My countenance, and a helper to him who advances toward My direction, and a protector to him who calls upon Me, and a succorer to him who seeks succor from Me. Grieve not over anything—all good is treasured for My pure ones, which We send down from the heaven of My grace by My leave and will. Rejoice in that We have caused thee to hear My melody and My warbling and My remembrance and My call.

Blessed is the soul that hath been set ablaze with the fire of My love and hath attained unto My presence and sought refuge in My court and heard My call and soared in My atmosphere and placed its trust in My Self and fled from all else beside Me. Verily he is of the people of the kingdoms of My might and My dominion. Upon him be My blessings and My mercy and My benediction. Thus have We mentioned thee and preferred thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

Say: O my God! Thou seest my burning in separation from Thee and my longing for the dawning-place of Thy reunion. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the dawn of unity broke forth and the face of

detachment was illumined, that Thou make me one who circles around Thee in all Thy worlds. Then remember, O my God, my exile and my ardor and my yearning and my longing. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH05449: He speaks, and His word is the truth: We…

He speaks, and His word is the truth: We have made mention of the name of ʿAyn in the Tablets. This is of God's bounty towards him, and through it his remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. It behooveth him to be steadfast in the Cause of God and to hold fast unto the wisdom whose decree We have sent down in the Scriptures of God. Thus doth his Lord, the All-Knowing, teach him.

We have witnessed what was mentioned concerning him who was named ʿAli, who desired to turn his face toward the Dawning-Place of the light of his Lord's countenance, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: None is permitted to turn toward the prison quarter. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation decreed and the Pen of God, the Beloved of the worlds, recorded.

O ʿAli! Hearken unto the call from the Dayspring of Glory and Grandeur: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, then bear witness to His oneness and to the sanctification of His Being from all else beside Him. Thus doth thy Lord, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, command thee.

We love to behold all who have turned toward God, but the people have come between Me and those who desire to attain My presence. Thus doth the Truthful, the Trusted One, inform thee. He recordeth for those who desire the reward of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Speak with wisdom and cleave unto its hem. It shall profit thee and profit those who believe in the Single One, the Mighty, the Praised.

BH05556: Can the Pen avail to inscribe all that hath…

He is the Opener, Who by His Name layeth hold on cities and lands.

Can the Pen avail to inscribe all that hath been decreed in the Books, or to unveil that which lay hidden in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of all worlds? Nay, by the dominion of the Names, save at the bidding of His radiant, dawning Command.

This is the Day whereon every man of insight who hath turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed, hath attained unto his goal. Verily, We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet the people are sunk in evident delusion. They have broken the Covenant of God and His Testament, and disbelieved in His signs—verily, they are, in the Perspicuous Book, among the most abject of losers.

O Aqa Jan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in this Most Great Prison:

> "Verily, there is no God but He, the One, the Single, the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

Take the chalice of My utterance from the hand of My bounty, then drink therefrom in My Name, and say:

"O my God, my God! Unto Thee be praise, inasmuch as Thou hast guided me, hast made me to hear, and hast caused me to behold Thy traces and Thy straight Path in this Day whereon, by Thy leave and at Thy command, the Herald hath proclaimed in every direction: 'By God! That which was treasured hath appeared; that which was hidden hath come with a mighty, sovereign power.'

> "O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, recognizing Thy oneness and confessing what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to ordain for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which shall, at all times, give me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy Name, the All-Merciful. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

BH05358: Praise be to the one incomparable Lord and Dawning-Place…

In the Name of the Herald, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful

Praise be to the one incomparable Lord and Dawning-Place of bounty, Who bestowed fellowship among His loved ones and adorned them with the ornament of love. O spiritual youth! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Thy mention hath been mentioned and thy name hath attained the honor of being heard. The friends in those regions have ever been and continue to be remembered. Say: O people of God! This is the day of service and of arising to promote the Cause. However, through wisdom and utterance, deprive not yourselves from the ocean of bounty, and render not yourselves deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of divine mercy. Hold fast unto the cord of trust in God and cleave unto the hem of resignation.

Say: O My loved ones! Time and again in the Scriptures and Tablets have We forbidden you from corruption and contention. Today all must hold fast, as before, unto that which God hath willed, and must occupy themselves with the guidance of souls through wisdom and utterance. In these days suspicions and vain imaginings have encompassed most and deprived them of the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Certitude. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to sanctify His loved ones from that which is found among the people of treachery, enmity, rancor and hatred. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and love thee and hearken unto thy words concerning this firm and impregnable Cause.

BH05625: O My Leaf, O My Afnan, O My Handmaiden…

In the Name of the Beloved of the world

O My Leaf, O My Afnan, O My Handmaiden, O thou who art present before My Throne! We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to preserve thee and those who are with thee. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Today the Afnans of the Sacred Tree, both male and female, must arise to serve the Cause. They must not be perturbed nor frightened by the cawing of the ravens and the clamor of the oppressors. I swear by the Most Great Book that the Cause of God will encompass and take possession of all the earth. Those related to the Truth must engage in teaching the Cause through wisdom and utterance.

The world passeth away more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye. In truth it was not and is not worthy of attention. Reflect upon the Wronged One's Cause. From the earliest days until now He hath been in the hands of the heedless. That which hath not befallen anyone else hath befallen Him, yet He arose to promote the Cause in such wise that neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs nor the harm of the oppressors could prevent Him from uttering the blessed Word, until the Cause reached such a stage that the kings of the world are searching to discover its purpose and to become aware of that which God hath willed.

We have mentioned and continue to mention the Afnan, and We beseech for him protection, exaltation and glory. Verily God is the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH05278: Today all things speak forth the blessed word "The…

He is the Hearing, the Responding One!

Today all things speak forth the blessed word "The Glory has come!" This is that Name at which the joints of the ungodly tremble and the hearts of the believers find peace. This is that Name which has had and has no likeness or equal. He is the Hidden Pearl that was concealed and preserved in the Mine of Divine Wisdom and Protection, and was later mentioned, by the Absolute Divine Will, in the Dawn Prayer. He is the Crown of utterance and the Diadem of proof—none denies it save those filled with rancor, envy, and such wretchedness as amounts to disbelief in God, the Lord of all worlds. And the throne of that Name has been the Dayspring of Divine utterance, as expressed in His words: "O God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Beauty [Baha] and all Thy Glory is truly glorious." This is the Most Great Name and the Most Perfect, Most Ancient Blessed Word—at its very mention the evil ones are scattered.

O Muhammad-Qabl-ʿAli! Praise God for having enabled thee to attain unto a Tablet from whose horizon the Sun of Grace has shown forth and become manifest. His honor Ibrahim, who circumambulated around Me and attained My presence, made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that whereby the hearts of those near unto God have been attracted. That which thou didst send has been accepted. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty favor. Verily, glorification swims in the ocean of utterance and glorifies its Lord, the Hearing, the Responding One.

BH05594: O Samad! In the Most Great Prison there befell…

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven!

O Samad! In the Most Great Prison there befell the Wronged One that which hath no likeness or parallel. A tyrant, in the name of justice, sat in authority and, inflamed with the fire of hatred and malice, surpassed in wickedness the wrongdoers of old, perpetrating that which caused the heavens to cry out and the Divine Lote-Tree to lament. Were We to mention the tribulations endured, both past and

present, existence itself would flee from being and seek non-being. The traces of tribulations are manifest and evident from every limb.

In all conditions We have appeared and stood firm before the faces of the people of the world. The tongue hath spoken and the pen's movement been raised. Yet the conditions of self and passion have, on the Day of Return, deprived the servants from the Creator of existence.

Say: My God, my God! I testify that from Thy Pen hath flowed the river of knowledge and wisdom. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy bounty to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee, and enable them to face toward the lights of Thy countenance and to advance toward the horizon of Thy gifts. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation and are in Thy grasp. Deprive them not of the fragrances of Thy days. Ordain for the sincere ones the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before the gate of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH05277: Today the ocean of knowledge is surging…

In the Name of the one true God!

Today the ocean of knowledge is surging and the pearls of wisdom and divine knowledge are manifest and visible, yet all are deprived thereof save whom God willeth. O friends! Know ye the value of these days which, though fleeting and transient, are ordained for the attainment of everlasting stations. Blessed is the one whom transient conditions have not prevented from recognizing the essence of knowledge and wisdom. We have heard thy call and have made mention of it in this Tablet, that perchance through the sweet-scented breeze of utterance they may attain unto that which God hath purposed. The idolaters have encompassed the believers on all sides. The cause and reason for this hath been and continueth to be the heedlessness of the negligent ones and the tyranny of the oppressors.

Now must thou and all the believers, with utmost humility and lowliness, beseech the Self-Sufficient One for that which would conduce to the betterment of the world and the progress and tranquility of its peoples. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy Prophet and Thy Chosen One, Whom Thou hast made the Sovereign of the Messengers and the Guide of all paths. I beseech Thee by Him and by His family and companions to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05345: My eyes shed tears, my heart and pen lament…

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

My eyes shed tears, my heart and pen lament, and my tongue proclaims: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, for having made me the Dayspring of tribulations and the Source of calamities amidst Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. For love of Thee I have chosen every affliction, and for passion of Thee every grievous trial. The rapture of Thy utterance hath so seized me that I have turned my breast toward the darts of the enemies and set my face toward the spears of the idolaters.

Were it not for my love of Thee, how could I have endured the derision of the enemies and all that hath befallen me at every moment?

Thy love hath imprisoned me in the prison of the land of Ta beneath the chains of Thy creatures, and hath sent me to ʿAkka, the place that hath been named the Most Great Prison. Were We to recount what hath befallen Us in the path of God, the Lord of Names, every hearing and seeing one would weep. We make mention of Our tribulations in measure, lest grief overtake Our loved ones in hardships and trials. He, verily, is the Helper, the All-Wise. All that hath come upon me in the path of God is the solace of mine eyes. To this testifieth every truthful and faithful one. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen mentioned unto thee what hath been inflicted upon Me by the hosts of the heedless.

Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have turned their faces toward My Countenance and drawn nigh unto God on this resplendent Day. Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who have believed in the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05373: A remembrance from Us to him who has drunk…

He is the Witness to Truth from His Most Exalted Horizon

A remembrance from Us to him who has drunk the choice wine of revelation when its seal was broken by the finger of his Lord's power, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, it maketh mention of thee in that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Bear thou witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified before the creation […]: There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have made manifest the Cause and made clear that which was hidden from the servants, and We have favored those who have believed over those who have denied God when He came with manifest sovereignty.

Say: Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth! Follow Him Who hath come unto you with the truth, and follow not those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. This is the Day whereon the All-Merciful hath revealed Himself unto all who are in the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide them who have denied the Book of God when it was sent down in truth. And blessed is he who hath taken it […] clear. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and cast aside that which the people possess. Thus have We commanded thee before, and those who have believed in this Cause whereby the heart of every heedless and veiled one hath been shaken.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have hearkened unto the call of God and acted according to that which they were commanded. These, verily, are among the people of this praiseworthy station.

BH05377: This is a remembrance from Us for such…

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

This is a remembrance from Us for such as have attained the lights of utterance, at the time when the All-Merciful came with a mighty sovereignty. Say: Verily, He calleth you unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and

ordaineth for you that which shall abide with you in every world of the worlds of God, the Lord of all being.

He in truth speaketh the word of truth, yet most of the people are among the heedless. They have cast God behind their backs and have followed the ways of the ignorant.

The door of the Treasure hath now been opened, and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God hath been made manifest, if ye be of them that know. Say: Make haste unto that Horizon from which the sun of might and power hath shone forth. Beware lest the hosts of idle fancy debar you from this Most Great Announcement.

Say: Were He to take a handful of dust and breathe into it of the spirit, ye would behold it voicing, with the most eloquent tongue of grandeur:

> "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Most High, the All-Knowing."

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as He sat enthroned upon the seat of His great Name. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this luminous, perspicuous Tablet. By the life of God! From it shall the true believers inhale the fragrance of God, and the sincere ones discern the sweet savours of His exalted, wondrous Utterance.

Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged within the All-Merciful in this very hour.

The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My tender care rest upon thee, and upon those who have carried out what they were commanded in My mighty Book.

BH05378: A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained…

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

A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have remembered thee time and again, and this is yet another time. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged and estranged! We have emerged from the Most Great Prison and made this palace Our Most Sublime Vision, to the dismay of those who have denied God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: He hath come forth from the prison with authority from His presence and hath established Himself upon the throne in an exalted garden. Then He turned towards the palace which was renowned among both the lowly and the noble. He is, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He is, verily, the One Who holdeth sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him, hearkened, and acknowledged that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in this most mighty, most holy, most precious and most wise Revelation. Let nothing grieve thee. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace. He will protect thee through His power. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee, that thou mayest be among those who are firmly established. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto this mighty Day, whereby the servants were shaken and the limbs of those who turned

away from God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Praised, did quake. We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause and to protect thee from the evil of every remote oppressor.

BH05460: That which was hidden hath appeared…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

That which was hidden hath appeared, and that which was recorded in the Tablets hath come to pass. The seeing one hath beheld and turned towards God, the Lord of Lords, and the hearing one hath heard and hastened to the Dawning-Place of his Lord's verses, the Lord of all men. How many a servant hath mocked God, and how many a servant hath said, "Here am I, here am I, O King of mankind!" We have manifested the Cause and raised up the Standards, and have sent down from the heaven of revelation that whereby ears were created in the contingent world. But when the Cause appeared and the Sovereign of Power was established upon the throne, the idolaters emerged from behind the veil. By God! They committed that whereby the Cause was brought to naught and whereby the dwellers of Paradise in their chambers did lament.

Thus do We recount unto thee that thou mayest be informed of what befell Us at the hands of them that denied God and His sovereignty in the final return. The fire of hatred seized them to such extent that they disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed and around Whom they had circled at morn and eventide. From this station We send Our glorification upon thee and upon them that are with thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. Remind the people in thy Lord's name, that perchance the remembrance may draw them nigh unto the most exalted station. It behoveth thee to arise to serve thy Lord. Verily He seeth thee in thy condition. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH05462: The fragrance of utterance has wafted throughout contingent being…

He is the One speaking with truth!

The fragrance of utterance has wafted throughout contingent being. Blessed is he who perceived it and recognized Him Who came with manifest sovereignty.

O peoples of the earth! By God, the Hidden One has come and what was treasured in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, has been made manifest. Beware lest riches prevent you from the ultimate goal, or the forces of those who have violated God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds, cause you fear.

The Promise has come, and the Promised One stands before all faces, calling out with the most exalted call:

> "He Who was mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers has come, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge has appeared."

To this bears witness […] in this exalted station.

This is the day when the Ancient Beauty moved toward another mansion, despite those who denied the Day of Judgment—the Day in which the veils were rent asunder, the clouds were dispersed, and the lights of the Countenance appeared from this luminous horizon. Blessed is the one whose strength was not weakened by the forces of the world, and blessed is the upright one who heard, hastened, and said: "Here am I, O Thou Goal of the mystics!"

I beseech Thee by Thy manifestation in Thy days and the splendors of the lights of Thy face, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking in Thy remembrance, and arising to serve Thy Cause—through which the foundations of those who worship idols without any Book or proof from God, the Single One, the All-Informed, were shaken.

BH11780: The purpose of creation hath been the appearance…

In the Name of the One God

The purpose of creation hath been the appearance of this most exalted, most holy Day, which in the Books, Tablets and Scriptures of God hath been known as the Day of God. All the Prophets, the chosen ones, and the holy ones have yearned to attain the presence of this Day, for the Speaker of the Mount is manifest and the Horizon of Revelation is bright and resplendent. Whoso hath attained unto this supreme bounty hath attained unto all good, and that soul, through divine favor, hath reached this most glorious, most exalted station, hath drunk from the wine of His love, hath turned unto His horizon, and hath repeatedly partaken of His mention, which is of the fruits of the eternal Tree. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it in the name of the Lord of Days. The whole world cannot and will never equal a single word that proceedeth from the Ancient Tongue. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless.

God willing, may you be engaged in the mention of God, exalted be His glory, with the utmost joy and fragrance, free and detached from all else. The nights and days shall pass away, but what hath been sent down from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, shall endure for thee. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath recognized this precious and wondrous Day.

BH05949: O handmaiden of God, mother of His honor Mirza…

In the Name of One Who is All-Knowing and All-Powerful

O handmaiden of God, mother of His honor Mirza ʿAli-Rida, upon him be the glory of God! In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. O my handmaiden! The Book of God hath appeared and spoken forth without any veil or concealment. This Most Great Book was mentioned in the Qur'an as the Mother Book. Blessed is the soul that hath become aware and held fast unto it. This Book at all times summoneth the servants unto the horizon of the All-Merciful. This is that Book which comprehendeth all books, past and future.

O leaf! Praise the Object of the world's adoration, that thou hast turned unto the Book of God in days when all are heedless and have turned away from it. By the Sun of the Most Exalted Horizon! Thou art in manifest profit while the people are in grievous loss. Make mention of this bounty and occupy thyself

with the praise of the Lord of Names. Today whosoever attaineth unto the Word of God hath attained unto all that is in the Book. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee in the Most Great Prison and for having moved the Most Exalted Pen of God in thy name. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath heard and attained and responded and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth!"

BH05729: The essence of praise and glorification and the quintessence…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Giving, the Generous!

The essence of praise and glorification and the quintessence of remembrance and splendor befit that Self-Subsisting Lord Who, from the sealed wine, bestowed eternal life and everlasting existence upon the inhabitants of the graves.

O Abdul-Baqi! The Eternal Lord declares: Whatever occurred and transpired in the Prison-land was in accordance with the requirements of the tenderness, mercy, gifts and favors of God, exalted be His glory. My handmaiden and leaf, Sakinih, upon her be My Glory, was accepted and adorned with the honor of His good-pleasure. However, the Wronged One did not wish, in the presence of God's friends, to give precedence to the Branches in the matter of marriage. Therefore, We chose and bestowed Our favor upon Abdullah, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness, inasmuch as the father, uncle and cousin of Habibullah, upon him be My Glory, had been afflicted with great tribulations in the path of divine love. Thus was manifested, through pure bounty, grace and mercy, that which was in accordance with God's will. All must beseech God, exalted be His glory, to manifest in the Prison-land also that which would cause the exaltation of His Word and the dawning of the light of His Cause. The Glory shining from the horizon of My heaven be upon you and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

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BH05793: The world is a manifest book which, at every…

In the name of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names! From the Prison of ʿAkka.

The world is a manifest book which, at every moment, has borne and continues to bear witness to its own transience. Indeed, from the beginning of the world until now it has proclaimed "Depart! Depart!" and with most eloquent utterance declares: "O servants! Observe the changes in me. At times I appear in the darkness of night, and at other times in the light of dawn. My trees are sometimes seen in the fullness of greenness and freshness, and sometimes appear yellow, withered and dry.

Take heed, O ye whose sable hair should counsel bring; Take heed, O ye whose hoary cheeks are blossoming!

Old age and youth, death and life are heralds on His behalf, making all aware of the end of all things. Blessed is the state of one who has detached himself from it and attached himself to the Truth. O my handmaiden and my leaf! All things, in one station, are heralds of the Truth among the servants. Nevertheless, heedlessness has encompassed the whole world, save those whom thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous, has willed. Say:

Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having guided me to Thy path and remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH11648: In My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden!

In My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden!

O Muhammad-i-Tahir! Rejoice that the Most Great Ocean hath turned toward thee and desireth to cast upon thee, from the precincts of His mighty prison, the pearls of the All-Merciful's utterance. By the life of God! A single letter of that which hath been sent down in truth cannot be equaled by aught else, nor by all that the kings and rulers possess. When thou receivest My letter and findest from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness, arise, turn toward My direction and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

O Tahir! We were with thee and witnessed thy acceptance and heard thy call. We have sent thee this Tablet that thou mayest hear My sweetest call, which God hath made the water of life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and the choice sealed wine for those who observe what they have been commanded in My perspicuous Book. He who serveth My loved ones and dealeth with them in kindness is as one who hath attained unto My service—this verily is a great station. What thou hast done in God's path hath been accepted. Rejoice thou and be of those who render thanks.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity rest upon thee and upon those who have cast away what the people possess, clinging fast to that which hath come unto them from God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH05933: O Ahmad! Behold the grace of God like unto…

In the name of the one true God!

O Ahmad! Behold the grace of God like unto the sun. When it shines forth, its rays encompass all the world. Every word that hath appeared from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Oneness—its effulgences encompass all the friends. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace, for He hath mentioned in an imperishable Book, preserved in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms, all who have turned unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Praise be to God that thy father circumambulates [the Sacred House], and this is a most exalted station. He makes mention of thee before His presence, and of those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praised. Convey to all the friends in that land the

greetings from God, and give them the glad-tidings of His favors and bounties, that they may all attain supreme joy in these divine days.

We send greetings from this spot to the faces of My servants and handmaidens there and in other lands. Verily grace hath encompassed all existence and mercy hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Glory be upon thee, upon thy mother, thy sister, thy kindred, and upon those who have sought the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Summit, and have drunk the choice sealed wine through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH05703: This Wronged One makes mention, for the sake…

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

This Wronged One makes mention, for the sake of God, of those who have turned towards Him, and commands that which will profit them and exalt them. Man should fix his gaze upon that which is the source of his glory, elevation and loftiness, and this cannot be attained except through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Time and again this word has flowed from the Pen: through one word and one pure deed, the earth has transcended the heavens. We hope that all may attain to that which is the cause of the acceptance of souls and the harmony of hearts.

O Muhammad-Hasan! Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, forwarded thy letter to the presence of this Wronged One, and this Tablet has been revealed in thy name. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty and say:

> "Suffer me not, O God, my God, to be kept back from the heaven of Thy bounties and the daystar of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by that Word through which Thou hast subdued all things visible and invisible to assist me and to assist Thy chosen ones to accomplish that which shall exalt Thy Cause amidst Thy servants and throughout Thy regions. Do Thou ordain for me, then, every good thing which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH06001: O leaf! God willing, may you ever remain firm…

In the Name of the All-Seeing Speaker.

O leaf! God willing, may you ever remain firm in the Blessed Tree which, before the faces of all, speaks forth the Most Great Word, in such wise that the tempestuous winds shall not prevent you, nor shall the barking ones and deniers deprive you of the manifest light. Say: O Lord, my Goal, my Beloved! This handmaiden of Thine testifies that Thou didst raise her from utter nothingness to the robe of existence and immortality. Now I beseech Thee to withhold not the hand from taking hold of the Tablet, nor deprive the eye from beholding Thy signs. O Peerless, Generous One! Illumine the heart with the light of Thy love and deprive not the temple from the adorning grace of Thy bounty. Thy handmaiden hath

turned toward the door of Thy grace and with a hundred thousand tongues renders thanks to Thee, for Thou hast blessed her with Thy blessed word “O My handmaiden.” O Lord! Grant unto Thy handmaidens that which befitteth Thy generosity and beseemeth Thy bounty and grace. They have none besides Thee and have taken no lord except Thee. Thou art the Ocean of Generosity and the Heaven of Bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH05975: O noble master and distinguished presence! The servant has…

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

O noble master and distinguished presence! The servant has been favored by your verses and I beseech the Most High that through them He may reform the order of the world and the laws of nations, for they were as pure gold from the mine of the love of God. Praise be to God, you have spent all your days in praise of the Lord of Names. A hundred thousand lifetimes could not and will not equal a single hour of your life, for it was and is spent in praise and glorification of God.

We beseech the True One to confirm all in that which is befitting and worthy. And furthermore, the pearls of the sea of your love were presented before His face and were favored with the glance of His grace. He said:

> “God willing, may he be confirmed. O Nabil! We have heard what you uttered and presented and sent, and We pronounce Our greater blessing upon you and upon My loved ones and upon him who was named with your name and upon him who is with him and upon every traveler who has migrated in the path of God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God, the King of this promised Day.”

End. With utmost sincerity I extend greetings to each of the masters and beloved ones who are blessed and honored with the love and remembrance of God. Glory be upon your presence and upon them.

The servant

BH05884: A Book sent down in truth from God…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

A Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses as a grace from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, for He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One, hear My call. It draweth thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. The might of the servants hindereth it not, as attesteth His perspicuous Book.

O Abdullah, give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned toward thee the countenance of the Ancient of Days from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and for having mentioned thee in such wise that nothing in existence can equal it. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance as a bounty

from God, the Lord of the worlds. Take My Book from the hand of My loving-kindness and say: My God, my God! Thine is the giving and Thine the glory, for Thou hast sent down upon this servant of Thine, from the heaven of Thy Will, the verses of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed the world to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH05644: Praise be to God Who hath aided us…

In the name of God, Lord of the Supreme Throne!

Praise be to God Who hath aided us to recognize the Dawning-Place of His signs, the Dayspring of His evidences, the Manifestation of His commandments and the Source of His laws—He through Whom was revealed that which lay hidden in knowledge and concealed from eyes and sight. And praise be to God Who hath sent down from the clouds of His bounty the table of His knowledge and ordained for whoso turneth unto it an exalted station in the highest Paradise. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before the faces of His loved ones the gates of His grace and mercy. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this remembrance and this perspicuous Tablet. Say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and voicing Thy praise. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Mighty Book, and to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity a blessing from Thy presence and a grace from Thy side. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have desired to seal this Tablet with mention of one of the handmaidens of God, that she may thank her Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. O handmaiden of God! We have heard thy call and make mention of thee with that which draweth the servants and handmaidens nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Peace be upon thee from the Wronged One, and upon those handmaidens who have acknowledged the unity of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05678: We make mention of My handmaiden who hath circled…

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

We make mention of My handmaiden who hath circled round the Throne, who hath believed in God and soared in the atmosphere of My love and drunk the choice wine of My bounty and attained unto faith in My days and turned with her heart toward the precincts of My prison and the seat of My throne and My most great horizon wherefrom My call was raised and from whose horizon shone forth the sun of My grace. Blessed are My handmaidens who have drawn nigh and found and partaken and drunk by My Name, which dominateth the kingdom of My names and is exalted above the remembrance of My servants. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen warbled, and verily He is the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

We make mention of her who was in the presence of My Name—and verily He is the Letter Ha which the Glory mentioneth in this noble station. Blessed is he who hath loved My Name, unto Whose acceptance

and arising and mention the atoms themselves have testified on this Day which God hath illumined with the light of His resplendent and luminous Beauty. Upon him be glory, and upon his spouse, and upon those who dwell in his house, and upon thee, O My handmaiden, and upon those who love him with a love for God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of all My handmaidens in this Tablet, verily We have been mindful of them. Blessed are ye, O handmaidens of God, inasmuch as ye have drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH05755: May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor…

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

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. He said:

O My Name! Upon you be My Glory! His honor Afnan, upon him be My Glory, has been and continues to be under the gaze of loving-kindness and stands at the gate in truth. Indeed he has acted in such a way as bears witness to his devotion and detachment. We beseech God to preserve forever this supreme bounty. This is a treasure, sealed with the blessed word “O Preserver!” His mention regarding the person referred to has been accepted, and even if it were fifty thousand we would have accepted it. Convey My greetings and give him the glad tidings of special favors.

This evanescent one, according to the command of my Master His honor Afnan, upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah] the Most Glorious, after visiting the blessed writing presented himself before His presence and submitted all his requests. Praise be to God, they were honored with acceptance. This servant beseeches God that in all conditions they may attain to all outward and inward bounties. On behalf of this evanescent one, please convey greetings, glory and utter nothingness. The spirit, glory and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you.

BH05785: God hath borne witness that there is no God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

God hath borne witness that there is no God but He. And He Who now speaketh is, in very truth, the Promised One foretold in My Books and My Scriptures. He verily is the Most Great Path for the world, and the Mother Book in the midst of all nations.

Whoso hearkeneth unto His call is, in the sight of God, the Lord of Names, numbered among the people of the Supreme Paradise; and whoso turneth away is, in the Perspicuous Book, recorded among the idolaters.

Thus hath My Pen been set in motion, thus hath the fragrance of My Utterance surged, and thus hath the Tongue of My majesty and My tender mercy spoken: I am the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

O people of cities and of lands! Give ear unto the call of your chosen Lord, Who hath come for the quickening of your souls and hath sent down for you that which was hidden from you and treasured in His manifest Book.

By God! The Book speaketh forth, while most of the people remain heedless. There is naught but We have disclosed it in truth, and there is no command but We have enjoined it upon you from the presence of One Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Beware lest the hosts of such as have wrought injustice and denied the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds, debar you. Cast away that which is in the hands of the people, and hold fast unto the Manifestation of the Name of your Lord, the Self-Subsisting. Act in accordance with that which ye have been commanded in My mighty, My exalted Tablet.

Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the Orb of thy Lord, the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing.

BH05843: The Tongue of Revelation hath spoken: Verily, there…

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

The Tongue of Revelation hath spoken: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein the trees have yielded their fruits and the seas have surged, yet the people remain in […] manifest. Blessed is he who hath cast away his idle fancies and turned unto […] of the Bayan in the days of his Lord, the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in what We have sent down unto thee in this Tablet and say: O Thou through Whose Name the horizon of praise was illumined and by Whose Call the people of creation were stirred to motion, ordain that I may stand firm in Thy service, utter Thy remembrance, serve Thy Cause, and act according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book.

Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Drink thou the Kawthar of life at all times through this Name whereby the back of the greatest idol was broken and the hearts of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, were consumed. Give thanks unto God through this Remembrance which endureth throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm on high, and through which the fragrance of utterance was wafted between the heavens and the earth. Glory be unto him who hath taken the chalice of certitude and drunk therefrom, detached from those who disbelieved when God came with manifest sovereignty.

BH05966: O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God…

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

O Javad, upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness! The letter which the Afnan, upon him be My glory, sent to thee was presented by this servant in the presence of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, it was a truthful testimony and an eloquent witness to his acceptance, devotion, steadfastness and service. We heard his call and saw his sighs in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified for him, both before and after, that he is among the successful ones in a clear Book. Give him glad-tidings from Me that We had given him glad-tidings before in a Tablet from whose horizon shone the sun of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Bountiful.

God willing, may they remain steadfast in serving the Cause at all times and speak forth His remembrance. Soon the earth shall pass away and there shall endure for Him what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of God's Will, the Most High, the Most Great. What they have written regarding the printing of the book is correct and adorned with the ornament of truth. These matters depend upon time, place, occasion and requirements. In all things they must be mindful of wisdom. Thus have We counseled them before and at this time. Glory be upon him and upon the Afnan in that place who heard the call and answered their Lord, the All-Merciful.

BH05967: O Javad! We have heard your call from your…

He is the Responding, the Beloved!

O Javad! We have heard your call from your letter and illumined its horizon with My remembrance—that remembrance at whose appearance the hearts of those who denied God were troubled while the hearts of those who answered their Lord, the Summoner, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, found peace. We bear witness that you have believed in God and your letter was present before the Throne at the beginning of the Cause. He is verily the Recorder, the Confirmer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have mentioned you in these days, and this is yet another time, as a bounty from God, the Speaker, the Trustworthy. Were I to mention to you that which My heart proclaims, by God's life, the Concourse on High would lament, as would those who circle round the Temple of God, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Say: The sun of trustworthiness has been eclipsed and the moon of justice has darkened. Thus does My Most Exalted Pen inform you from this Kingdom […] I have recognized the sorrow of your heart and heard the cry of your soul regarding the Cause of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great. Say: The head of Baha has been adorned with the crown of tribulation and His heart has been troubled by what has befallen the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory be upon you and upon those with you, from One Who is grief-stricken, sorrowful, Who walks in this resplendent station.

BH06007: The servant begs his Lord to assist His loved…

The servant begs his Lord to assist His loved ones to do what He loves and is pleased with. If the souls who have accepted the Faith had until now acted according to what God has willed, the earth would now be seen as a different earth. God willing, it is hoped that from now on this servant and all others will be assisted to act according to the good-pleasure of the Friend and occupy ourselves with what is beloved before His presence. Let us not speak before hearing, and not act before being commanded, so that we may be counted among those servants of whom He says:

> "They speak not before He speaks, and they act by His command."

The steadfast souls must today speak that by which hearts are attracted, and all must occupy themselves with teaching the Cause of God. Although the Cause of Truth has never needed and does not need the assistance of others, and will soon become evident like fire upon a mountain, yet souls like this servant who spend their precious lives engaged in forbidden pursuits must become aware through the revealed

verses and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause of God, that perchance they may quicken dead souls with the living waters and adorn the heedless with the ornament of awareness. This is the most great deed and the true elixir, and this is the meaning of “good” in its primary reality.

BH06205: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the One Who speaketh from the Divine Lote-Tree.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath appeared and manifested His Cause as He hath willed and desired, and He is the One sought after in the beginning and the end. We make mention of those who have believed in the clear signs whereby the fragrance of the Bayan hath been wafted throughout all creation. Glorified be the All-Merciful, the Manifestation of this momentous News! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that which hath caused the sweet savors of the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, to be diffused abroad. We counsel thee and them that have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby hearts have lamented and livers have melted. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the mention of God and His Tablet. He is indeed among the most exalted of creation in the Books and Tablets. We counsel thee to preserve this station lest every aggressive liar gain knowledge thereof.

When thou hast attained unto the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: Blessed be He Who hath turned toward His servant from the direction of the Prison and revealed unto him that which cannot be equaled by whatsoever is with all mankind. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of favors be upon the people of Baha who have not been frightened by the hosts of the world nor weakened by the power of the wicked ones.

BH06126: Praise be to the King of Eternity Who, through…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Giving, the Generous!

Praise be to the King of Eternity Who, through the Most Great Name, hath illumined the world with a wondrous light and set it ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. The Day is His Day and the Kingdom of might is under His command—exalted be His grandeur and mighty be His proof and evidence. There is none other God but Him.

O Zaynu’l-Abidin! When thou hast received My Tablet and found from it the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed with Thee on Sinai, Who hath been established upon the throne of Revelation, and by the Call that hath been raised between earth and heaven from the prison of Akka, and by the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for me that which will exalt me through Thy name amongst Thy creatures. Then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty a blessing from Thee and a favor from Thy presence. Then open before my face the door of Thy might and Thy riches. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, through Thy Name, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

Thy letter hath come before Us. It hath attained an answer, and We have answered thee through this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Knowing.

BH11651: We have heard thy call and have answered thee…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker!

We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Book at this hour when the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate, surgeth. We have, of a truth, drawn thee nigh, and thy father, and those who are with you both, as a token of grace from God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to draw you both near unto Him in every world among His worlds, to grant you the bounty of attaining His presence in His dominion and kingdom, and to send down upon you from the heaven of His generosity the table of His knowledge and the grace of His munificence. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

The glory from Us be upon you both and upon those who are with you, who have migrated unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, and who have arrived at the Most Great Prison, and have quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of bounty, and have heard His most sweet call from His most exalted horizon, and have witnessed and attained that which had been the hope of the sincere ones and those near unto God. The glory from Us be upon you both and upon those who are with you, and upon every one who hath turned, whom nothing among all things hath prevented from setting his face toward God, the Creator of heaven.

Rejoice in this most exalted Word which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06239: The Sun of immortality has dawned from the brow…

In the Name of God, the Most Glorious, the Most Glorious

The Sun of immortality has dawned from the brow of Glory. Blessed is he who is illumined by its effulgence. The Holy Countenance hath appeared from the Dayspring of God's Most Holy and Most Exalted Name. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all else save Him. The Fire of God hath been kindled in the Tree of the Command. Blessed is he who hath been set ablaze by its flames. The Spirit of God hath come with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Blessed is he who hath attained His presence. The suns of divine knowledge have shone forth. Blessed is he who is illumined by their lights.

O servant! Give thanks unto God that in the previous year thou wast illumined by the Sun of Grandeur and attained the presence of the Spirit of God and wast honored to meet Him. Let nothing cause thee grief. Be detached from the world and all that is therein and from those like unto it. Remember these mysteries in thy days, then detach thyself from all who are on earth and from its causes. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who perceive the pearls of wisdom from their shells.

Convey abundant greetings from this servant to the loved ones in that land, and give glad tidings to all of the wondrous tokens of divine favor and the outpourings of the mercy of the All-Merciful.

Abdu'llah al-Ali Muhammad-ʿAli

BH06134: In My Name, through which was opened the gate…

In My Name, through which was opened the gate of bounty unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation!

Praise and glory, remembrance and splendor befit the Lord of the Kingdom of Utterance, Who through the attraction of the Most Exalted Word brought being out of utter nothingness, and from non-existence made manifest the signs of eternity that all might testify to His appearance and manifestation, His sovereignty and power, and His bounty. Exalted is He Who hath attained to His Day and heard His call. Woe to the heedless! O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One, thou emigrant unto God! Thou hast been remembered, therefore have We mentioned thee in this blessed Tablet that thou mayest be of the thankful. Blessed is the soul who hath today drunk from the Kawthar of utterance of the Lord of Religions—such a one is mentioned before God, exalted be His glory, as among those near unto Him. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having turned toward Thy servant and remembered him through Thy most great verses in the prison of ʿAkka. I beseech Thee by the standards of Thy power and the banners of Thy guidance, by the repositories of Thy revelation and the dawning-places of Thy inspiration, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy service, and speaking in Thy remembrance and praise. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Exalted, the Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH06212: Blessed art thou for having done good to thyself…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Blessed art thou for having done good to thyself and for having recognized that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O concourse of creation! By God, He Who speaketh the truth hath come. Cast behind you all vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. How many a learned one hath been withheld by knowledge from the Sovereign of all knowledge, and how many an illiterate one hath quaffed the sealed wine through His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Remind the servants through this Most Great Remembrance and through that whereby their stations are exalted before God, the Most High, the Supreme. We counsel those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and chastity and whatsoever hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of an ancient Revealer.

We desire to behold thee speaking in remembrance of thy Lord and standing firm with supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped save those whom the hand of power hath seized and rescued from the seas of the doubts of the suspicious. He will aid thee in goodly deeds and grant thee the reward of His presence, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Protected. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not been kept back by worldly affairs from the Lord of all humanity, and upon those who have clung to His luminous hem.

BH06297: We have seen thy letter and heard thy call…

In the Name of the peerless Lord!

We have seen thy letter and heard thy call. God willing, in this spiritual morn thou shalt be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth and drink from the choice wine of inner meanings. The Beloved One speaks forth openly and without veil: Blessed is the soul that hears and causes to hear the call of Truth. Today, whatsoever dawns from the Dayspring of Divine Revelation is accepted and beloved. We beseech God, glorified and mighty be He, to guide those lost in the valley of error to the resplendent horizon of guidance, and to lead those who thirst in the desert of bewilderment to the ocean of recognition.

Say: O God of the world and Lord of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the lands were shaken and the servants were disturbed, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Then write down for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away what they possessed, turning to the horizon of Thy bounty and the Dawning-Place of Thy favors. O Lord! Leave me not to myself. Aid me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee, and ordain for me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06033: The Mother Book speaks: Verily there is no God…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Tablet.

The Mother Book speaks: Verily there is no God but Me, the One with power over whatsoever I will, through My Name, the Protector of what was and what shall be. This is the Day which the Prophets and Messengers gave glad tidings of, from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who gazest upon the countenance, rejoice in that thy name hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this Most Glorious Station. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and for having sent down unto me that which shall endure as long as Thy celestial dominion and Thy realm of might endure. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the hearts of the nations, to aid me to arise to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and clinging to Thy cord. I beseech Thee to make me of those whom the swords of tyranny deterred not from turning toward the Daystar of Thy justice, nor the spears of oppression from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy grace. O my Lord! Assist me to aid Thy Cause and to enter the precincts of the glory of Thy oneness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy manifest Command. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH06235: We have mentioned thee when We were…

We have mentioned thee when We were in a glorious station and have sent down verses for thee even as We sent them down aforetime as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the Mighty, the Bountiful. After this dark autumn there hath been and shall be a luminous spring, and whatsoever hath fallen from the trees

shall God cause to grow anew through His bounty. Verily thy Lord is He Who causeth to grow, the All-Wise. The letter which thou didst send to him who beareth the name of M, upon him be the Glory of God, the servant in attendance before the Face hath presented it. This is what was revealed after hearing it: Give thanks and be thou of them that rejoice.

O thou who bearest My Name M! Make mention of him who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon and desired to attain the presence, and give him glad tidings through this remembrance which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Say: The Command is in His hands—He writeth for whomsoever He willeth the recompense of attaining His presence, for He is the One Who commandeth, the All-Wise. Ask thou God to ordain for thee the reward of what thou didst desire in His path, for in such days as these it behooveth no one to turn toward the precincts of the Throne. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One mighty and ancient. The glory from God rest upon those who have won the lights of steadfastness in this Cause, the firm, the mighty, the wondrous.

BH06104: This is a book from the Wronged One…

In the name of the one incomparable God.

This is a book from the Wronged One of the horizons to one of His friends who emigrated from his place until he attained the most exalted horizon and drank the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of Names. Blessed is he and his father who gained entry into this noble scene. O Abdullah! God willing, through the favor of the Beloved of the worlds, thou shalt be enabled to accomplish that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. At all times gaze toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, and walk among people with utmost truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness and piety. I swear by the Sun of Revelation which hath dawned from the Dawning-Place of utterance that praiseworthy deeds and goodly actions are the cause of the exaltation and elevation of the existence of the servants. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with the robe of virtues which God hath sent down in the Book. With permission thou art undertaking this journey. God willing, thou must act as befitteth. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions with that which pleaseth Him. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the horizon of the Cause and believed in God, the Exalted, the Great.

BH06268: In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

This is a Book sent down by Him Who is the Desired One that He might guide the people to His straight path and draw them nigh unto the station wherein the Tree calleth out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!”

O Yusuf! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee and aideth thee to draw nigh unto the ultimate goal and the most exalted summit—the station whereon is established the throne of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Give thanks unto

God for having enabled thee to turn towards Him when every learned one had turned away. Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee and have desired from the ocean of Thy bounty that which will render me detached from all else save Thee, speaking Thy praise and soaring in Thine atmosphere. I testify that the choice wine of Thy praise hath taken hold of me and the Salsabil of Thy utterance hath intoxicated me.

I beseech Thee by Thy glance and by Thy call, and by the Command whereby Thou didst subdue all creation and attract all beings, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will purify me from the doubts of those who have denied Thy Manifestation, disputed Thy signs, turned away from the Dayspring of Thy attributes and the Source of Thy commandments. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and in service to Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH06087: O Javad! The Creator of all beings says: May…

In the Name of the Wronged One of the horizons.

O Javad! The Creator of all beings says: May you ever remain, God willing, sheltered and at rest beneath the divine Lote-Tree, and be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Goal of the worlds.

Act with great wisdom. Be not confident in people, for most have turned away and continue to turn away from the Truth at the slightest word, since they have not attained to recognition of the Root of the Tree. Therefore you must not consider every claimant to love as truthful, and keep concealed that which must remain concealed. Often it happens that someone, moved by selfish desire, spreads abroad whatever they have come to know. Would that they were content with this much! Rather, they speak of what they have not seen and mention what they have not heard. In any case, conduct yourself with perfect wisdom.

And a Tablet specifically for Hakim was sent as promised. Be assured, O Javad, of thy Lord's grace and be of the thankful. Verily thou hast been mentioned before the Throne with most excellent praise. He is indeed the Forgiving, the Generous.

May the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06129: Praise sanctified beyond mention and utterance befitteth and beseemeth…

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

Praise sanctified beyond mention and utterance befitteth and beseemeth the Lord of virtues Who illumined His servants with the lights of the Daystar of the horizons and adorned them with the sanctified and luminous ornament. O Abdu'r-Rahim, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of this great Day. His honor Mulla Muhammad-Ali hath arrived and mention was made of you in the assembly of the oppressed ones. Say: My God, my God! Assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love, and illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. Then send down upon them from the clouds of Thy generosity the rain of Thy mercy. O my Lord! Take their hands with the hands of Thy power and might,

which have caused all created and contingent things to be seized by Thy command and taken by Thy Name.

I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Goal of all who dwell in earth and heaven, by the Lord of Batha [Muhammad] through whose advent the celestial spheres were honored, to enable the people of Iran to achieve righteousness and piety and purify them, O my God, from transgression and indecency. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. And We make mention of My loved ones and friends there and counsel them with that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be unto Him for He is the Goal of them that have known Him.

BH06257: The Most Great Book declareth: The Day…

In the name of the Lord of Eternity

The Most Great Book declareth: The Day is the Day of God, and the infinite outpourings of divine grace are streaming from the cloud of mercy, and the ocean of bounty is surging, and the light of manifestation is shining and radiant from the horizon of the heaven of Sinai. Blessed are the leaves that have held fast unto it, and blessed are the servants who have not deprived themselves thereof.

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Praise thou the one true God and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens and Fashioner of all things, for having remembered Thy leaf and Thy handmaiden. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who illuminest the world and art manifest through the Most Great Name, to assist me and Thy leaves to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy handmaidens, and to ordain for me and for them every bounty that lay hidden in the heaven of Thy generosity and the treasuries of Thy loving-kindness.

O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the leaf of Thy Divine Lote-Tree. I have turned unto Thee. I implore Thee to change the sorrow of Thy loved ones into joy, and their powerlessness into might, and their abasement into glory, and their poverty into wealth. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all created things and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Loving, the Ever-Forgiving.

BH06169: My remembrance unto My handmaiden who was attracted…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

My remembrance unto My handmaiden who was attracted by My verses, who turned to My horizon, who soared in My atmosphere, who drank the choice wine of My love and the Salsabil of My tender mercy and the Kawthar of My grace that prevails over all who see and are seen.

O My handmaiden! By the life of God, I am in manifest grief. My grief is not for what has befallen My body and frame and soul and spirit, but rather for what has befallen the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. If I were to detail for you, O My servants and handmaidens, what I have heard and seen in the path of God, the wailing of weeping would rise up from all things between earth and heaven, and the

people of Paradise and the Concourse on High would lament. To this bears witness the Lord of Names in a preserved tablet.

When I reached this point, the Most Exalted Pen cried out saying: “O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name to permit Me to make mention and utterance, that I may describe what Thou art in the kingdom of creation.” We said: “Be patient even as thy Lord was patient. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the Generous.” Thus was the matter decreed from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06026: O God, my God! Thy call hath attracted me…

He is the Gracious, the All-Bountiful!

O God, my God! Thy call hath attracted me, and the voice of Thy Pen of Glory awakened me. the stream of Thy holy utterance hath enraptured me, and the wine of Thine inspiration entranced me. Thou seest me, O Lord, detached from all things but Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and craving the wonders of Thy grace. I ask Thee, by the eternal billows of Thy loving-kindness and the shining lights of Thy tender care and favor, to grant that which shall draw me nigh unto thee and make me rich in Thy wealth. My tongue, my pen, my whole being, testify to Thy power, Thy might, Thy grace and Thy bounty, that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty.

I bear witness at this moment, O my God, to my helplessness and Thy sovereignty, my feebleness and Thy power. I know not that which profiteth me or harmeth me; Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Do Thou decree for me, O Lord, my God, and my Master, that which will make me feel content with Thine eternal decree and will prosper me in every world of Thine. Thou art in truth the Gracious, the Bountiful.

Lord! Turn me not away from the ocean of Thy wealth and the heaven of Thy mercy, and ordain for me the good of this world and hereafter. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the mercy-seat, enthroned in the highest; there is none other God but Thee, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06093: To be typed

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BH06133: Praise be unto Him Who is worthy and deserving…

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

Praise be unto Him Who is worthy and deserving, Who hath educated the world through justice and adorned it with the lights of grace. His generosity is not withheld from the manifestations of existence, and His bounty is not impeded by the differences among nations. Glorified be His majesty and universal be His favors. There is none other God but Him.

Thy letter, which was sent in the name of generosity—upon him be the peace of God—was observed. Praise be to God, it was illumined with the lights of the word of unity and perfumed with the fragrance of the recognition of God, glorified be His majesty. Some among the servants have ever spoken that which

was unfitting and from which the fragrance of truth was not diffused. The reality of matters is clear and evident. We beseech God that He may aid and assist thee in all conditions. May the utterances of the servants not sully the hem of sanctity.

Follow thou the Wronged One. Verily He saith what the Spirit hath spoken:

> "If Thou shouldst punish them, they are indeed Thy servants; and if Thou shouldst forgive them, verily Thou art the Mighty, the Great."

Some complaints have occurred and continue to occur due to blind imitation. Place thy trust in all things in God, even as thou hast trusted in Him and committed thy affair unto Him. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH06153: A remembrance from Us to one who has drawn…

He is exalted above mention and description

A remembrance from Us to one who has drawn near to the Most Great Sea and desired to turn towards the Ancient Horizon from which the Sun of Grandeur has shone forth from God, the Exalted, the Great. Blessed is he who has grasped the Sure Handle and joy be to him who has drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Generous, the Bountiful. By God! Were anyone to turn with the ear of innate nature […] the Most High, he would surely hear the Call in remembrance of this Wronged One, Who has been encompassed by sorrows through what the hands of the heedless have wrought.

By the life of God! The horizon of trustworthiness has been darkened after We had commanded all to observe it in My wise Book. Were We to detail for you what We have concealed beneath the veils of forbearance, ye would surely cry out among the peoples of creation: "Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is witness to what I say." We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning towards the Countenance, and We have sent down for thee this Tablet that it may bear witness for thee in the worlds of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Be thou thankful to God for this great bounty, then beseech Him in all conditions to make thee steadfast in His love. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH06259: The Book of God hath been revealed with truth…

In the Name of the Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Book of God hath been revealed with truth and beareth witness to that which the Wronged One hath witnessed from His glorious station, declaring: Friendship is a sun created by God for the heaven of humanity—through it his station is exalted and his worth becomes manifest among the peoples. He, verily, is the True One, the All-Knowing. We have adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the stars of ordinances, that perchance the people may reflect upon that which shall profit them in both this world and the next. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Wise. Say: That which hath been revealed in the Book—verily it is your sustainer, your educator, your teacher, your protector, your helper, your source of glory, and your guide, were ye of those who understand.

Nothing can profit you except by His leave. To this beareth witness My Manifest Tablet which the Lord of Eternity hath sent down that it might proclaim before the face of the world that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus hath sung the Cock of My Throne, and cooed the Dove of My Cause, and warbled the Nightingale of My remembrance, and chanted My Most Exalted Pen, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Be thou grateful that the Countenance hath turned toward thee and sent unto thee a fragrance from the fragrant garment of His remembrance. Upon thee be glory, and upon those who are with thee and who have quaffed the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the power of their Lord, the Almighty.

BH06261: A Book have We sent down in truth…

He is Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious

A Book have We sent down in truth and made it a reminder for all the worlds. Verily it is the breath of the All-Merciful amidst all created things and a sign of His glory unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through it the believers perceive the fragrance of reunion and the sincere ones drink from the hands of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Kawthar of immortality. Those who are heedless of it are wandering in the wilderness of error, while they who have turned unto it are in an exalted station.

The celestial spheres have been set in motion by the wafting of the breezes of thy Lord's mercy, yet most of the people are among the dead. The Divine Lote-Tree hath been stirred by the movement of the verses of Him Who is the Lord of all creation, yet most of the people remain heedless.

Blessed are the people of Baha! God beareth Me witness! They are the solace of the eye of creation. Through them the universes have been adorned, and the Preserved Tablet embellished. They are the ones who have sailed on the ark of complete independence, with their faces set towards the Dayspring of Beauty. How great is their blessedness that they have attained unto what their Lord, the Omniscient, the All-Wise, hath willed. Through their light the heavens have been adorned, and the faces of those that have drawn nigh unto Him made to shine. Thus have the breezes of life wafted from the gardens of the mercy of the Bountiful One and encompassed all things great and small.

Turn ye unto the Most Pure Fountain! Beware lest the veils of humanity prevent you from this mighty prospect.

BH06777: This is a Book which speaketh with most eloquent…

In His Name through Whom the Luminary of Proof hath shone forth!

This is a Book which speaketh with most eloquent utterance in the realm of possibility. God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. This is a day wherein the doors of grace and bounty have been opened wide. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. O Muhammad-Rahim! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison—verily it draweth thee unto God, the Lord of all men. Say: O concourse of men! The Bestower hath come, and the Dove of Paradise hath warbled upon the highest branches. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. When thou dost inhale the fragrances of revelation from thy Lord's verses, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy manifestation and by the mysteries concealed within Thy knowledge, to aid me to perform such deeds from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure shall never cease to emanate. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge Thy manifestation and Thy sovereignty, and confess that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH06547: The remembrance and utterance of the Goal of all…

In His Name Who is the All-Knowing Rememberer!

The remembrance and utterance of the Goal of all the world's peoples hath reached such a station that it hath encompassed the world and all who dwell therein. Yet the people of the world remain deprived and veiled.

O people of Baha! That there is none to rival you is a sign of mercy. Quaff ye of the Cup of Bounty the wine of immortality, despite them that have repudiated God, the Lord of names and Maker of the heavens.

The beloved friend—upon him be My glory—and thou have ever been beneath the glance of loving-kindness. The Tablets revealed stand as witness and testimony. There hath been sent down for him that which attesteth to God's grace, His loving-kindness, His mercy and His favors. And for thee in this Tablet is that which shall never fall silent but shall speak before the faces of the world. He Who hath remembered thee in His mighty prison doth bear witness to this.

We make mention of the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and counsel them with that whereby the Cause shall be exalted. Blessed is he who hath heard and held fast unto that which he hath been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds.

The glory be upon you, O people of Baha, from the presence of One Who is Forgiving, Generous.

BH06445: O Majdu'd-Din! We beseech God that He may cause…

He is the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious.

O Majdu'd-Din! We beseech God that He may cause thee to enter beneath the canopy of His glory and within the pavilion of His bounty. These twain are My love: enter therein, then hold fast unto it, and fear none among men. Put thy whole trust in My Self, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsistent.

O My Majd! Adorn thy tongue with My remembrance, then thy heart with My love, then thine ear with hearkening unto My verses, and thine eye with gazing upon My sacred, well-beloved Beauty.

O Majd of Eternity! Clothe thyself in the robe of courtesy, for it is a vesture which He hath ordained for the temples of humankind, and it befitteth every body, whether of female or of male. O My son! Strive to acquire knowledge, for it is the knowledge of Me. This is the knowledge which hath ever been the very

essence of all that is known. Hast thou found, apart from Me, in all the earth any object of knowledge? Nay, by My Beauty, the Mighty, the Manifest!

O Majd of Holiness! Adorn thy head with the diadem of truth, that by its light thy face may shine resplendent betwixt earth and heaven. O My son! Make mention among the people of My first exile and of My first imprisonment, then of My second exile and My latter imprisonment, and then of this final exile, from which the tears of the denizens of nearness have flowed from their eyes.

BH06462: O handmaid of God! This is a Day wherein…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O handmaid of God! This is a Day wherein if someone falleth short in performing a deed, they will not be able to make up for it even in countless ages to come. God willing, may you hold fast with complete certitude to the Truth and be detached from all else. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Prison that if people were to reflect even slightly on what hath been manifested in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Revelation, they would abandon the world and all therein and turn with heart and soul toward the direction of the All-Merciful. However, their vision hath been veiled by the greatest veil which is human desires, and thus their eyes are deprived of beholding the Greatest Scene and their hearts are prevented from seeking.

In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and with the ear of thy soul hearken unto the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen which is raised betwixt earth and heaven, that thou mayest discover its sweetness and become independent of the world and all that is therein through the remembrance of thy Friend. God willing, mayest thou ever dwell beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and be nourished from the Kawthar of His grace. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon the assured handmaids of God.

BH06683: Say: O my God! I am Thy servant…

Say: O my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and have directed myself to the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of heaven. I have found the fragrance of Thy utterance and the breezes of Thy revelation and the manifestations of Thy power. My Lord, I beseech Thee by Thy strength which hath conquered all things and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued all names, that Thou disappoint me not of what is with Thee. Then grant me that which Thou hast written for Thy loved ones and ordained for them from the Pen of Thy decree.

My Lord, separation from Thee hath destroyed me, parting from Thee hath burned me, and absence from Thee hath killed me. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy reunion to ordain for Thy servant to attain Thy presence or to write down for him its reward through Thy bounty and grace. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My Lord, Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty and gazing toward the direction of Thy prison. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bestowals to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and the service of Thy Cause in such wise that neither the affairs of the oppressors nor the power of the tyrants

shall prevent me. I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested that which was hidden in the eternity of eternities. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

BH06724: A Book from Us to him who hath attained…

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

A Book from Us to him who hath attained unto divine knowledge when the countenance of his Lord, the Most Merciful, shone forth, that the attraction of the Word may draw him to a station wherein he will speak amongst all created things through this Name, through which the oceans of wisdom and utterance have surged.

Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh unto the Most Desired One when every doubting misbeliever remained remote from Him. When We found from thee the fragrance of the love of God, We sent down unto thee this Tablet and dispatched it in truth as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Make mention of what hath befallen Us in the path of God, then of My imprisonment and exile in this spot at the hands of the wicked. Say: O people, by His Name the Self-Subsisting, He calleth out with the most exalted call from the horizon of the prison and summoneth the entire creation unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of creation. Turn your hearts toward the court of the Desired One and follow not every ascetic deceiver. Thus have We wafted unto thee a breath from the breezes of the All-Merciful that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the Most Merciful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind.

BH06798: O Asad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged…

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

O Asad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from this well-known spot. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The All-Bountiful hath come upon the clouds, yet the people perceive it not. They have followed their own desires and cast behind them that which the King of Kings hath brought. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses, and made thee attain unto this promised Day. By God! This is the Day whose mention hath adorned the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Among the people are those who have denied and turned away, and those who have cast aside the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity. Thus doth My Pen recount unto thee that thou mayest be informed and be of them who have held fast unto the cord of God's tender mercy, the Mighty, the All-Loving. When thou hast received thy Lord's Book, arise and say:

> "Unto Thee be glory, O Lord of the worlds! I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded Thy wrath, and Thy grace hath encompassed the kingdoms of the unseen and the visible. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this Cause which hath caused the limbs of the world to quake, save

those whom the hand of Thy favor hath aided. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

BH06866: O Muhammad-Javad! Praise be to God that thou hast…

He is the Protector over what was and what shall be!

O Muhammad-Javad! Praise be to God that thou hast received thy portion from the ocean of divine bounty. His generosity hath not deprived those who have turned to Him, and His grace hath not withheld from those who have beseeched Him. His hand is outstretched and His mercy precedeth all. Blessed is the one whom the smoke of self and passion hath not prevented from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Today the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is raised and the shrill voice of the Pen is manifest. God willing, thou shalt attain unto the most great steadfastness and speak forth in remembrance of the Peerless Beloved. Say: O friends! Conflict, contention and bloodshed are forbidden. All must occupy themselves with the refinement of their own souls and thereafter arise for the reformation of others. This is what the Lord of Eternity hath decreed when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the world. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which God hath desired, and woe unto those who turn away. In all circumstances be mindful of wisdom and associate with all in a spirit of fragrance and joy. The Glory of God be upon thee and upon thy family who have believed and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06485: This Wronged One has testified and does testify…

In the name of the Everlasting Speaker.

This Wronged One has testified and does testify to the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen, that He has had and shall have no peer, no equal and no likeness, and He speaks this blessed word which adorns the preamble of the book of existence: "Verily there is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." God willing, may that honored one be engaged with utmost joy and fragrance in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and arise to serve His Cause. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends of God. Say: God willing, you must speak and act in a manner befitting the Cause of God and His Revelation, in such wise that the affairs of the world shall not prevent you. You have borne hardships in the path of God—preserve this station. Satans are spread throughout the earth and are occupied with leading humanity astray. Say: Thus does He counsel you from Whose presence is the perspicuous Book, and reminds you of God and His verses, and teaches you what will guide you unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those who have turned to God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH06503: The entire world was awaiting this blessed Day, yet…

In His Name, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth!

The entire world was awaiting this blessed Day, yet when the hidden Day was adorned and made manifest through the radiance of the Sun of Truth, all who dwell on earth remained veiled save whom God wished. Blessed are they whom the veils and allusions of the people did not prevent from the ocean

of divine recognition. Arise in His Name and take the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, may His glory be glorified, and drink it in defiance of those who denied the right of God and His loved ones and followed every heedless doubter. God willing, on this Day when the world is encompassed by the darkness of fancy and vain imaginings, thou shalt be illumined by the lights of the morn of certitude. Glory be to God! Those servants who were heedless and unaware of the origin of the Cause and its foundation are now occupied with leading souls astray. Fie upon them and upon those who follow them without any clear proof or Book! Through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, it is hoped that your honor will be engaged in the remembrance of the Purpose of the world with utmost joy and delight, and will arise to serve Him.

BH06418: Today the denizens of the Supreme Concourse…

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

Today the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and the exalted Paradise consort with one another in utmost joy and gladness, delight and expansion, giving one another the glad-tidings of attainment to His presence. For the holy and luminous spirits have ascended from the earth, and all have welcomed them. And now, in perfect fellowship and unity, they walk in that holy and blessed land and those luminous and spiritual realms. And the dwellers of the pavilion of glory each utter this most blessed and exalted word: "The day of joy has come! The loved ones in the divine garden, with spiritual souls, are engaged in eternal pleasure and everlasting delight!" And the inhabitants of the canopy of grace each proclaim this exalted word: "This is the day wherein the sincere ones and those brought nigh have attained the presence of those who gave up their spirits in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds and the Sovereign of the mighty throne!" O thou who hast turned unto God! Give thanks unto God, exalted be He, for having aided thee and sent down for thee in this Tablet that which hath attracted the realities of existence, both hidden and manifest. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every patient and grateful one.

BH06721: This is a Book sent down by the Lord…

He is the Hearer in His most exalted horizon.

This is a Book sent down by the Lord of all beings that He might draw His servants nigh unto His horizon, adorn them with the ornament of His love, make mention of them through His verses, and give them the glad-tidings of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O ʿAbdu'r-Rahman! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all creation and the Sovereign of religions. He maketh mention of thee from the prison precincts in such wise as to draw thee nigh unto the most exalted station and the supreme summit. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

There hath come before Us a letter from one who hath attained My presence, stood before the gate of My grandeur, voiced My praise amongst My servants, and held fast to the cord of My service amidst My creation. We make mention of thee in a Tablet that shall bear witness unto thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

All that exists in the world cannot equal a single word from the words of thy Lord—to this doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness in His mighty prison. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee to turn unto Him and for having elevated thy station through His wise remembrance. We counsel thee to preserve this station in the name of thy Lord and to remain steadfast in His Cause, the firm, the secure.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06778: This is a Book that speaketh with truth unto…

He is the rightful Sovereign!

This is a Book that speaketh with truth unto him who hath quaffed the choice wine of utterance and heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the servant who, clinging to the cord of the Lord of all beings, hath cast away vain desire. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Crimson Hidden Scroll. Thus hath the matter been decreed in this exalted station.

O Habihu'llah! We have answered thee and made mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. We have named the heavenly table "Mary" as a token of Our favor and a mercy from Our presence. We beseech God to bless her coming and to rain down upon her from the clouds of His grace the showers of His blessing, His bounty, His generosity and His gifts. He, verily, hath power over all things.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy signs and Thy clear tokens and by the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for her and for her father and mother and those with her every good thing which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book for Thy handmaidens who have circled round Thy throne and have won Thy loving-kindness that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have known Thee!

BH06516: All praise that transcends the comprehension of the peoples…

All praise that transcends the comprehension of the peoples of the contingent world befitteth the Purpose of all worlds, Who hath illumined the universe with the lights of His Most Great Name…

Concerning what you mentioned about Jinab-i-Aqa Husayn Haji-Rajab and also Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid, as was said before, many were beheaded. Praise be to God, the lovers in the city of detachment all attained in the path of God to that which had been the ultimate hope of those near unto Him and the sincere ones. I beseech God to grant true vision to the people of the world, that all may become aware of the loftiness, exaltation, glory and majesty of His chosen ones, and likewise become cognizant of their own abasement, darkness, wickedness and presumption….

BH11653: We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi…

He is the All-Wise Teacher!

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi, that he may rejoice in this remembrance whereby all things have spoken: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!” Verily, the Wronged One maketh mention of the servants of God on earth and summoneth them unto God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is he who is endowed with vision and hath recognized his Lord, and blessed is he who, when he heard the call from beyond the Ocean of Grandeur, responded: “Here am I! Here am I! O Thou God of the seen and the unseen!”

Say: The Wronged One speaketh not of His own desire—to this beareth witness the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below—yet most of the people understand not. This is the Day which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: “The Kingdom on that Day shall be God’s,” yet most of the people perceive not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every rejected learned one.

Say: This is the Day of Revelation, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of Utterance, yet ye remain silent. Arise from the slumber of vain imaginings, then turn ye towards the Most Sublime Horizon which hath been illumined by this Name through which the gate of heaven was opened and the tribes of the Spirit descended.

Glory be upon the people of glory who have heard and responded when the Truth came, the Knower of all things unseen.

BH06824: O Javad! In the days when the Light…

In His Name, the Manifest, the Witnessed

O Javad! In the days when the Light of Revelation was dawning from the horizon of Iraq, We informed all through the cawing of the cawers. Those souls who were heedless of the root of the Cause and unaware, clinging to the cord of vain imaginings and scattered throughout the cities and regions, are like the previous party, training the servants with vain imaginings. For one thousand three hundred years, heedless souls afflicted the Shiite party with vain imaginings. On the Day of Recompense they committed that which caused the Divine Lote Tree to weep and the Supreme Pen to lament. Until now the deniers of the Bayan have not understood the Day of God. They speak and make mention with previous names. Say:

O God, Whom I Worship and Adore! The power of Thy servants did not prevent Thy power. Thou didst aid Thy Cause with the Pen and didst summon through the Most Great Name. I beseech Thee by Thy great bounty and profound generosity to protect these servants from the evil of the cawers, that perchance we may not be contaminated with vain imaginings like the previous party. O Powerful One! Grant the portion of the chalice of certitude to those who have turned to Thee, and deprive them not of the lights of the Orb of assurance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06589: O Thou Who hearest, seest and answerest!

O Thou Who hearest, seest and answerest!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the gates of heaven were opened and those near unto God hastened to the Most Exalted Horizon. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Names and the pearls of

the ocean of Thy knowledge, O Lord of the Throne and earth, to make me among those women who turned to Thee when Thou didst appear, who hearkened when Thou didst call, and who directed themselves to Thee when the earth and heaven were illumined by the light of Thy countenance. O my Lord! Thou art He at Whose manifestations of generosity every noble one was thunderstruck, and at Whose expressions of power every mighty one confessed their impotence. Write down for me, by the Pen of Divine Decree, that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and vocal in Thy praise.

O my Lord! This is one of Thy handmaidens and a leaf from the leaves of Thy Divine Lote-Tree, and she seeketh Thy all-encompassing grace which hath surrounded the dwellers of Thy earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Generous. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the stars of the heaven of Thy knowledge and the suns of the horizons of Thy grandeur to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thy bounty and favors, and is worthy of Thy generosity and bestowals. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Chosen, the Mighty, the Great.

BH06540: A remembrance from Us unto those who have soared…

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

A remembrance from Us unto those who have soared in the atmosphere of love and knowledge until they reached the station wherein was raised the call: “Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.” The world hath been adorned with the lights of the Most Great Name, yet most of the people remain heedless and astray. They who have turned unto the Countenance are the people of Baha in the Crimson Book, and they who remained heedless are among the people of the fire. How many a learned one hath remained remote from the ocean of knowledge, and how many an ascetic hath turned away from God, the Lord of lords! Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and turned unto God, the Lord of Days. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His Hidden Name when it appeared with grandeur and power. Beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the back of every doubting denier hath been made to tremble. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God. Cling unto Him, detached from all else. The world and whatsoever is therein shall perish, but that which hath been revealed for thee shall endure. Know thou this and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!”

BH06759: Another letter from Mulla Baqir, upon him be Baha…

Another letter from Mulla Baqir, upon him be Baha, has attained the honor of being heard before Our presence. The schemes and machinations of heedless souls are manifest and evident before God….

He mentioned Fath’ali Yavar. He hath spoken the truth. Say: O Baqir, O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Faithfulness to the Covenant and Testament beseemeth the sincere ones, the near ones, and the assured ones—not the wood-turners of the earth. No soul is worthy of this most exalted station save he who hath purified his heart and soul through repentance and turning unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise….

BH06411: Praise be to God that the Sun of divine…

In the Name of the One God!

Praise be to God that the Sun of divine favor hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of bounty, and that the ocean of grace in this blessed Day is manifest and surging. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined by the light of the Sun of Revelation and hath drunk from this ocean. We beseech God to make the evanescence of the world and its differences ever-apparent and visible before the eyes of souls who have turned towards Him, and to make manifest the permanence of exalted stations, that all may hold fast to that which is befitting this Day and not be deprived of the Most Great Name by reason of what existeth in the world.

Thy letter which thou didst send in care of the Servant was received, and from it was inhaled the sweet fragrance of divine love. We beseech the Exalted One to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. God willing, mayest thou ever drink from the Kawthar of the Merciful's love and be occupied with His remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon all who have turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and recognized that which hath been revealed by God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06415: My God, my God! Thy grief hath consumed me…

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

My God, my God! Thy grief hath consumed me, Thy imprisonment hath set me ablaze, and Thy tribulation hath caused my death. Would that I had never existed when I heard the lamentations of Thy heart through what the hands of Thine enemies have wrought, and would that I had not been created to witness what hath befallen Thee from the tyrannous ones among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Creator of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee. Then protect them, O my God, from the evil of Thine enemies, and ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones, and what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

My God, my God! Thou seest the one who hath turned to Thee and spoken Thy remembrance and praise, and desired the treasury of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bestowal to assist him in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy love and service to Thy Cause, and ordain for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art He Whom no earthly power can weaken and no might of nations can prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06427: Verily God and His angels and His chosen ones…

He is the Silent Speaker

Verily God and His angels and His chosen ones and His messengers and His friends glorify those who have drunk from the Kawthar of steadfastness in such wise that nothing whatsoever hath deterred them from

God, the Lord of existence. These are the people of God in the Great Scroll and the people of faithfulness in My Preserved Tablet. O people of Baha! Hearken unto that whereunto the Tongue of Grandeur calleth you—verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. I created the world for My remembrance and praise, after the recognition of My Self, which dominateth over all witness and witnessed. Say: O people! The Most Great Scene hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth with the most exalted call: The King of Names hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom.

We make mention of God and summon all to the supreme horizon—whoso respondeth, to his own gain, and whoso denieth, verily He is independent of those who have disbelieved and denied. There is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and heard My call, make mention of My days and what hath befallen Me at the hands of those who oppress. The glory be upon thee and upon those who gaze toward Him.

BH06552: A remembrance unto him who hath turned unto My…

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing!

A remembrance unto him who hath turned unto My Kingdom, heard My call and responded thereunto through My grace, and I am verily the Answerer. Today, everyone who hath turned hath attained victory and prospered exceedingly, while he who turned away hath suffered loss, even though he be the one possessed of knowledge and wisdom. When We sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs, there arose against Us one who had been concealed behind a thick veil. He came forth saying “I am your Lord, the Most High.” We said: “Perdition unto thee, O thou who associateth partners with God and art far removed from Him!” We have counseled all in the Book with that which profiteth them, yet We have found the people to be heedless, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy.

Say: This is the Day of Manifestation, the Day wherein mankind hath arisen unto God. Blessed is he who hath heard what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an and then in the Bayan, and woe unto the deniers. The people have turned away, yet the people have arisen to serve God, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice in that a noble Tablet hath been sent unto thee from the presence of the All-Merciful. Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06621: In My Name, the Stranger, the Sorrowful

In My Name, the Stranger, the Sorrowful

Alas, alas, O Sovereign of faithfulness! Alas, alas, O King of justice in all creation! Do we behold Thee imprisoned in the hands of the most wicked of creatures, or do we see Thee martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all beings? By Thy glory, O Thou Who art named with the letter Ha’, grievous is it to the people of Baha to hear what hath befallen Thee in Thy love for God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. And grievous is it to the Most Great Name to behold the world yet not behold Thee, and to hear the clamor of the nations yet not hear Thy cry and Thy confidings.

By God's life, all things lament Thy tribulation, and the Supreme Pen weepeth between the fingers of the Lord of all names. We testify that he who hath risen up to harm Thee is among those who in every age have disbelieved in God, the Lord of both this world and the next. Thou art He through whom the preamble of the Book of faithfulness was adorned in the kingdom of creation, and through whom the temple of servitude was beautified amidst the manifestations of all names. Perdition unto the people who wronged Thee after the balance of justice was established through Thee in the days of Thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Thus have We mentioned Thee aforetime, and at this moment from My Most Exalted Pen.

BH06662: The Lord of all beings hath testified…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

The Lord of all beings hath testified to that which [the Youth] hath testified in these days—that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Faces have turned black and souls have changed when the King of Kings came with proof and evidence. Those who have been seized by the wine of passion have turned away from God, the Lord of all beings, and denied Him Whom they had been invoking at all times. Every sect hath followed a name among names and thereby opposed God, the Source of Inspiration.

Blessed is the one strong whom armies have not frightened, and the one steadfast whom the signs of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return have not prevented.

Say: Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from the Dawning-Place of your Lord's Revelation, the Revealer of verses. None should object to the people. It behooveth every soul who hath believed in God to hold fast unto what is virtuous in all conditions. Whoso hath turned unto Him hath done so for his own self, and whoso hath turned away—verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Blessed art thou for having turned and attained unto that whereby thy mention shall endure in the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the call of [God] from this Spot.

BH06667: The Sun of Beauty hath set from one house…

In the Name of Him Who standeth over His Cause

The Sun of Beauty hath set from one house and risen from the horizon of another. Blessed be God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We left the house and entered the house of Kalim an hour before sunrise. Thus was the matter decreed by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When We entered, We found some of the loved ones standing by the door and others waiting in prison. We glorified God before their faces and sat for a time. Then after that We arose and spoke, having been silent. He, verily, is the All-Informed. Then We sat and drank that which in number equaled Our name, the All-Bountiful, and We associated with those who believed in God, the Mighty, the Great. All this transpired on a day which God hath made a festival for those who fast for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O my God and the God of all names, and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by the manifestations of Thy sanctification in the kingdom of creation, to adorn the temples of those who fast with the robe of Thy grace and forgiveness. Then ordain for them, through Thy bounty and favors, the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Kind, the Generous.

BH06674: In My Most Great Name!

In My Most Great Name!

The Book hath spoken before the face with that which the Bayan spoke concerning this Manifest Remembrance. Say: This is a Revelation that hath no likeness in creation, and thereby is established the unity of His Essence and the sanctification of His Self, the All-Encompassing over the worlds. Say: Through this Revelation the decree of origination is established and the Nightingale of the All-Merciful hath sung upon the branches of the Tree of Utterance that "There is none other God beside Me, the Single, the All-Informed." Say: Whosoever affirmeth a likeness hath indeed associated partners with God—to this doth the Ancient Beauty testify from His exalted station.

Say: O people of the Bayan! This is the Originator of the heavens and earth, were ye of them that know. Fear God and deny not that in which ye have believed, and commit not that which the people of the Furqan committed aforetime. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones.

Thus hath soared the Bird of Knowledge and cooed the Dove of Utterance upon the branches of the Divine Lott-Tree that thou mayest thank thy Creator, thy Sustainer, and thy Bearer of Glad-Tidings through this wondrous and original Tablet. When My fragrance hath enraptured thee and thou hast found the sweet-scents of My utterance, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy firm and wise Command!"

BH06688: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I…

He is the Remembering One, the Speaker, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I bear witness to Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence, Thy sublimity and Thy exaltation. Thus do I acknowledge Thy oneness and confess Thy singleness, submitting to Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty, and standing before the gate of Thy mercy, turning toward Thy countenance after the passing of the people of Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who removest sorrows and causest rivers to flow, to protect me from the evil of the enemies of Thy Self and to enable me to attain unto the station which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Then regard me in all conditions with the glances of Thy favors, that Thou mayest keep me from all else save Thee and occupy me with Thy remembrance and praise, and with the recollection of the days when I was under Thy shadow.

O my Lord! I am he who migrated with Thee and traversed land and sea until I entered into Thy Most Great Prison and drank the choice wine of Thy bounty in all conditions. O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of nations! I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee amongst Thy servants and in

remembering Thee amongst Thy creatures in such wise that neither the affairs of the kingdom nor the veils of earth shall prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH06732: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the All-Knowing Witness

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds. Therein is mentioned one who turned to the Face when every ignorant and remote one turned away from it. The servant in attendance before the Throne has presented thy letter after permission was granted. We have answered thee in truth through this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward God, and the ear that hath heard His call, and the hand that hath taken hold of His wondrous and mighty Book. We have found from thy call the fragrance of thy love. We have remembered thee as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Beware lest the affairs of creation hold thee back from the Truth.

Arise and say: "God is my Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths." Thus have We opened unto thee the gate of grace and remembered thee with that which shall endure as long as My most beautiful names and most exalted attributes endure. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say: "Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in the hands of the oppressors." I beseech Thee to assist me to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH06782: This is what hath been sent down…

This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is a Book that beareth witness to your condition and to what hath befallen you both in the path of God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. We make mention of you and draw you nigh and give you to drink from the hand of My bounty that encompasseth the worlds. Verily the Cause is in God's hands alone—He ordaineth for you what He willeth. He is with you under all conditions. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Turn ye unto the Scene that is indeed the Most Great. This is a station whereby all the Books have been adorned with its mention. Thus hath the Command flowed from the Pen of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Blessed are ye for having attained unto the Most Great Bounty and followed the precepts of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have accepted what ye desired in the path of God and have sent down concerning that clear verses, to which My tongue and the servant in attendance before My mighty and inaccessible Throne do testify. Thus was the matter decreed when mention was made of Ism-i-Jud and that which Noble One had composed appeared. Upon you be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy and My manifest favor. And praise be to God in all conditions. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH06811: To be typed

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BH11892: O son of Naddaf! Upon Ibrahim and upon thy…

O son of Naddaf! Upon Ibrahim and upon thy father and uncle be the favors of God, the Lord of the worlds. Turn with thy heart unto the Most Great Prison, inasmuch as the Lord of the worlds hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee in such wise as the mention of all nations cannot equal it. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Beware lest ye be saddened by the winds that have blown from the direction of hypocrisy. Hold ye fast unto the cord of the providence of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ibrahim! My Pen weepeth over Me while the people are, for the most part, heedless. By God! The Primal Point took the Covenant of My Being before His own Covenant, and was speaking in My Name and heralding My Revelation and was submissive unto My firm and mighty Command. He hath commanded all who are in the Bayan to be submissive before My countenance and to stand at My door and to acknowledge whatsoever hath been revealed from My presence. To this testifieth that which was sent down from His presence, and every fair-minded and clear-sighted one doth confess it. He made mention of Me after He had established through clear proof the sanctification of My Being from whatsoever was revealed in the Bayan, saying:

> "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: He shall not be referred to by My reference nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan."

Thus did speak He Who sacrificed His spirit in My straight and manifest path…

BH07319: O beloved of the Lord in London! Know ye…

He is the Speaker before the Faces of His Servants

O beloved of the Lord in London! Know ye assuredly that He who had departed from your midst is come again. Verily He hath fulfilled His promise and manifested His Cause. He passeth amongst you at all times, and yet ye heed Him not. Will ye remain far removed from Him who seeketh naught but your nearness, and will ye reject Him to whose truth ye have day and night borne witness? He, verily, is come for your salvation and cherisheth no desire save your exaltation and advancement.

O My people! Will ye flee from My presence? Will ye turn away from your Best-Beloved, who loveth you and who standeth now before you? This is the Day wherein the rapture of divine revelation hath taken hold of all created things, the Day wherein He Who had been mentioned in the books of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise, hath been made manifest. Verily Sinai hath been graced to behold its Speaker, the Burning Bush to know its Herald, and the Vineyard of God to see its Beloved. Zion crieth out: O People! The city of God hath in truth descended from heaven, and that which the Prophets had announced unto you hath come to pass. Take heed lest the promptings of the self debar you from meeting your Beloved, Who hath come down from the heaven of inner meaning arrayed in His great glory.

BH07031: Haji Rida has attained the presence. He must give…

Haji Rida has attained the presence. He must give thanks to God for this.

The turning of the friends to this direction has not been and is not advisable for the Cause. It has nearly reached the point where it would become the cause and means of universal harm to the very root of the Blessed Tree. God is sufficient witness to this.

Today the victory of the Cause is necessary. They must fix their gaze upon this, not upon that which their souls desire. Easy indeed is the tarrying of the friends in various places, yet this too will cause harm. Soon that which is written shall become manifest.

The command of God is that if someone has not attained the presence and has crossed the sea, there is no objection should they turn towards the Most Holy Court. This is from My favor—I have consented to My own harm for the joy of My loved ones. And after arrival in the Holy Land and a stay of two or three days, they must return to their place. This is the command of God. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

Whoso heareth My word, verily he is of Me and shall be with Me in the realms of My power. The glory be upon you.

BH07090: May my spirit be a sacrifice for your presence…

He is God!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your presence. That which you mentioned was presented before the Throne. He commanded: Write, O Mihdi! The affairs of God rest with God Himself, and He is never powerless to execute them. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Be neither distressed nor saddened regarding outward affairs that pertain to God. Whatever He willeth will assuredly come to pass and be made manifest. If you truly have no need of the sum you mentioned, give it to this servant in attendance so that he may pay some debts. But if it is needed—that is, if there is some need, meaning it might prove useful and could be invested in trade—then certainly keep it. The command rests with God, the Lord of all worlds. End.

May the glory from the Lord, the Master of Names, be upon you and upon those with you and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH07120: Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy…

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath turned his face toward the sanctuary of Thy oneness, who hath taken shelter beneath the tabernacle of Thy divine unity, who hath sought refuge in the cave of Thy holy mercy, who hath fled unto Thy presence and sought protection at Thy threshold, who hath detached himself from all else but Thee and come unto Thee, who hath turned his face purely toward Thee, and who hath called upon Thee in his inner and outer being, communing with Thee with

both heart and tongue, hoping that Thou wouldst give him to drink from the camphor-fountains through Thy holy hands and grant him the fruits of Paradise from the tree of Thy oneness.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Beauty through which the horizons were illumined, and by Thy Name at which all in the kingdom of creation cried out, that Thou assist him with the confirmations of Thy divine Oneness and ordain for him every good thing Thou hast created in the heaven of Thy creativity. Verily, Thou art the All-Giving, the Merciful.

Now since affairs in this land are in turmoil, therefore the journey of that honored one is difficult. God willing, through divine grace and favor, permission will hereafter be granted at the appropriate time according to what is desired. What you sent has been received.

BH07087: A remembrance from One Who hath testified…

In the name of God, the All-Seeing, the Ever-Present!

A remembrance from One Who hath testified to that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, that He might make the fragrance of the Bayan to remain steadfast in the Cause of the All-Merciful, Who hath appeared with such conclusive proof as the hosts of the invisible and visible realms combined cannot withstand. Blessed is he whose might hath not been weakened by the conditions of creation, and who hath arisen and turned toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We have found thee turning toward Our countenance, wherefore We make mention of thee in this Book which hath been detailed from Our Preserved Tablet. Hold fast unto the Book of God and whatsoever hath been revealed therein, and cling to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence. Beware lest the book of the evil ones hold thee back from the Most Exalted Horizon, and the tree of Zaqqum from My glorious station.

When the clamor is raised, leave thou the clamorer behind thee, then speak forth that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan, saying:

> "He cannot be known except through Him, nor can He be mentioned save through Himself."

Thus hath the matter been decreed, yet most of the people understand not.

Glory be upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that neither weapons nor hosts could deter them.

BH07400: O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad! The Supreme Pen hath turned toward thee…

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

O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad! The Supreme Pen hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. He, in truth, is the Comforter and the Consoler, the true Educator and spiritual Master. He was and ever shall be God, exalted be His glory and His grandeur! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the fragrances of His days and dwelt and continueth to dwell beneath the shade of His all-embracing mercy. Strive thou

to preserve this most great station. That which is beloved and desired in this day, after the recognition of God, is steadfastness in His Cause.

Ye must conduct yourselves with the utmost wisdom and drink from the chalice of the love of God at all times. This is the Kawthar that bestoweth eternal life and conferreth everlasting remembrance. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Salsabil of the utterance of the All-Merciful in these days wherein the Divine Lote-Tree hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH07216: In My Name, the Manifest, the Triumphant!

In My Name, the Manifest, the Triumphant!

Say: O my God, my God! Why didst Thou create eyes for Thy servants and bestow upon them insight through Thy grace? If Thou hast given them to behold Thy beauty and gaze upon the lights of Thy countenance, then remove the veils therefrom through Thy bounty and favors. And if Thou didst create them, O my God, for aught else, then all things bear witness that they are in a loss than which there can be none greater in Thy dominion. By Thy might, O Thou Beloved of my heart and Purpose of my soul! I would rather Thou shouldst torment me with a torment than which there can be none greater in Thy knowledge, and ordain for me the sweetness of meeting Thee.

O Lord! I was sleeping when the breeze of Thy Day of Manifestation stirred me. When it awakened me, it inspired me with that of which I was heedless in Thy days. O Lord! I caught Thy fragrance and hastened unto Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy grace not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained in Thy Book of the wonders of Thy bounty, nor to withhold from me steadfastness in Thy Cause. Write down for me then, O my God, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Mighty.

BH07094: He Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

He Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Glorified be He Who has manifested Himself amongst the peoples, whereby the horizon of the world was illumined, yet most of the people remain heedless. The strong one is he who has turned and drunk the wine of life in His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He verily aids him with a sovereignty from His presence. He is the Powerful, the Almighty.

O Mim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He makes mention of thee from this noble station. By God! What the people possess shall profit them not. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Blessed is he who has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and heard the Call which has been raised from this Most Glorious Station. He is of them who have attained unto all good, to this testifieth the Tongue of Grandeur, and behind it those who circle round the mighty Throne.

Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to hear His call and for having turned His face toward thee with His luminous countenance. Hold fast to the hem of His mercy and cleave unto that which thou hast

been commanded in a perspicuous Tablet. Glory be unto those who have cast away vain imaginings and taken hold of that which they were bidden by the Dayspring of Certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07369: O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged…

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

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who crieth out from the precincts of the prison. He, verily, is none other than God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. All things have testified to My being wronged after My power, and to My tribulation after My sovereignty, yet the people understand not. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for through it the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all created things and hearts and minds have been illumined. We turn unto him who hath turned unto God, and make mention of him who hath uttered His praise. To this testifieth the Preserved Book that is with Him. He through Whom the Concourse on high hath been gladdened and the carpet of divine knowledge hath been outspread between earth and heaven—they have seized Him and imprisoned Him in this fortress that none may approach. Yet God, through His sovereignty, opened the door, and He went forth in spite of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The Cause is in His grasp—He doeth whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that encompasseth all who see and are seen. We made mention of thee before, and in this Tablet, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH07389: O ʿAbdu'l-Ghafúr! Verily, the Mount recounteth the mysteries…

He is the All-Seeing, Who gazeth forth from His Most Exalted Horizon.

O ʿAbdu'l-Ghafúr! Verily, the Mount recounteth the mysteries of the Manifestation, and the Lote-Tree proclaimeth: "The kingdom is God's, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting." Blessed the ear that hath hearkened to the call, and the eye that hath attained to the vision of the tokens, in this Day whereon every sick one is healed, every tongue once halting is loosed, and every blind one beholdeth, through a command from God, the Lord of existence.

O friends and loved ones of God! We exhort you to that whereby your stations shall be exalted. Fear God, and be not of them that look and yet deny.

And when thou hast quaffed the wine of utterance in the nights of tender mercy and loving-kindness, then say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O my God, inasmuch as Thou hast guided me to the horizon of Thy Manifestation, and hast made known unto me that which was hidden in Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the banners of Thy Cause and the standards of Thy guidance to aid me in Thy service among Thy servants, and in Thy remembrance throughout Thy lands.

> “O Lord! Ordain for me that which shall make me severed from all save Thee, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Flowing, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.”

BH06966: Verily We make mention of the servants of God…

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

Verily We make mention of the servants of God, both men and women, and gave them glad tidings in the Dispensation of the Bayan of this Name through which the Nightingale warbled upon the branches by leave of the All-Merciful.

The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with a Cause before which neither the might of princes, nor the power of divines, nor the wealth of the rich, nor whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and on earth can stand.

He speaketh and uttereth: O people of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath come with the Kingdom of Names, through His Most Glorious Name, whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced and every wearer of a white turban lamented—they who seized upon idle fancies and cast certainty behind their backs, following their own desires. Verily they are among the heedless. Verily they are among the wrongdoers. Verily they are among the opposers.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having aided me in a Cause from which the leaders of lands and the divines among the servants were hindered. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the key of heaven. Thou withholdest and Thou givest, and verily Thou are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH07086: My remembrance is her companion, and a light unto…

He is the Mighty, the Wise!

My remembrance is her companion, and a light unto her, and her helper in all the worlds of her Lord. Verily He giveth her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, and informeth her of My grace, and causeth her to know My Self, and giveth her assurance in My days, and giveth her to drink from the Kawthar of My mercy and the Salsabil of My knowledge, and leadeth her to a station wherein all that is on earth shall not prevent her from attaining unto the kingdom of My verses and the dominion of My utterance and the heaven of My generosity and the horizon of My bestowal and the ocean of My knowledge and the sun of My manifestation which hath shone forth from the horizon of My mighty prison.

Rejoice thou in My Tablet and My traces, and say: O God of Heaven! I beseech Thee and implore of Thee but one request, and it is that Thou make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love, for I have recognized through Thy grace that Thy Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. I ask Thee to assist me and enable me to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing.

BH06942: O Asad! There hath come before the Throne thy…

O Asad! There hath come before the Throne thy letter which thou didst send to Ism-i-Mihdi. We have seen it and address thee with this clear discourse. By the life of God! Every letter thereof is decisive utterance from which every sincere and faithful one may drink the water of life. We read thy letter when We were in a place built in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Grieve thou not over anything, but distribute the living waters among the concourse of creation with wisdom and utterance. This will profit thee and through it thy mention shall endure in My Kingdom wherein all that is therein proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

Give thou glad tidings of My remembrance unto My loved ones. We send Our greetings upon their faces from this exalted station.

It behooveth everyone who hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon to arise to serve his Lord through the wisdom We have sent down in a preserved Tablet. Remind My servants that perchance they may awaken and hearken unto this Call which hath been raised in truth at all times.

The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon everyone who hath clung to the hem of God, the Holy, the Mighty, the Luminous.

BH07349: O denizens of the realm of creation! Hearken unto…

He is the One Who calleth between earth and heaven:

O denizens of the realm of creation! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. He verily draweth you nigh and bringeth you unto the most exalted station. They that are brought near have attained unto the outpourings of this Most Great Ocean, from whose waves is heard: “The Light hath come, and the Mount is illumined thereby, and the Voice of the Tree is raised: ‘Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.”’

We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear tokens, yet the people are in strange doubt. Fear ye God, O people of the Bayan, and follow not the manifestations of fancy and vain imaginings. The Light hath appeared and by it the heaven of utterance hath been illumined. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who hath denied God’s proof and evidence, and hath committed that which hath caused the clouds to lament.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and made mention of thee in such wise as to cause thy remembrance to endure in the Book of God, the Lord of all men.

BH07058: This is a mention from Us to him who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

This is a mention from Us to him who desires to hear the melodies of the birds of the Divine Throne, that they may draw him to the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have sent thee a Tablet before this, from which was wafted the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious. And this is yet another time that He remembereth thee from this Prison, in this Station, with that which summoneth the people unto God, the Mighty, the Most High. Say: O people! By the life of God, neither the world nor what is therein shall profit you. Hold ye fast unto the Most Great Cord and turn ye unto God, the Lord of all religions. Say: Ponder ye on that which He hath sent down unto you, then observe and reflect upon the bygone ages and what God hath decreed therein. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Place thy trust in all things in God, then remember Him with joy and radiance. We have sent unto thee one whom God hath loved—honor thou his abode—perchance thy Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained, may benefit thee thereby. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the world and believed in God, the Lord of all men.

BH07381: O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Upon thee be My glory and My…

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

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Jinab-i-ʿAbdu'l-Karim appeared before Us with the letter of Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-Baqir, and it attained unto the honor of being heard. These souls have each been blessed by the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and adorned with the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God that He may aid them all to perform such deeds whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the cities of justice and fairness. Some time ago, as commanded, this servant sent a letter containing divine verses addressed to the aforementioned one, upon whom be My glory. The ocean of mercy was surging therein and the sun of divine loving-kindness was dawning and shining forth from the horizon of its words. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Kawthar of My Cause and the choice wine of My wondrous utterance. On behalf of the Wronged One, convey greetings to all and remind them of the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. The glory of God be upon thee and upon him and upon whosoever loveth thee and hearkeneth unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

BH06977: May you ever be and continue to be…

In the name of the peerless Lord!

May you ever be and continue to be the recipient of the favors of the Eternal Beloved and occupied with His praise, and in all times strive to attain unto lasting stations. By My life! What thou seest today shall pass away, and what shall endure for thee in the kingdom of earth and heaven is thy love for thy Glorious and Bountiful Lord. Praise be to God that thou hast turned towards the Kaaba of thy Friend and partaken of the choice sealed wine. Now must thou preserve it through the name of Truth, for the wayfarers are many who would cut off the path. Ask thou God to assist thee in His Cause and to open before thee the gates of goodly deeds. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. The favors of Truth have been and shall continue to be with thee. Blessed is the soul that spends its precious moments in spiritual virtues and goodly deeds. Remember thou what We have counseled thee, then render thanks unto God Who created

thee and sustained thee and aided thee to recognize His mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06988: O friend! The decree of wisdom stands firm…

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

O friend! The decree of wisdom stands firm, and thus this Wronged One is prevented from mentioning the warbling of the nightingale of divine knowledge. For several years We sojourned in those regions and their surroundings, and associated with many different kinds of people. The fragrances of the roses of inner meanings were diffused and the waters of knowledge were flowing, yet few were the seekers. Glory be to God! The peoples of the world, despite their searching and expectation, are observed to be heedless. The people are occupied with the people, and remain heedless of and veiled from the Truth. Most strange it is that you have turned toward the Friend and sent a letter to the Wronged One of the horizons. God willing, you shall witness from God, exalted be His glory, the recompense of this praiseworthy deed. At the close of this letter, We counsel you with that which befitteth man: to be patient and forbearing, trustworthy and religious, truthful and faithful. The Command is in the hands of God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. God willing, may you be confirmed in all conditions and occupied with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory.

BH07093: Glorified be He Who has manifested the Manifestation…

In the Name of the Most High, the Most Great!

Glorified be He Who has manifested the Manifestation of His Self and caused Him to speak forth verses which all the pens of the world and every diligent scholar have been powerless to enumerate. When the standards were raised and the Cause was manifested, there emerged from behind the veil one who turned away from the All-Wise, the Single One, and said what those who denied God had said—nay, even worse. Thus do their desires move them as they please. They are indeed among the heedless ones. They say “We believe in God and His verses.” Say: By what discourse did you turn away from Him of Whom the verses speak every morn and eve? Thus have their hearts been hardened because they followed him who arose in hypocrisy when the Orb of the Cause dawned from the horizon of Iraq with His wondrous sovereignty. Hearken unto what We have recounted unto thee. My Pen, which hath never been still in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, moveth at all times and speaketh amidst all created things, yet most of the people remain heedless. Thus have We revealed unto thee what was hidden in thy Lord’s knowledge, that thou mayest read and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Evident, the Most Generous.

BH07097: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Mighty, the Great!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses, and they are clear evidences from God for those who have believed and turned to the Dawning-Place of His wise command. They who have attained unto recognition—these are among the people of this noble scene, and they who have disbelieved—these are among the people of the veil, inscribed in a glorious tablet. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call

which hath been raised from heaven, and be not of the heedless ones. Beware lest the conditions of the world withhold you from the Most Great Name. Cast them behind you, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a servant have We counselled in the Book, yet he abandoned it, following his desires; and how many a servant acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. For every mention in the Book—verily He is the All-Knowing Rememberer. When thou hast attained and read and understood what is in thy Lord's tablet, say, turning to the Qiblih of existence: I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped.

BH07329: To be typed

To be typed.

BH11824: He hath dawned from the horizon of immortality!

He hath dawned from the horizon of immortality!

Thy letter came before the Countenance in the Most Great Prison and attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Eternity. This deed of thine is better in the sight of God than the deeds of those souls who spent years studying and teaching in schools, for the fruit of thy deed hath been the remembrance and praise of God, while the fruit of those heedless souls' deeds was the martyrdom of the Primal Point Who gave the glad-tidings of this Most Great Announcement to all created things. One must reflect upon the fruits and deeds of the peoples of the world, for whosoever becometh aware and informed of the Cause of God remaineth firm and steadfast. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and thy son, from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land. We beseech God that He may aid them all to stand firm. He verily hath power over all things and is the All-Powerful.

BH07600: The one God adorned man with the ornament…

In the name of the Desire of the world

The one God adorned man with the ornament of utterance, and this utterance is special to him and through it man is distinguished from animal. In the Furqan, which distinguishes between truth and falsehood, He says: "He created man, taught him utterance." Blessed are those souls who today have drunk the water of everlasting life from the hand of divine bestowal. The intimations of the world and the might of nations and their turning away and heedlessness did not prevent those holy souls. They let go what was with the people and took up what appeared from divine inspiration with heavenly power and might.

Today men and women are seen on the same plane. But O my handmaiden, by what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken in thy name in His Most Great Prison, we ask of God that He assist thee in that which is the cause of exaltation and the means of elevation. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Near.

BH07998: O my sister! For a long time no news…

He is God, exalted is He.

O my sister! For a long time no news from you has reached this prisoner. Therefore in these days, since the honored Shaykh Muhammad was bound for that direction, these two words were mentioned, that if you wish to know the state of this exile, by God, neither am I able to recount it nor are you able to hear it. Thus has it been ordained for my soul from the heaven of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. And surely by now you have heard some of these matters, and if you have not yet heard them, you shall hear them. In any case, my circumstance is beyond the pen, and my tribulation beyond mention, and my afflictions beyond reckoning. None knoweth them save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In any case, always write about your circumstances, and may his honor the Aqa ever remain preserved beneath God's protecting shelter. And the glory be upon you.

BH07760: Thine ears have been honored by hearing the call…

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

Thine ears have been honored by hearing the call of God, and thy letter hath attained the presence of thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, in the Most Great Prison. Thereupon the Supreme Pen was moved to write, and the leaves of the uttermost Lote-Tree sang, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Kingdom of eternity:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved."

Rejoice thou at the tidings from thy Lord, for He remembereth thee in this forbidden spot and teacheth thee to say, while turning toward the Supreme Horizon:

Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the heavens and Maker of all things! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the lovers soared aloft and the call was raised throughout all regions and the yearning ones were consumed by the pain of separation, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will cause me to hold fast unto Thee and to be independent of all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. I testify that within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Single One, the Almighty, the Alone, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace. The glances of His loving-kindness have been directed toward thee. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH07909: O My handmaiden! Muhajir hath mentioned thee and laid…

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

O My handmaiden! Muhajir hath mentioned thee and laid before Our Most Holy and Exalted Court thy services in the path of God. Blessed art thou for having succeeded in serving the Cause in days wherein the people of God were imprisoned through that which the hands of the heedless had wrought. The source and wellspring of corruption, and the dayspring and dawning-place of opposition, are the divines

of the earth. Through the turning away of these heedless souls, the helpless people have remained deprived of the recognition of the Truth and forbidden from the Most Great Ocean. Be not grieved. We moreover testify that thou didst attain unto the presence of thy Lord in days when the Light was shining forth from the horizon of Iraq. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and enable thee to accomplish that which beseemeth His days. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We counsel thee to observe the most great chastity and supreme steadfastness, and likewise those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them and upon every soul that is steadfast and firm.

BH11660: O Safar-ʿAli! We have heard thy call and have…

In the name of the one true God!

O Safar-ʿAli! We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the direction of the prison. Today from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree this most exalted word is heard: O people of the world! The Hidden Beloved hath appeared and the concealed Mystery hath been made manifest in the assemblage of the world. Count ye as precious the time and be not deprived of the Most Great Bounty and the Momentous News. Blessed is the soul that hath heard this call and hath turned with heart toward the most exalted horizon. Gladden thou the friends in those regions with the remembrance of the One True Goal.

Say: Today is the day of grace, of service, and of steadfastness. Deprive not yourselves. With utmost lowliness and supplication beseech ye the Self-Sufficing Lord that He may assist you to mention Him, to praise Him, and to remain steadfast in His Cause. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful.

BH07957: O Abdul-Karim! Praise be to God, thou hast been…

O Abdul-Karim! Praise be to God, thou hast been and art confirmed in the service of the Cause. We testify that thou art among those who have turned unto God. Thou didst respond when the Call was raised from the Supreme Horizon, and didst turn when that which was hidden and concealed from eyes and sight was made manifest. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before thy face the door of His bounty and grace. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing….

…Although mint is available, yet if they insist on sending it, there is no harm. In truth, his mint has spread throughout the world. We beseech God to open unto his face and the faces of His loved ones every good thing which He hath sent down in His Book….

…But write out the authorization for the association, and give it to Mirza Ḥusayn that he may deliver it—the matter pertaineth to the regulation…

BH07979: O Mashhadi Ali of Ishqabad! Upon thee be…

He is the Remembering One, the Helper, the Strong, the Powerful

O Mashhadi Ali of Ishqabad! Upon thee be the everlasting glory of God! Let not the affairs of the world and the clamor of nations grieve thee. Arise and say: O peoples of the earth! The Day hath come wherein God hath fulfilled His promise, such that He hath manifested Him Whose mention was hidden in knowledge and concealed from eyes and sight. We have remembered Our loved ones in Ishqabad in Tablets and have sent down for them that which shall endure as long as My most beautiful names and most exalted attributes endure, and the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause that shineth forth and by that which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy power, to ordain for me that which shall cause me to speak forth Thy name in Thy lands and to gaze upon Thy horizon. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Deprive me not of what is with Thee and distance me not from the carpet of Thy nearness and the gate of Thy forgiveness. Verily Thou art the Commander, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH11659: O Khalil! Verily the All-Glorious hath heard thy call…

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

O Khalil! Verily the All-Glorious hath heard thy call time and again, and hath answered thee through this Tablet, wondrous and sublime, from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, that thy heart may rejoice and thou mayest be numbered among them that have attained unto the greatest gladness when the Most Luminous Perspective appeared from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We were seated upon the throne of utterance when the servant in attendance entered with thy letter and presented it before Our face. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and believed in Him on a day wherein most of the people have turned away, as attesteth the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the treasures of knowledge have been revealed from the repositories of Thy knowledge and will, and the preserved and hidden mysteries have emerged through Thy purpose, that Thou mayest inscribe for me, through Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the latter and the former world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

BH11820: After completing this letter, a letter from the beloved…

After completing this letter, a letter from the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, arrived. Praise be to God, it brought joy and gladness. Likewise, two letters from the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived on this same day. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, that he may be enabled to quickly write and send the reply.

Similarly, a letter arrived from the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Abhar, upon both of them be the Glory of God and His mercy. Three sacred and exalted Tablets have thus far been revealed and sent in his name. One remains, which was not sent at once due to wisdom, but in those same days when his letter arrived, all Tablets were revealed and are present. From this evanescent one, renewed exalted greetings are extended through your good offices to each of the gentlemen and beloved ones.

BH07479: Tonight, which is Tuesday the nineteenth of the true…

Tonight, which is Tuesday the nineteenth of the true month, the letter from the Most Exalted Names reached this lowly one…

In truth, the expressions of those beloved ones caused boundless joy. Profit and blessing and bounty and sustenance and whatsoever is known as good in the world and counted as beneficent has been and is your portion. The written and verbal remembrances of those beloved ones bear witness to what was mentioned. Praise be to God, you have attained to that which was mentioned in the Prayer of Kumayl ibn Ziyad:

> "Until all my deeds and my litanies become one litany, and my condition in Thy service becomes eternal."

For the affairs of those beloved ones have been and are for the sake of God—manifestation and emergence from God, orientation toward God, and action for God. In this case, deeds are one litany and conditions are perpetual….

BH07522: Verily We make mention of those who have believed…

He is the One manifest through the Most Great Name

Verily We make mention of those who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed, and We give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the most exalted Kingdom. He, verily, is the Herald, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Blessed is he who hath turned towards God, turning away from those who disputed the verses when they were sent down from the heaven of the will of their Lord, the Ancient Revealer. O Qasim! Hearken unto the call that hath been raised from the luminous Spot, this Station that hath been named by all names in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily He summoneth thee and those who have believed unto the Most Great Steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Teacher. God hath lifted the decree of disputation and contention, and hath ordained victory through remembrance and utterance. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave to the hem of His noble Name. He aideth whomsoever He willeth through a word from His presence. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH07877: This is a Tablet revealed in truth, calling all…

He is the One Who has dominion over all names

This is a Tablet revealed in truth, calling all to God, the Lord of the worlds, and counseling all to justice and fairness and to that which befits this glorious and wondrous Day. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee, and have revealed for thee that which brings solace to the eyes of those near to God. Hearken to the call from the prison from the Wronged One—verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Informed. Be thou steadfast in service to the Cause and speaking in remembrance of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Hold fast to goodly deeds and leave all else behind thee, as commanded by thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Remind the people with wisdom and utterance, and with pure fear of God, from thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Stranger. Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance, then act in accordance with what befits this noble station. Should thou see one who turns to the Faith, glorify My Name before his face and give him the glad tidings of this mighty Revelation.

BH07589: Some time ago mention of you was revealed…

He is the One Who speaks the truth!

Some time ago mention of you was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, and now once again, that you may give thanks to your Lord, the Generous.

The servant in attendance has read what has issued forth from the virgin spring of your sincerity and recognition in remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. The sovereign of tongues in these days is the tongue that speaks in remembrance of God, and the king of eyes is the eye that turns toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Praise be to God that you have attained the greatest bounty. God willing, through divine grace you will be assisted to preserve this station.

Convey greetings to the friends in that land and gladden them with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, they have attained the most exalted wine in the name of the Lord of Names. Say: Strive to teach God's Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He commands you at the end of the Book to preserve your ranks and stations. He is, in truth, the Wise Counselor. The glory shining forth from God, the Mighty, the Praised, be upon you and upon them.

BH07476: Today the Mother Book, with the most exalted call…

In the Name of the All-Commanding, the All-Wise!

Today the Mother Book, with the most exalted call, summons the people of the mortal realm to that which will draw them near and elevate them. O people of God! This Day is the Day of assistance. The friends in all regions must, with wisdom and utterance, invite the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the appearance of the Lord of Religions, and must hold fast to that which is the cause of the nearness of the servants. God is the Witness and Testifier that at all times this Wronged One hath been engaged in mentioning the friends. Know ye with clear certainty that whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall appear word for word. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Ahmad! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the blessed Word of unity. The Most Great Branch attained the presence and submitted that which thou didst mention, and it was adorned with the

glory of His good-pleasure. We beseech God to ordain for you that which shall profit you. Verily, He knoweth better than you and loveth you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Luminous.

BH07936: O Habib! The Beloved remembereth thee, He for Whose…

O Habib! The Beloved remembereth thee, He for Whose separation the Concourse on High and God's chosen ones, the Lord of Names, have lamented. When He came, the divines who followed vain imaginings and idle fancies turned away from Him.

Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in this Cause and caused thee to speak that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

By God! The appointed time hath passed, the signs have appeared, and the horizon of the world hath been illumined with the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. How many an ignorant one hath attained, and how many a learned one hath been barred! The Cause is in God's hands—He aideth whom He willeth unto His outstretched path.

Cast aside what the learned possess and take what thou art bidden by God, the Ancient Lord. He is with thee under all conditions, He heareth and witnesseth, and He is in truth the Witness. There is none other God but Him, the One Who hath power over what was and what shall be.

BH07935: O Hafiz, may God preserve thee and strengthen thee…

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

O Hafiz, may God preserve thee and strengthen thee upon His straight path! We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of all His worlds. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity to God, the Lord of all worlds. We have answered thee with this letter that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are filled with gladness.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Sovereign of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured in the stronghold of Thy protection, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and assist them in serving and obeying Thee, and to provide them with the table of knowledge and understanding. O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all creation! My Lord, I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the fruits of the tree of Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, and reliant upon Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07959: O Ali-Akbar—or ʿAli-before-Akbar! Verily We have made…

O Ali-Akbar—or ʿAli-before-Akbar! Verily We have made mention of all who have turned towards My Most Exalted Horizon through verses that cannot be equaled by any treasures or riches. This is a Day wherein eyes are transfixed and hearts are constricted. This is a Day wherein the eyes of the Concourse

on High are gladdened and faces are illumined. This is a Day wherein the earth hath related its tidings and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from the most exalted station:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom and of the Realm above!"

Beware lest anything prevent thee from God. Hold fast unto His cord and cling to His blessed hem. We make mention of thy son Mustafa-before-Quli and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all existence. Be thou thankful unto God that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and the Lord of all peoples, Who is imprisoned in this exalted place, maketh mention of thee. Be thou steadfast in service to the Cause and in speaking forth this Name whereby earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the earth save whom God hath willed, the Possessor of this perspicuous Day.

BH07829: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the All-Present, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. It commands you to righteousness and godliness, and forbids you from transgression and wickedness. Thus has the Sun of Judgment shone forth from the horizon of God's will, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Hasan! We beseech God that He may make thee steadfast in His Cause and aid thee in that which is adorned with the ornament of His acceptance.

Corruption, conflict and contention have been forbidden. The friends must shun and keep far from whatsoever gives off the odor of corruption. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which is the cause of the tranquility and assurance of His servants. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Thy letter was received, and We have revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed, and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

BH07491: Verily, the All-Bountiful remembereth His servant Rahim…

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

Verily, the All-Bountiful remembereth His servant Rahim, that the verses of his Lord may draw him to a station wherein all atoms proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses!"

Be thou in such wise that neither the conditions of the people sadden thee, nor the veils of any heedless doubter prevent thee. It behooveth everyone who hath turned unto God to be strong through the power of his Lord and to speak forth His remembrance with wisdom and utterance. Verily, We shall recompense those who have borne hardships in My path. He, verily, is the Giver, the Bestower.

We counsel you, O My loved ones, to observe calmness and dignity, and that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted throughout all lands. Grieve not over anything. He is with you and will aid you in accordance with what hath been ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Remind the people of God and His verses, that perchance they may discover the fragrance of the Revelation and turn unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Whoso turneth, turneth but to his own gain, and whoso turneth away, the loss is his own. He, verily, is sanctified from all that is with the people, and He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

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BH07975: O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be the peace of God…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Pardoning, the Bountiful

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God and the God of all names, O my Creator and the Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word whereby Thou hast subdued the lands and the servants, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and bounty, and the lights of the sun of Thy loving-kindness and bestowals, 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 him who loved Thee and loveth Thee. I have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon, having heard Thy sweetest call. I beseech Thee to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which befitteth Thy might and majesty and beseemeth Thy generosity and bestowals. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist me in remembering Thee and to make me steadfast in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

BH07747: It hath been revealed from the direction…

It hath been revealed from the direction of the Throne:

We have heard thy call and have shone upon thee from the horizon of this Great Prison. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, inasmuch as the glance of this Ancient Temple hath been directed towards thee. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise as to make the backs of the deniers to quake.

O Tunbul! Were We to cast upon thee a remembrance, thou wouldst soar unto heaven. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. Know thou that We have named this Prison the Most Great Prison. Blessed are they who are endowed with true understanding. When We were under chains and fetters in the letter “Ta,” We did not name it “the Most Great.” Ponder that which hath proceeded from the Tongue of Eternity. Thy Lord is, verily, the One Who speaketh as He pleaseth. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the presence of thy Lord and hearkened unto His call, and art numbered among them that have attained. Recognize the value of that wherewith God hath favored thee through His wondrous grace. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast unveiled to me Thy beauty and made known to me Thyself whilst I was in the clutches of the wicked ones.

BH07469: O God, my God! Thou beholdest Thy servants…

He is the Mighty, the Pardoner, the Compassionate!

O God, my God! Thou beholdest Thy servants in the abyss of perdition and error; where is Thy Light of Divine Guidance, O Thou the Desire of the world? Thou knowest their helplessness and their feebleness; where is Thy power, O Thou in Whose grasp lay the powers of heaven and earth?

I ask Thee, O Lord my God, by the splendour of the Lights of Thy Loving-kindness and the billows of the Ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom and by Thy Word wherewith Thou hast swayed the peoples of Thy dominion, to grant that I may be one of them that have observed Thy bidding in Thy Book. And do Thou ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones, them that have quaffed the wine of divine inspiration from the chalice of Thy Bounty and hastened to do Thy Pleasure and observe Thy Covenant and Testament. Powerful art Thou to do as Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Decree for me, by Thy Bounty, O Lord, that which shall prosper me in this world and hereafter and shall draw me nigh unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all men. There is none other God but Thee, the One, the Mighty, the Glorified.

BH07470: My God, my God! Thy love hath set me…

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

My God, my God! Thy love hath set me aflame, and nearness to Thee hath gladdened me, and attraction unto Thee hath drawn me nigh, while remoteness from Thee hath brought me death.

I beseech Thee by that shore of the sea of Thy reunion whereon was raised the pavilion of Thy majesty and the tabernacle of Thy Cause, and where Thou didst manifest Thyself unto all who are on earth through the lights of Thy countenance, that Thou mayest exalt the stations of those who have desired the elevation of Thy Most Exalted Word and strengthen them to glorify Thy Cause, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven!

Then I beseech Thee, O Fashioner of nations and Lord of eternity, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause in such wise that the opposition of the Pharaohs among Thy creatures and the tyrants of Thy lands who claim knowledge without proof from Thee or testimony from Thy presence shall not cause them to stumble. Verily Thou art He Whom the doubts of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs cannot hinder.

O Lord! Aid Thy chosen ones in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the former and latter generations. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

BH07474: Today lamentation is heard from the heart…

In the Name of Him by Whom the seas have surged!

Today lamentation is heard from the heart of the world, for the people of the Bayan have arisen in grievous oppression. By the life of God! This Most Great Revelation hath ever been, and continueth to be, independent of the acceptance or rejection of the peoples. Justice, like the phoenix, existeth in name but not in reality. Equity, like the philosopher's stone, is rare indeed. O people of God! Be set ablaze with the fire of divine love—a fire which neither the mention of the world, nor the conjectures of the nations, nor the doubts of the deniers, nor the whispers of the heedless can quench. It is not known by what proof or testimony the deniers among the people of the Bayan cling to truth, or by what evidence they turn away from this Most Great Revelation. Blessed is the one who heareth with his own ears and recognizeth Him through his own eyes. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon whosoever hath cast aside the ways of men, turning unto the straight path of God.

BH07517: We have indeed revealed in the Book…

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon

We have indeed revealed in the Book that which no books of the past can equal, as testifies to this He with Whom is the Mother Book. The Hidden has appeared and has manifested what He intended, yet the people remain in doubt and discord. They have followed vain imaginings by night and by day, turning away from God, the One, the Chosen One. Thy name was present before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee through the verses of thy Lord, the Lord of all men. Beware lest the clamor of the people hold thee back. Take hold of the Book with power from God, the Lord of Lords. Every one who has turned towards it has attained the verses of his Lord, and every name that has appeared before the Countenance has attained that before which the Tablets have bowed down.

But when the Promise came to pass and the horizon of the world was illumined with the Light of the Manifestation, the divines and princes turned away from Him and uttered that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn to lament. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee as a grace from Our presence, and We are truly the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH07518: We left the Prison-land some days before the days…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Great

We left the Prison-land some days before the days of Ha, and returned thereto but one day before the Festival. Thus was the matter decreed by God, the Lord of the worlds. And the verses were being sent down like rain, nay rather more copiously, as witnessed by such servants as circumambulated the Throne morning and evening. O peoples of the world! Hearken unto the call of God, the Sovereign of eternity. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious. Beware lest the gifts and ornaments of the world prevent you from its Sovereign and its Creator. By My life! They shall all perish and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Were anyone to reflect upon what hath passed, he would become aware of what shall come to pass, and nothing on earth would grieve him. He, verily, is the Witness, the All-Seeing. When thou didst receive My Tablet and read My verses, turn thy face towards My

direction and say: Thanks be unto Thee for having remembered me in the Prison. I testify that in bounty Thou art possessed of a mighty station.

BH07628: This is a remembrance from Us to the one…

He is the One speaking from the horizon of utterance

This is a remembrance from Us to the one who heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon […] from which most of the servants turned away. We have heard your cry […] that you may rejoice and thank your Lord, the King of the Day of Mutual Calling. Blessed is My name that entered the prison for My remembrance and My love, and blessed is every name that was touched by hardship and adversity for this Name, before which, when it appeared, all names bowed down in submission, as the Mother Book bears witness in this exalted station. Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent you. Leave what they have and take what has been given you from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them to you that you may thank your Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those whom the might of the enemies did not frighten, who arose with the supreme steadfastness and bore witness to that which God bore witness before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

BH07631: This is a mention from Us to one who…

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

This is a mention from Us to one who hath attained unto the recognition of his Lord, whilst most of the servants remained heedless thereof. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which hath illumined the horizon of creation. Be thou thankful and render praise for that which hath aided thee and caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses, Who speaketh in the world: “There is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.” God willing, mayest thou be continually blessed through divine favors and speaking and uttering the praise of the Intended One. Hold fast unto the hem of God and cleave unto the cord of steadfastness.

By My life! This is among the greatest of deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The days are passing, and ere long the carpet of the existing world shall be rolled up, and that which hath been ordained by God shall appear and be made manifest. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that whereby its mention shall endure in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve not at anything. Remember thy Lord. Verily, He heareth the call of whosoever turneth unto Him. He is the Guardian of them that remember Him. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07735: The oceans have been set in tumult, stirred into…

The oceans have been set in tumult, stirred into motion by the breezes of this Manifestation, yet the people remain unaware. Verily, those who have inhaled the fragrance of God—these are the ones who belong to this praiseworthy station.

Every page of the Bayan hath borne witness unto this Revelation, but the people understand not. He hath said:

> "Should anyone lay claim to a Cause, hasten not to deny him. Haply there may be sent down unto you that whereby the minds of men are enraptured. And if nothing should be made manifest unto you, then beseech him with utmost humility and ardent supplication, that he may reveal unto you, from the ocean of his bounty, that which ye have sought."

Thus was the matter irrevocably decreed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Yet when the Book appeared, and the verses were sent down, and the hidden mysteries were unveiled, they disbelieved in God, save such as turned their faces toward the Kaaba of existence.

Verily, We have sent down for thee this Tablet, from whose horizon the luminary of the grace of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, hath shone forth, that thou mayest offer thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of whatsoever hath been and shall be.

BH07743: We have raised up the heaven of man…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

We have raised up the heaven of man and adorned it with the twin luminaries of steadfastness and trustworthiness. Verily He is the One Who ordereth as He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold ye fast, O people, unto that which is good, and cast behind you that which is forbidden, turning unto God, the Mighty, the All-Informed. Draw ye nigh unto the Most Great Ocean with your hearts, and take fast hold of the hem of your Lord's mercy, the All-Bountiful. The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, yet the people remain in evident blindness. Say: He counseleth you to observe pure truthfulness and trustworthiness, whereby the station of every insightful soul is made manifest. Whoso acteth in accordance with that which hath been commanded by God, he is assuredly among the triumphant. Say: O people, this is a Day wherein the world hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless. We make mention of thee and of those who have believed in this Mighty Announcement, whereby the feet have slipped and the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Bountiful Lord.

BH07754: In My Name, the Most Great

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The heaven hath been rolled up, and another heaven hath been spread out, and it hath been raised up through this Name whereby every hidden matter hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath recognized the remaining Six concerning which the Truthful, the Trustworthy One gave tidings. Whoso hath attained unto the recognition thereof hath attained unto that which God hath purposed in His wise Book. Verily do We make mention of the mysteries of this Day and that which hath been ordained therein by One Who is mighty and powerful.

O people of the world! [By God!] The Ancient Lord hath come, through Whose name the books of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, have been adorned. Say: Open your eyes, for lo, He walketh before your faces and speaketh and saith:

> "Behold Me, behold Me, O concourse of the earth! Be not of the heedless ones."

Thus have We revealed unto thee that which the Herald of Sinai hath spoken in this glorious station, that thou mayest thank thy Lord Who hath made thee to know His Self and made thee to be of those who are assured. By the life of God! The Pen crieth out and the Tongue speaketh, yet the people are among the ignorant ones, nay rather, among those who slumber.

BH07759: The fragrance of the garment has wafted…

He is the One singing upon the branches!

The fragrance of the garment has wafted, and the Kingdom of holiness has appeared, and the Beloved of the world calls out from His Most Great Prison:

> "To Me, to Me, O peoples of earth and heaven! To Me, to Me, O ye who dwell in the Kingdom of names!"

By God, the ocean of grace has surged, and the fragrance of justice has wafted, and the sun of bounty has shone forth, and the clouds of generosity rain upon all who are in existence. Blessed is he who has turned towards it, and woe unto every froward infidel.

Say: Look not upon those who have denied God and His sovereignty. Turn your hearts to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He shall reward those who have cast away the world for the love of God, the Lord of all nations, and shall fulfill what was promised to you in the Book. Look not upon the people and what they possess. God shall soon seize them through His power, and there shall remain for you what was ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest recite them with melodious tunes and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH07775: O God, my God! I have turned in repentance…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O God, my God! I have turned in repentance unto Thee, and verily Thou art the Pardoner, the Compassionate.

O God, my God! I have returned to Thee, and verily Thou art the the Ever-Forgiving, the Gracious. O God, my God! I have clung to the cord of Thy bounty, and with Thee is the storehouse of all that is in heaven and earth.

O God, my God! I have hastened toward Thee, and verily Thou art the Forgiver, the Lord of grace abounding.

O God, my God! I thirst for the celestial wine of Thy grace, and verily Thou art the Giver, the Bountiful, the Gracious, the Almighty.

O God, my God! I testify that Thou hast revealed Thy Cause, fulfilled Thy promise and sent down from the heaven of Thy grace that which hath drawn unto Thee the hearts of Thy favored ones. Well is it with him that hath held fast unto Thy firm cord and clung to the hem of Thy resplendent robe!

I ask Thee, O Lord of all being and King of the seen and unseen, by Thy power, Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty, to grant that my name may be recorded by Thy pen of glory among Thy devoted ones, them whom the scrolls of the sinful hindered not from turning to the light of Thy countenance, O prayer-hearing, prayer-answering God!

BH07797: Say: O my God! O Thou Who hast illumined…

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

Say: O my God! O Thou Who hast illumined the horizon of utterance through Thy Name, and hast caused the pillars of those who denied Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, to quake! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy sovereignty at which the kingdom of names was thunderstruck, to make me in all conditions stirred by the breezes of Thy verses and turned toward the horizon of Thy favors. O my Lord! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath heard Thy call and turned toward the horizon of Thy revelation, who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty and sought the shore of the ocean of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee to protect me in all conditions and to ordain for me in Thy Kingdom that which beseemeth Thy majesty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The glory rest upon Thee and upon Thy daughters who have turned toward Thee, faced Thee, and heard this Call from which the ears of the divines and the hearts of the eloquent ones were debarred, save those whom Thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous, hath willed.

BH07844: Praise be to God that in the earliest days…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

Praise be to God that in the earliest days thou didst break the chains of vain imaginings and turn thyself to the horizon of certitude. Today the standard of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” hath been raised aloft, and the pavilion of “The Kingdom is God’s” hath been pitched upon the most exalted height. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that for which it was created. We beseech God to aid thee to mention Him, to praise Him, and to serve His Cause. That which thou didst send through My Name, upon Him be My Glory, reached the Most Holy Court. Blessed art thou for having spoken in remembrance and praise of the Wronged One in days wherein most of the servants have opposed Him. Say: My God, my God! Disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, and withhold me not from the effusions of Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions looking unto Thee, speaking Thy praise, and holding fast to Thy

Strong Cord. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH07879: This is a day wherein the temple of faithfulness…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

This is a day wherein the temple of faithfulness trembled and […] eternity upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of those who were heedless in the days of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We hear the cry of those who have been attracted by the verses of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou that We have answered thee and made mention of thee in such wise as cannot be equalled by the treasures of the heavens and earth. Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's grace, then act according to what We have sent down in the Book. By God! This is better for thee than all that hath been created on earth—thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back. Leave them behind thee and turn with thy heart to the Most Sublime Horizon. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of thee—He Who remembereth, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness and the wisdom which We have sent down in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Seeing.

BH08524: O My loved ones and My chosen ones! This…

…O My loved ones and My chosen ones! This Wronged One hath, through the nights and days, summoned the people to the highest horizon, desiring to guide all and make them aware of the straight path and the mighty Message, that the burning hatreds and hindering aversions might be removed from their midst, and all might gather in one circle and soar in one atmosphere. The obliteration of books, holy war, and the seizure of possessions have all been forbidden in this Revelation. This is a bounty that from the beginning of the world until now hath neither been seen nor manifested. It hath ever been hidden, and in these blessed days it hath appeared through His all-encompassing mercy and preceding grace. Blessed are they who possess insight, blessed are they who are endowed with knowledge, and blessed are they who act accordingly.

We cherish the hope that through the endeavors of those in authority—the divinely chosen ones, that is, the kings and rulers who are the manifestations of God's power—this Cause may be assisted, that all may become free and unfettered and occupy themselves with their own affairs and that which profiteth them. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Baha in the prison of Akka, as a mercy from Him and a favor from His presence to all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08532: O thou who gazest upon God and drinkest…

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Holy

O thou who gazest upon God and drinkest from the cup of faithfulness! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, from the direction of ʿAkka, that there is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Say: Verily, divine decree doth reinforce this Cause, and tribulation doth

assist this Revelation, yet the people remain veiled and imagine they can extinguish this Light. Nay, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! God shall soon reveal from this Prison what He hath purposed. He, verily, hath power over all things.

Guard thyself lest the winds of differences pass over thee. Remind the people in these days wherein the fire of sedition hath been kindled and its darkness hath encompassed the servants. We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause, to sanctify thee from all else save Him, to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him, to shelter thee in the precincts of His mercy, and to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of His bounties. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH08416: Your letter was received in prison and the Wronged…

Your letter was received in prison and the Wronged One, Who called all unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, turned toward it. Its opening was adorned with this blessed verse:

> "O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most glorious glory [Baha]."

Observe the heedlessness of the people of the Furqan [Muslims], although they had previously said that God's Most Great Name was mentioned in this prayer. To those possessed of insight it is most clear and evident that the station of mentioning the Most Great Name is at the beginning, since it precedes all names and is the source and dawning-place of all remembrances, and it appears at the opening of the aforementioned prayer. Despite this, all denied and failed to recognize its truth. Rather, they issued a decree for His death, save those whom God preserved through truth and delivered from the sea of idle fancies. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Ancient of Days.

BH11662: Though according to what was said before, this servant's…

He is God, exalted is He!

Though according to what was said before, this servant's letters to your honor contained unanswered questions and improper words—as numerous tablets have been sent until now and no reply to any has been observed—surely there was wisdom in these matters. However, we are content with what God has decreed for us and we place our trust in Him, for He is the best helper and the most excellent guardian. Nevertheless, this imprisoned one is troubled and is reminded of this word: that we have always been content with news of your honor, but now the messenger is forbidden and that blessing is cut off. God willing, may you remain in the utmost joy and gladness, delight and happiness in all conditions, and be protected in the shelter of the Merciful's protection from the harm of contingent existence and its people. We remember the companion, the mother, and the family with mention.

BH09648: Lawh-i-Husayn 2

In the Name of the Desire of the world

O Husayn! Consider the eagerness with which certain peoples and nations have anticipated the return of Imam Husayn, whose coming, after the appearance of the Qa'im, hath been prophesied, in days past, by

the chosen ones of God, exalted be His glory. These holy ones have, moreover, announced that when He Who is the Dayspring of the manifold grace of God manifesteth Himself, all the Prophets and Messengers, including the Qa'im, will gather together beneath the shadow of the sacred Standard which the Promised One will raise. That hour is now come. The world is illumined with the effulgent glory of His countenance. And yet, behold how far its peoples have strayed from His path! None have believed in Him except them who, through the power of the Lord of Names, have shattered the idols of their vain imaginings and corrupt desires and entered the city of certitude. The seal of the choice Wine of His Revelation hath, in this Day and in His Name, the Self-Sufficing, been broken. Its grace is being poured out upon men. Fill thy cup, and drink in, in His Name, the Most Holy, the All-Praised.

Glory be to those who have attained unto the Kawthar of steadfastness on this promised Day.

BH08208: A mention from the Wronged One to him who…

He is the All-Knowing Witness.

A mention from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the luminary of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Loving. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence, for having caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and the Manifestation of Thy Will, and for having given me to drink, by the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy love, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. I beseech Thee, O Mystery of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, and by Thy resplendent and treasured Secret, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy love in this Day wherein one of Thy Names hath been imprisoned due to the turning away from Thee of most of Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH08250: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest one…

He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest one of Thy Afnan circling round Thy will and turning unto Thee when most of Thy servants have turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all created things, to transform his sorrow into supreme joy and his loss into greatest gain. Thou beholdest him, O my God, clinging fast unto Thee in the earliest of Thy days and serving Thy Cause before the creation of Thy creatures. I implore Thee to make manifest his station amongst Thy servants and his remembrance amidst the mentions of Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest through Thy binding and wise command. Light and glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from this cup, whereof whosoever drinketh will turn and arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH08146: Divine verses have been revealed in such wise…

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

Divine verses have been revealed in such wise that the writers of the world and the possessors of the pen are incapable and powerless to enumerate them. And whosoever hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, the Countenance of the Ancient King hath turned toward him, and in the Most Holy and Sacred Station his mention hath been uttered by the tongue of Truth. Blessed is he who hath attained to the mention of God. That which is of paramount importance today is steadfastness in the Cause of God, inasmuch as the satans of the earth have been and are engaged in misleading and seducing the people. The people of Baha must needs be so firm in the Cause that no one may be able to utter a word. O Rahim! We have made mention of thee as a token of Our grace. Be thou firm in the Cause and steadfast as the mountain in the love of God, the Lord of this resplendent Day.

BH08610: O Hashim! Hearken unto My call which hath been…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

O Hashim! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from this Prison—this Spot round which circle the Concourse on High and hosts of favored angels. We have summoned both sovereign and subject unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned with his heart toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe unto him who hath turned away and denied the signs of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Hold thou fast to the cord of steadfastness and grasp the hem of thy Lord's gracious favor. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the fragrances of My days and drunk the choice wine of My love from the hand of My bounty, and hath spoken My praise and glorification amongst My servants. He is of them who have fulfilled My covenant and My testament. To this beareth witness My Pen and My Tongue and whatsoever hath been created by the Word of God, the Powerful, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory be upon thee and upon her who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH08252: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest…

…Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest the Wronged One bewildered in His affair. Whenever I revealed that which Thou didst command me and its revelation caused the fire of hatred to blaze in the hearts of Thine enemies, they committed that which made the people of the pavilion of Thy sanctity lament and the dwellers of the cities of Thy might and power cry out. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the light that shone forth from the horizon of Sinai, and by the effulgences of the lights of Thy grace at the dawn of Revelation, and by the rustling of the Lote-Tree of Thy loving-kindness, and by the flowing of the Kawthar of Thy bounty, and by the whispering of the breezes of Thy mercy, and by the breaths of Thy Revelation, to ordain for me that which will exalt me through Thy Name among Thy servants and make me steadfast and firm in the service of Thy Cause.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge which Thou hast veiled from the eyes of Thy creation, to aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee in such wise that neither the sharpened swords,

nor the piercing spears, nor the veils of glory, nor the doubts of the people of error may deter me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted….

BH08397: In My Name, the Warbler upon the Branches!

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This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to all who are in the realm of possibility. Therein hath He guided all unto His straight Path. Verily it is the Kawthar of Life to them that thirst, and a healing to every ailing servant. Verily it is the Table sent down from heaven to all created things, and the Lamp of the Command to the dwellers of earth.

Blessed is the servant who hath recognized and arisen to serve the Cause of God, and woe unto them that hesitate! Say: This is the Day of the Bayan, were ye of them that hear, and this is the Day wherein the Herald proclaimeth from every direction that which lay hidden in God's knowledge. Rejoice, O people, and be not of them that turn away!

Thus hath been sent down from the Pen of the Bayan that which every discerning soul will find redolent with the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Hold thou fast unto My Tablet and recite it before myriads of them that are nigh. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH08221: A remembrance from Me unto him who hath loved…

He is the Most Generous, the Most Great

A remembrance from Me unto him who hath loved Me, that it may draw him unto My horizon and bring him near unto My ocean which surgeth through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He who cleaveth unto vain imaginings is accounted among the worshippers of idols in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds, and he who hath quaffed the choice wine of revelation is reckoned among those who have drawn nigh in a perspicuous Tablet. O ye who are the beloved of the All-Merciful throughout all possibilities! Hearken unto that which God commandeth you in the Book, and follow not the way of the mischief-makers. He commandeth you to observe justice, even as He commanded you aforetime. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He hath revealed unto you that which shall profit you. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Loving, the Most Compassionate. Act ye according to that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Render thanks unto God for having acquainted thee with the Dawning-Place of His Cause and for having mentioned thee in His Book. Glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH08064: O Ali! May God break the necks of those…

He is the Ever-Abiding

O Ali! May God break the necks of those who have rebelled against God and spread corruption in the Holy Land, such that the Beauty of the All-Glorious was forced to depart from among you and become an exile from His home once again. This is among the decrees that have been ordained by the Sovereign

Authority upon preserved holy tablets. Be patient in separation from meeting your Lord, then beseech God to remove our anguish and bring us relief. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All things are with Him preserved in a holy Book. O young one! Call upon your Lord, for We hear what you supplicate to your Creator. He will answer you and every destitute one who has become poor before his Lord, and every one who is denied and deprived. Thus has your Lord commanded you—the Manifest, the Evident, the Clear, the Known.

BH08206: A remembrance from Our presence and a testimony…

He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

A remembrance from Our presence and a testimony from before Us for him who hath believed in the All-Merciful on His glorious, wondrous Day.

This is the Day whereon the gate of heaven hath been flung open and the Lord of Names hath come with signs such that the treasures of the earth can in no wise compare with them, nor can the hosts of tyranny hinder them, nor the power of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Reckoning weaken them.

Blessed art thou, O ʿAli-Qabl-Rida, inasmuch as thou hast turned thy face and attained unto a remembrance by which the Concourse on high and the dwellers of the Supreme Paradise are enraptured.

Say: Unto Thee be praise, O my Beloved, my Goal, my Support and my Helper, for that Thou hast made mention of me and hast sent down that whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto Thee are solaced. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Most Great Throne, and by Thy command whereby Thou hast subdued the nations, that Thou mayest ordain for me the good of the life to come and of this first life.

Verily, Thou art the Lord of Names, and in Thy grasp lie the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH08287: God hath testified to the fact that I am…

He is the Eternal

God hath testified to the fact that I am indeed one that hath believed in He at Whose Remembrance those who are nigh unto God quaffed the choice wine of eternal life. So too such of the sincere ones as were not diverted from comprehending Him be they in the heavens or on the earth; save that is, such as thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise hath willed.

O Diya'! Be patient in misfortunes and contented under all circumstances. In truth be firm and unwavering; be quick in doing good deeds; be assiduous toward God; be a veiler of people's faults; be an avoider of lust. Be a runner after truth, a cloud of bounty to the servants of God; be kindly to thy debtors; be a forgiver to the transgressors; be a fulfiller of the Covenant and steadfast in the Cause."

Wherefore doth this Wronged One counsel thee unto the fear of God. He directeth thee unto trustworthiness and sincerity. Be characterized by this twain; embrace these two qualities. Blesssed be

thou and whomsoever loveth thee for the sake of God. But woe betide such as are hateful of thee and causeth thee to turn aside from that unto which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God.

BH08237: Glorified art Thou, O my God, the God…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God, the God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I testify that through Thee the ocean of knowledge hath surged within creation, and through Thy name the sun of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy name, the All-Merciful. I beseech Thee by Thy mighty signs and by Thy Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Name, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will comfort mine eyes and gladden my heart. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the gate of Thy bounty, awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to send down upon Thy Afnan, from the clouds of Thy mercy, that which will raise him up in Thy name amongst Thy servants. Then open before his face the doors of Thy blessings and riches. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Most Great Branch hath appeared at the Most Luminous Horizon, and We have mentioned thee as thou didst mention Him, in such wise as to draw mankind nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The dominion, the kingdom, the might and the power belong to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH08139: This Wronged One hath at all times beseeched…

He is the All-Encompassing, the Sovereign over all names.

This Wronged One hath at all times beseeched the Almighty God to protect the Branches and Leaves. The purpose of this protection hath been and is the protection of the true understanding. The protection of physical bodies in these days hath not been and is not of any worth. Blessed is the soul that sacrificeth itself in His path, and blessed is the blood that is shed in His love.

Were the hidden mysteries to be revealed, all would hasten to the place of sacrifice, but the veils remain drawn through His wisdom. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison while Thou wert in the hands of the oppressors among Thy servants. I beseech Thee to forgive me and to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved.

BH08013: Let those souls who have sought, or who hereafter…

Let those souls who have sought, or who hereafter may seek, healing from the ocean of Divine grace make mention of these exalted words that have shone forth from the Dayspring of bounty:

In His Name that overshadoweth all names

O God, my God! I beg of Thee by the ocean of Thy healing, and by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy grace, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue Thy servants, and by the pervasive power of

Thy most exalted Word and the potency of Thy most august Pen, and by Thy mercy that hath preceded the creation of all who are in heaven and on earth, to purge me with the waters of Thy bounty from every affliction and disorder, and from all weakness and feebleness.

Thou seest, O my Lord, Thy suppliant waiting at the door of Thy bounty, and him who hath set his hopes on Thee clinging to the cord of Thy generosity. Deny him not, I beseech Thee, the things he seeketh from the ocean of Thy grace and the Day-Star of Thy loving-kindness.

Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. There is none other God save Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH08074: We, verily, have made the clear signs manifest…

He is the Most High, the All-Glorious.

We, verily, have made the clear signs manifest, and have brought to light that which lay hidden within the Book. We have spoken, and have caused all things to speak forth the remembrance of God, the Lord of the beginning and the return. We have enjoined upon all that whereby the Cause of God, and their own stations, may be exalted; yet they have turned aside, for they have followed every idolater sunk in doubt.

Say: O My people! By God, the gate of heaven hath been flung open with the key of My Most Glorious Name. Thereof beareth witness, with Him, the Book of Mysteries. Thus hath My Pen been set in motion, and thus hath the Tongue of My grandeur spoken. Ponder, O people of insight! We have, indeed, beheld thee and heard thy cry, and have answered thee with this Book, through which even the pebble hath been made to utter praise. Dominion belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

When thou art honoured through the verses of thy Lord, make mention of Him among His servants, that haply they may turn toward the dawning-place of His bounty and acknowledge that which hath appeared in the realm of creation.

Glory be upon thee, and upon every soul that turneth in devotion unto the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH08191: This is a mention from Us to him who…

He is the Helper, the Succourer!

This is a mention from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, that it may draw him nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon and cause him to witness that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed: that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have beheld thy turning unto Us, and have sent down for thee the verses that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Sovereign of all sovereigns. We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Most Great Cause, whereby the limbs of every heedless and veiled one have quaked with fear. Be thou eloquent in thy Lord’s praise and arise to serve His irrevocable Cause.

Verily God hath forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness from the heaven of His bounty. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and thy wife and her mother

and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. We send forth from this spot Our glorification upon the faces of My loved ones and We give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH08228: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and taught His servants that which profiteth them in the Kingdom. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Loving. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Countenance while thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, was walking, and He hath answered thee out of His mercy and as a token of His grace. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and put thy trust in Him in Whose hand is the dominion of the heavens and earth, and in Whose grasp lieth […] created by His command "Be, and it is." Beware lest the opposition of the divines or the allusions of any misbeliever outcast withhold thee. Consider when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, appeared—the divines turned away from Him and every wicked reprobate opposed Him. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen move that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and arise to serve thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

BH08292: The seekers are in Haifa, and the Sought One…

He is God, the Most High

The seekers are in Haifa, and the Sought One in Akka. Glorified be your Lord, the Most High! The root of the Divine Lote-Tree is in Akka, and its branch in Haifa. Glorified be your Lord, the Most High! Unto the travelers in the land of the All-Merciful, and unto the leaves of the tree of glorification, We convey exaltation and greeting. God willing, they may be occupied, in utmost joy and gladness, with the remembrance of the Beloved, and through His memory be made cheerful and dilated in heart.

Let Diya'u'llah and Badi'u'llah act according to that which God hath willed, and be sanctified, purified, and freed from the manners of childhood.

Convey greeting and glorification unto all, whether young or old, women or men.

Let Majd and ʿAbdi occupy themselves with the reading of the writings and with transcription.

The Glory be upon you.

That which is meet should be made ready in Our presence, that it may be sent. Be ye thankful though ye have not partaken, and render praise though ye have not seen. This station is one intended and worthy of regard. Verily, He is the best of those who purpose.

BH08365: Say: O my God, my God! I testify…

He is the One Who hath appeared from the Most Exalted Horizon.

Say: O my God, my God! I testify that this is Thy Day, which was mentioned in Thy Books; and I testify that this is Thy Manifestation whereof Thy Books, Thy Messengers and Thy Tablets have given the glad-tidings.

I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause and by the radiance of Thy Countenance that Thou make me not deprived of the breezes—of the very breaths—of Thy revelation in Thy Book, O Lord. Enable me to remain steadfast in Thy love and in Thy command; then aid me against the wrongdoers who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament from among the people of the Bayan, and have turned away from Thee and from Thy signs.

O Lord! Grant that I may act according to that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Strengthen me, O my God, through Thy power, that the affairs of the rulers of the earth and their learned ones may not hinder me from Thy Cause. Then ordain for me the good of the life to come and of this first life below. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08366: Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy…

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise!

Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, to assist me to act according to that which Thou hast commanded me therein.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and confessing Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy mercy and the dawning lights of the sun of Thy grace to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise among Thy servants with the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets.

I furthermore beseech Thee by the power of Thy Word and the sovereignty of Thy Will and the all-encompassing nature of Thy Purpose to forgive me through Thy bounty and generosity and to ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love.

Thou art He Whom the contingencies of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the might of the nations weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08406: This is a Book inscribed by the finger…

He is the One Who has dominion over all who are in the Kingdom

This is a Book inscribed by the finger of the Will of the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is the Preserved Tablet, and it is that which has been sent down in this unfurled Parchment, and from it appeared the Written Book. Say: Through it were all books sent down and every Messenger dispatched, and verily He is the One established upon the Throne in His frequented House. He is the Truth, beholding creation from this Praiseworthy Station. Verily He is the One Who stands through the Truth, and verily He is the Self-Subsisting. By His Name was the Trumpet blown and the seal of the Choice Wine broken—none has attained unto it save those who have held fast to this Extended Cord. Can anyone draw nigh unto

God? Nay, by My Self, except whom God willeth, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We beseech God to ordain for every one who turns towards Him this Forbidden Station.

BH08483: As the eye of the faithful weeps…

He is the All-Knowing

As the eye of the faithful weeps for the martyrs in the path of Baha, it seems as though it has freshly heard the news of those who were wronged. Praise be to God in all conditions! Reflect upon the grace of God: though the servants deserved punishment, He bestowed favor and sent mercy. Justice stands bewildered at the greatness of this grace. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. News was received of the extinguishing of the fire in the furnace, the descent of water from the ceiling, winter's encroachment upon summer, the blowing of freezing winds, and the falling and dropping of oranges in the great garden. God willing, compensation for what was lost will come through the grace of the Revealer of verses. Verily, He has power over all things. ʻAbdu's-Salih was sent with scant provisions to deliver and bring back news. You are all beneath the shelter of your Lord's grace. The condition of the Most Exalted Leaf is, God willing, good. We send greetings to all.

BH08528: To be typed

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BH08538: In His Name through Whom the Gate of Utterance…

In His Name through Whom the Gate of Utterance was opened to all who are in the realm of creation!

O people of God! This is the day of steadfastness, for from every direction some matter appears and from every quarter some commotion arises. The enemies have desired to extinguish the light of the Bayan and this Lamp through which the contingent world and all existence have been illumined. All must occupy themselves with the utmost steadfastness and with wisdom and utterance in capturing hearts. We have heard thy cry, have remembered thee, and commanded thee and My loved ones with that whereby the Cause of God shall be exalted throughout His creation. Let not what hath befallen the chosen ones in the Land of Ya sadden thee. Leave vain imaginings to their inventors and take up that whereby your station shall be exalted in this praiseworthy position. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the chalice of utterance from which the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness was wafted among Thy servants. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH08582: O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of them who…

He is the Book, the Radiant, the Manifest

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of them who are in creation, that they may abandon what they possess and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day whereon the hearts of the Pharaohs have trembled, and the skins of the tyrants have shuddered, and the faces of those who have turned to God have been illumined. The choice wine hath flowed, and the pure water hath appeared, yet the

people remain in evident drunkenness, following vain imaginings and turning away from Him Who speaketh amongst mankind that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. We desired for them the good of this world and the next, yet they desired for Us that which would harm Us. They are indeed among the heedless. Turn thou not unto them that have wronged, and put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of God and hath drunk the choice wine from this cup which calleth out saying: "Joy be to them that drink!" Thus have We remembered thee in the Most Great Prison that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH08623: It behooveth thee to render thanks unto God…

He is the Expounder between earth and heaven!

It behooveth thee to render thanks unto God with the tongues of all created things, inasmuch as He hath aided thee to acknowledge the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His Cause, at a time when most of His servants have turned away from Him. By the life of God! Wert thou to discover that which God hath ordained for them that have turned unto Him, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of joy and cry out, saying:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all nations!"

O Nasru'llah! When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of thy Lord, read it again and again, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the verses of thy Lord and be of them who have detached themselves in His love from all directions. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee and give thee glad-tidings, whilst thou wert wronged at the hands of such as were heedless of this Cause whereby the horizons have been illumined. Beseech thou God that He may vouchsafe unto thee the Kawthar of steadfastness and draw thee nigh unto Him under all conditions.

BH09027: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having distinguished Thy servant whom Thou didst honor with Thy presence and caused to hear Thy verses. O my God, Thou knowest that he migrated in Thy love until he entered the city wherein was established the throne of Thy grandeur. Thereupon the banners of oppression were raised until the idolaters drove us from the Land of Mystery and cast us into the Most Great Prison. Thus was he prevented from attaining Thy presence.

O Lord! Ordain for him and for those who have sought Thee that which befitteth Thy majesty. Then write down for them the good of this world and the next. Then make them to be of those who circle round the Kaaba of Thy Cause in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing can prevent Thy sovereignty and Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

BH09124: O Sakinih! The Wronged One of the world makes…

In the name of the one peerless God, the All-Knowing!

O Sakinih! The Wronged One of the world makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison and counsels thee to that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God and the elevation of being. Praise thou the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and the unseen, Who aided thee and guided thee until thou didst attain unto that for which the world was created. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names. Verily He heareth and seeth His servants and handmaidens. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh His praise and the heart that is occupied with Him and is detached and free from all else. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

BH08663: Hearken unto My voice from the precincts of My…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Hearken unto My voice from the precincts of My prison, that it may acquaint thee with what hath befallen My Beauty at the hands of the manifestations of My majesty, and thou mayest discover My forbearance despite My power, and My patience notwithstanding My might. By My life! Shouldst thou come to know that which hath descended from My Pen, and discover the treasures of My Cause, and the pearls of My mysteries hidden in the seas of My names and the vessels of My words, thou wouldst, in thy love for My name and thy longing for My glorious and sublime Kingdom, lay down thy life in My path. O My servant! My body is beneath the swords of Mine enemies, and My flesh suffereth trials without number, yet My spirit is filled with a gladness with which all the joys of the earth can never compare. Turn with thy heart towards Him Who is the Kiblih of all horizons, and say: O peoples of the earth! Have ye denied Him in Whose path He Who came with the truth, with the announcement of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, suffered martyrdom?

Say: This is the Tidings whereat the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers rejoiced. This is He Who hath been mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Wise. The hands of the Messengers have been lifted up, yearning to attain His presence before their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Unto this beareth witness that which hath been sent down in the Tablets from One Who is puissant and all-powerful. Among them was he who lamented because of My separation; among them was he who endured hardships in My path; and among them was he who sacrificed his life for My beauty, wert thou of them that know.

Say: Verily, He is the One mentioned by the tongue of Isaiah, and through remembrance of Him the Torah and the Gospel were adorned; and in the Qur'an He was named the Great Announcement. Thus hath the decree been ordained in the Tablets of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath borne witness unto Me, and I Myself bear witness unto that which I declare.

Say: The Bayan was sent down for naught but My remembrance. Every one who turneth toward it perceiveth therein My Name and extolleth My Self. Each word thereof crieth out in the wilderness of guidance: "He is the Beloved of the worlds!" My tongue counselleth you purely for the sake of God, and My Pen moveth in remembrance of you, though neither the injury wrought by them that dwell on earth can harm Me, nor the allegiance of all created things profit Me.

Say: O concourse of the world! Deem ye yourselves secure within palaces, whilst the Sovereign of Manifestation abideth in the most desolate of lands? Nay, by My life! Ye dwell in graves, could ye but perceive. Think ye that what ye possess shall remain with you, or that that wherein ye have busied yourselves during your days shall avail you? Ere long others shall inherit all that ye have owned, and ye shall return unto the blazing fire, the abode of the unjust.

By My life! Were I to recount the sweetness of the tribulations wherein I abide, the Tablets would be torn asunder and the pens would be struck senseless; and thy Lord is, verily, aware of what I say. There is no life which death overtaketh not, no permanence which extinction seizeth not, and no blessing that changeth not. Leave then what is yours, and turn unto the bounty of God which hath been sent down in this wondrous Name. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen warbled unto thee by the leave of thy Lord, the Most Glorious.

When thou hast heard and read, say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy mighty Prison. Praise be to Thee, O my God, my Beloved, and the God of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

BH08710: The lights of revelation have encompassed the world…

In His Name, Who heareth and seeth!

The lights of revelation have encompassed the world, and He Who conversed on Sinai is singing upon the Divine Lote-Tree with most wondrous melodies. Yet sight and hearing are lacking and non-existent, save for the sight and hearing that are illumined by the light of divine grace. O friends! Strive that perchance through His grace you may remain steadfast upon the straight path. His way is other than all ways, His path is other than all paths, and His will is other than all the wills of the people of the world. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the cord of His grace and held fast to the hem of His bounty—such a one is among the denizens of the highest Paradise. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice in My remembrance of thee and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all lands, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned and estranged!”

BH11897: O Pen! Turn thy face toward Qaf and Mim…

O Pen! Turn thy face toward Qaf and Mim, then make mention therein of the friends of God and His chosen ones who heard the call with their ears and hastened with their hearts to the supreme horizon while the people were wrapped in heedlessness and veils…

O Naddaf! Blessed art thou for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison Him Who is the Dawning-place of grace and the Rising-point of loving-kindness and favors…

O Husayn! The Supreme Pen hath been moved to make mention of thee at a time when the hosts of tyranny have surrounded Me with the standards of misbelief and hypocrisy. O Naddaf! Ye have wrought in the path of God that which the people of the cities of justice and fairness have acknowledged. We

beseech God to aid you and make you steadfast in this Cause whereby the pillars of the land have been shaken.

O Muhammad-Rida! The Lord of Names Who findeth Himself beneath the talons of hatred through what the hands of the wicked have wrought hath made mention of thee. Thou hast been remembered before the Wronged One and inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets.

BH09125: O Aqa Mir Sayfu'd-Din, or Sayfu'd-Din! We have effaced…

O Aqa Mir Sayfu'd-Din, or Sayfu'd-Din! We have effaced the sign of the sword and made the sign of the pen to shine forth from the horizon of the mercy of thy Lord, the Bountiful. We have forbidden all that saddeneth hearts, and commanded the people of Baha to do that which bringeth joy to the hearts of all created things. Thus hath the decree been ordained from the presence of Him Who is the All-Wise Commander.

Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of that which hath been commanded from the presence of God, the Lord of all mankind. Woe betide every heedless one who is far removed.

Take hold of the Most Great Name through the power of Him Who is the Lord of Eternity, and cast aside that which the peoples possess. This is that which profiteth the servants, and thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Be not perturbed by the clamor of the people who have cast the Book behind their backs and followed every heedless doubter. Thus have We illumined the Tablet with the lights of utterance from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

BH08685: O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of the Pasha…

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of the Pasha in such wise as will draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring him nigh unto the Most Great Sea which hath appeared in the world through this Name, whereby every seated one hath stood up, every mute hath spoken, every remote one hath drawn nigh, and every perceiving believer hath attained. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then stand firm in the Cause. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When the Dayspring of divine favors appeared, every denier who was deprived of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds, denied Him. O concourse of earth! Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. By God! He Who was recorded in God's Books, the Ancient of Days, hath appeared. Cast aside vain imaginings through the power of the Lord of all men, and hold fast unto certitude through this manifest Name.

BH09169: He hath dawned from His most exalted horizon!

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O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy son and daughter and those who are with thee. We testify that thou hast believed in God and His signs, and hast attained unto the recognition of His Self in His days, and hast drunk the choice wine of His love from the

hand of His bounty. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favor. We have accepted thy service and thy work in that House wherein My mention and My praise were raised. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The gaze of the True One, exalted be His glory, hath ever been and will continue to be directed towards you. There hath befallen you what hath befallen Us. By this have the dwellers of Paradise and they who circle round My mighty Throne wept. The glory be upon thee from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09156: O Muhammad-ʿAli! Verily the heaven calleth out with this…

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Verily the heaven calleth out with this Most Great Name, and the sun crieth aloud saying: "The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted, and the Promised One hath come with a Cause against which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of the earth can prevail." The Tree proclaimeth and saith: "O people of the earth! The seal of the choice Wine hath been broken, and the Desired One giveth with snow-white hands. Hasten ye unto Him, and be not of them that have turned away from this manifest, resplendent, mighty and all-encompassing bounty." All things speak, and behind them the Dawning-Place of Names proclaimeth between earth and heaven: "By God! The Hidden hath appeared and the Treasured One hath been revealed. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of meeting with God, the Mighty, the Wise." Thus hath the Nightingale warbled and the Divine Lote-Tree spoken, yet most of the people are heedless.

BH09094: In My Name, the Most Glorious

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O My handmaiden! The glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness have been directed towards thee, inasmuch as thou hast believed in God when He came with the kingdom of His signs and with manifest sovereignty. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of God. Verily, He hath sent down verses unto thee from this remote station that thereby thine eyes may be solaced, and the eyes of those women who have believed in God, the King, the Truth, the Mighty, the Merciful. Grieve thou not over anything. Verily, He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him—to this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness from this luminous station. Preserve thou My Tablet lest it be gazed upon by every wicked and vile one. By God! The Day hath come, and the people are in grievous loss. They witness, yet deny. They are, verily, companions of the fire. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath believed in the One, the All-Knowing.

BH08651: My God, my God! This is a fragrance…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

My God, my God! This is a fragrance from the fragrances of the garden of inner meanings that has turned to Thee on a day wherein the divines of Thy age and the clergy of Thy lands have turned away. I beseech Thee by Thy Beauty that hath appeared amongst Thy creatures, and by the power of Thy Pen and the penetrating influence of Thy Cause, to ordain for her through the pen of Thy bounty that which will draw her nigh unto Thee. Then I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Goal of all created things, by the fragrances of Thy days through which the mountains were moved and the Cry was raised and the earth

shone with Thy light, to ordain for her from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One. Thy grace hath preceded and Thy mercy hath preceded. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH09082: O My Afnan! My tongue and My Most Exalted…

He is the Mighty, the Great

O My Afnan! My tongue and My Most Exalted Pen bear witness that thou hast turned toward the horizon of God and set thy face toward Him, and hastened to the shore of the ocean of His presence, and soared in the atmosphere of His love until thou didst traverse land and sea and enter the Most Exalted Paradise in thy Lord's prison, He Who is the Ruler of all names. And thou didst hearken unto His most sweet call and didst attain unto that which had been recorded in the Books of God and hidden in His knowledge. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto God for this great bounty, with which all the treasures of the earth and all the repositories of knowledge cannot compare. Thy Lord, the Ruler of the Kingdom, beareth witness unto this. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon whosoever hath loved thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH09081: O My Afnan! O Mahmud! Praise be to God…

O My Afnan! O Mahmud! Praise be to God that thou hast entered a praiseworthy station and attained unto the visitation of the true House. By the Sun of Truth, which shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of the Prison, I swear that this House hath ever been the circumambulation-place of the Concourse on high and of the dwellers in the exalted Paradise. How many of the near ones of God have, in yearning for it, offered up their lives and sacrificed their souls! By the power of faith and certitude thou didst set thy face toward the House of God, and didst attain unto it, and didst hear its call. Blessed art thou, and blessed the Afnan who in the earliest days attained unto My visitation. God hath, verily, aided you with that whose fragrance shall never cease. Render thanks, then, unto the Lord, Who hath come invested with His great glory and His irrevocable, wise command.

BH09113: O Baqir, upon thee be My glory! Thy letter…

He is the All-Knowing

O Baqir, upon thee be My glory! Thy letter which thou didst send to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin was presented before the Face. God hath forgiven thee and whomsoever thou didst desire His forgiveness for. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Each of the mentioned souls hath attained unto the remembrance of God. Remind them of My verses and give them glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of God's will, the Lord of all worlds. As for those souls whom the might of princes and oppression of divines hath prevented from drawing nigh and associating, leave them to themselves. Verily God is independent of all worlds. The hearts of some are illumined. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Oppression hath prevented them from attaining His presence. Say: My God, my God! Strengthen the hearts of Thy servants through Thy power, lest the might of princes weaken them or the oppression of oppressors prevent them. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH09122: O Aqa Rida, or Rida! The Lord of Names…

O Aqa Rida, or Rida! The Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven remembers thee from His mighty prison. The Wronged One calls out at all times and summons all to the straight path. Among the people are those who have found the sweetness of utterance and soared in the atmosphere of divine knowledge on the wings of certitude, and among them are those who turned away and followed every sinful doubter.

Say: O concourse of divines! Ye are the veils of the earth and its doubts—to this testifies He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. Were ye to be fair, by what proof did ye believe in Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and by what evidence did ye turn away from Him Who came to you with that which is with the All-Knowing? Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Lost indeed are they who denied this Most Great Cause, at whose appearance the Book proclaimed: "The All-Bestower hath come with manifest sovereignty."

BH09114: O House of Dhabih and ye that dwell therein!…

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

O House of Dhabih and ye that dwell therein! God hath made mention of you, as a bounty from His presence, aforetime and again, and hath sent down for your sakes that whereby your name shall endure so long as His majesty, His sovereignty and His power—wherewith He hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on the earth—shall endure.

We have likewise made mention of Dhabih with a remembrance which the Concourse on high received at the hour of his ascension, that My exalted, wondrous Book may bear testimony thereto.

Praise be unto God in all conditions! Through His grace he hath attained unto the honour of the Tablets, and hath been adorned with the mention of the Desire of all worlds. From God do We entreat that He may assist you in whatsoever shall cause the turning, the approach and the faith of the handmaids of thy land.

Glorified is God! The Cause is manifest, and the proof resplendent; yet all are veiled and debarred, save those souls who have quaffed from the cup of reunion in the Name of the Most Glorious. These, verily, are the companions of the Crimson Ark.

BH09118: O Husayn! He Who was promised by the tongue…

O Husayn! He Who was promised by the tongue of God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting, hath come. Say: O heedless ones! Fear God and follow not those who have denied the signs of God and His Manifestation. Follow Him Who hath come to you with the truth by the command of One mighty and powerful. Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies, for verily they keep you back from My straight path. Take hold of that which ye are commanded in the Book, for it shall profit you and draw you nigh unto Him at all times. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of thy Lord and turned unto Him on a day when all on earth turned away, save those whom the hand of God's grace did rescue—the Lord of all worlds. The Hidden One hath appeared and revealed that which He desired as a token of His

grace, for He is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His firm and mighty command.

BH08689: We have desired to make mention of him who…

He is God, exalted be His glory!

We have desired to make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Husayn and give him glad tidings of the Wronged One's acceptance of him from this far-distant shore. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect him with His hosts and guard him by His sovereignty and aid him in His remembrance amongst His servants. He is verily the Powerful, the Unconstrained. And We make mention of Nasir Aqa that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. O Nasir! The All-Informed has come while the people are in evident heedlessness. We have adorned the world with this Revelation which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel its people to be steadfast in this mighty Cause whereby the faces of the ignorant have been darkened and the faces of the knowing have been illumined. Thus has the Pen spoken in this Prison through which God has manifested His Cause despite every ignorant doubter.

BH08682: O My Pen! Make mention of him whose name…

O My Pen! Make mention of him whose name was present before the Face, that he may glory in the remembrance of God amidst His servants and be of those who have stood firm in the Cause and acted according to what they were commanded by God, the Revealer of verses. O Pasha! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of ʿAkka. He summons thee unto God, the Lord of the Final End. He hath appeared and desireth to purify the world from the defilement of treachery, falsehood and hypocrisy, yet the peoples of the earth have turned away from Him, having followed every doubting idolater. Thus hath the Tongue of Ancient Days spoken forth in the Most Great Prison, from God, the Lord of all men. Take hold of the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, then enter beneath the canopies of grandeur through His Name, whereby God hath subdued the cities of the hearts of them that are endued with understanding.

BH08748: In these days the fire of sedition hath been…

In the name of the One God!

In these days the fire of sedition hath been kindled from every direction. The people of tyranny and the companions of wickedness have wrought that which hath caused the sun and moon to lament, and to weep over the oppression of the Wronged One. But the Hand of Divine power shall manifest that which He hath willed. The might of the world and the clamor of the nations and the oppression of the oppressors shall neither prevent nor forbid it. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty. Rejoice, O My Leaf, in My remembrance of thee, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to turn toward Thee in Thy days. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy word "Be" and it is.

BH08753: To be typed

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BH08649: My God, my God! Thy light calls me unto…

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

My God, my God! Thy light calls me unto Thee, and Thy fire keeps me back from Thee. I testify that the light hath appeared and shone forth from Thy face, while the fire is from mine own deeds, though it is attributed to Thee for Thou didst create and manifest it. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, to transform the fire through Thy light. O my Lord, I have turned to Thee, set my face toward Thee, and hastened unto the horizon of Thy grace. Ordain, O my God and God of all names, through Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy chosen servants that which will preserve their tongues from mentioning aught but Thee and their hearts from loving any save Thee, and will cause them to be numbered among those who have quaffed the wine of certitude from the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord, withhold not from me that which is with Thee. I testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08650: My God, my God! This is a handmaiden among…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

My God, my God! This is a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens and a leaf among Thy leaves who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy Revelation and hath testified to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath testified, that verily Thou art God, and there is none other God but Thee. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the days wherein the breezes of Thy grace have wafted over all who are on earth through Thy bounty and favors, and by the breathings of Thy Revelation in Thy days, to strengthen me in Thy remembrance and praise and in service to Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy generosity and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and the next, and to decree for me the reward of Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur. Verily Thou art He through Whose generosity all created things have testified, and through Whose power all beings bear witness. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou willest. Verily Thou art the Commander, the All-Wise. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH08656: Today all things are engaged in the remembrance…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of eternity!

Today all things are engaged in the remembrance and praise of God, and are crying out with the most exalted call in these supreme words: By God the Truth! The door of the treasury hath been opened, and the hidden mystery hath been revealed, through a Cause unlike all causes, through a remembrance unlike all remembrances, through a path unlike all paths, and through a thought unlike all thoughts of the servants. Blessed is the soul whose will hath been submerged in the Will of God and whose volition hath been dissolved in His good pleasure. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us. This Most

Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down as a token of grace that thou mayest inhale the sweet fragrances of the All-Merciful and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause with supreme steadfastness. Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Strong Cord.

BH08704: We found man asleep; We awakened him. And We…

He is the One Who rules over the world!

We found man asleep; We awakened him. And We saw him distant; We drew him near. And We found him mute; We caused him to speak, that he might speak before the face of the world through the Most Great Name. Has he acted according to that for which he was created, or has he been among the heedless? We have adorned the tree of man with the fruits of steadfastness, trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with that which was ordained for it. Woe unto the deniers!

We name each thing by every name. Beware lest ye object to God. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. At one time We name friendship an ornament for the temple of man, and at another time a crown for his head and a light for his countenance. Thy Lord, verily, is the Unconstrained, the All-Wise. Say: I testify, O my God, in this my station, that Thou art the One Who is praised in what Thou hast done and wilt do, and art obeyed in what Thou didst command aforetime and wilt command hereafter. Thou art He to Whose power and sovereignty all things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and might every great one hath borne witness. Thou art the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

BH08745: These are the days of farewell, and grief hath…

He is the All-Knowing, the Forbearing

These are the days of farewell, and grief hath seized the people of God, for the Fast, which was the cause of refinement and the means of reformation and spirituality of souls, hath come to an end. This separation consumeth the lovers and demolisheth the pillars of patience. In any case, we beseech patience and composure from the Lord, for verily He hath power over all things, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Wise, the All-Informed. O thou who art mentioned! Do thou likewise seek aid from the Lord and beseech from the ocean of His grace. Perchance thou mayest be enabled to observe the Fast in the coming year and add prayer unto it as well. How excellent was that which was said, and how excellent was he who said it: The year hath passed, and would that I knew Whether anyone hath achieved that which pleaseth Thee.

BH08805: In My Most Glorious Name

In My Most Glorious Name

I make mention of one of My maidservants who hath believed in My verses, turned toward My horizon, hearkened unto My call, sought the Dawning-Place of the lights of My Cause, and drank the choice wine of My love and the Kawthar of My remembrance. By My life! She is assuredly among the people of Baha

in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a maidservant hath been so attracted by the verses of her Lord that the fire appeared from her very being, and how many a maidservant hath remained heedless and returned to the lowest of the low.

O people of Baha! Arise from the slumber of passion and turn ye toward the Most Exalted Horizon. By the life of God! Ye were created for this wondrous Day. Grieve not over this world, for it shall pass away and sovereignty shall remain with the One, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue spoken when the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of His Great Name.

BH08809: May my spirit and being be sacrificed for you!...

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and glory!

May my spirit and being be sacrificed for you! The letters from that Beloved One were before this evanescent one to be delivered, but they slipped from view. Now I have sent the package. At the time of sending, they were granted access to the Most Holy Court. In these writings that were sent by Mihdi, there was no letter from Haji Husayn indicating that the indigo payment should arrive here. If they have written something previously, it should be made known. In any case, according to the command, you must verify carefully. If they have indeed sent a draft, very well; otherwise action must be taken according to his writing. There was nothing about a draft in these writings. Send the receipt so that it can be properly determined. The glory be upon you and upon those who love you.

The servant

BH08881: In My Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

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God beareth witness, from His establishment upon His Throne, that there is none other God but Me, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained. Among men are those who hear and respond, and among them are such as turn aside; for each is a portion ordained in the Book.

Verily, We have informed the servants of that which hath appeared and shone forth; thereunto bear witness the Books and the Tablets. The truly hearing ear is he that hearkeneth unto the Call of God, and the seeing eye is he that beholdeth the countenance of his Lord, the Possessor of all mankind.

Say: O My people! Lay hold on the Book of God with the power vouchsafed from His presence; then make mention of it at eventide and at daybreak. By the life of God! The verses have been sent down in such wise as to have filled all horizons.

They, verily, who have turned themselves toward it and have hearkened, these are of the people of God in the loftiest station.

Glory be upon the people of Bahá, who have cast away the world and laid fast hold on that which they were commanded from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH08998: A Book hath the Lord of eternity sent down…

A Book hath the Lord of eternity sent down, wherein He heraldeth unto the nations that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God, the Lord of all the worlds.

It speaketh the truth and biddeth the peoples unto that which shall profit them in this world and in the world to come. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Turn unto Him, O My people, and follow not the vain desires of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Say: This is the Day whereon all things are summoned, for the Lord of Names hath come. Blessed is he who hearkeneth; woe betide every heedless and doubting soul.

And when thou hast attained unto My verses and recitest My Book, then praise thy Lord and say:

Unto Thee be praise, O Beloved of the world, for that Thou hast made me knowing of Thy right, gazing toward Thy horizon, and voicing Thy gracious, beauteous praise.

I beseech Thee to enable me to remain steadfast in Thy command. Verily, Thou art the Most Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH09037: The primary purpose in creating the world hath been…

He is the Mighty, the All-Wise!

The primary purpose in creating the world hath been for men to know the Beauty of the Pre-existent One. Whoso achieveth this purpose hath attained unto all good. But today the friends of God must occupy themselves with service to His Cause and appear among people adorned with praiseworthy attributes. The fruit of existence in this day is to hold fast to that which shall guide mankind. Grieve not over thy remoteness. Act in accordance with what hath been commanded thee by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me in Thy Book, and to fix my gaze upon Thee in all conditions, detached from all else beside Thee. Then write down for me, through Thy bounty and favor, the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09051: This is a mention from before Us to him…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a mention from before Us to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, that the verses may remind him and draw him unto the supreme horizon. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

There hath come before the Wronged One a letter from him bearing the name of Javad, wherein was thy mention. We have revealed for thee the verses and sent them unto thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

We have adorned the heaven of the servants' knowledge with the stars of their Lord's ethics, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath laid hold on goodly deeds, and woe unto every remote forsaker.

O My servants! Adorn your temples with the robe of steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the mystics have been stirred.

We make mention of those who have turned unto the Countenance, and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Glory be upon the people of Baha, and upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH09084: O my God! Thou seest my state and my…

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious

O my God! Thou seest my state and my dwelling-place, the weakness of Thy loved ones and the power of Thine enemies, the helplessness of Thy chosen ones and the might of the adversaries of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy Word and the sun of Thy power to manifest in the world that which will gladden the eyes of Thy loved ones and bring assurance to their hearts in Thy days. Grant these servants a dwelling beneath the pavilion of Thy grandeur and the canopy of Thy glory, and bestow upon them from the hand of Thy bounty the water of everlasting life. Thou knowest, Thou knowest, Thou seest, Thou seest. O Knowing One, words are nothing—Thou speak! O Powerful One, deeds are vain—grant Thou befitting grace! This hath ever been and shall ever be worthy of Thee. Glory be upon me and upon Thee.

BH09148: O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him…

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Baqir—upon him be My glory. He turned his face toward the Countenance when the people were in manifest doubt. He cast away vain imaginings in the name of his Lord, clinging to the hem of the mercy of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Neither vain imaginings prevented him from the light of certitude, nor did idle fancies hold him back from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

His letter hath come before the face of the Wronged One in these days, sent by him who hath been named in the Crimson Book by the Most Exalted Pen as Zaynu'l-Muqarribin. We have given him glad-tidings and have revealed for him that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall endure.

We have made mention of those whom he named in his letter and have given them to drink of the Kawthar of life from the chalice of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. He is among those who stood firm in the service of his Lord and spoke forth His beautiful praise.

BH09237: O My sister! We beseech God to protect thee…

He is the Mighty, the Most Exalted!

O My sister! We beseech God to protect thee from the harms of the world. There hath been no news from thee for some time. God willing, thou art established in the abode of God's love with the utmost happiness and joy. Shouldst thou wish to know how this mortal Prisoner is, by God, the tongue is speechless and pens are broken into pieces when attempting to mention it. However, We are at all times thankful and patient. Other than total submission and perfect acquiescence nothing is desired.

May thou be always engaged in mentioning the true Beloved and be illumined with the rays of the eternal and sanctified Sun. And upon thee be Glory.

BH09247: O Muhammad! Your letter which you sent to My…

O Muhammad! Your letter which you sent to My name, the Mihdi, hath reached this Prison, wherein the Tongue of the Wronged One proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy, and make mention of Him with such remembrance as will cause spirits and minds to soar. It behooveth everyone who hath turned unto the Countenance to act in accordance with what hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Single, the One, the Holy, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning those who have turned towards the Dayspring of God's Cause, give them the glad-tidings that their names have been mentioned in this forbidden place. We have heard their call and made mention of them in this Book.

We beseech God to aid you to do that which He loveth and desireth. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH09468: He who emigrated to God, who traversed land…

He is the All-Knowing!

He who emigrated to God, who traversed land and sea until he arrived and heard the Call of the Wronged One in prison, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord Who created thee and forgave thee and made thee know His straight Path. Blessed is he who hath been imprisoned in My path, who hath found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, and who hath attained unto My mention and My Tablet, the luminous, the resplendent. O Murtada! We counsel thee and those who have believed to be steadfast in this Cause whereby all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!" Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the cawing of them that have denied the Day of Judgment hath not prevented. Thus hath the Pen spoken in the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto them that deny, and unto every ignorant doubter.

BH09706: O Mir Hashim! The Most Great Announcement hath appeared…

O Mir Hashim! The Most Great Announcement hath appeared, and the Ancient Lord among the peoples calleth them unto the supreme horizon—the station wherein the Lord of Names speaketh that which hath enraptured the hearts of the righteous. This is the Day whereon the Mother Book and the Preserved Tablet cry out before the Face, speaking and saying:

> "My Lord hath manifested Me—rejoice, O concourse of the chosen ones!"

Blessed is he who, being endowed with sight, hath attested to the All-Merciful, and he who, possessing hearing, hath gained this Call whereby the bones were made to quake. Cast aside what the people possess and take hold of God's most exalted Word, whereby the Hour hath appeared and the mountains have passed away. Say: The Self-Subsisting calleth you unto Him, and the Wronged One remembereth you with that which hath caused the seas to surge.

BH09707: O Mir! The Captive remembereth thee for the sake…

O Mir! The Captive remembereth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath guided thee to the Most Great Path and given thee to drink of the choice wine of His Command. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Be thou eloquent in My Name, and steadfast in the service of My Cause, and firm in such wise that naught in all the world shall hinder thee. Thus doth command thee the Lord of Eternity, Who hath come with the Most Great Name, and Who hath testified to that whereunto He testified ere the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Even thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thine eyes may be consoled thereby and thy breast be dilated, and that thou mayest be of them that have attained.

BH09625: In My Most Great Name

In My Most Great Name

O My handmaiden! Hearken thou unto My call from the precincts of My prison, the Spot which God hath made sanctified from mention of station and rank and place and possibility, and from whatsoever floweth from the tongue and is comprehended by the heart. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Holy, the Inaccessible, the Most High. The faces have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and the horizons by My luminous horizon. Remember thy Lord with joy and fragrance. Thus hast thou been commanded from before the All-Merciful, Who hath come with His mighty and wondrous Kingdom. Thus hath the Tongue of Baha spoken, that He might attract the hearts of the devoted ones and the minds of the mystics.

BH09532: This is a Book which God hath sent down…

He is the All-Knowing Expositor.

This is a Book which God hath sent down in the prison of Akka unto him who hath turned unto Him, hearkened and responded to his Lord, the Almighty. By My life! Whenever My Word is uttered from the tongue of My grandeur, all things raise their cry that sovereignty and command belong to God, the Lord of all worlds. O Abdu'l-ʿAli! We have heard thy call before and after, and have answered thee through this mighty Tablet. When thou attainest unto it and drinkest the choice wine of revelation from the ocean of its utterance and the goblets of its words, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy loved ones, whereby the faces of the Concourse on High and the companions of the Crimson Ark were crimsoned, to make me one who speaketh forth Thy Name and remaineth steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH09213: This Day a different Sun hath arisen…

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

This Day a different Sun hath arisen, and a different Heaven hath been adorned with its stars and its planets. The world is another world, and the Cause another Cause. We beseech God not to deprive the people of Baha from the Crimson Ark. The idolaters have appeared with a new scheme, and vain imaginings have gained fresh currency, and for suspicions a lofty station hath been assigned. May God grant justice and fairness. Again, like unto the Shi'ih sect, they wander in the wilderness of idle fancies and delusions. They must be vigilant at all times concerning the Trust of God, lest the treacherous seize and steal it. The splendor of God rest upon thee from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09245: O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! Thy letter hath gained access…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! Thy letter hath gained access to the Most Luminous Presence, and toward it have been directed the glances of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and followed guidance in this Day wherein the Sun of Knowledge hath dawned from the horizon of the loving-kindness of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved. Give thanks that We have read thy letter and caused thee to hear the cooing of the Divine Lote-Tree as thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Best-Beloved, the All-Loving, was seated upon the Throne. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made Thyself known unto me and given me to drink of the choice wine of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee not to abandon me unto myself. Make me, under all conditions, one who remembers Thee, extols Thee and speaks forth. Verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the Manifest, the Glorious, the All-Praised."

BH09617: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the Hearer and the Answerer.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Although outward loss hath been sustained, yet I swear by the Sun of Truth that the profit of the world, both outward and inward, is reserved for you,

and God will soon make it manifest through His grace. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The world is adorned with your mention. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee—greater than this hath befallen Us, to which both My tongue and thy tongue bear witness, and I am the Hearer, the All-Seeing. Light and glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee and will love thee and hearken to thy words concerning this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Wondrous Cause.

BH09561: Praise be to God, thanksgiving be unto Him…

Praise be to God, thanksgiving be unto Him, and His is the grace, the bounty, the mercy and the glory, inasmuch as He hath, in these days, caused the rain of His providence to descend from the clouds of His bounty…

O Hasan! Today the call is raised from the horizon of Akka, and this prison takes pride over adorned, spacious, decorated and lofty cities, for every atom of this place proclaims in most eloquent utterance: "The All-Merciful has come!" We beseech God to assist thee in serving the Cause in such wise that the oppressors of the world shall be powerless to prevent thee. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise….

BH09694: O Muhammad-Sadiq! Say: By God, the rustling…

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Say: By God, the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised, and the lights of the Countenance have shone forth from the supreme horizon. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. O peoples of the earth! All the signs have appeared, and the Lord of Names calleth aloud amongst mankind, yet most of the people understand not. Rejoice thou in that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, and the Face hath turned toward thee from His forbidden station. Shouldst thou find the sweetness of My utterance and become aware of My loving-kindness and mercy, thou wouldst arise to make mention of Me throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thus hath there flowed from the tongue of My Pen the stream of My bounty, as a token from My presence, and I am, verily, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH09579: We testify that you heard the Call, turned…

He is the One Who speaks from the horizon of the heaven of proof.

We testify that you heard the Call, turned to it and attained the presence, and drank the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Generous. We beseech God to make you among those who aided His Cause with the hosts of exposition. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed are you for having attained the presence before the Countenance and for having achieved that which was mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Messengers. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you in His remembrance and praise and enable you to accomplish that which befits His blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. The Glory be upon you and upon those who aided the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09630: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Say: Glory be…

He is the Compassionate, the Ever Near

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of all dominion and Protector of the downtrodden! I beseech Thee by what Thou hast ordained in Thy celestial kingdom and Thy realm of might, to inscribe for this Thy leaf, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which will tranquilize her soul and dilate her breast. O my Lord! I implore Thee by Thy most great signs and the manifestations of Thy Cause in the kingdom of creation, to send down upon her from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will bring peace to her heart, rest to her members, and attraction to her soul. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the world, the Almighty over the nations, and the One made manifest through the Most Great Name, whereby the heavens and earth were illumined in Thy wondrous and wonderful Day.

BH09226: Verily, the Glory speaks at this hour, for whose…

Verily, the Glory speaks at this hour, for whose grief the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names do lament. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have desired to make mention of him who is named Aqa Baba, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Sender of Winds. Grieve not over anything and trust in all matters in God, Knower of the hidden and the manifest. We counsel thee to manifest the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby heads were brought low and [the horizons] were illumined. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cast behind thee the mention of every deceitful misbeliever. Say: O people of Baha! When there comes to you one who croaks with a book, leave him to himself, turning with spirit and joy to the Most Exalted Horizon.

BH09608: O Isma'il! Verily the Friend from the direction…

O Isma'il! Verily the Friend from the direction of His Most Great Horizon calls thee unto God, the Lord of Power, Who hath come with proof and evidence. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did bear witness before the creation of earth and heaven: that there is none other God but I, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O Isma'il! Verily the Sacrifice offered up his spirit in My path and expended whatsoever he possessed for My luminous countenance. Blessed is he who hath spoken in My praise and blessed is the learned one who hath arisen to serve My wondrous Cause. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs as a grace and mercy from Us, but most of the people are among those who imagine vain things. Whoso attaineth today unto the choice wine of revelation, he is indeed of the people of Baha inscribed in the Crimson Tablet, and whoso is debarred therefrom is among the abject ones.

BH09317: Blessed is He by Whose name the Supreme Pen…

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

Blessed is He by Whose name the Supreme Pen hath been set in motion, the Trump hath been blown, and all who dwell in the kingdom of names have swooned away. He, verily, is the One through Whom the

Path hath been established and the Balance hath spoken forth at the midmost point of creation: “I am the Distinguisher, from the presence of the All-Merciful.”

Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose name the veils have been rent asunder and the Mother Book hath been expounded. I beseech Thee by the Preserved Tablet and by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for them the choice sealed wine through Thy grace and favor. O my Lord! Withhold them not from that which Thou hast written down for Thy chosen ones in Thy days, and decree for them the good of this world and of the world to come, through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09691: O Mulla Muhsin! Be beneficent in the days…

O Mulla Muhsin! Be beneficent in the days of thy Lord by teaching His Cause amongst His servants. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idol of vain imaginings and turned unto the Cleaver of the Dawn. When the Promised One appeared, the divines and mystics of the earth turned away from Him, save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the Unconstrained, did will. They make mention of God with their tongues while pronouncing judgment against Him without any clear proof or evidence. Lost indeed are they who denied the signs of God and His testimony, and turned away from Him Who created them through the Most Exalted Word. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are in strange doubt. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that cometh from Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast honored me with this grace which hath been sanctified above all likeness and comparison.

BH09334: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! In this…

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! In this spiritual dawn and luminous morn, at the time of taking tea, the Greater Branch was present and mention was made of you. All those who were present engaged in remembering you, and beseeched God—glorified be His majesty—to open the door of bounty through His name and bestow from His hidden and treasured gifts. It is hoped that in this radiant springtime, when the world hath been adorned through the power and blessing of the rains of grace and bounty, this mention may be accepted and this prayer answered. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH09620: O my God and my Lord! By Your Command…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O my God and my Lord! By Your Command that has encompassed all created things, and by Your Name through which You have subdued all contingent beings, I beseech You to ordain for this leaf of Yours the best of both worlds. O Lord! You see her adorned with the ornament of Your love, turning to the horizon of Your grace, gazing upon the seat of Your throne, and speaking Your praise. I beseech You by the ocean of Your knowledge and the heaven of Your wisdom to assist her in preserving what You have bestowed upon her through Your bounty and generosity. Verily, You are He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can defeat. You do and command as You please, and You are indeed the Truth, the Almighty, the Powerful. Within Your grasp lies the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

BH09418: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Lord of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the Realm of Might. He hath manifested Himself to establish that which is in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. He it is Who hath aided His servants and handmaidens in that whereby their remembrance shall endure through My Name, the One Who speaketh from His praiseworthy station. O My leaf! O My handmaiden! What thou didst send hath been accepted before the Wronged One, and We have spent it in My path and have mentioned thee with that which shall endure as long as the names of thy Lord, the Possessor of what was and what shall be, shall endure. The glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and attained unto this Decisive News.

BH09288: O Lord! Preserve me through Thy sovereignty and power…

…O Lord! Preserve me through Thy sovereignty and power among Thy righteous servants. O Lord! Make me to be as Thou lovest and art well-pleased with, and leave me not to my idle fancies. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Choosing. O Lord! Draw me through the breezes of Thy revelation in such wise that I may be set ablaze with Thy name amidst all worlds, and that every soul may find from me the warmth of Thy love and the radiance of Thy Cause. O Lord! By Thy glory, life is beloved if it ends in service to Thee and is spent in Thy path; and apart from this I love it not, nay rather, I utterly renounce it. O Lord! Make me a servant of Thy Cause, then accept me through Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful in whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling….

BH09227: Verily, the Remembrance crieth aloud: “O concourse…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

Verily, the Remembrance crieth aloud: “O concourse of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and be not of the wrongdoers. Remember My counsels, then look upon that which hath been sent down in My noble Book. By My life! Ye shall find therein naught but the mention of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, through Whose remembrance the Kingdom of the Bayan hath been set in motion and hath found a tongue within the realm of being. There is none other God but Me, the Wronged One, the Alone. We have confined all matters to the service of the Cause; We have brought to the dwellers of heaven the glad-tidings of the Lord of Names, and unto the inhabitants of the realm of existence the advent of the All-Merciful. Yet today We behold the people in manifest error.”

Thus did the Primal Point speak forth. We heard His utterance and have sent it unto thee, that thou mayest be of them that are firmly rooted [in faith]. By My life! The concourse of the Bayan have broken the Covenant of God and His Testament, save such as have laid fast hold upon the hem of My luminous robe.

BH09292: O worldly scholar, dust be upon thy head! How…

He is the Mighty!

O worldly scholar, dust be upon thy head! How strange that contrary matters are witnessed in thee: the oppressor became oppressed, the oppressed became oppressor. Yahya […] committed treachery against the purity of the Point and martyred His Holiness the Dayyan, and named him and His Holiness Khalil as the "father of evils" and "father of calamities." By the life of God, he intended to martyr this Wronged One. Through pure grace and bounty I departed from among those souls. I left him and his followers safe and sound and departed. Alas, alas! Through consultation with Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani, he sent Ahmad's mother to the palace in pursuit of worldly gain. By this did my heart and pen and honored servants lament.

BH09346: A remembrance from Us to him who hath believed…

He is the Speaking One, the Witness, the All-Informed

A remembrance from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and to her who hath believed—verily He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call of God. Verily it hath been raised in truth, but most of the people are heedless. They have denied the bounty of God after its bestowal and have broken His Covenant by following every heedless doubter. We make mention of Our handmaidens who have heard and turned unto the Mighty, the Wise, and have drunk the choice wine of life from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the Merciful. Thus have the rains of grace poured down and the sun of justice shone forth from the horizon of this heaven which hath been raised up in truth through this Name, the Powerful, the Trustworthy. Set aside what is with the people and take what thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09361: May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor!…

He is God, exalted be His station!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! At this moment, when four and a half hours have passed from the night, they summoned me and instructed me to write a greeting to his honor the Name, stating that regarding the chest we requested—and it was decided to write to Shaykh Muhammad-Ali—by command write to Aqa Muhammad-Ali of Isfahan, since it was his initial intention, and then it was considered that perhaps Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli would be hurt, therefore request it from him as it is preferable and more beloved.

They also instructed: Write in the Name of God that in all matters they should be mindful of the dignity of the Cause. Whatever gives off the odor of detracting from the Cause, abstaining from it is necessary. Thus does the Wronged One counsel thee with the truth, and verily He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09493: In My Name, the All-Bountiful

In My Name, the All-Bountiful.

We have illumined the lands with the sun of Our Most Glorious Name, and have adorned the heaven with this luminary whereby all the horizons have been made to shine. How many a servant beholdeth the light and yet fleeth, carried away by idle fancies and vain imaginings; and how many a servant hath gazed upon the Greatest Sign, hastened unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and attained unto that which God, the Lord of being, hath willed.

It behoveth every soul in this Day to hold fast unto the Most Firm Cord, to that which hath been enjoined from the presence of God, the Lord of all that is. We have heard thy cry, have sent down for thee this Tablet, and have despatched it unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful and mayest say at all times:

Praised be Thou, O God of all existence, and unto Thee be thanksgiving, O Lord of all the worlds.

BH09494: In My Most Great Name

In My Most Great Name.

The fragrance of the garment hath been stirred, and the sincere have confessed the holiness of God, the One, the All-Informed. Whoso hath inhaled it, him hath the attraction of the love of God so seized that he hath turned with his whole being unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed is he that hath recognized and attained; and woe betide every far-removed denier.

Say: O people of existence! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Turn ye unto Him with hearts made luminous, and be not of the heedless.

Verily, We have sent down the verses in every matter and have diversified the Book, yet the people are in manifest delusion. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a favour from His presence, that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

Glory be upon thee, and upon such as have turned and quaffed of My radiant wine.

BH09502: Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee…

He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having created me and sustained me, and made me to know Thy mighty utterance and Thy straight path, and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge through the hands of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the Light which hath shone forth and gleamed, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, that Thou write down for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. By Thy might, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! I love naught but what Thou lovest, and desire naught but what Thou desirest. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all names have bowed down,

that Thou aid me in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted amongst Thy creation and Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

BH09536: In My Name, the Self-Subsisting

In My Name, the Self-Subsisting

A Book sent down by the Lord of Utterance, that perchance the people of possibility may draw nigh unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Verily, she who hath heard and turned unto Him is assuredly among the denizens of the chambers in a noble Tablet. And she who hath turned away hath no portion in this Dawn wherein the world hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Wise. O My handmaiden! When thou hearest the melody of My Pen and the cry of My heart, render thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee this clear Tablet. By the life of God! He remembereth whosoever hath turned toward God and held fast to His sure cord. Neither prison can withhold Him from God, nor can the hosts of earth frighten Him. He is, verily, the Strong, the Trustworthy. The splendor of God rest upon those who have cast away idle fancies and attained unto the light of certitude.

BH09562: Unto God belongeth a Word which, were it…

He is the One established upon the Throne.

Unto God belongeth a Word which, were it to shine forth from its horizon, thou wouldst behold as the sun in its splendour and as fire enkindled. At one time We behold it flowing like water; at another We perceive it speaking in the midmost heart of the realms of air. Again We see it as a sword, and yet again as the lightning. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

How many a matter have We concealed, and how many a decree have We enjoined upon all, as a favour from God, the Cleaver of the dawn. We have commanded no soul unto aught save that which shall profit it in the kingdoms of earth and heaven, that thereto may bear witness the Lord of being.

Remember, then, thy Lord, and give thanks unto Him for that which He hath sent down unto thee, whereby the eyes are solaced. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee; verily, it shall avail thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH09616: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the Commander, the All-Knowing

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. The letters which were addressed to Javad, upon him be My glory, were presented by this servant before His presence. Praise be to God, they bore faithful witness to thy devotion, thy turning to God and thy steadfastness.

O My Afnan! We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God. We bear witness that thou hast been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and hast arisen to serve His Cause. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou thankful that We have mentioned thee before and after, and hold fast unto that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of all

worlds. Upon thee be glory, and upon My Afnans who have held fast to the cord of God and clung to His resplendent hem.

BH09627: O My handmaiden! I make mention of thee…

In the Name of the Friend, the Kind One!

O My handmaiden! I make mention of thee in this station that joy and gladness may take possession of thee in such wise that thou wilt remember Him Who hath been made a captive in the hands of the oppressors. By the life of God! Were anyone to become aware of what befell Me in the previous year, he would surely weep and lament. Thy Lord is verily the Concealer, the Forbearing. We have concealed that which We witnessed and have shown patience in what We heard. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful. By the life of God! Sorrows did not overtake Me when I was a prisoner in the hands of the wicked ones, but I grieve when I behold that which befitteth not this glorious and wondrous Day. Be thou therefore thankful unto thy Lord for having mentioned thee in the Most Great Paradise—the station wherein everything therein proclaimeth that there is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH11901: The Wronged One testifieth that thou didst turn thyself…

He is the One Who shineth from the horizon of power.

The Wronged One testifieth that thou didst turn thyself unto the Sacred Place and the Station, and didst visit the Sacred House of God. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an—"The pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for all who are able to make the journey thither"—hath attracted thee. Thou didst leave thy home, turning toward the House of God, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst arrive and witness and attain and circumambulate. We beseech God to make thy deed a light unto thee and a treasure and an honor unto thee. Verily, He is the Lord of all created things and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

BH10044: O Mother of the friends! Hear thou the call…

He is the One speaking from the Supreme Horizon!

O Mother of the friends! Hear thou the call of the Lord of Names from the direction of the Prison. He hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. A Name of Mine, upon him be My glory, hath expressed satisfaction with thee. Thy services, one and all, are remembered before the Throne. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. We beseech Him to grant thee the reward of thy deeds and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for the people of the tabernacle of His glory. Rejoice thou in this glad-tidings wherewith the Tongue of Grandeur hath gladdened thee from His glorious and resplendent station. The glory be upon thee and upon thy children. We counsel them to be steadfast and to preserve what We have ordained for them. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10058: In My Name that speaketh in the Kingdom…

In My Name that speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art mentioned before the Throne! Say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in the prison of ʿAkka and for having sent down unto me that which hath attracted the realities of all things. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the standards of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy utterance, and by the hearts which have been set ablaze with the fire of separation from Thee in Thy days, and by the tears of the lovers throughout all regions, and by the appearance of Thy Cause on the Day of the Covenant, to ordain for me from Thy Most Glorious Pen the good of the world to come and of this world. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH09806: This is a letter from the Wronged One…

In the Name of the Kind Lord!

This is a letter from the Wronged One of the horizons to one of the handmaidens of God, that she may hear the Word of Truth and act according to what is befitting in this Day. Blessed is the handmaiden who has attained to faith and acted according to what she was commanded by the All-Merciful. O handmaiden of God! Your sister who dwells in the prison was present before the Throne and beseeched that the divine Word might shine forth upon that handmaiden, that is, that wondrous and sublime verses might be sent down from the heaven of God's Will. Therefore We responded and sent these exalted words. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be to Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!

BH09863: Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Educator…

He is the Speaker from the horizon of the Prison.

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! This is a leaf from among the leaves of the Tree of Thy Cause who responded when Thy call was raised, and turned unto Thee when the light of Thy Revelation shone forth. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the sincere hastened to the place of sacrifice in Thy days, and by the mysteries of Thy Book and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to assist her to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause. Then ordain for her what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10045: O My handmaiden! Hear My call from the precincts…

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

O My handmaiden! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. When thou hast attained unto His utterance and found the fragrance of His garment, say:

> “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided Thy handmaidens to Thy straight path, when most of Thy servants and creatures turned away from it. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the fruits of the Tree of Thy utterance in the garden of Thy knowledge, to strengthen this handmaiden of Thine in Thy remembrance and praise and in steadfastness in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Ordain for her that which will abide with her in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayer.”

BH10136: O Mahd, O members of the Household! Tonight, after…

He is the Extoller, the All-Knowing!

O Mahd, O members of the Household! Tonight, after supper, the portal of bounty was opened and the Wronged One engaged in mentioning you. This day is different from other days and this time is likewise different. Please God, ye may attain that Light which is preserved from extinction and that Bounty which mortality overtaketh not. Glory be upon you from God, the Most Mighty, the Most Praised. As God loves unity and togetherness, We mentioned all on one page.

BH09983: A Tablet revealed by the Beloved that through it…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

A Tablet revealed by the Beloved that through it may be set ablaze the hearts of those who have cast away their desires and taken hold of that which was commanded them by God, the Lord of existence. They who have grasped the cord of God, these are the people of this exalted station. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in that My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee. Verily it shall profit thee in the realm of earth and heaven. Beware lest anything withhold thee from God and His sovereignty. Hold fast unto the cord of God, then make mention of Him by His Name, the Protector of all that is seen and unseen. Thus hath My tongue spoken and My Pen moved. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful over what was and what shall be.

BH09735: O my God, my God! Have mercy upon Thy…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O my God, my God! Have mercy upon Thy servants, both men and women, and withhold them not from the Furat of Thy mercy which hath flowed in Thy days in the garden of inner meanings by Thy command. O Lord! They are servants who have turned unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee. Send down, therefore, upon them and upon Thy handmaidens, from the clouds of the heaven of Thy bounty, that which will preserve them from all except Thee. O Lord! Thou seest how the people of the Bayan have broken Thy Covenant, shattered Thy Testament, and turned away from Thy Beauty. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Ocean which surgeth through Thy Name, and by the fragrance of Thy garment which hath been diffused in Thy days, to preserve Thy servants and handmaidens through Thy power and sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

BH10054: In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

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

O thou resplendent Leaf and fruit of My Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing! Grieve not over the hardships of the world. Rather, rejoice in that which God's will hath preceded what thou didst desire. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing. Thou hast at all times been under the glances of grace and beneath the canopies of bounty and justice. Blessed art thou and blessed are My handmaidens who have recognized thy station before the Wronged One and thy relationship unto Him. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon him who hath journeyed unto God and upon his mother who is mentioned before the Throne.

BH09851: In My Name, Manifest and Speaking before the faces…

In My Name, Manifest and Speaking before the faces of all

Praise be to Thee, O My God! Thou seest me aflame with the fire of separation from Thee, after Thou didst cause me to be drawn to Thy verses in the days of meeting with Thee. I beseech Thee, O Refuge of existence and Lord of the unseen and the seen, to ordain for me through the pen of Thy grace that which will honor me with meeting Thee once again. Verily, Thou art the Master of all beings. Then I beseech Thee, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations, to open before my face and the faces of them that love Thee the gates of Thy grace, Thy mercy, Thy favor and Thy blessing. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

BH10090: O ʿAli! Remember when thou didst turn to God…

O ʿAli! Remember when thou didst turn to God and set thy face toward His Countenance in days wherein feet did slip. Blessed is the servant who hath drunk from the ocean of attainment unto His presence and hath witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur witnessed in the earliest days. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the veils of those who have denied the Source and the Return shall not withhold thee. We counsel thee with that wherewith We counseled thee before, through which this Cause shall be exalted—the Cause before which, when it is made manifest, necks shall bow low. And We make mention of thy son who hath turned toward God, the Lord of Lords. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10084: O Shu'a'! Praised be God, thou art mentioned…

He is the All-Bountiful

O Shu'a'! Praised be God, thou art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Each of the various branches of learning is a beautiful veil for the temple of existence. Thou shouldst not be remiss in acquiring that which will conduce to progress and advancement. Knowledge is the light of the world. Blessed is he who is not deprived of its radiance and splendor. Knowledge is the life of the world and the

adornment of nations. Knowledge is the treasure of existence and the gift of God, the Mighty, the Loving. God willing, mayest thou be possessed of zeal and enthusiasm and not be remiss in acquiring virtues. Convey My greetings to the Afnans—upon them be the favor and bounty of God—and likewise to the loved ones. Khavar is mentioned. The Glory be upon you.

BH10101: O Pen! Make mention of him who turned…

O Pen! Make mention of him who turned to the ocean of utterance when the Most Exalted Horizon appeared with this Name whereby the tribes have lamented and eyes have been startled. O Faraj! Relief hath come from God, yet the people are in strange delusion. They have shattered the idols of vain desire through the Name of the Lord of all beings and have held fast to the Sure Handle in this Day wherein the Nightingale hath warbled upon the branches. Beware lest the conditions of creation veil thee. Leave behind all mention and cling to the hem of the grace of this Most Great Remembrance, Who hath come with the truth and hath spoken in every state that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH10037: O Ahmad! God assist thee and make thee successful…

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

O Ahmad! God assist thee and make thee successful until He brought thee to the Most Great Prison where thou didst behold the Wronged One and didst hear what His Tongue uttered in remembrance of God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness even as His Prophets and His chosen ones have borne witness that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We counsel thee and those who have believed to fear God and to that whereby His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous, may be exalted. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make His loved ones successful and to draw them nigh unto Him at all times. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10108: O Muhammad-Qabli-Ali! Hearken unto the call of Him Who…

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ali! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee from the blessed Spot, and commandeth thee to that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. The promise hath come to pass, and the Lord of Eternity hath appeared with a sovereignty before which all the hosts cannot stand. Render thanks unto God for having remembered thee by His Most Exalted Pen on this darksome night. Prostrate thyself and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things!”

We make mention of thy son who hath been named Abdu’l-Husayn, as a token of grace from Us in this forbidden place. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave unto the hem of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

BH09997: The glance of God’s favor is directed…

In the Name of the One Friend!

The glance of God's favor is directed to that honored one. God is witness and creation bears testimony that this Wronged One has sought for the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree that which He has sought for Himself. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the verses which, when they shone forth from the horizon of Thy utterance, caused all other verses to bow down before them, to gather together for me the means of earth and heaven that I may arise to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants, to exalt Thy Word, and to manifest that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, by Thy Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH10102: O Kalim, O my brother! Lethargy has exceeded all…

He is the Healer

O Kalim, O my brother! Lethargy has exceeded all bounds. Arise, remove this inappropriate quilt. As the late minister said, "Be gone!" Remember your former work. Cease from meaningless complaints of illness. According to the blessed saying, "Return and give a cup!" Speak forth! Surely this suits your pleasure and agrees with your appetite. But be not deceived—this wine is spirit-giving, not hangover-inducing. It increases the search and brings perpetual awareness. Time has exceeded its limits yet the first answer has not arrived. This time too it is unknown. Peace and glory be upon you, upon your first and your last, and upon those who love you.

BH10035: Turn your face, O wronged one, to Him Who…

Turn your face, O wronged one, to Him Who hath mentioned thy name in prison, that thou mayest rejoice through the bounty of God, the Goal of all worlds. O Muhammad! He Who is imprisoned remembereth thee with a remembrance that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal, if thou be of them that understand. Cast behind thee the names of them who have debarred men from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and hold fast unto the cord of the Most Great Name, whereby the world hath been illumined and all things have proclaimed: The kingdom of earth and heaven belongeth to Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. They that have turned away—these have no standing with God. They shall soon return to their abode. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH10100: O Qasim! He Who is encompassed by sorrows due…

O Qasim! He Who is encompassed by sorrows due to what the hands of those who disbelieved in thy Lord, the Most Merciful, have wrought, makes mention of thee at this hour. Were anyone to become aware of what hath befallen the One, the Single, he would lament as one bereft until the Hour that hath been ordained by God, the Lord of Lords. Is there anyone who pondereth upon the mercy of God? Verily, He hath remembered and remembereth all who have believed in this Day wherein the pillars of what is present have been shaken. There is no name but that We have sent down for it that which brings delight to the eyes. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them to those who have believed in God, the Lord of all mankind.

BH10079: He warbleth upon the branches

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O Rahim! Know that My Pen hath found no rest or repose at any time. Its shrill voice hath been raised and hath summoned all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The tongue speaketh and the heart calleth out and the fingers point, but most of the people are heedless. Their ears have been prevented from hearkening to the melodies of revelation and their eyes from this gracious scene. Blessed is the one who, strong in My Name, hath rent asunder the veils and witnessed what God, the Lord of the heavens and earths, hath witnessed. Glory be upon the people of Glory who have not been kept back by names from God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH10069: O people of God! Be not grieved. Praise be…

…O people of God! Be not grieved. Praise be to God, hearts and souls are pure and sanctified, for they have never harbored thoughts of harming anyone and hold fast to this most great verse revealed in the Most Holy Book from the sacred Kingdom: “Consort with all religions with joy and fragrance.” O Zayn! Whoso is for God, God is for him. These days shall not endure. All must occupy themselves with reforming the world, refining the nations, and teaching God’s Cause with joy, fragrance, wisdom and utterance. Soon will the signs of power become manifest and evident throughout all regions of the world….

BH09732: Praise be to God Who sent down the names…

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

Praise be to God Who sent down the names from heaven and adorned the preamble of the Book of Creation with His Most Exalted Name. And prayers and peace be upon the Seal of the Prophets, he for whom God made this world like a ring upon his finger which He turns however He pleases, and upon his family and companions who, by His command, aided the Faith of God until the banner of faith was raised upon the highest realm of possibility. We have named her whom God has given distinction among all created things. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to bless her appearance among you and to make her a blessing from Him unto you. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH09733: Praise be to God Who hath sent down upon…

He is God, exalted is He!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down upon us from the heaven of bounty His favors and bestowals time after time. I bear witness, O my God, my Lord, my Support, that Thou didst once bestow the blessing of beholding, and yet another time the blessing of hearing, then Thou didst bestow in these days the blessing of existence which Thou granted through Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee, O my God, to make him and those with him Thy trustees in Thy lands and Thy signs among Thy creation. And we beseech Thee to name him in the Book of Names “The Exalted” that those with him may rejoice thereby.

Then ordain for them, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH09810: Thou knowest, O My God, that I desire naught…

He is the One Who Hearest, and is Ready to Answer

Thou knowest, O My God, that I desire naught in Thy Dominion save to better the condition of the world and improve the charater of peoples of different nations, that haply the fire of hatred may be quenched with the waters of Thy providence, and the glorious light of unity may shine forth by Thy nurturing grace and wisdom.

O God! Aid Thou the rulers of the world and its learned ones to accept that which Thou commandest them by Thy bounty and Thy loving kindness, and teach them that which Thou didst desire for them by Thy grace, and uncover before them Thy clear and straight path, and Thy manifest and transcendent Cause. O God! Ordain for Thy loved ones, through Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which shall profit them in this present world and in the next. Thou art the Lord of all men and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

BH09823: The remembrance of God hath appeared in truth…

He is the Sanctified above all things!

The remembrance of God hath appeared in truth, and He is the Ancient Sender-down. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to My finger, and verily it testifieth to My power, the Sovereign over all the worlds. My limbs have borne witness to My sovereignty, but the people are in manifest blindness. The breast of the world hath been dilated through the manifestation of My Most Great Name—to this every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge doth testify. We have heard the call of those who have turned to God, and We have answered them as a bounty from Our presence, and verily We are the Answerer. He prayeth for those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, and He giveth them glad tidings of the most exalted Paradise and the All-Highest Station. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Herald.

BH09839: Glorified be He Who made friendship an ornament…

In the Name of the Bountiful, the All-Witnessing

Glorified be He Who made friendship an ornament and adorned therewith the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who chose affliction for the benefit of all the worlds. He hath accepted every tribulation for the exaltation of God's Cause, and every hardship for the ease of the world, and every sorrow for the joy of those who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: Beware lest ye cloud the pure wine of understanding. Turn with radiant faces unto the Dayspring of My most great signs. Thus doth the Lord of Names command you from this mighty Prison. We have made glory an ornament for your souls and truthfulness a crown for your heads. Preserve them through My Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Blessed is he who hath heeded the counsel of God, and woe unto them that turn away.

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BH09905: Blessed is the soul that hath been touched…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Blessed is the soul that hath been touched by tribulation and adversity in the path of God, the Lord of all names. Verily such a one is among the most exalted of all creation in the Preserved Tablet. The one who hath drunk the choice wine of divine knowledge is not saddened by the hardships of the world—to this doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness, yet most of the people are heedless. The first fragrance that hath wafted from the garment of the Beloved is upon the one who showed patience in the days of God and was not held back by the hints of the oppressors. Know thou the worth of these days, then give thanks to thy Lord for having sent down unto thee that from which thou dost inhale the sweet-scented breezes of the revelation of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thus hath spoken He Who caused all things to speak forth His wondrous remembrance.

BH09981: A Book sent down by the All-Merciful for those…

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

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful for those who have believed in God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, that the attraction of the Divine Utterance may draw them unto the Kingdom of true knowledge, and bring them nigh unto a station wherein they hear the call of all created things: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Loving.”

The promise hath come, and He Who was promised hath been made manifest, yet the people understand not. They have cast behind their backs the Book of God, and have followed every satan that hath turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: O people! Go forth upon the horizon of silence with a word whereby the whole realm of being may be attracted. Thus doth the All-Merciful command you—He Who hath been imprisoned in this Prison by reason of that which [men’s hands] have wrought.

BH09989: The Book speaks with the tongue of revelation at…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all possibilities

The Book speaks with the tongue of revelation at this Most Great Scene—this station round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of eternity and the inhabitants of the Most Exalted Kingdom, that men might read and be thankful. How many a servant has reached the ocean yet known it not, and how many a servant has drunk in My Name, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who hast turned towards Me, hearken unto the call of Him Who is wronged. He calls thee that His call might draw thee to the Most Exalted Horizon and make thee steadfast in this Cause through which the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Thus doth the Pen move when the Ancient King speaketh from His exalted station.

BH10034: We make mention, at the end of this letter…

We make mention, at the end of this letter, of the loved ones of God whose names were not mentioned before the Face, that they may be assured through the grace of their Lord, the Kind, the Forgiving. And We make mention of My handmaidens in that place who heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and held fast to the cord of steadfastness in this Cause whereby hearts and minds were sorely troubled. And from this hallowed and praiseworthy Spot We pronounce Our benediction upon My male and female servants. O handmaidens of God! When ye inhale the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks unto God Who hath come with the truth for the life of the world and hath sent down whatsoever He desired for His male and female servants at eventide and at dawn. The glory of God rest upon them, both men and women, from God, the Lord of existence.

BH10293: Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved!…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Great Prison.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Beloved! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and responded when Thy call was raised between Thy heaven and Thy earth, and turned toward Thy horizon when the divines of Thy lands and the theologians of Thy countries turned away from it. I beseech Thee, by the rain-showers of the heaven of Thy mercy and by the outpourings of Thy days, to aid her to remain steadfast in Thy love and to ordain for her that which shall bring comfort to her eyes and tranquility to her heart. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH10479: In My Name that overshadoweth all names

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O Ghulam! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing! Thou hast attained unto that which was revealed in the Books of God. Thou didst attain His presence and didst hear, and wert among those who stood before the gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and have made mention of thee in such wise as to diffuse the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH10249: Seize the chalice of utterance from the hands…

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

Seize the chalice of utterance from the hands of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof before the followers of all religions. Thus doth the Dawning-Place of the verses of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, command thee. In this day the Sun of Truth, from the horizon of the prison of ʿAkka, speaketh this most sublime Word: I say in truth, the blessed word “but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets” found its consummation in “the Day when mankind shall stand

before the Lord of the worlds." This is the Most Great Glad-Tidings for the Concourse on High and the companions of the Crimson Ark and for whosoever is in the heavens and the earth.

BH10238: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

Ha, Sin. Upon you be My glory. The hand of oppression has intended to veil the lights of the Sun of Justice and prevent the light of the Cause from reaching eyes. By the life of God, this is beyond the station of anyone on earth. The friends of God are imprisoned without any crime. We belong to God and to Him we shall return. The fire of hatred was ignited but God extinguished it through His power. Verily He has power over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of your Lord's favor be upon you and upon them and upon every patient, steadfast and upright one.

BH10219: This Bird of the Eternal Rose-Garden makes mention…

He is the Beloved One!

This Bird of the Eternal Rose-Garden makes mention of the fruit of the Divine Tree. God willing, through the outpourings of the All-Merciful and the favors of the Lord, may you be adorned and embellished with the robe of health. If you inquire about the condition of this Bird, it is imprisoned and afflicted in the cage of tyranny. However, since this has come to pass in the path of God, it has been and shall ever be beloved. We beseech the Exalted Truth to preserve at all times that leaf of the Tree of the All-Merciful from the evil of the envious and the oppressors, to gladden it with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds, and to vouchsafe unto it the bounty of reunion.

BH10420: O My Afnan! The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified…

He is the One Who warbles upon the branches!

O My Afnan! The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified that there is none other God but Him. His is the dominion of earth and heaven. He doeth what He willeth through a sovereignty that cannot be withstood by all the hosts of the world. He is, verily, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We bear witness that thou hast turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and entered the Prison, and attained the presence of the Wronged One in this exalted Station. We have accepted thy turning and thy presence before the Throne. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and in that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Kindly.

BH11684: O Mihdi! Convey from this Prisoner the most great…

…O Mihdi! Convey from this Prisoner the most great greetings unto him, and say: O servant! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy tongue hath been loosed to the praise of God, thy Lord, and thy lips unsealed to extol thy Ancient Master. Chant thou upon the boughs of the Lote-Tree of thy Lord's love in whatsoever manner thou desirest. Verily, He shall aid thee, and shall cause the springs of utterance to gush forth from

thy heart. He, in truth, is powerful over all things. Render thanks unto thy Lord in all thy days, in that He hath enabled thee in that which hath appeared from thee, and hath delivered thee from the company of the polytheists. Blessed art thou, and thy father, and thy uncle, and those men and women who were with you among His sincere servants….

BH10448: O thou wise one imbued with divine wisdom! God…

O thou wise one imbued with divine wisdom! God is the Protector of His servants and the Light unto all who dwell in the lands. We have ever enjoined upon all to act with wisdom and utterance and with all that these require. From the earliest days until now, this Wronged One's purpose hath been that the religion of God should not become a cause of hatred, and that all should act with and associate with those on earth in a spirit of fragrance and delight, save those souls from whom the odor of malice is diffused—in such case, avoidance is necessary….

BH10510: O Munirih! He verily fulfilleth what hath been promised…

O Munirih! He verily fulfilleth what hath been promised in the Book. Let nothing sadden thee. She verily ascended to God and returned to Him just as she had appeared from Him. She hath returned, rested, rejoiced and is overjoyed. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sister be the glory of God and His mercy and His favors and His grace. We send Our greetings upon their countenances and upon those who were with them in those days and who served and made mention of God. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. Thus hath the grace of God encompassed thee and them. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH11671: I make mention of those immersed in the ocean…

I make mention of those immersed in the ocean of detachment, whom neither the calumnies of the world nor the wealth and might of nations could deter from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. With firm and steadfast certainty they have arisen for the reformation of souls and the refinement of humanity. Ephemeral colors and worthless ornaments have not kept them from remembrance and praise…

Haji Muhammad Karim Khan each year composed and wrote a book refuting the people of truth, and Sipihr in his history wrote concerning the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, that which caused all things to cry out in anguish. I beseech God to grant justice and fairness, for verily He has power over all things. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon God's loved ones there…

BH10221: The fire of separation, after the comfort…

He is the Almighty.

The fire of separation, after the comfort of the days of union and communion, has burned the soul and melted the heart. The heart is with you—ask it about the state of affairs. We hope through God's grace that He will soon grant nearness and reunion. We long to see and yearn to speak with the Spirit of Life,

Diya'u'r-Rahman, that we may hear sweet words from those sugar-sweet lips in Samarkand. We remember Badi'u'llah with our tongue, seek him with our heart, and yearn for him with our soul. May my soul be sacrificed for thy nearness and thy words, O Badi'!

BH10482: O Pen of Command! Make mention of him who…

O Pen of Command! Make mention of him who hath been named ʿAbdu'l-Asad, that he may rejoice in the days of his Lord and perceive the fragrance of the garment from this wondrous utterance. Verily the Bayan proclaimeth "The Desired One is come!" and the Furqan beareth witness to that which God hath testified in the Books of old. Yet the people remain in manifest remoteness. They behold the sun, yet deny it—nay, they are of the wrongdoers. They have wronged their own selves in the days of God and wronged those who hastened unto the Most Great Ocean when they discovered the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe unto the heedless ones.

BH10492: O Thou through Whose Name the world hath been…

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

O Thou through Whose Name the world hath been honored! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to send down from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness upon him who hath turned to Thee in the early days of Thy Cause a blessing from Thy presence. O my Lord! He is among those who attained Thy presence aforetime and recognized that which was uttered in Thy perspicuous Book. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Self to ordain for him every good thing that existed in Thy knowledge, then inscribe for him through Thy bounty and grace that which shall gladden his eyes. Verily Thou art the Generous Giver. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH10466: O ʿAbdu'l-Ahad! We counsel thee and those who have…

O ʿAbdu'l-Ahad! We counsel thee and those who have believed to that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, may be exalted. Say: O people of the earth! Sully not the chalice of divine knowledge. Fear ye the All-Merciful, then act according to what He hath revealed in the Book. Beware lest the ornaments of earth withhold you from Him Who is the Lord of the Cause, Who hath come from the dawning-place of the Spirit with power and sovereignty. O people of Baha! Turn ye with all your being unto God and arise to serve the Cause with such strength of heart and resolve as to shake the mountains. Thus hath the finger of certitude rent asunder the veils of idle fancy.

BH10178: O Ali! If you desire to enter the gathering…

He is the Most Exalted

O Ali! If you desire to enter the gathering of the mystics, purify yourself from all that souls detest. And if you wish to deliver yourself from evil ones and from all harm, leave the world to its people and never draw near to it. And if you desire to associate with the great and mighty ones, adorn yourself with knowledge and wisdom and with the refinements they possess. And if you wish to enter the pavilion of

grandeur at the dawning of the lights of My beauty, detach yourself from all else save Me and from all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH10186: No God is there but Him, the Help-in-Peril…

No God is there but Him, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

In the Name of God, the Glorious, the Most Glorious

We have named thee Trustee of the Bayan amidst the concourse of all worlds, that thou mayest glory in the favors of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise. O Trustee! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to the horizon of Thy Cause after Thy servants were barred therefrom, and for having admitted me into the pavilion of Thy nearness and honored me with Thy presence after the forces of the heedless had seized the prison gate. O my Lord! Aid me to serve Thee throughout my remaining days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

BH10485: O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Ja'far! The Lord of mankind makes mention…

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Ja'far! The Lord of mankind makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison and commands thee to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, will be exalted. Act ye in such wise as will cause your mention to endure in the Book which none toucheth save such as are steadfast and firm. Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee. Rejoice thou in this remembrance than which nothing that hath been created in the heavens or on earth can equal. Thus have I been bidden by God, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is he who hath read My verses and acted in accordance with that which hath been sent down from My mighty, My wise Pen.

BH10350: Your letter hath been read before the Throne…

Your letter hath been read before the Throne, and We have accepted what thou didst intend for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice thou in that My Most Exalted Pen hath answered thee. It behooveth thee to soar on the wings of longing and to render thanks unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. Thy Book hath attained unto acceptance, and We bid thee to act in accordance with what thou possessest, as ordained by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH10270: Glorified be He Who speaketh the truth and summoneth…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

Glorified be He Who speaketh the truth and summoneth all unto His Self, the One Who hath dominion over the worlds. Your letter hath come before the Throne, and We have sent down verses for you both that ye may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful. Give praise unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for having aided you to believe in Him when most of the servants turned away. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen speak forth from this sublime station. The Wronged One hath heard your call and hath answered you through His grace. Verily, He is the Most High, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Hold fast unto

the cord of God and cling ye unto His Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

BH10206: O beloved! Upon thee be My glory and My…

He is the Mighty

O beloved! Upon thee be My glory and My heavenly lights. This Wronged One hath fulfilled His promise, that perchance the faithful might appear on earth and walk among creation with the Most Great Trust. Be thou grateful to God—exalted be His dominion—that He made thee the cause of the revelation of this blessed Word, and caused the ocean of meanings to flow from the fountainhead of these words by thy name. God willing, thou shalt abide secure, safe and at rest beneath the shadow of the true Sovereign. Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and mother from the presence of the Mighty, the Generous.

BH10450: O lady, upon thee be my glory! Let Munirih…

He is God, exalted is He!

O lady, upon thee be my glory! Let Munirih remain until her eye recovers its health. Movement would be harmful. God willing, healing will be granted. Convey my greetings. The wrongs of Haifa have exceeded its good deeds. The command is in God's hands—He doeth and decreeth whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. However, if some were to come it would be closer to wisdom, for in that land during this season there are many eye ailments. In any case, they should move with wisdom and prudence. No specific command hath been issued in this regard. We send greetings to all the friends. Peace be upon you and upon him who was named ʿAli-Rida.

BH10434: O thou who art mentioned in My most exalted…

He is the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid!

O thou who art mentioned in My most exalted horizon! Hearken unto My most sweet call. It behooveth thee to assist today the Cause of God, thy Lord, through such steadfastness as will make firm thereby the feet of all mankind upon His Most Great Path. Having quaffed the choice wine of My utterance from the chalice of My bounty, say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, through which all things were attracted, to illumine the heart of the sovereign with the light of Thy knowledge and to aid him to manifest Thy justice amongst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

BH10189: We make mention of him who was named Abu'l-Qasim…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

We make mention of him who was named Abu'l-Qasim with this remembrance whereby the birds warbled upon the branches. Hearken unto that whereunto the Wronged One calleth thee. Verily, there is none other God beside Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the days of God and held fast unto that which hath been sent down from Him in the Scriptures and

Tablets. Grieve not over the world and what appeareth therein. Rather, rejoice in that God hath aided thee to recognize Him and hath sent down for thee from the heaven of grace that which the contingent world cannot equal.

BH10261: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath believed…

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

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and hath testified to that whereunto God did testify in the eternity of eternities that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Verily, We make mention of them that are in creation and We desire from him who hath followed God's command and hath turned with his heart unto this praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an and hath held fast unto the cord of his Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Most Exalted Pen from the presence of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

BH10475: O ʿAyn! The Eye of God which slumbers not…

O ʿAyn! The Eye of God which slumbers not hath turned unto thee—He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Behold the grace and mercy of God—verily they have encompassed the sincere ones. Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the Mighty, the Loving. When the Truth came, the people turned away from it save those who clung to the cord of their Lord, Who hath dominion over what was and what shall be. They who turned away have no portion in the Book. Leave them to their vain disputations and idle play until they meet that Day wherein their eyes shall be downcast, overwhelming them with abasement—that Day which they were promised.

BH10155: My God, my God! The thirst of my heart…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

My God, my God! The thirst of my heart has consumed me—where is the river of Thy mercy, O God of the worlds? Thy decree and destiny have removed me far—where is the light of Thy nearness, O Goal of them that know Thee? The fire of my heedlessness has burned me—where is the fountain of Thy grace, O Beloved of those in the heavens and earth? The hosts of vain imaginings have weakened me—where is the dawning of the Sun of Thy knowledge, O Worshipped One of the sincere? My God, my God! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the countenances of Thy most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10346: We have indeed heard thy call, and aforetime did…

We have indeed heard thy call, and aforetime did We cause thee to hearken unto My own summons—for I am in truth the All-Hearing.

We have beheld thee, and have disclosed unto thee My scene of glory—for I am verily the All-Seeing. The ear of the Well-Beloved hath heard that which ascended from thee in His love, the All-Glorious, the Inaccessible.

This is a Book that speaketh the truth; it is indeed the Envoy, the Faithful, announcing unto thee and bearing to thee the glad-tidings of the bounties of thy Lord. Rejoice, then, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of all worlds!"

Thus have We adorned the horizon of thy book with the mention of My Name—that Name through which the horizon of utterance was made to dawn, and wherewith all that are in the heavens and on the earth were illumined.

BH10447: O Husayn, He Who is remembered remembereth thee…

O Husayn, He Who is remembered remembereth thee from this Spot which God hath made the circling-point of the denizens of the all-highest Paradise and the dawning-place of revelation—but the people, they know not. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then advance with supreme steadfastness toward the most exalted Horizon, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded by the Wronged One. By the life of God! From the traces of My Pen hath been wafted the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath found it and hath exclaimed:

> "Thine be the praise, O Lord of the Kingdom of eternity, and Thine be the glory, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!"

BH10190: Verily We make mention of him who hath been…

Verily We make mention of him who hath been named Mahmud and give him glad tidings of the signs of God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible. O Mahmud! The All-Loving maketh mention of thee from His glorious station. Rejoice thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence! The seal of the Wine of immortality hath been broken, and from it hath wafted the fragrance of the raiment of Baha, yet most of the people understand not. We have adorned the world with the ornament of My Most Great Name, yet the nations hasten in the wilderness of heedlessness. They behold the proof of God yet deny it, and witness His clear tokens yet turn away from them.

BH10499: O my Leaf and Mother of Afnan! Upon thee…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O my Leaf and Mother of Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and earths. Praise thou the Beloved of the world, that manifest stars from thee circle round the Sun and are engaged in service. Know thou this bounty to be great, and be thou vocal in thanksgiving to the Beloved of the worlds. Verily He is with His Afnan, and soon shall their stations be made manifest in the realm, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And glory be upon thee.

BH10266: Glorified be He Who hath sent forth the Messengers…

He is the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing!

Glorified be He Who hath sent forth the Messengers as a testimony that there is none other God but Him, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting! Blessed is he who hath discovered the fragrances of revelation in the days of his Lord and hath quaffed His sealed wine. We have heard thy call and beheld thy turning unto the Wronged One, and have remembered thee with this remembrance whereby hearts have taken flight. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies at God's bidding and have turned with supreme steadfastness toward His manifest horizon. We inscribe for whomsoever We desire the reward of attaining His presence. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth what He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH10500: O my leaf and my handmaiden! The lamentation…

He is the Protector of all who are in earth and heaven!

O my leaf and my handmaiden! The lamentation of your heart has influenced the regions and your wailing has saddened the dwellers of the pavilions. In all matters fix your gaze upon God and place your trust in Him. He is your Master and your Sovereign. Ask Him to ordain that which is beneficial for you and to make your days blessed. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer.

BH10146: Praise be to God, Who revealed Himself through…

He is the All-Sufficing.

Praise be to God, Who revealed Himself through a single letter of the letters of the glory of the divine oneness in the world of everlasting being, when the temples of the Cause appeared in the Concourse on high; then He spoke the most exalted Word in the kingdom of the cloud-realm, when the Bayan was made manifest among all created things, and made it His proof unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth, that haply the people may not deny the proof of God, nor mock at His evidence.

Further elaboration is not permissible, since the matter is not known; therefore brevity was adopted.

BH10150: O my God! O my God! I am Thy…

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

O my God! O my God! I am Thy handmaiden who hath turned unto Thee and heard Thy most sweet call as it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and who hath drunk the choice wine of Thy love from the hands of Thy bounty and the Salsabil of Thy knowledge from the Pen of Thy Command. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world and the Beloved of the nations, by the Most Great Name, that Thou protect me from the fire of hatred which hath been kindled in the hearts of the people of the Bayan. Then write down for us, through Thy grace and favor, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10169: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

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God makes mention of one of His handmaidens, that she may be seized by the rapture of the verses and drawn nigh unto God, the Manifestor of clear proofs. O My handmaidens! Hold fast to the hem of God's mercy, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have made mention of every handmaiden who has turned to the Face, and We shall make mention of those who have turned to the Face, even as We mentioned them before. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous. We counsel Our handmaidens to observe the most great sanctity from this most great and luminous Horizon. Work ye according to what ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Know ye the value of these days and glorify His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH10185: We have revealed the Cause and sent down…

He is the One with power over what He wills!

We have revealed the Cause and sent down the verses and called all unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Among the people are those who cling to their vain desires, turning away from God, the Lord of all beings, and among them are those who cast away what they possessed and took what was commanded unto them from God, the Master of existence. We have made mention of them that have believed, and We make mention of them in such wise that their names shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken whilst in the midst of those who were heedless of God, the Master of existence. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have drunk, in My Name, the Sealed Wine.

BH10412: O My loved ones! Be not grieved by what…

O My loved ones! Be not grieved by what ye witness this day. Soon shall the dominion of the oppressors and the proud ones pass away, and the might of the rebellious and the tyrannical ones shall vanish like unto those who have gone before. We have clear vision. Verily, he who turneth away and opposeth is like unto deceptive lightning, or like unto an empty cloud, or like unto a towering mirage. And among the greatest of calamities is when the oppressor layeth claim to justice, and the liar to truthfulness, and the ignorant one to knowledge. Yea, with the beautiful is found the ugly, with the worthless the precious, with the righteous the wicked, and with the learned the ignorant. Thus hath wisdom required, and thus hath the All-Merciful willed, and thus hath the Divine Will ordained.

BH10431: O My handmaiden! Say: Glory be to Thee, O…

He is the One Who speaks, the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden! Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, O Thou by Whose name the gate of heaven was opened, and by the motion of Whose finger the veils of them that dwell on earth were rent asunder! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Horizon, the Station from which the Sun of Thy beauty hath shone forth, to strengthen me under all conditions to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. O Lord! Thou

seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thee, gazing toward Thee, and seeking the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her in that which she desireth from the wonders of Thy bounty and favor. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10706: O Abbas! His honor Haydar-ʿAli mentioned you…

O Abbas! His honor Haydar-ʿAli mentioned you, and the Sun of the favor of God—glorified be His majesty—turned toward you from the horizon of the prison, that perchance its effulgences might endow those who are dejected with the warmth of divine love. He is the One Whose power the might of the world could not prevent nor render weak. He appeared and with perfect steadfastness called out before the faces of all peoples, commanded all to that which God hath willed, and gave them the glad-tidings of the waves of the ocean of His grace.

BH10687: O thou who hast turned thy face towards My…

He is the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O thou who hast turned thy face towards My countenance and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of Mine utterance! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. There is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire! Thou seest me turning towards the horizon of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee, by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book, to aid me to arise for the triumph of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH10692: O My daughter, leaf of My Lote-Tree! I bear…

O My daughter, leaf of My Lote-Tree! I bear witness that thou hast gone forth in exile with the Wronged One, until thou didst arrive at the Most Great Prison—that spot wherein the Lord of the world and the Most Great Name hath been held in captivity.

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Face, by the surging waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, and by the effulgent rays of the sun of Thy grace and generosity, to ordain for her, beneath the shadow of Thy protection and in the shelter of Thy presence, that which shall rejoice her eyes and gladden her heart. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

BH11904: No praise of created things can reach Him…

No praise of created things can reach Him, and no gratitude of contingent beings can find access to His holy court. The Incomparable One cannot be known through what is comparable, and understanding falls short of His description. The people of knowledge and insight confess their impotence….

…speech, sight, knowledge, understanding, signs or fruits—all that has come into being through His Word is unworthy to approach His threshold and ever shall be. Yet since praise and glorification have been

bestowed from the Source of His Command, the Lord of Names, we therefore hold fast to the cord of remembrance and cling to the hem of praise…

BH10721: O Muhsin! He Who hath caused every possessor…

O Muhsin! He Who hath caused every possessor of grace to bow down before Him remembereth thee. Wondrous is he who performeth that which is commanded him by God. Verily He is the Beneficent One in My mighty Book. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto the Call and responded to his Lord on a Day whereon all things spoke forth that which the Most Exalted Pen spoke when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Name, the Mighty. Thus have We manifested the pearls of knowledge from the ocean of the bounty of your Lord, the Almighty, the Strong, the Powerful.

BH10718: O Pen of the Most High! Make mention…

O Pen of the Most High! Make mention of the Pasha whom this servant in attendance hath mentioned. Verily, thou art the compassionate, generous rememberer. Prevent no one from the ocean of My loving-kindness, and turn not away anyone who has turned to thy luminous countenance. Make mention of all who have turned towards God with beauteous remembrance. Thus have We commanded thee before and after. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having heard and responded, and woe unto the deniers.

BH10696: O Hasan! The Wronged One remembers you as He…

O Hasan! The Wronged One remembers you as He sits upon the throne of command by the leave of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He has come with the truth to adorn the world with mercy and tranquility, but most of the people do not understand. They have clung to vain imaginings, turning away from the Sun of Certainty. Thus have their souls deluded them, and they do not see. Say: O concourse of the heedless! I swear by God! The promised day is come, the day when tormenting trials will have surged above your heads, and beneath your feet, saying: “Taste ye what your hands have wrought!”

BH10518: I beseech Thee, O my God, Lord of Names…

He is the Guide, the All-Sufficient, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Generous

I beseech Thee, O my God, Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, to protect Thy male and female servants who have turned unto Thee from the schemes of every schemer, the oppression of every oppressor, and the fire of every idolater. Then ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the contingencies of creation cannot frustrate. Thou art, in truth, the Strong, the Powerful. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10533: Verily God hath ordained for every matter an appointed…

In the name of God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Verily God hath ordained for every matter an appointed time. When the promise cometh, that which hath been decreed in the kingdom of destiny shall be sent down to the people of creation. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Preserved Tablet. He shall fully recompense those who call upon Him morning and evening, at every daybreak and nightfall. There is no guardian except Him. His is the creation and the command. He doeth whatsoever He willeth through His word, and ordaineth what He desireth through His binding decree.

BH10626: The Wronged One has turned His face toward him…

He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious

The Wronged One has turned His face toward him whom God has related unto Him, that He might give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst raise me up through Thy command and didst guide me through Thy bounty! I beseech Thee not to deprive me of whatsoever Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory shining forth from the Divine Lote-Tree be upon its branches and upon all who are firm and steadfast.

BH10571: A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath…

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

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath been named ʿAbdu'l-Ahad, that he may rejoice and be of them that are steadfast. Then know thou that thy call hath won My hearing in My Most Great Prison, when sorrows had encompassed Me through that which the hands of such as We commanded to fear God had wrought, yet they were of them that slumber. Verily they who have attained on this day are assuredly among the dwellers of Paradise in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks that thy letter hath been presented and there hath been sent down for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the worlds.

BH10709: O Abdullah! The breezes of this Day are wafting…

O Abdullah! The breezes of this Day are wafting over thee. Be thou aware and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day for which the loved ones of God and His chosen ones in former ages have mourned in their separation from it. To this testifieth every fair-minded and seeing one. Cast aside what thou hast of idle fancies and take fast hold of the hem of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. He, verily, will suffice thee in truth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH10729: O Muhammad! The Day of praise and thanksgiving has…

O Muhammad! The Day of praise and thanksgiving has come, wherein the Concourse on High rejoices, yet most of the people are as dead. Sleep has overtaken them in such wise that they remain heedless of the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he whose foot has not slipped from the Path, and blessed is the one possessed of vision who has turned towards the Most Great Horizon and has said:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Wronged One, the Lonely One, the Stranger."

Thus have We adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of knowledge. Blessed is he who has recognized and prostrated himself before the face of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH10543: We make mention of him who has been named…

We make mention of him who has been named Muhsin, that he may inhale the sweet fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and be among those who are firmly established. How many a strong one has turned away from the Cause, and how many a weak one has hastened unto God—a command from Him. Verily He is the Helper of every one who turns toward Him and is steadfast. Blessed is he who has testified to that which God has testified, and woe unto every distant barking one who has heard and denied this bounty that has encompassed the heavens and the earth. Thus has the Pen spoken in the Most Great Prison, that every seeing hearer may rejoice.

BH10544: We make mention of him who was named Musa…

We make mention of him who was named Musa and We bid him to that which We have bidden those servants who have turned towards this glorious station. Behold and remember when the Interlocutor came with clear signs, every remote scholar turned away from Him. Then remember when the Spirit came with proof from His Lord, the divines opposed Him until they pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused every seeing mystic to lament. Be thou thankful unto God for having aided thee and made known unto thee that which was hidden from creation. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH10699: O Husayn! He Who was made a target…

O Husayn! He Who was made a target for the arrows of the enemies in the path of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, makes mention of thee. Mine eyes have witnessed what no eye among all creation hath witnessed, and Mine ears have heard what the ears of men in former ages have not heard. Thy Lord, the All-Informed, bears witness to this. Grieve thou not over anything. Remember thy Lord in the night season and in the days. Verily, this shall profit thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless.

BH10627: The Wronged One has turned His face…

The Wronged One has turned His face from the prison towards him who was named Kazim, and We make mention of him with that which has diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. Exalted is this glorious and wondrous station! We have counseled all to be trustworthy, truthful and faithful, and to manifest those qualities through which the Cause of God was revealed in former ages. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto the heedless. Hold fast unto the Strong Cord and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the Merciful.

BH10675: Turn thy face, O Pen, unto him who hath…

Turn thy face, O Pen, unto him who hath been named Majid, then make mention of him through that which hath been sent down unto thee from the presence of Him Who causeth the dawn to break. Say: We counsel thee to fear God and to remember Him—a remembrance which hath preceded all remembrance. Beware lest the conditions of creation cause thee to slip. Leave them to themselves and place thy trust in Him through Whom feet have slipped. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the Known One, and how many an ignorant one hath attained to the knowledge of God on a day wherein eyes were dazzled.

BH10576: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

He is the Manifest One, standing before the faces of the world

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Attributes Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name, through which the ocean of bounty surged and the fragrance of eternity wafted, to assist Thy servant Rida in that which Thou lovest and approvest. He is the one who, O my God, hath taken shelter beneath the canopy of Thy glory, entered the prison by Thy command and departed by Thy leave. Ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere servants. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

BH10524: O my God, my God! I testify that Thou…

In the Name of Him through Whom hath shone forth the Luminary of Divine Power!

O my God, my God! I testify that Thou hast sent down the Proof and made manifest the Way, and hast clarified for Thy servants that which was hidden throughout all eternity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the End, by Thy Name, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, to protect Thy servants and handmaidens from the mischief of the people of the Bayan who have denied the ocean of Thy grace after it surged before the faces of the world. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and by Thy Name doth move the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH10562: The purport is this: the tongue of the speaking…

He is the Mighty

The purport is this: the tongue of the speaking trees proclaimeth that the heat proceedeth from the fire, yet in this day it hath appeared from the Tree itself. Today the horizons of the hearts of the friends are illumined by the lights of the luminous Orb of Revelation and are set aflame by the ardor of Divine love. The light is shining forth, the fire is manifest, power is revealed, and might is resplendent. By the life of God! To rend the veils of names and to sunder them seemeth, in this sight, greater than the cleaving of the moon. I swear by the lights of His countenance: in this Revelation the cleaving of the sun is beheld, could ye but know it.

BH10584: Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God…

He is the Mighty!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things and whatsoever hath been created between earth and heaven, to send down upon this handmaiden of Thine from the kingdom of Thy power that which beseemeth Thy bounty and Thy grace. O Lord! Thou seest her clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity. Ordain for her every good recorded in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH10838: Blessed art thou for having been seized…

He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy!

Blessed art thou for having been seized by the intoxication of the Kawthar of utterance in such wise that thou didst traverse the pathway of the world until thou didst enter My Most Great Prison and didst hear the call of the Wronged One concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. We bear witness that thou didst visit the Most Great Scene and didst believe in God, the Lord of destiny, and didst drink the most pure wine from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Informed. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10866: By the life of God! His honor Nabil, son…

He is God, exalted be His station!

By the life of God! His honor Nabil, son of Nabil, upon him be My glory and glory, has been and is in the Most Exalted Prison with the permission, leave and good-pleasure of this Wronged One. However, if his honor Afnan, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, should send someone to that place for the conduct of affairs, so that the aforementioned gentleman might for a few days repair to these parts by way of recreation, this would be pleasing.

BH10924: O Husayn-ʿAli Kh! Thy name hath attained the presence…

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

O Husayn-ʿAli Kh! Thy name hath attained the presence of the Wronged One, and thy call hath been hearkened unto. He hath answered thee with this unfolded scroll and this sealed Tablet, that thou mayest render thanks unto Him Who hath opened before thy face the gates of His knowledge and remembrance in His mighty prison. Glory be upon thee, and upon those who are with thee, and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of this mighty and wondrous Day.

BH10936: O Samad! The Dawning-Place of Revelation has turned toward…

O Samad! The Dawning-Place of Revelation has turned toward thee and makes mention of thee with that which shall cause the fragrance of utterance to endure throughout the eternity of the names of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Rejoice thou that God has forgiven every name that has attained the presence of the Wronged One. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, then read what has been sent down unto you from the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH10767: O Pen of Baha! Make mention of him who…

O Pen of Baha! Make mention of him who hath been named Abu'l-Qasim, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. He hath come with the truth and hath manifested what He desired. Through this the idol hath wailed and every remote scholar hath cried out. They denied the favor of God after its descent and disbelieved in the All-Merciful when He came with manifest sovereignty. They deviated from the truth, whereupon God caused their hearts to deviate, and God guideth not the people who are transgressors.

BH10918: O Javad! Nabil hath appeared before the Wronged One…

O Javad! Nabil hath appeared before the Wronged One. We have accepted what ye desired in the path of God and have written for you, from My Most Exalted Pen, the reward of what ye intended. By My life! This is a bounty, and this is a mercy, and this is the manifestation of loving-kindness from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. That which hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation in this Tablet beareth witness to that which hath been inscribed by the finger of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Rejoice ye, then give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10981: My Pen and My tongue bear witness that thou…

He is the Most Glorious

My Pen and My tongue bear witness that thou didst acknowledge the unity of God and His justice when the banner of tyranny was raised in the world and every idolatrous betrayer raised his cry, and thou didst arise to serve the Cause in days wherein feet did stumble. Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, the Sovereign of the hereafter and of this world.

BH10958: O Muhammad! Blessed is he who hath held steadfastly…

O Muhammad! Blessed is he who hath held steadfastly to the Faith in the days of his Lord and hath arisen to serve his Master among the people. Verily those who have turned away from the Truth are even as dead—they have no portion in the Book. God is the Revealer of verses. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that comes from Him and follow not every ignorant one who has turned away from the Path. Thus have We remembered thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord and speak forth His praise throughout all lands.

BH10877: We testify that there is none other God but…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

We testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books as a token of His grace, and He is the Truth, the Knower of all things that are hidden. Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies, clinging to the cord of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Thou hast attained unto His presence and beheld Him, and hast gained the honor of hearing the call of the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison. To this beareth witness He Who proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10977: O My leaf! God hath loved true faithfulness…

He is the Most Glorious!

O My leaf! God hath loved true faithfulness and in all conditions regardeth it. Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. Hold fast to the cord of contentment and grasp the hem of His Will. Verily He is nearer to thee than thou art to thyself, and He will aid thee in all circumstances if thou standest firm in the Cause through the power of God, the Mighty, the Subduer, the Powerful.

BH10976: O My Leaf! Praise be to God that thou…

He is the Hearer, the Answering One!

O My Leaf! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the most great bounty. All the queens of the world yearned for this blessed Day, and with their very souls sought earnestly the presence of the Beloved of all worlds. Yet when the lights of the dawn of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of Will, all remained veiled therefrom while thou didst attain unto it. Therefore give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

BH10867: Praise be to God, the first day…

He is God, exalted be His station in Wisdom and Utterance

Praise be to God, the first day of the feast has come to an end with the blessed, right and upright deeds of His Majesty Sultan Abdul-Hamid, may God, blessed and exalted be He, strengthen him. Truly I say, the fragrances of the days of the rightly-guided Caliphs and the near-standing leaders were diffused in this blessed month of Ramadan. We testify that he walks with the banner of justice on his right and the standard of equity on his left, and the heaven before his face.

BH10898: O Ahmad! Your name hath been mentioned before…

O Ahmad! Your name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to perceive the fragrance of their Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Leave thou those who have denied the signs of God, and take hold, with the hand of submission, of My mighty Tablet. We have commanded all to that which profiteth them.

Some have turned towards it and some have turned away, and he who turneth away is among the distracted ones.

BH10984: O Greater Branch! Upon thee be My Glory…

He is the Most Wise!

O Greater Branch! Upon thee be My Glory and My favour. Praised be God Who hath enabled Mahd and members of the Household to do that which hath been revealed in the Qur'an…. We send greetings to members of the Household, Mahd and others. Their deeds are accepted and their efforts appreciated….

BH10757: The Mother Book moves and says: Glory be…

He is the Ever-Abiding

The Mother Book moves and says: Glory be to Thee, O my God, and glory be to Thee, O my Adored One and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by the martyrs of the land of Ya, and by their patience and steadfastness, and by those whom the oppressors have imprisoned without crime or fault, to ordain for this servant of Thine the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

BH10755: O my God, my God! My Lord and my…

O my God, my God! My Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the fire of the hearts of Thine loved ones in Thy love, and by the light of the faces of Thine chosen ones in Thy days, to ordain for me, through Thy bounty and Thy grace, that which Thou hast ordained for the near ones among Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant, sincere and steadfast, standing at the door of Thy favour. Ordain for him that which beseemeth Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH10774: We make mention of him who hath laid fast…

We make mention of him who hath laid fast hold upon the Most Firm Handle and hath acted according to that which he was commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all the worlds.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Whoso is for God, God will be for him.

O ʿAli! We exhort thee unto that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Furqan. Praise thou God, the Lord of the Throne, Who hath aided us to attain unto knowledge of Him and hath made us of the affirmers of His unity.

In all affairs put thy trust in God, for verily He loveth those who trust in Him. Prefer Him above all else, and know that none on earth can avail thee without Him. Add not to this, and diminish it not.

BH10822: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book…

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

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book as a bounty from His presence; verily, He is the Most Bountiful, the All-Wise. He hath enjoined upon all that which is good; truly He is the Compassionate, the Most Generous.

Your petition attained the presence, and after it was laid before Him, He declared:

> "For the present it is expedient to postpone the dispatch of Tablets."

God willing, they shall be sent hereafter.

We beseech God to preserve thee through His bounty, and to open before your faces the doors of His mercy and His blessing. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

BH10859: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God…

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

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, and glory be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire! I beseech Thee by Thy Baha at its most resplendent and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed earth and heaven, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for them that stand before the gate of Thy grandeur and drink the choice wine of Thy utterance in Thy presence. Aid me to serve Thee and to serve Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Succourer, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10978: O My leaf, O My handmaid! Hearken thou unto…

He is the All-Glorious.

O My leaf, O My handmaid! Hearken thou unto My call from the quarter of My prison. Verily, He is God; there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

O my God! Ordain for Thy handmaid that she may circumambulate Thee in every world of Thy worlds; then do Thou succour her through Thy remembrance and Thy praise; then inscribe for her, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the life to come and of this first life below, through Thy bounty, Thy generosity, Thy grace and Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

BH11158: O friend! Upon thee be My greetings! He who…

O friend! Upon thee be My greetings! He who was with Me made mention of thee. We remembered thee in My prison. We beseech God to reinforce thee with the hosts of His knowledge, to adorn thee with His verses, to gladden thee with His favors, to grant thee the meeting of His manifestations, and to honor thee with the light of His recognition. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. He spoke and His word [is exalted]:

O friend! Upon thee be My greetings and My glory! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the eternity of My names. And the hearts shall be opened through thee … and He shall ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of the first life, and He shall cause to descend upon thee from the heaven of His will a blessing from His presence, and a table from His nearness, and a gift from His direction. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Generous, the Lord of Great Bounty. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The relatives …

BH11909: O Son of Husayn! Hearken unto My call…

O Son of Husayn! Hearken unto My call from the direction of the prison and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having remembered me and guided me unto Thy straight path."

We counsel thee and those who have believed to preserve this most exalted station and this mighty Cause. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon thine uncle who sacrificed himself in the path of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH11205: It is the Festival of Ridvan, and the Springtime…

He is the Ever-Abiding

It is the Festival of Ridvan, and the Springtime of the Manifestation of the All-Merciful between earth and heaven. On this wondrous Day the gates of Paradise have been flung open before the faces of all creation by the command of the All-Glorious Lord, and the spring rain of the All-Merciful's grace hath poured forth from the clouds of divine bounty upon the infinite dawning-places and manifestations.

BH11183: O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and My…

He is the All-Knowing Witness

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness. We have chosen thee and made thee a servant unto My Self, that thou mayest be among those who rejoice. We have accepted what thou hadst, and this is of My latter bounty, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We have mentioned thee and him who was named ʿAli by the two Most Exalted Names in My Mighty, Most Great Book.

BH11167: O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! Hold fast to the Book of God…

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! Hold fast to the Book of God and what hath been sent down therein of laws and ordinances. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. God hath ordained for His loved ones that which shall bring joy to the eyes of the sincere ones. Soon shall be made manifest the station of every soul that hath turned unto Him and the rank of all who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH11065: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech…

He is the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Name, and by Thy Most Resplendent Light, and by Thy Beloved Name through which Thou didst unite hearts and souls, to unlock, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the door of Thy bounty unto him who hath clung and held fast to the hem of Thy Most Pure Robe. There is no God but Thee, the Compassionate, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Generous.

BH11064: In My Name, speaking before the faces of all!

In My Name, speaking before the faces of all!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of grace, might and transcendence. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy sovereignty that pervadeth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH11129: And We make mention of thy brother that he…

And We make mention of thy brother that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of them who have cast away what the people possess and taken what they were commanded by God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Hold fast to the Book of God, then act according to what thou art commanded and be not of them who know not.

BH11014: We have named the newborn child Hasan, and we…

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

We have named the newborn child Hasan, and we entreat God, exalted be He, to bless his steps for his family, his grandfather, his father, and for the leaves that circle round them. May He send down upon them, from the heaven of His bounty and grace, that which shall draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all creation, and may He inscribe for them, with His Most Exalted Pen, the good of the life to come and of this first life below.

BH11078: His glory be exalted!

His glory be exalted!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Most Great and Hidden Treasure Who hath appeared in truth as a bounty from His presence—verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The Supreme Pen hath acknowledged thy turning unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and thy submissiveness before the Throne and thy self-effacement at the Gate.

BH11080: My Most Exalted Pen hath, in this most sublime…

He is the All-Glorious.

My Most Exalted Pen hath, in this most sublime station, borne witness unto that which none can bear to hear, nor can I utter in words. We have treasured it within My illumined, unfaltering breast. We have revealed from the ocean of My knowledge naught save in a measured degree; and I, verily, am the All-Subduing over whatsoever hath been and whatsoever shall be.

BH11103: The ocean hath surged and the divine fragrance hath…

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

The ocean hath surged and the divine fragrance hath wafted, and the Day is come, yet the people are in manifest doubt. The Cry hath been raised and the Hour hath appeared and the Trumpet hath been sounded, when He Who conversed with God took His seat upon the throne of Revelation and the Herald proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting! Glory be to those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving!

BH11107: In the name of Him through Whom the gate…

In the name of Him through Whom the gate of grace was opened to all who are in earth and heaven!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the call was raised from the most exalted horizon to inscribe for me, through Thy Pen of Grace, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11108: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I…

In His Name through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful is wafted!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word through which Thou hast united all peoples and manifested that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge, to ordain for me all the good that was inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books and Tablets. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH11321: O My Afnan! Hear My call from the direction…

He is.

O My Afnan! Hear My call from the direction of the valley of the Prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, and He Who speaks is verily the Wronged One, the Single, the Stranger, the Unique.

BH11219: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. Verily…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. Verily doth the Tree remember its branches as a favor from Him, and the Book remembereth its letters, and the Ocean its waves, and the Light its effulgences. All this proceedeth from the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11227: We make mention of Abdul-Husayn and counsel him…

He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious.

We make mention of Abdul-Husayn and counsel him with that which behooveth him. Blessed is he who acteth according to what hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great. We beseech God that He may aid all and enable them to achieve that which is pleasing unto Him.

BH11315: And We make mention of him who was named…

And We make mention of him who was named Abdu'l-Ali, and We give him the glad-tidings of My verses, My loving-kindness, and My mercy which have encompassed all regions. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak as He walked during this night in a place which God had made among the most exalted of places.

BH11331: O His beloved one! Upon thee be the peace…

O His beloved one! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Lord of creation. The leaf was present before the face of the Wronged One and, in thy stead, attained the honor of pilgrimage. We beseech God to confirm thee and her in that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. Verily, He is the Lord of mankind and the Lord of the world to come and of the world that now is.

BH11322: O My Afnan! I bear witness that thou hast…

He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing!

O My Afnan! I bear witness that thou hast turned thyself unto My path, soared in Mine atmosphere, set thy face toward My countenance, held fast unto My cord, and clung to My luminous robe. Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH11344: O Kalim, O My Afnan! Upon thee be My…

He is the Hearer and He is the Giver!

O Kalim, O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness and My compassion and My grace. At this hour I am inquiring after thy condition, with pen and tongue and heart and tablet and ink. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee.

BH11211: Praise be unto God Who hath caused the Most…

Praise be unto God Who hath caused the Most Exalted Pen to speak through His penetrating will and His all-encompassing purpose that ruleth over all things, and Who hath brought forth, from the treasuries deposited within it, the pearls of wisdom and utterance for the peoples of the realm of being. Verily, He is the One sought for aid, and in Him is all trust reposed. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH11216: O my God, my God! This is Thy servant…

O my God, my God! This is Thy servant, whom Thou hast strengthened to turn unto Thee and to turn away from all besides Thee. O my God, my God! Thy bounty hath been made manifest in Thy Cause; Thy remembrance hath awakened me; Thy tender care hath sheltered me; Thy generosity hath encompassed me and satisfied my soul; and the light of Thy beauty hath illumined my inmost being.

Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou! I beseech Thee by Thy Pen and by Thy Tablet to grant unto me the good of the life to come and of this first life below.

BH11226: In My Name, Who commands all names!

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Verily We have given glad-tidings unto all people that the great and blessed verse “but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets” hath been fulfilled in the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as God hath caused thee to attain unto this wondrous Tablet and hath mentioned His Name, the Mighty, the Luminous.

BH11232: O handmaiden of God! Praise the Beloved…

In the Name of the One God

O handmaiden of God! Praise the Beloved of the world that thou hast truly turned unto Him in days when the divines and mystics have turned away. This is a station that nothing can equal. Preserve it through My Name, the Mighty, the Wise. May God willing, thou be favored through divine grace and speaking His praise.

BH11259: May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor!…

He is God, exalted is He!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! According to your command, your honor should come tonight, and if possible and not too much trouble, with the honored mother of Husayn Effendi, and Husayn Effendi, and Varqa’iyyih Khanum. Peace be upon you and the mercy and blessings of God.

BH11267: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him; and He Who hath come from the Most Exalted Horizon—verily, He is the Lord of all mankind, the Lord of the Throne, and the Possessor of the life to come and of this present world.

Whoso layeth fast hold upon Him hath indeed laid hold upon the firm and unbreakable Cord of God; and whoso turneth away is numbered among the latter ones, as decreed in the Book of God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH11271: Justice is an everlasting fruit for the divine Tree…

He is God!

Justice is an everlasting fruit for the divine Tree of sovereignty and greatness. The just king is the lamp of the world and the cause of the reformation and prosperity of nations. The dawning of the Sun of reformation from the horizon of the world is dependent upon and connected with the Manifestations of power, by the will of God, exalted be His glory.

BH11289: Say: O my God, my God! Thou beholdest my…

He is the Almighty.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou beholdest my powerlessness, my poverty, and my remoteness, and that which debarreth me from the shore of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of Thy mercy hath surged, that Thou wilt guide Thy servants unto the Most Resplendent Scene—the station of Thy nearness and Thy presence.

BH11291: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who stood with supreme steadfastness before the faces of all mankind, that Thou mayest ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

BH11292: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, Lord…

In His Name through Whom was raised the Banner of Divine Unity upon the world!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm Above! I beseech Thee by the manifestations of Thy power in the world of might to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace that which will render me rich through Thy riches. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

BH11294: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I…

In the Name of Him Who standeth before the faces of all peoples!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy Revelation and by the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities of the hearts of Thy servants, to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy Most Generous Name and Thy Manifest Remembrance.

BH11300: The just king is as the head…

The just king is as the head to the body of the world. God—exalted be His glory—will, please God, bestow this most exalted station, which is in truth the station of the Emperor of the realm of names, upon him. This is not difficult for God.

BH11438: His Honor the letter J, upon him be Baha'u'llah

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He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O letter J! Hearken unto that which the Word of God doth speak from the prison….

BH11404: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Ordain, through Thy…

He is the All-Knowing.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Ordain, through Thy power, for Thy loved ones that which Thou hast ordained for Thine chosen ones—those who have not broken Thy Covenant and have held fast unto Thy firm and unbreakable Cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH11376: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy…

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Loving, to spread out for those who have ascended unto Thee the carpet of mercy and forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH11378: Today the world is illumined with the lights…

He is the All-Knowing Remembrancer.

Today the world is illumined with the lights of the Most Great Name. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God, and whose remembrance hath flowed forth from the Most Exalted Pen.

BH11410: My Supreme Pen testifieth that thou hast quaffed…

He is the Most Glorious

My Supreme Pen testifieth that thou hast quaffed the choice wine of divine knowledge from the hands of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hast attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH11426: This is a Book We have sent down…

This is a Book We have sent down in truth for whosoever has turned to the One, the All-Informed. O thou who hast turned! Verily thou didst desire to attain Our presence, but the people prevented thee from reaching Us. And thou didst seek forgiveness—We forgave thee as a grace from Our presence, and verily We are the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH11479: O Majdu'd-Din! Divine favors concerning you are many…

He is the Almighty

O Majdu'd-Din! Divine favors concerning you are many. On Friday you were mentioned in the presence of nearness. Come, come!

BH11491: In the letter of his honor the Nazir (may…

In the letter of his honor the Nazir (may the glory of God be upon him), He also writes of divine favor and grace.

BH11484: Jinab-i-Diya hath written well; better still shall it become…

Jinab-i-Diya hath written well; better still shall it become if he exert himself. God willing, he shall attain unto a lofty station.

BH11499: Diya'u'llah! God willing, mayest thou be illumined…

Diya'u'llah! God willing, mayest thou be illumined by the light of the Beloved, and, in the paradise of reunion, [drink] from the Kawthar of His presence.

BH11468: The Mother Book remembereth its letters, the Divine Lote-Tree…

He is the All-Glorious, the All-Beautiful.

The Mother Book remembereth its letters, the Divine Lote-Tree its branches, and the Sun its rays. Blessed is he who hath attained; woe unto the heedless.

BH11534: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

O 'Ali! We bear witness that thou hast turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon, hast heard the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, and hast answered the Lord of mankind at a time when the peoples were veiled in grievous obscurity. Glory be upon thee.

BH11535: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

O traveler! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy, and My loving-kindness. We bear witness that thou hast turned unto My countenance and attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory be upon thee.

BH11536: My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto him who…

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto him who hath turned toward My Most Glorious Horizon, that he hath indeed turned and attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH11578: He around Whom the Point of the Bayan hath…

…He around Whom the Point of the Bayan hath revolved is come…

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BH11628: Bear thou witness to that whereunto God hath Himself…

Section 1: "Bear thou witness to that whereunto God hath…"

He is God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy!

Bear thou witness to that whereunto God hath Himself borne witness in the Realm of Speech and then in the Kingdom of the Pen: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the manifestation of God in the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth, and the Most Great Announcement unto all who dwell in the realm of creation and command, and the Book Inscribed for them that abide within the pavilion of eternity, and the Preserved Tablet whereon have been recorded by the Most Holy Pen the mysteries of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Whoso hath acknowledged Him hath acknowledged God from all eternity, and whoso hath turned away from Him hath turned away from God and from His Manifestations and from the Daysprings of His Beauty and the Dawning-Places of His might and power, and is accounted among the idolaters.

Say: O people! How long will ye fail to be enkindled with the fire of God from this Fire that hath been ignited at the midmost heart of all regions? Beware lest ye deprive yourselves thereof and from drawing nigh unto it. By God! It is indeed a light and a mercy unto all the worlds. Fear ye God, O people, and be not veiled therefrom by the veils of idle fancy. Shatter the idols by the power of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, and be not of them that are far removed.

O thou physician of the Cause! Hearken unto the call of thy Beloved in these days wherein sorrows have encompassed Me through the hosts of Satan. By God! They have committed that which hath caused the pillars of existence and the foundations of the seen and unseen worlds to tremble. Were We to lift the

veils and acquaint thee with what hath befallen the Beauty of the All-Chosen One, thou wouldst rend the garment of patience, and lament both night and day, and wouldst be consumed within thyself, and be numbered with them that are consumed. The Tongue of God speaketh even now, saying:

> "Is there any detached soul who will arise between earth and heaven and purify My surroundings from the defilement of these idolaters? And is there any possessed of spiritual perception who will inhale the fragrance of the All-Glorious from the Robe of Utterance through that which hath proceeded from the Pen of the Most Merciful, and be so carried away by the breezes of the Beloved that he will forsake all who dwell in the heavens and on earth, and stand firm in assisting this lonely Wronged One?"

By My life! Were We to recount unto thee the tales of the Youth concerning what hath befallen Him, the Tablet would not suffice. We therefore return to that which thou didst ask in thy letter, wherein We found the fragrance of thy love for thy Ancient Lord. We beseech God to confirm thee in that wherein thou art engaged and to withhold thee not from that which He possesseth. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As concerning what thou hast asked about Divine Unity [tawhid], hearken unto that which the Spirit imparteth unto thee, that it may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt recognize all things in their proper place, soar in the atmosphere of wisdom and meaning, and attain unto the fountainhead of knowledge from One knowing and wise. Know thou that the philosophers have maintained that the all-pervading reality is identical with all things, as they have said "the simple reality is all things." This is their doctrine, and they have adduced numerous proofs to establish it. Likewise have the mystics put forth statements concerning unity and the explanation of the station of abstraction. In this regard, he who was their exemplar among those who spoke of the unity of existence, and their model among those who affirmed the vision of Truth in every existing thing, hath said that the outward aspect of the Lord cannot be numbered and His inward aspect cannot be limited, that the outward can scarce be manifest and the inward can scarce be concealed.

Many have followed him in this, likening this station to the sea and its waves, to ink and letters, to water and ice. We have foregone mention of the statements of both groups for the sake of brevity, and We make mention of that which is chosen by thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Apart from this, We have indeed expounded their statements in numerous epistles, and We beseech God to convey them unto thee, for He is the best of those who convey.

Know thou that with thy Lord all letters and words, and likewise mention and utterance, are of equal degree and one station. Even as He, exalted be He, distinguisheth between the letters of creation, so too doth He distinguish between the letters of law. Ponder thou upon this, that thou mayest be of them that are endued with insight. Whatsoever He decreeth in every age and dispensation is the truth, and naught else is but manifest error. For example, in the Psalms it was revealed from the heaven of the divine Command: "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee," while in the Qur'an it was revealed that He hath no offspring, that "He begetteth not, nor is He begotten," and that He is independent of all worlds. Likewise unto Moses the Prophet, after he had beseeched his Lord saying "Show me Thyself, that I may

look upon Thee," He said "Thou shalt not see Me," and at that same moment declared "Look and thou shalt behold Me." Thus observe thou and be of them that bear witness.

These diverse statements return to a single point, and Our servants possessed of insight perceive no difference between them. Were the gate of this knowledge to be opened before the face of men, none would raise objections against God in these days wherein the Beauty of the Ancient of Days hath appeared with manifest signs and clear proofs. Through the diversity of utterance doth the All-Merciful distinguish between those who have recognized Him by His own Self and follow Him in all that proceedeth from Him, and those who have known the Word but are veiled thereby from the Beauty of the All-Glorious and are among the lost. Even as thou witnessest today certain people who profess the unity of God in the Bayan yet are veiled from Him Who hath expounded and revealed it, and thereby have they gone astray and led others astray, being of those who perceive not.

As for thee, purify thy heart from all that thou hast heard from these factions and turn unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: By God, the mention of unity and its exaltation above all stations is solely by virtue of its connection with God. Beware, O people, lest ye be veiled from Him around Whose command unity itself doth circle, and be ye of the God-fearing. How many are the servants who make mention of God and profess His unity throughout all their days […]How many there are who glorify and unify Him throughout all days and nights, yet are among the most heedless of servants, for they recognize not Him Whom they unify at morn and eventide. And how many a believer in divine unity is today a misbeliever before God, though he perceiveth it not within himself and is numbered among the idolaters.

Consider, for example, the philosophers and the leading figures among the Shaykhis—they established four degrees of divine unity: unity of Essence, then of Attributes, of Actions, and of Worship. They bid people to believe in their doctrines and have written numerous books to prove these four degrees. Yet they remain veiled from Him Whose knowledge they sought to prove to themselves. Thus do thou witness, O people of the Bayan, and be of those who know. How many servants there are who possess not what others possess and are unaware of the degrees of divine unity and the proofs adduced by men, yet they recognized their Creator on the day of His Manifestation. These are the true believers in divine unity, and their names are inscribed as the faithful on preserved tablets of glory.

The purpose of Divine Unity in the tablets of God is the servant's acknowledgment that He was and is one in His Essence, having no partner or peer in His Being or in what proceedeth from Him throughout all creation. Thus did He testify to His own Self before the creation of all things and before the appearance of names and their kingdom. There is no God but He, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Powerful. If thou wouldst soar on wings of holiness in the atmosphere of nearness and detachment and be attracted by the fragrances of intimacy, thou wouldst attain unto a station wherein thou wouldst witness naught in creation save the effulgence of the rays of the Beloved, and wouldst hear all things cry out that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Section 2: "Behold the sun—it shineth upon all…"

Behold the sun—it shineth upon all things with a single effulgence and its radiant light is reflected in the mirrors of all created things. The true believer in divine unity is he whom the veils of these mirrors do not

prevent from witnessing the One Who hath manifested Himself through them, in them, and by their own selves.

Likewise observe the Sun of Truth and be of them that see. It hath dawned upon all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the true believer in divine unity beholdeth in all created things naught but a sign of his Lord's revelation, possessing at all times a wondrous insight. They who have today taken partners with God are far removed from the gardens of nearness and are counted among the idolaters. Whosoever possesseth vision and understanding witnesseth in all that hath appeared from Him the signs of His power, the manifestations of His sovereignty, and the evidences of His grandeur, which all created things are powerless to comprehend.

The true believer in divine unity in these days is he who uniteth God in this Revelation and testifieth within himself that there is no God but He, Who hath ever been One in His Essence, Who hath never been joined with anyone nor shared with any soul, and all else besides Him is created by His binding and wise command. Say: Beware, O people, lest ye fashion for yourselves a new god each day. Fear ye God and speak not according to your desires. Fear God and be of them that truly believe in His unity.

Know thou concerning what was asked about the mind, the soul and the spirit that these three and their like which are mentioned in reference to man are manifestations of that sign by which man was established. Exalted be this creation which tells of its Creator, and the hearts of the mature have failed to know it as it truly is. For instance, that by which thou movest, hearest and seest is one, even if thou namest it by all names, as it has been called by different names by the tongues of those who remember. Yet in its essence it is sanctified above all that people speak of and all that they attribute to it. However, its manifestations and names differ according to the recipient and the means.

For example, when it is directed to the place of hearing and its means, an effect, attribute and name appear, and when directed to the place of sight and the means ordained for it, another effect and attribute appear. This ye witness within yourselves and are among those who bear witness. All this is from its orientation toward the outward means in the human temple. Likewise consider the inward and be among those who observe. For instance, its connection to the heart, liver, spleen, head and other parts—through the differences in these stations different attributes and distinct names appear, just as ye name it mind, soul and spirit, and it has become known by these names among the worlds.

Therefore know thou the sign of thy Lord's revelation which was revealed to thee through thee—how from it, though it is one in its essence, different names and effects have appeared—that thou mayest thereby reach the stations of knowledge in this Paradise whose trees were planted by the hands of the All-Glorious, from which the fragrances of the All-Merciful waft, and by which the hearts of the pure ones are attracted, were they to be of those who turn. And that thou mayest witness that differences appear through differences in recipient and means, otherwise the Revealer is one and the revelation is one. All this We have deposited within yourselves that ye may soar in the holy and detached gardens, then in unveiling and unity, and be of those who have rent the veils and emerged from behind the veil through the sovereignty of My Name whereby God distinguished between the believers and the ungodly.

However, among the people of terminology and convention from among the philosophers and others, there are various explanations concerning the mind, soul and spirit. Since We found no opportunity, We did not address what they mentioned and We condensed what was intended to the utmost degree. Thus did the matter flow from One powerful and knowing. Were anyone to reflect on what We have truly revealed, the door of knowledge would open before his face and the maiden of inner meanings would emerge in the chambers of wisdom with such an ornament as would perplex the minds of those brought near. And We shall detail for him what We condensed such that from every letter of what was revealed We bring forth for him books which none has encompassed save God, the Counter, the All-Knowing.

O physician of oneness! Come forth from the chambers of stillness with God's greatest medicine and heal all created things through the mention of thy Lord's name, the Healer, the Forgiving, the Generous. And if thou findest one heedless, treat him with the mention of the Most Great Name, for by it every sick and ailing one is healed. And if thou seest one athirst with love, guide him to the ocean of attainment through novel counsel and wisdom. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act thou according to what thou hast been commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what thou hast asked concerning the Truth and the Path, know thou that in these days the Path is My Name, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate, for through it are people guided to the hidden, treasured, and concealed Reality that is veiled from the worlds. Say: Verily it is God's path between the heavens and earth, and God's way in the kingdom of Command and Creation, and the manifestation of Truth among all created things. And in one sense, Truth referreth to the Primal Point of Will, the First Emanation, the First Pearl, the Most Exalted Word, the First Remembrance, and the Act from which the worlds derive their sustenance. And whatsoever guideth people and connecteth them to the station of true knowledge is the Path.

Though this Path is one, it differeth according to the capacities of those who seek it. As thou observest, among the people are those who recognized God merely upon hearing of His Manifestation; some upon attaining the presence of His Countenance; others believed after hearing what was revealed from the direction of the Throne and were numbered among the guided ones; some clung to proofs and arguments, tarrying upon the path and were among those who hesitated; and others traversed the way in less than the twinkling of an eye and reached the most great vista, the station whereon the Ancient Beauty was established with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is he who passeth over the path as lightning through the clouds and followeth the most great path in this mighty Announcement.

Say: O people! The path of truth is manifest like unto His own being. Beware lest ye stray into the ways of those who associated partners with God and follow the paths of the deniers. He who is today seized by the fragrances of the All-Merciful and findeth the holy fragrance from the garment of My Most Glorious Name shall be so attracted that he will know neither path nor way, and will reach the Sun of Eternity in less than a moment. And in one station, the Path is My verses and the Truth is My hidden and concealed Self, secreted from the eyes of the heedless.

Know thou further that the Manifestation in its essence is sanctified above all universality and particularity, and is one in its reality. Those who have ascended unto it and upon whose hearts are impressed the lights of the revelation of the Manifestation—these are the proofs of His Self, the ways of

His guidance, the mines of His wisdom, the dawning-places of His Cause, and the daysprings of His revelation. All names and attributes may be applied to them so long as they remain oriented toward the Sun of Manifestation. After turning aside, no station remaineth for them with God and they are numbered among the lost. Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth that thou mayest thank God, thy Lord, and aid Him in these days wherein the hosts of Satan have encompassed Him. And the Glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

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BH00539: Praise be to God, the Glorious King and Lord…

In the name of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Might and Power

Praise be to God, the Glorious King and Lord of the Kingdom of Grace and Bounty, Who brought existence into being, made manifest the mysteries of the unseen from the world of visibility, promised humanity the Promised Day, and gave them glad tidings of the appearance of the appointed time. When the veil was rent asunder and the mystery of return was revealed, when the veil of concealment was removed from the face of the mysteries of creation on the Day of Return, and when the realities of knowledge were sent down in scrolls and books from the presence of the Mighty, the Bestower, the hearts of those endowed with understanding were attracted to the King of the Day of Reckoning. They rent asunder the greatest veil through the power of the Lord of Destiny and Creator of humanity, and turned with their hearts toward the Most Manifest Hidden Mystery. They recognized the greatest encrypted symbol and beheld the Most Hidden, Most Manifest, Most Luminous Beauty.

When they circled round this Fire and acquired illumination from the lights of the Tree of Command through the power of the Lord of the Kingdom of Might, the hearts of mysteries were stirred, and the banners of hatred and enmity were raised against God's chosen servants, preventing them from turning toward their Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Say: Why do you hasten through the wilderness of idle fancies? The Hidden Mystery hath appeared, the veil hath been lifted from the face of the treasured Symbol, and the clouds have been removed from the beauty of the preserved Light. Hath passion prevented you from reaching the Lord of the First and the Last? Do you object to the people of wisdom turning toward their Lord, the Sovereign of all humanity? Can the people of understanding remain patient in drawing near to the divine sanctuary? Nay, by Him from Whom all originated and to Whom all return! Can anyone prevent the people of righteousness? Say: Do you threaten them with affliction in the path of God, the Lord of Names? They are people who have accepted adversity and hardship, who have faced with their breasts the arrows of oppression from enemies, seeking to enter the Kingdom of eternity.

By the Lord of creation! You are but in heedlessness and loss. Even if you were to cut apart the bodies of those who have entered the heaven of faith with the swords of hatred and tyranny, you would not be able to turn them away from the path of certitude. Say: The way hath become manifest, the proof hath been perfected, and the thirsty one hath hastened to the Kawthar of knowledge flowing from the Spring of Sad beneath the throne of the King of the Day of Resurrection. Blessed are ye, O people of love, for

having entered the pavilion of holiness in the kingdom of righteousness! Through your steadfastness, the hearts of the people of enmity were disturbed, and through your firmness on the path of the Cause, the limbs of the people of tyranny and corruption trembled.

O my God, my Master, and my King! There remains no land in Thy domains but hath been reddened with the blood of Thy chosen ones, and no tree but is adorned with the bodies of Thy loved ones. Such hath befallen them as hath caused the tears of the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy glory to flow morning and evening, and they have suffered at the hands of the heedless that which hath caused the eyes of those in the heaven of Thy Cause to weep at daybreak and sunset. Thou knowest that they desired naught in Thy kingdom save to remove corruption from among Thy servants, to adorn their bodies with the robes of love and unity, and to crown their heads with the diadems of fellowship and affection. For in this Revelation, Thou didst command them only to strive to remove hatred and rancor, to exert effort in eliminating discord, and to manifest love and harmony among all peoples. Among men are those who opposed them for turning to Thee and drawing light from Thy knowledge, who pronounced them infidels and unbelievers, and made their blood lawful out of transgression against Thy sovereignty and aggression against Thy servants. Others accused them of corruption in the land, thereby making them the target of hardship and affliction.

Thereby He made them the target of hardship and the recipient of both joy and sorrow. All atoms bear witness that they desired no corruption in Thy dominion and walked only in the path of Thy command, which is the unity of Thy land and love for their fellow beings among Thy creation. Is not their patience through successive years, their endurance of every affliction, and their obedience to every command sufficient? By Thy exalted Self and Thy prevailing testimony over all things, if the heedless were to be fair, even less than a needle's eye would suffice for them to witness that they desired naught but the good of all and the welfare of humanity, to purify Thy land from discord and division, and to adorn it with manifestations of fellowship and harmony.

Everything in Thy dominion hath a sign, and the sign of their truthfulness is their deeds in this age and their patience in times of hardship. I beseech Thee, O my Creator, by Thy Name which hath conquered all the world and encompassed all nations, to remove from these eyes the veil of ignorance that they may comprehend what Thou didst intend in revealing Thy laws and ordinances and manifesting Thy commandments in Thy scriptures and tablets. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest and the Sovereign over what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Peerless.

O thou who dwellest in the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and resideth in the gardens of grace and bounty! I have known the degrees of thy love for God and the stations of thy sincerity for the Face of God. I beseech God, thy Lord and the Lord of all things, to assist thee at all times, to grant thee the Tasnim of bounty and beneficence, and to raise thee to the highest degrees of knowledge and understanding. Observe the world and the differences therein, and reflect on what hath been uttered by the Tongue of Will concerning the stations of fellowship and unity. The people have imagined this mighty Cause and momentous matter to be a source of corruption and disunity, whereas the divine Law commands humanity only to love and abandon enmity. Say: This is a Cause through which God manifests

what lieth within man of spiritual qualities and divine knowledge, and He desireth naught from it save ascension to the highest reaches of understanding and the ultimate summit of human progress. Say: Through it grow in the soil of hearts the ears of certitude, and from the trees of being appear the flowers of inner meanings and utterance in remembrance of the All-Merciful and the unity of the All-Glorious Lord.

Spiritual friend, for some time no letter has been sent due to travel. God is witness and testament that you have never been forgotten and, God willing, you shall never be. During the journey, at one of the stopping places, a letter from you was observed and a brief reply was written and sent. After attaining the presence, mention of you flowed from the tongue of grace and bounty, and such favor was evident regarding you that pen and tongue are incapable and fall short of mentioning and enumerating it. Blessed art thou, again blessed art thou! In truth, in this Most Great Revelation, the favors of the Ancient King have encompassed His loved ones in such wise as is beyond the description and enumeration of those who would describe and enumerate.

We must ever give thanks throughout the dominion of the seen and unseen to God, the Sovereign of might and King of glory and divinity. Before this servant's journey, a tablet was graciously revealed for you from the Source of bounty, but due to certain considerations of wisdom, its sending was delayed. Now, in view of an urgent matter, it is being sent herewith. I beseech God to honor you with beholding it as He honored you with its revelation, that His grace may be completed and your eyes be gladdened through the bounty of the Lord of the Kingdom of Generosity and Justice.

Convey sublime and wondrous greetings to the friends of God on behalf of this servant and say: In all the manifestations of His Manifestations, God, exalted be His glory, has ordained tribulations and hardships for His friends, and has assigned worldly possessions to those who are heedless and occupied with vain pursuits. He has made trials and tests the touchstone for His friends, even as He formerly said:

> "We shall surely try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives and fruits…"

You must at all times hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of grace. The transience of the world and the passing away of all things therein is a matter about which there can be no doubt, and no person of understanding would set his heart upon that which will assuredly pass away, nor would he be content with the comfort of numbered days. What wise traveler would be satisfied with the ornaments of wayside inns and forsake his homeland and destination? Nay, by God! No obstacle can deter the wise, nor can the embellishments of this transient world prevent them from reaching their divine homeland and ultimate goal.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to honor His loved ones at all times with the robe of steadfastness and to make them firm and steadfast as mountains in times of hardship. Though the body may grow weary from successive trials, this shall pass away while the eternal kingdom and complete and lasting comfort shall follow. O friends of God! I counsel you to preserve what you possess of the pearls of God's love, for thieves lie in wait, seeking opportunity to snatch away that which distinguishes you among creation. Would that the people knew! By God, were they to understand, they would cast aside what they

possess and sacrifice their souls in their longing to attain to what you have known of the wondrous secrets of recognition and in their desire to acquire what God has given you of the gems of the mysteries of certitude.

Say: O God of humanity and Master of destiny's mystery! We beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which prevails over the world and by Thy proof manifest among the nations to aid us in steadfastness in Thy Cause, at whose appearance the feet of the mighty have stumbled and the limbs of men have trembled. O Lord! We are weak and Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty. Look not upon us with the eye of justice, but with the glances of bounty and grace. Take our hands in the hand of Thy giving, deliver us from those who are immersed in the depths of remoteness and deprivation, and free us from the schemes of those who have strayed from the shore of the Law of Faith. O our God and Master of our destinies! Make known to Thy servants that which Thou hast distinguished us with in Thy lands, that they may know that we desired not corruption, nor that which Thou hast not commanded in Thy Books and Tablets, but rather the spread of the signs of love and the adorning of the world with the ornaments of harmony and unity, O Master of servants and King of the Day of Gathering!

We beseech God, exalted be His grandeur, to protect your honor at all times and to aid you in that which is purely good. Be assured by God's grace and His care—verily He is with you and ordains for you all good in His Book. Always write and send reports of your circumstances, and be ever mindful of wisdom in all things. He has previously said: "Despair not of the Spirit of God." And the Glory be upon you, and the Spirit be upon you and upon those with you among the loved ones of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11706: O God! Curse the first oppressor who oppressed…

O God! Curse the first oppressor who oppressed the Primal Point in His latter Manifestation, who denied His verses, who fought against Him in person, who disputed His sovereignty, who associated partners with His Being, who denied His words, who turned away from His beauty, and who was recorded in God's Tablets from the Holy Pen as being among the idolaters.

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

The letter from that Leaf of Ridvan was received and read. Although in these days sorrow hath so encompassed Us that no joy can dispel it and no gladness can drive it away, nevertheless the loving words of that enraptured leaf bestowed some measure of delight upon this withered heart. What benefit is there when ye know not what hath come to pass? I swear by the peerless Beauty, the All-Glorious, that I am astonished at those souls who are content with a mere speck of dust and remain veiled from the sovereign Lord Who doeth whatsoever He willeth. In any case, when the hand of divine power banished those who had risen up to destroy the countenance of God and prevented them from achieving their purpose, they resorted to spreading calumnies by tongue and pen.

Would that there were people of insight who could perceive from their words their false accusations. They have attributed miserliness to the Source of generosity from Whose table of bounty most of the people of the Bayan have eaten and tasted, and they have imputed tyranny to that Most Holy and Pure

Essence, Who is the very embodiment of justice and Whose very being was created from His Will. For God's sake, would that an eye could be found to witness the repugnant deeds and actions of those who hate the Divine Beauty! In any case, in these days the odor of associating partners with God hath been diffused. God willing, from pure and assured hearts there must needs appear a wondrous and lofty steadfastness.

O Leaf of Ridvan! Give thanks to God that thou hast been singled out as a handmaiden of God and been related to Him. From the right hand of the Throne hath been sent down:

> "O handmaiden of the Ancient Beauty! On this day the glance of God is directed toward the hearts of His servants and handmaidens. In whomsoever is kindled the fire of His love, that one is mentioned before Him by every one of His most beautiful names."

Such is the grace and mercy of thy Lord that hath encompassed thee and His loved ones. Know thou the value of these days and be occupied at all times with His praise and glorification. Be not grieved by the world, for ere long it shall pass away. Strive thou that in this transient world pure, holy and sincere deeds and actions may appear from that handmaiden of God solely for His sake, for all good lieth in His good-pleasure and in naught else. God willing, mayest thou ever walk in the path of His good-pleasure and remain turned toward His beauty. End of the words of God.

Furthermore, regarding what thou didst mention about sacrificing thy life in the path of the Beloved, this was presented before the Throne. He said: If thou keepest thy life alive through His praise, this would be closer to righteousness in the sight of God today and will continue to be so, for perchance through thy mention others may be reminded of the wondrous ways of remembering Him. Therefore, preserve thy life with the utmost tenderness that it may ever be occupied with His remembrance, and if the time for sacrificing life should come, it will assuredly be offered up. End.

[…] was submitted before the Throne. From the heaven of loving-kindness a glorious Tablet was revealed and sent to be delivered. And this servant's other supplication before that leaf is that she record this servant's name as Servant of God' and His servant' as I myself submit, for it was observed that one whom they designated with all divine names and described with attributes—in the end these very names became the cause of his pride such that he rose to wage war against the Beauty of God. Therefore, regarding this servant and other friends who have drunk from the cup of Baha, if in the station of description you would mention them with these words that were stated, it has been and will be more beloved in the sight of God, for glory and grandeur and majesty and all names and their kingdom and all attributes and their dominion have circled and will circle round the Ancient Being, and none besides Him is worthy. God willing this servant's petition will find acceptance.

And furthermore, at all times write of your circumstances and news, although there is the possibility that the means of correspondence may be cut off, yet with God are new creations after new creations and decrees after decrees, and verily He has power over all things. And the spirit and glory and splendor be upon you and upon those with you in the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. All the people of the pavilion of the sanctuary send their most glorious greetings.

BH01493: I am He Who warbleth upon the twigs…

I am He Who warbleth upon the twigs and calleth out in the heart of contingent being.

This hour there hath descended the firm and mighty Command of God: O Land! Be thou gladdened, inasmuch as God hath adorned thee with the footsteps of His loved ones and honored thee through them in all conditions.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory! The letter of Varqa, who circled round Me and soared in the atmosphere of My love and arose to serve My Cause, hath been received with the glances of loving-kindness. He mentioned Mirza Ata'u'llah, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise made mention of his household and the souls gathered therein. Blessed art thou, O Ata, and upon thee be glory from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, and upon thy father, whom God made one of the horsemen in the arena of love and fellowship.

O Muhammad! The house wherein is raised the call of the loved ones and wherein they are occupied with the remembrance of God is, in the sight of God, the circling-place of the near angels. Blessed is the house wherein are diffused the fragrances of Revelation and wherein is raised the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

His honor the Hakim, upon him be the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been and is mentioned. Repeatedly hath the Trustee, upon him be My glory, made mention of him. We have revealed for him that which hath diffused the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Goal of the mystics, and there hath flowed in his name from My Most Exalted Pen the Kawthar of immortality. Say: Take it in My Name, then drink thereof in spite of those who have denied Baha and His sovereignty and His power and His might, whereby slumber hath fled from the eyes of the deniers.

O Hakim! This day is thy day. Arise from the horizon of silence, then speak forth My remembrance, whereby the call hath been raised from every direction. God hath come from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty.

O Hakim! Upon thee be My glory! The doubters and transgressors have forbidden the servants from reciting the dawn prayer whose preface is adorned with this Most Exalted Name. With utmost clarity hath been mentioned that which causeth the hearts of the ungodly and the opposers to be consumed, for He saith that the Most Great Name is present and mentioned therein. Nevertheless, they have deprived the people of the outpourings of the True Bestower that lie hidden in those remembrances.

Say: O heedless one, O Shaykh, O son of Baqir! I speak truly and for the sake of God I speak—thou too listen for the sake of God. The blessed, luminous word "but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets" was concluded by the blessed word "the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Arise from thy slumber and behold the Kingdom of utterance circling round.

O Asad! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Single, the One! We desired to make mention of him whom thou didst mention, who was named Nuru'llah in the Book of Names, that he might thank his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist him in that which

beseemeth His days and guide him to His path, whereon he walketh and speaketh in every condition. Verily, He is God; there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed is he and his father and his mother. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon them from the clouds of His grace the rains of His mercy and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy! O Pen! Turn thy face toward him who hath loved Me, who was named Mirza before Aqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. O Mahmud! The All-Praised One hath mentioned thee in this praiseworthy station. I testify that thou didst hear My call and didst attain unto My verses and didst turn toward My horizon when the servants turned away, save him whom the arm of My power did rescue. Thus was the matter decreed from before God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

We make mention too of the loved ones of that land who were present in that house. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to give them to drink of the Kawthar of steadfastness whereby neither the might of tyrants nor the ascendancy of pharaohs shall deter them. Today the essence of steadfastness is observed to be more precious and valuable than all the jewels of the world. This precious pearl must be preserved through the bounty of the blessed Word, for thieves and traitors lie in wait.

Blessed is he who hath cast away the dawning-places of idle fancies and taken that which he was bidden by God, the Goal of the sincere ones. My God, my God! Strengthen the hearts of Thy loved ones lest the opposers prevent them from turning to the court of Thy might and the carpet of Thy bounty. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones to hold fast to the cord of Thy grace and to detach themselves from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

BH01510: He is the One manifest upon His Most Glorious…

He is the One manifest upon His Most Glorious Throne, and this is the unseen mystery within His most exalted Kingdom.

O Beauty of bounty, unveil Thy face, And from Thyself make dawn a hundred suns in space.

The glory of God is the strength of Thine arm, And the face of the Most High shineth in Thy form.

The Verdant Leaf, which gave utterance to luminous intimations, arrived in the Crimson Land, and set forth, in fuller detail, its powerlessness in the face of manifold affairs. The purport of its speech is this well-known poem: that there appeared, in the form of a bird, one who uttered words in such a tongue that from certain of its allusions this much could be discerned:

O nightingales of fidelity! Know ye that those ravening birds of darkness, who, through the confirmations and teachings of the Hand of grace and the sovereign nurture, had learned the melodies and modes of the royal falcons, the spiritual heralds, and who, through the arising of the yellow-hued notes of the divine Dove, had soared aloft in the loftiest heights, ascending with the throats of the birds of Abha until they attained unto the stations of nearness in the sanctified eternity, and found habitation and resting-place upon the highest boughs of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary and the Tree of the farthest goal. So renowned and celebrated had they become within that holy retreat of celestial sanctity that all the

predestined birds of the Supreme Paradise, and the inviolate spirits behind the pavilion of eternity, circled round about them.

Yet at such an hour the fire of pride and vainglory was kindled within their hearts, and the loftiness of their station became the cause of their exaggeration regarding the Beauty of the sovereign, the All-Knowing; the exaltation of their rank became the source of rancor and hatred. They utterly forgot their own Sovereign and Educator, ascended unto the summit of the Throne, and rushed upon the face of the Most Glorious King. Each, with beak and talon, wounded that radiant Countenance; nor were they content therewith, but with utmost exertion and endeavor sought out an ally and arose intent upon the destruction of that Beauty possessed of majesty.

Such were the strains of this bird, which at that time hung before Me; it had a cage whose borders were of gold, and upon its face was a mirror of white crystal. It had two little fledglings, and they uttered such notes as all birds recognized by their melody, though none knew what those two were saying—save their mother; and God knew full well what they spoke. Then did they themselves begin to trill forth their hidden songs.

And now, O thou Manifestation of the Name of Bounty of My Lord! If thou desirest to succor thy Lord, Who hath been afflicted beneath the swords of hatred and malice, then raise thy cry with such a cry as shall rend asunder all the veils of idle fancy from the hearts of all who are in the heavens and on the earth, shall free the birds of sanctified hearts from the chains and fetters of blind imitation, restriction, and limiting definition, and shall cause them to soar in the heaven of the glory of thy unity and detachment. Thereafter, with a heavenly throat and a spiritual melody, proclaim that there hath now appeared that mystery whereof, in His former Manifestation, not a single letter of the mysteries of His chosen ones was disclosed—so that the three hundred companions, who were the very gems of the earth, all fled away, saying:

> "In another sphere shall I appear, and shall make manifest the secret of My Cause; and all who dwell upon Sinai shall die at the revelation."

Now hath that cycle hath returned, that mystery been unveiled, and all the sanctified essences of the Kingdom on high, the inmates of the Concourse supreme, the cherubim, the bearers of the Throne, and the angels nigh unto God, have been thunderstruck by the revelation of this wondrous Cause and, in the lowest earth, have passed into nothingness. Likewise all the realities of the Prophets and Messengers—one of whom was Moses, son of 'Imran—have died upon the Sinai of this mighty Cause through the disclosure of this exalted mystery.

And on the other hand, the tree of opposition, with the leaves and branches and boughs of unbelief, idolatry, and malice, hath reared itself up before the Throne, purposing to uproot from its ancient root the Most Glorious Tree, which standeth firm upon the axis of eternity, and to cover it over with the leaves of spite and envy. Say: By the one true God! That Tree standeth upon such a plane that ye can never conceal it, though all the hands of the denizens of heaven should unite with you in mighty power and surpassing strength. Say: Though ye perish and pass away, though ye be stunned, or be cast back into the lowest abyss, yet hath it verily arisen in truth. Ere long shall it so fill, by but one leaf thereof, the whole of

Paradise and all who dwell in the heavens and on the earth, that beneath the shade of every leaf there shall spring forth, in an instant, such beings as the eyes of all creation have never yet beheld.

BH01564: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Upon thee…

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

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Throne. This is the Day of God, and His call is raised from every direction, and the light of His Cause is shining forth from every horizon. Blessed is he who hath seen with his own eyes and been guided, and who hath heard with his own ears and been led aright. Glory be unto God! The world is seized with wonderment, for its people are seen to have passed by the lights of the Luminary of certitude and to have clung to the cords of idle fancies.

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! Thy letter was forwarded by Javad—upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy—to the Most Holy Court, and was honored to be heard in the Divine Presence. We indeed perceived from it the fragrance of My love and thy steadfastness in My Cause. We beseech God, exalted be He, to open before thy face, through the key of His Most Great Name, the door of bounty. He is, verily, the Lord of all nations. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

It is hoped that thou wilt speak in the name of God, glorified be His majesty, and be occupied with His remembrance. Certain petitions arrived from that region, and some months ago answers were sent down from the heaven of divine Will, though they have not yet been dispatched, for most people see no difference between weapons and reform. The power of distinction is lost and the people wander bewildered in the wilderness of perplexity. That opposing soul who dwells on the island hath taught alchemy to certain ones that their insight might increase, but it hath only added to their blindness. Should thou ever meet Abdullah or his like, say: O thoughtless one! Take this very science as the criterion, that the truth may become evident to thee. In Aliyyih four persons were engaged in this pursuit for some time, and they have seen and will see naught but loss.

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! By the life of God! When this Wronged One returned from His two-year journey, it was observed that that heedless one had given certain people the [alchemical] operation of division. We said: Woe unto thee, O heedless one! Division hath never been and is not acceptable unto God. Deception and guile are evident from its very name. O Yahya! Abandon it and be not of the lost. In any case, he still gives and continues to give it to some people, and the poor helpless souls, trusting in alchemy, spend their lives practicing it, joining the first cycle to the last. Glory be unto God! The essence of vain imaginings hath ever caused and continueth to cause matters to appear confused, until such time as souls return to their abode and to that which was ordained for them.

What hath been said was and is for the sake of God, for the helpless people are unaware of the root of the matter and have fallen prey to alchemy and the like. When thou perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, arise from thy place, turning toward the Kaaba of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and say:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy manifestation and Thy appearance, and to Thy establishment upon the throne of utterance in the midmost heart of contingent being. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation and by that which hath been wafted from Thy verses in Thy days, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the Sun of Thy grace, to aid Thy servants to return unto Thee and to repent before the gate of Thy pardon and Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Almighty, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to exalt me among Thy servants through Thy Name. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of Thy creation. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower.

We make mention of Our loved ones there and beseech God to ordain for them, by His Most Exalted Pen, the best of all that exists in His worlds, and to give them to drink of the Kawthar of steadfastness, by virtue of which whoso drinketh thereof shall not be hindered by the hosts of the world from drawing nigh unto the Most Great Name, nor shall he be frightened by the might of the aggressors or the power of those who have denied God, the Lord of existence and the Educator of the seen and the unseen.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment. We conclude Our words by making mention of thy brother and sister, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect them through His grace and His hosts, and to guard them from the cawing of the cawers and from the evil of the oppressors. Verily, He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth through His word, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH01570: Tablet of Visitation for the Primal Point

He is the All Glorious

The first mention of Glory and the first praise of Grandeur rest upon Thee, O Thou the Countenance of the Most High, the Creator of all things, the Uplifter of the heavens, Whose Tongue uttereth the praise of Thy All-Glorious Self in the kingdom of creation.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Lord of Lords, the Deliverer of the loved ones on the Day of Revival, O Thou Who causes the clouds to pour down with rain and Who rends asunder the veils and burns them away.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Creator of the Realm of Glory, the Lord of the Kingdom, the Sovereign of the World of Creation, the Ruler of the Celestial Realm, the Revealer of verses, and He who burneth away the veils.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Countenance of the Succoring One, the Destroyer of the sorcerers, the Source of compassion, and the Herald of the Countenance of Mustaghath to all men and women.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Undying Light, He who dischargeth the streaming water from a tremulous pen, the Redeemer of people from the salt that burneth bitterly.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Shimmering Light, the Dominant, the Conqueror, the Mystery of exaltation, He who breatheth soul into bodies, O Thou Lofty Radiance, the Magnificent Sinai, the Spirit that infusest life into people, the Immovable Mountain.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Essence of affection, the Redeemer of all men on the Day of Resurrection, the Countenance of the Promised One, the Source of righteousness, the Desire of our hearts, the Maker of rain, O Thou Who art our Refuge and our Sanctuary.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou Who causest the rivers to flow, and the trees to bear fruit and the flowers to bloom, O Thou the Slayer of the wicked doers, the Bestower of life unto the upright, the Redeemer of the righteous and the Desire of the learned.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou Revealer of mysteries and hidden secrets, and the Lord of treasures, O Thou the Holy Mystery, O Thou the Slayer of the snake, the Creator of heaven and the Lord of paradise, O Thou Who adornest the peacock, O Thou the Countenance of Holiness and the Beauty of the Beloved.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Creator of the wild beasts, O Thou the Commander of the hosts, the Uplifter of colors and patterns, and the Fashioner of mountains into flocks of carded wool, the Source of refuge, the Donor of deliverance, the Protector of the sincere ones from shafts and bullets.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Healer of maladies, the Slayer of the people of blasphemy and disregard, the Bearer of happiness to the sorrowful and the dejected, O Thou the Absolute Truth in Whom is our upliftment.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou Who unfoldest the tabernacle, O Thou the Protector of those endued with constancy and prudence and the Enhancer of bounty and grace, the Provider of union, He Who extendeth the path, and He Who alloweth for error before resolve.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou Who slayest the lovers with a glance, Who ignitest the flame in the hearts of people of reflection and knowledge, and in Whose Hands is the protection of all.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Wondrous Countenance, O Thou the Transcendent Beauty, O Thou the Exalted Mystery, O Thou Protector of the Infant, in Whose Hands are the strengthening and advancement of all, O Thou Whose shadow encompasseth all, O Thou the Rising Sun, O Thou the Culminating Light.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Source of harmony, a Refuge to all from oppression and tyranny and the Bestower of manifold recompense on the pious.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Lord of the Judgment Day, the Uplifter of the heaven that hath various spheres, the Countenance of the Creator, and the Beauty of the Sustainer of the poor and the destitute, O Thou the Lord of the kings and the Pitier of the downtrodden, the Remover of doubts, the Possessor of domains, O Thou Who hath enlightened the fisherman.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Lord of glory and majesty, of greatness and honor, of loftiness and dominion, of awe and power, of mercy and bounty, O Thou the Countenance of the Self-Subsisting , O Thou the Remover of sorrows, the Obliterator of grief, the Creator of all men, He Who causeth the nights and the days to succeed one another, and the Illuminator of darkness.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Beauty of the All-Merciful, O Thou the Countenance of the All-Praised, O Thou the Most Bountiful, the Lord of Might, the Bestowing, the Lord of knowledge and understanding, He Who granteth tranquility to the believers and them who set their faces towards Him.

Glory and praise, moreover, rest upon Thee, O Thou the Uplifter of loftiness, the Creator of sublimity, the Appraiser of effacement and the Fashioner of consciousness, O Thou the Divine Countenance, the Heavenly Beauty, the Imperishable Mystery, the Face of Lordship, O Thou the Everlasting Being, the Possessor of ever abiding glory, O Thou the Divine Beauty, the Infinite Light, the Ancient Mystery, the Interminable Manifestation, seated upon His Eternal Throne, O Thou the Exalted Countenance and Glorious Beauty.

BH01652: In My Name, through which the Standard of Guidance…

In My Name, through which the Standard of Guidance hath been raised amongst all peoples

Glorified be God Who hath manifested His Cause and made all things speak that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The Wronged One testifieth to His oneness and His singleness. He hath ever been known through His Own Self, sovereign through His authority, and manifest through His signs. There is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies, and taken hold of that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Muhammad, We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of existence. When thou art illumined by the light of My utterance and holdest fast to the cord of My bounty, say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace, and anticipating what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed existence and by the light of Thy Cause which hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen, to make me speak Thy praise, to be steadfast in Thy love, and firm in Thy Cause and service. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving. O my Lord! Deny me not the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor the splendors of the Daystar of Thy Revelation. Thou art, verily, powerful over what Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom God hath related unto thee. Remind them of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and illumine them with the light of My grace which hath encompassed what was and what shall be.

O Moses! This is a day wherein the Interlocutor hath attained the lights of the Ancient One and hath quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the cup of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds. The gate of

grace hath been opened and the standard of justice hath been raised up, inasmuch as the All-Bountiful hath come riding upon the clouds with manifest sovereignty. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen raised its call in remembrance of him who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy kindred and those who are with thee in this Great News.

O Siyyid Abu'l-Qasim! Give thanks unto God that the Pen hath turned toward thee by command of My Most Great Name, and desireth to make mention of thee with a remembrance that shall endure throughout the eternity of My kingdom and My dominion. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of mankind, for having guided me unto Thy path and having revealed unto me that which draweth me nigh unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who hath been named Zaynu'l-ʻAbidin, that the utterance may draw him nigh unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed. This is a day wherein the rains have fallen, the rivers have flowed, the trees have yielded their fruits, and the righteous have cried out:

> "The kingdom and the dominion and the glory and the majesty belong unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!"

Happy is the man who will arise to serve My Cause, and glorify My beauteous Name. Take hold of My Book with the power of My might, and cleave tenaciously to whatsoever commandment thy Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise, hath prescribed therein. Behold, O Muhammad, how the sayings and doings of the followers of Shi'ih Islam have dulled the joy and fervor of its early days, and tarnished the pristine brilliancy of its light. In its primitive days, whilst they still adhered to the precepts associated with the name of their Prophet, the Lord of mankind, their career was marked by an unbroken chain of victories and triumphs. As they gradually strayed from the path of their Ideal Leader and Master, as they turned away from the Light of God and corrupted the principle of His Divine unity, and as they increasingly centered their attention upon them who were only the revealers of the potency of His Word, their power was turned into weakness, their glory into shame, their courage into fear.

Thou dost witness to what a pass they have come. Behold, how they have joined partners with Him Who is the Focal-Point of Divine unity. Behold how their evil doings have hindered them from recognizing, in the Day of Resurrection, the Word of Truth, exalted be His glory. We cherish the hope that this people will henceforth shield themselves from vain hopes and idle fancies, and will attain to a true understanding of the meaning of Divine unity.

The Person of the Manifestation hath ever been the representative and mouthpiece of God. He, in truth, is the Dayspring of God's most excellent Titles, and the Dawning-Place of His exalted Attributes. If any be set up by His side as peers, if they be regarded as identical with His Person, how can it, then, be maintained that the Divine Being is one and incomparable, that His Essence is indivisible and peerless? Meditate on that which We have, through the power of truth, revealed unto thee, and be thou of them that comprehend its meaning.

BH01646: Praise befitteth the Lord of Names and the Sovereign…

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

Praise befitteth the Lord of Names and the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth, Who was not prevented by the tyranny of the aggressors nor the turning away of the deniers from His purpose. Through one exalted Word He guided the peoples of earth and heaven to the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. The hosts of the world and the ranks of nations did not hold Him back from His Will. How great the power and majesty that brought forth the precious gem of recognition from a handful of dust and exalted it above the heavens! The realm of understanding is bewildered by His operations and the denizens of the Kingdom of Utterance are without mention or name before them that are nigh unto His court. Glorified be His greatness, exalted be His might, and sanctified be His utterance! There is no God but Him.

Praise, glory, magnificence and light be upon the Tree and its branches, twigs and leaves, and upon them that hold fast and cling unto it—a magnificence whose fragrances shall never cease throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, and whose effusions shall never end throughout the sovereignty of might and grandeur; a magnificence whereby they that are nigh unto God ascend to the heaven of nearness and reunion, and the sincere ones unto the Most High, the Self-Subsisting; a magnificence whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High are attracted and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Paradise are gladdened. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to draw His servants nigh unto the court of His presence and to give them to drink from the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of His bounty. Verily He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O My Afnan, O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The days of thy presence, by night and day, in the court of the Wronged One are remembered. Mankind was created for the knowledge of God, yet all have remained heedless and veiled from Him. They have forsaken eternal glory and clung to the desires of self and passion, tyranny and wickedness. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds in this vain life, for divine justice and heavenly wisdom will not forgo reward and punishment, and upon these two depend the order of the world and the tranquility of nations. Blessed are they that understand.

Praise be to God, the Afnan have attained to that which hath no peer or likeness. The Hand of Power delivered him and the Divine Will, through the assistance of means, caused him to reach the shore of the sea of reunion, until he stood before the Door and heard the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor. Praise thy Lord for this supreme bounty wherewith none among mankind hath been favored save whom God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, hath willed.

Today all must gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, detached from all else, especially the Afnans of the Blessed Tree who were brought into being from nonexistence for the service of the Cause. Outward events and the oppression of tyrants diminish not their station, as attesteth the Most Great Book of God in its mighty and impregnable position.

Be not grieved at his ascension to the heaven of nearness and reunion. By My life! At this very moment We witness and hear from him mention of Me and of thee. Thus have We unveiled the matter as a grace from Us unto thee and unto My Afnan who was mentioned in My court of glory, who stood before My face and who spoke in praise of My Beautiful Name.

O Muhammad! Were the veil to be lifted, thou wouldst be so overjoyed that neither the taunts of the enemies nor the calumnies of the hateful ones would prevent thee from rejoicing or deprive thee of the most great gladness. The petitions thou didst send have all been answered and dispatched. We beseech God to give all to drink from the cup of His utterance, the Kawthar of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The light shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My Afnan and upon thee and upon whoso is with thee by night and day, and upon My Afnan there and upon My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have taken what they were bidden by God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH11713: Your poetry written on the page expressing kindness towards…

He is the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Wondrous, the Most Glorious!

Your poetry written on the page expressing kindness towards this servant was received. After perusing it, at an appointed time I brought it before the Most Holy and Supreme Threshold and presented it. He commanded: Write that, God willing, may you never falter and may you ever remain steadfast on the path of mighty oneness, for today if all who are in the heavens and earth were each to possess feet numbering as the sands of the desert, the waves of the seas, the leaves of the trees and the drops of rain, and all were to appear outwardly firm and strong, yet were not steadfast upon this straight path, assuredly all these feet would be accounted as broken and non-existent before God. But should even a gnat with broken feet remain firm and steadfast in this Cause, it would be accepted before God and be immortally remembered in the divine paradise. Therefore you must, through the wondrous favors of God and the gifts of the Sovereign Lord of Oneness, remain so firm and steadfast in the Cause of God as to become the cause of steadfastness in all others. And this is not difficult for God.

The glance of the All-Merciful's favor hath ever been directed towards you. God willing, may you pass your days in the utmost joy and delight in the love of God, and may you ever remain in health and comfort with the loved ones of God—those who are embarked upon the Most Glorious Ark. For association with these loved ones is, before God, more beloved than all else. I swear by God that to gaze upon these faces is greater and more acceptable than seventy years of worship, for until a soul is created from a wondrous drop of the clay of divine love and the water of His affection, and becomes detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth, it shall never be capable of entering this blessed Ark and this Ship of sublime glory. We therefore hope that, God willing, you may remain settled, steadfast, firm and at rest in this Ark of the Lord of Lords. The grace is in His hands; verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. And glory be upon you and upon the steadfast servants of God.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Your missive, adorned with loving allusions and effusions of attraction, was received and presented before the Divine Throne, whereupon it was stated:

> "The servant of the One has fallen into the well of envy, and the Youth of the Spirit into the prison of hatred, and the Ancient Beauty into the cage of rancor. God shall soon send forth hosts of angels who shall deliver Him through truth and render Him victorious throughout the earth, and His countenance shall shine forth amongst all the worlds. The Youth hath never sought help from anyone, and there is no help save through His command. He aideth whomsoever He willeth by His leave, and He is the One intended from time immemorial, and He is the Helper throughout all eternity."

Infinite tokens of favor have been revealed concerning that leaf of love. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved and be sanctified and detached from aught else, may you be given to drink of the choice wine of the All-Glorious and be sustained by the eternal bounty, that perchance, through the favors of the All-Glorious Lord, you may be freed from the allusions of these days and find rest and repose in the seat of steadfastness and the station of luminous glory through the love of God. Should someone resolve to journey, God willing, the wondrous and exalted Tablet that was sent down from the heaven of glory shall be dispatched. Blessed art thou for that which hath moved the tongue of thy Lord to mention thy name and for that which thou hast been mentioned before Him, and thou art of those who remember in the presence of transcendent glory. Under all conditions, convey the Command of thy Lord to the handmaidens of God, that they may become aware within themselves and make up for that which hath escaped them. Verily, He is the best of teachers, the All-Knowing. And glory and spiritual delight and praise be upon thee and upon the near-servants of God.

BH01743: O Kazim! Hear the call from the realm…

O Kazim! Hear the call from the realm of eternity through the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He hath made mention of thee in such wise as nothing in the world can equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Pen and My care which hath encompassed all regions.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Hasan! Mention hath been made of thee by Him Who soareth in Mine atmosphere. We make mention of thee in such wise as will draw thee nigh unto Mine horizon, that thou mayest witness that which My Pen hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast attained unto My mention and that which My glorious and wondrous tongue hath uttered. Nothing in the world shall profit thee today save this Cause, before which, when it was manifested, every discerning and perceiving one hath bowed down. We have revealed the Cause and sent down the verses, yet the people are in evident doubt. They have denied the right of God and His signs, and followed every sinful denier. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee!

O Sword of God! The law of the sword hath been abolished and the law of the Utterance hath been revealed. Verily it is sharper than the sword. To this beareth witness the tongue of My grandeur in this exalted station. We have ordained victory and triumph through the fear of God, through deeds and

through goodly conduct. To this testifieth he who hath attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the call of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest ye spread corruption in the earth after it hath been set in order, and beware lest ye oppose those who have opposed you. Leave them to themselves, turning unto God, your Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have enjoined upon you love and unity. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with that which hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have seen in thy letter mention of him who was named Kazim in the Book of Names. We have made mention of him in such wise as hath caused the mountains to soar, how much more the spirits. And I am, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Kazim! Hear the call of the Wronged One, then make mention of the time when the Qa'im came with a clear Book. The people denied Him, turned away from Him, disputed His verses, His proof and His testimony, until they pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the Most Exalted Pen to lament and the Lord of creation to weep. Thus was the matter decreed, and I am the All-Knowing Witness.

O Kazim! Arise to serve My Cause with wisdom and utterance, and remind My servants of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Mine utterance, and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Say: Deprive not yourselves of the bounties of My days, nor your ears from hearkening to My verses, nor your hearts from My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: This is the Day of proof, did ye but know it, and this is the Day whereon the tongue of grandeur speaketh, did ye but hear it. By God! The Treasure hath appeared and the Hidden One hath come with evident sovereignty.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Come ye, come ye! By what proof did ye believe in the Point of the Bayan? Bring it forth, then read what hath been sent down from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. If ye deny the appearance of God and His Cause and the effects and influence of the Most Exalted Pen, by what proof can that which ye possess be established? Be fair, and be not of the wrongdoers.

Thus have We manifested unto thee the ocean of utterance and its waves, and the sun of proof and its lights, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. If thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and hast attained unto the lights of Mine utterance, say: My God, my God! Through Thy most sweet call my heart hath taken flight, and through the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen my limbs have trembled, and through the lights of Thy Most Great Throne and Thy mighty announcement my senses have been transformed, and mine outer and inner eyes have shed tears. I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy lovers and the sighing of them that long for Thee, and by the cry of those who have sought the supreme height and the ultimate goal but have not attained it, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to behold that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power and Thy might. Then write down for them, O God of the world and Creator of the nations, that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH11608: The Call hath ever been raised from the Most…

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

The Call hath ever been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Summoner—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—is established upon the Throne of Utterance. Yet time and again hath this most exalted Word proceeded from the tongue of the Creator of Heaven, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

O servant in attendance! These weak-natured ones of the world have never been and are not now capable of hearkening….

O Baqir of Faran! Where is thy fervor? Hast thou not heard My call? Nay, thou didst hear and remained silent. This beseemeth not one who hath attained to My days, heard My call, gained the victory of My traces, and witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed in this exalted station. Take My Book with the power bestowed by Me and say:

> "O concourse of the heedless! Judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared in truth from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The verses have been sent down in such wise as to fill the horizons. Fear God and be not among the deniers."

Say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy presence, for having made known to me Thy path, and for having guided me to Thy Great Announcement. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that are nigh and the Beloved of the hearts of them that know, by the dawning-places of Thy signs, the Hands of Thy Cause, the Manifestations of Thy Self, and the Repositories of Thy knowledge, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy love. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

We make mention of him who is named Hashim (the chief of the post office in Faran) that he may rejoice in My remembrance and be of them that are thankful. O Hashim! Be thou the breaker of the might of the aggressors through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thus do We command thee as a token of Our grace. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great. Thy name was presented before the Wronged One, Who hath mentioned thee with verses that have attracted the hearts of the sincere ones. When the rapture of My utterance seizeth thee and draweth thee nigh unto the kingdom of My knowledge, say:

> "My God, my God! Strengthen my heart to safeguard Thy trust, my hand to take hold of Thy Book, and my feet to stand firm in Thy service. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, hoping for what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones who were not hindered by anything from turning to Thy most exalted horizon. They heard Thy call and hastened with their hearts to the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Source of Thy wisdom. O Lord! Thou seest the seeker making for the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Height. I beseech

> Thee by Thy bounty not to disappoint him. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Powerful, and worthy to answer."

O Karbila'i Hasan of Faran! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee with that which beseemeth thee in this wondrous Day. This is a Day the like of which the days have never witnessed, and before whose manifestation ages and centuries have bowed down. In every verse We make mention of those servants whom the affairs of creation have not withheld from the Truth. They heard, turned towards it, and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know!"

We beseech God to quicken thee through these verses with a new life, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Omnipotent, the Powerful….

…especially for the assured lady, the spiritual leaf, upon her be the eternal glory of God, a most wondrous and most exalted Tablet was revealed and sent a few days ago. Indeed they have drunk of the choice wine of utterance and are occupied with the mention and praise of the Goal of the worlds. Their reasoned exposition attained the Most Holy Court. After its presentation and hearing, the Tongue of the Lord of all being spoke that which pens are powerless to recount. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, spoke thus:

O servant in attendance! O servant in attendance! Praise be to God, the spiritual leaf was assisted by the victory of the King of the Kingdom of Names and the Creator of heaven. We testify that she has drunk the wine of certitude and has attained to hearing the warbling of My Most Exalted Pen. God has manifested through her that which guides the servants to the path of guidance. She has done in the path of God that which has been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Every letter of her book has testified to her mention, her exposition, and her station before God, the Help-in-Peril.

BH01753: O my Lord, my Master, my Support, my Goal…

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

O my Lord, my Master, my Support, my Goal, the Ultimate Object of my hope and the End of my desire! My outer and inner tongue bear witness to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful, mighty, self-subsisting and eternal, and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been from time immemorial. Neither the might of princes, nor the doubts of divines, nor the hosts of tyrants, nor the ranks of pharaohs can prevent Thee from that which Thou desirest. Through Thy name was raised the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and the banner of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth." Thou art He Whose power hath triumphed, Whose sovereignty hath appeared, Whose mercy hath preceded, Whose proof hath been perfected, and Whose evidence hath been completed. There is no God but Thee. May the essence perish of whatsoever hath not acknowledged Thy oneness and singleness, and may the reality be lost of whatsoever hath not confessed Thy greatness and power, Thy favors and loving-kindness.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, and by Thy power which hath encompassed all things, and by the pearls of Thy knowledge and the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom, to protect me from the oppression of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, who have denied Thy signs, who have disputed Thy proof, and who have rejected what Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose. O Lord! Withhold me not from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones, and disappoint me not of that which Thou hast written for Thy loved ones whom neither the might of kings could turn away from turning to Thee, nor the clamor of the peoples could prevent from facing Thy court.

O Lord! Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy Name, the Strong, and the poor one turning to the ocean of Thy riches. I beseech Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, by the lights of Thy Throne and by Thy Prophets and chosen ones through whom the Sun of Thy commandments shone forth in Thy kingdom and Thy traces were spread throughout Thy lands, and through whom the servants acknowledged Thy oneness, to make me in all conditions one who speaks Thy praise and glorification and who is content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy Will. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and King of eternity, by the Most Great Name, to ordain for this servant the good of the hereafter and of this world. 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 Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope raised to the heaven of Thy bounty and the hearts turned toward the horizon of Thy giving. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by the Daysprings of Thy Cause and the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Recipients of Thy knowledge and the Mines of Thy wisdom and the Treasuries of Thy utterance and the Sources of Thy commandments and ordinances to aid me in all conditions to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Light which shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz and whereby the standard of Truth was raised and the banner of metaphor was lowered, to make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me. Then forgive me, O my God, through Thy bounty and generosity and grace and favor. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and trusted ones and friends through whom were raised the standards of Thy victory and the banners of Thy power, and through whom Thy signs were spread abroad and Thy proof was made manifest and Thy evidence became all-encompassing—those whom nothing whatsoever prevented from drawing nigh unto Thee, who strove in Thy path with true striving and aided Thy Cause with true aid, and through whom the limbs of those who denied Thee and Thy signs trembled and the hearts of the deniers among Thy servants were confounded. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by them and by the blood that was shed in Thy path and the heads that were severed for the manifestation of Thy Cause, to assist Thy servants to return unto Thee and to turn repentant to the door of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Lord of abundant grace. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11718: Before pen and paper mention letters and words, they…

He is God, exalted is His glory and mighty is His power.

Before pen and paper mention letters and words, they mention the Lord of Creation, and will continue to do so.

To continue: dear son Mirza Mustafa, may you ever drink from the Kawthar of the mention of the Peerless Beloved and, in His remembrance, be detached and free from the world and all therein. Your letter, which testified to your sincerity and love for God, arrived and brought joy and light to heart and eyes, for every mention adorned with the remembrance of the Friend is like a candle in the gathering. Blessed are they whose every mention, thought, prayer, deed and action today is for God, for the love of God, and in service to God.

O dear one, soul and spirit, beseech the Eternal God that we may attain to that which befits this Day, which is to wholly forget ourselves and others, and arise to serve with a hundred thousand bodies and a hundred thousand souls. The first service is to purify the heart, sight, hearing, inner consciousness and all limbs from that which is unworthy. Then, when through the grace of the Ancient Living One you have attained this mighty station, it is fitting to gird up the loins of service and stand in the ranks of servants. O light of my eyes, the eye of the world is open, yet not one seeing eye is to be found, for the purpose of sight is to see and recognize, and this is like an elixir rarely found, save those whom the hand of our Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Bestower, has seized.

O dear one, I know not whether the pen has been seized by intoxication with love for the Ancient King that it has engaged in these mentions, or whether the writer wishes to soothe with the water of these mentions the fire of regrets of these days for not having attained as befitting. Glory be to God! Glory be to God! Well was it said: "The description of this separation and this heart's blood…" etc.

In any case, the garment you requested has been sent. May you wear it in joy, goodness, delight and good repute, and may you tear not just this one garment but the garment of the world. O Mustafa, you were named with this name by the tongue of the Lord of Names. This handmaiden and that dear one beseech the peerless Lord with utmost humility, powerlessness and supplication to enable you to attain that which He has ordained for the pure ones of His court. Verily He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Wise.

The Handmaiden of the Sacred Precincts

Now it is the servant's turn to express to that master the degrees of love and affection. Though outwardly gone from sight, I swear by the Educator of all that you have never left my heart and never will. With all my heart, soul and tongue I beseech the Lord of all worlds that you may soon attain the station of holy nearness and drink from the cup of reunion. Come, come, for ears are ready to hear your stories and minds are prepared in advance. However soon you come is late, and however early you arrive is far. The one intoxicated with the pure wine says: Time has slipped away, opportunity has slipped away, years have gone and months have gone, nights and mornings have passed, yet the moment to hear the word

“Return” has not come. Alas, alas! Then alas, alas! Therefore I end these words with “There is no power nor strength save in God.”

The servant

BH01882: The Book of God speaketh with truth before…

He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained!

The Book of God speaketh with truth before the faces of the servants. God—there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We find Ourselves this day in a station wherein its very atoms proclaim:

> “The Kingdom, the Dominion, the Grandeur and the Power belong unto God, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised!”

Sorrows have encompassed Us from all sides through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The Day hath come, yet the people remain in a strange sleep. The Light hath shone forth from the horizon of God’s Will, and that which was hidden hath been revealed, and He Who was promised in God’s Book, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared.

Salman, upon him be My loving-kindness, came with a letter thou hadst sent to Muhammad, upon him be My Glory. He attained unto Our presence and hearkened. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose every word shineth forth the Day-Star of God’s loving-kindness, the Goal of them that know. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou didst inhale the fragrance of the divine utterance in the earliest days and didst attain unto a remembrance that shall never be erased nor followed by change, through a command from the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Arise to make mention of thy Lord with words that will attract the realities of all things. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Luminous.

This is the Day which God’s Books have promised, both of old and more recently. Blessed is he who hath recognized its station and attained unto that which hath been manifested therein from the presence of a Mighty, Ancient Being. Say: O people! Help your Lord through wisdom and utterance, and through deeds that bring joy to the hearts of them that have recognized His unity.

Hearken in the Persian tongue and inform the people, that perchance they may find and hasten unto the path of truth. That which is needed today are deeds that draw the servants near, and virtues that cause love among the peoples of all lands. The Ancient Beauty in the days of Muharram uttereth praise of the true Sacrifice, Who sacrificed His soul, His spirit, His children, His kindred and His family in the path of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. O Kazim, O Nasrabadi! This is a blessed name, for it is crowned with the crown of victory. Thou must manifest thyself in such wise that all may turn to the Source through thy movements, thy stillness, thy remembrance and thy praise. All this is from God’s bounty unto thee. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Will that hath encompassed all things, and by Thy Purpose that hath prevailed over all who are in earth and heaven, and by the dawning-manifestations of the Day-Star of Thy Most Great Name, and by Thy Command whereby Thou didst subdue the world, to make me steadfast in Thy service and speaking forth Thy praise. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy

servant. I beseech Thee to assist me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee and clinging to Thee and to Thy signs. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, whereby Thou didst unseal Thy Choice Wine, to make me a standard of Thy Name in Thy lands. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention at this time of thy son who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him from His Most Exalted Pen the good of all His worlds. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon My loved ones and upon thy son and upon those with thee and upon those whom the might of the oppressors hath not deterred from turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

We have heard what thou didst compose and recite. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid thee in that which will draw the servants near unto Him and enable them to do what He loveth and approveth. He is verily the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

BH01894: O ʿAttar! Upon thee be the Glory of My…

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker

O ʿAttar! Upon thee be the Glory of My Name, the All-Forgiving. The fragrance of thy faith hath been diffused and wafted throughout the cities of mention, utterance, wisdom and exposition. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who is with thee, and he who loveth thee for the sake of My hallowed, mighty and luminous Countenance. Convey My greetings to all the kindred. This is the Day of joy and expansion. All must, each day, partake of the waters of divine love and strive mightily to exalt the Word of God. Praise be to God that the friends in all regions are holding fast to the Cause and clinging to the Will of God, even as the martyrs in the land of Ya attained martyrdom without transgressing against anyone, for the hands of might and power were bound by the cord of divine restraint. Blessed are they who have held fast to the Will of God, detached from their own desires.

Mention was made of Aqa Khan Kirmani. He is known for things without parallel—among them they say he can perfectly copy anyone's handwriting. After his arrival in this land, bounty was bestowed according to possibility. However, those who cling to every plant and turn to every face are not and were not worthy to enter this arena. For mankind there have been and are endless paths—some show love to both friends and enemies. We beseech God to protect you and Us from such as these, and We ask Him to help them return unto Him. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

In any case, regard all save God as non-existent. We beseech God to aid you and all the friends to love and unite the hearts of His servants. He is the Mighty, the Bestower. And We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before your faces the gates of mercy and blessing. He is the Mighty, the Generous, the Lord of Great Bounty, of Supreme Grace, and of Greatest Favor. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Effusive. And We beseech God to forgive, through His bounty, him for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. He is the Most Merciful of the Merciful.

The Glory shining forth at this hour from this luminous Beauty be upon thee, O Abu'l-Qasim. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to forgive thee through His sovereignty and to cause thee to enter, in the

highest Paradise and loftiest Heaven, the presence of His Prophets' mercy, and to send down upon thee His enduring and sublime blessings. He is the All-Giving, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ʿA Aqa! We mentioned thee before, and We love to mention thee at this time, as My Branch was present and desired thy mention. We have sent down for thee that from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of eternity, and the sincere ones the sweet scents of glory, pardon and bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Lord of all mankind. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Gh! Verily My Most Exalted Pen desired to mention thee on this day wherein God hath sent down from the clouds of His mercy the rains of His bounty upon His lands. When thou findest and hearest this, say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be to Thee for having mentioned this servant who hath attained to turning unto Thee in Thy mighty and wondrous Day."

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ha! The ʿAyn and Ta have mentioned thee. We have sent down for thee that which hath caused the breath of utterance to be wafted throughout creation and the fragrance of the All-Merciful to spread through all lands. Exalted is the Generous One, possessed of supreme grace, Who speaketh at this hour—verily He is God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH01893: In My Name, He Who is established upon…

In My Name, He Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance!

O Husayn, upon thee be My peace and My glory! The effulgences of the Sun of Grace have encompassed the world, and God, exalted be His glory, hath appeared with the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and the standard of "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." All the believers, the sincere ones, and the angels drawn nigh are standing present before the Throne. Yet the people of the world remain veiled and deprived. By God's life! At all times the waters of wisdom and utterance flow from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet there is no thirst.

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! Ancient matters have arisen; smoke hath overtaken the realm of the Bayan and deprived eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. They make mention of corruption; vain imaginings have appeared in new garments. The people of the Bayan are seen to be more lost than the previous party, though they have witnessed the fruits of the deeds of the previous thousand and two hundred years. The shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing are raised at all times, yet ears capable of hearing are very rare, as scarce as red sulphur.

Convey My greetings to the friends in the land of Shin. Each one hath been mentioned in the Most Holy Court. "We have made some to excel others." Soon that which hath been ordained from My Most Exalted Pen shall be made manifest. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering One.

Say: O people of God! Consider the fruit of the deeds of the party of the Shi'ites. "Take ye heed, O people of insight!" Throughout ages and centuries, in mosques and from pulpits they were occupied with the mention of the Qa'im and were expectant of His days. Yet when the horizon of the world became

illumined and resplendent with the Light of Manifestation, all arose to extinguish the divine light. Both learned and ignorant engaged in cursing, and finally they issued the decree for His execution and shed His blood. Now the people of the Bayan are in evident loss. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the evil of deluded souls. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

His honor 1111, upon him be My glory, hath been and is mentioned before the Countenance and hath attained special favors. Soon he shall behold that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Likewise mention thou on behalf of this Wronged One Muhammad B.H., upon him be My glory, and all the loved ones of that land. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen them to remain steadfast in His Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the divines nor the might of the powerful shall move them.

O people of God! This Day is your day. Take the chalice of steadfastness in the name of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness, then drink thereof in spite of the divines of the earth and its jurists who have pronounced judgment against God without any clear proof or Book.

His honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, forwarded your letter to the Most Holy Court. We saw and heard it, and this Tablet was sent down from the heaven of Will in reply, that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and be of the thankful. We have sent wondrous and sublime Tablets, equal in number to the Most Great Name, especially for the loved ones of Nayriz. Forward them to his honor Mulla Shafi', upon him be My glory, that he may deliver them.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine sealed from the hands of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and were among the successful ones.

BH01942: O Amin, upon thee be My glory! In these…

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

O Amin, upon thee be My glory! In these days, time is like unto a rare bird or the most great elixir in the eyes of the people of the world. Nevertheless, this blessed morning We went from Bahji to Junayn, and after taking tea We were occupied with thy mention. Many lofty buildings are in view, and most excellent gardens, but in this earthly dust-heap it is most difficult to lay an enduring foundation. Although the palace of utterance hath a firm foundation and an impregnable structure which no earthly commotions can move nor change throughout ages and centuries, yet souls worthy of this most exalted station are very few. Therefore its construction and building have been postponed. In any case, it is morning, and in the words of the Arabs, "May God grant you a good morning." Until now We have mentioned you repeatedly and have sent word. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions. Verily He is with thee and He is the Present, the Hidden, the Speaking, the Silent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By silence is meant spiritual silence, otherwise the Pen moveth with such swiftness that its reckoning is beyond comprehension.

O Amin! What is necessary and acceptable before God is to show consideration to the son of the martyr of the people of Kaf, Haji Mirza Jani. The people of Kaf in every city should give him four tumans and send a receipt. The honored aunt and Haji H.S. and Aqa Siyyid Faraj'u'llah and other friends must ensure this

sum reaches him in every city. Glory be upon him who hath preceded in what God, the Lord of the worlds, hath desired. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which will cause their mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, and to aid them in serving the Cause, and to ordain for them the reward of what they have wrought in the path of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

As for the son of the deceased Haji, wisdom is needed. Act as you deem advisable. The honored martyr was for some time in the presence and accompanied Us on the great journey. Blessed is he and his brother Dhabih who was not prevented by the doubts of his other brother Ahmad nor the hints of any suspicious soul in the world. He rent asunder the veils in the name of his Lord and turned and hastened until he reached the seashore when the Wronged One was captive in the hands of the ignorant. The oppressors came between Us and him until he attained the presence in the bath-house and won the grace of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. And previously he had won the presence twice, once in the land of Taff and again in Zawra. Thus was the matter decreed by God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Amin! Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in every land and every place. Give glad tidings to God's loved ones in the land of Ta and the land of Kaf and the lands of Alif and Ba and other countries—give them all glad tidings of the lights of the Day-Star of God's grace, exalted be His glory, and adorn them with the ornament of mention.

The answer to Mulla Raj and Mulla Ghulam-Rida of Taft hath been sent down from the heaven of grace and dispatched to the land of Ya. By the life of God! Its fragrance hath perfumed the horizons, its utterance hath adorned creation with the ornament of inner meanings. The eye hath been created for it and the ear hath appeared especially for it.

BH01935: To be typed

To be typed.

BH11609: O thou who standeth before the Gate and art…

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

O thou who standeth before the Gate and art steadfast in the Cause! Upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy. The Glory hath appeared before the Wronged One and read thy letter, which gained His attention and merited this response which, through the tongue of His mystery, declareth: Verily, the answer is yea, yea, yea! Praise be to God, before and after, thou art favored with His special grace. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee each day that which befitteth the heaven of His bounty and the ocean of His generosity. He, verily, is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

As for what thou didst behold in thy dream, We beseech the Exalted One to make it a blessing unto thee and unto His friends and loved ones. That the person mentioned was in a carriage with royal majesty and passed before thee, and afterward thou didst meet him with different attire, namely with a turban—there is no doubt that while majesty and royal grandeur are now present and manifest, this change portendeth a transformation of circumstances and an alteration of glory and might. We decree at this time his descent from the first station, that thereby God's servants and creatures might find rest. This is

what can be understood from the dream, and hidden knowledge hath thus decreed. However, as this Wronged One hath ever sought and continueth to seek good for all, therefore He saith:

O God of Bounty and Educator of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the One Who dominateth both the unseen and the visible, to adorn him who was mentioned with the lights of the Day-Star of Thy justice. Moreover, protect him from the evil of those who secretly desire to seize his kingdom. O my Lord! Illumine his heart with the light of recognition and aid him to turn toward the horizon of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Manifestation of Thy Self. O Lord! Withhold him not from turning toward the direction of Thy gifts, and make him not deprived of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, to Whose power all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

As for thy reaching a house that was larger and more magnificent than a palace, and each of its chambers appeared as grand as a palace—these details testify to the greatness of the Cause, the expansion of the Revelation, and the extensiveness of its holy hem. And that thou didst see the Book in the hand of Him in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of all things—this too indicateth the greatness of the Revelation and the exaltation of the Most Great Word, which is none other than the Book of God. This is that Book, each word of which exerciseth influence, authority and dominion in the world. God will soon manifest what hath been sent down therein of the gems of His commandments and the pearls of His laws. The interpretation of the Book and its exposition are in truth beyond reckoning. Knowledge is with God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

And concerning thy mention that in the same passage thou wert again honored to be present in one of its chambers and the utterances thou didst hear—this indicateth and portendeth the removal of the house's ornaments, meaning those things that serve to beautify and adorn its outward appearance. And this matter is even now outwardly evident. Praise be to God, the foundation of the house is firm and its furniture and principles are established. Assuredly, the means of outward ornament shall later appear through the divine will, for they are concealed in the world of God's Will and recorded in the realm of the Tablet and the Pen. Their effects shall surely become manifest and deliver the world from this abasement and constraint. Verily, He hath power over all things.

BH01980: The luminous leaf that was adorned with the ornament…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

The luminous leaf that was adorned with the ornament of divine love, and from whose sublime and lofty words the fragrance of your sincerity for the sake of God, the Lord of Lords, was inhaled, reached this servant of the Lord of creation with wondrous joy and boundless delight. Praise be to God, it was observed to be a firm sign and most perfect and unerring proof of your degrees of love and self-effacement and nothingness and steadfastness in the Cause of the Ancient King. By the Most Holy, Most Exalted Being I swear that there is no station greater than that all should manifest utter nothingness and pure servitude, and arise with complete dedication to serve the Cause. Praise and glory be to Him that you have been and continue to be aided and blessed by God with this supreme gift and mighty favor.

That which has ever been pleasing in the sight of God and the means for servants to ascend to the Kingdom of righteousness and their rising to the heaven of the providence of the Lord of creation, has been that the sincere servants should in no aspect, whether outward or inward, be focused on themselves, but rather should in truth observe themselves in all degrees to be utter nothingness and pure evanescence, so that all souls may, through the training of these sanctified beings, turn from the left hand of selfish desires and human inclinations to the right hand of piety and the Most Glorious Horizon. If these souls who have quaffed the purest wine and are mentioned as the first of creation before the Truth were to be conscious of self even less than can be imagined, they would surely be deprived of the hidden divine favors and forbidden the endless fruits ordained for them in the worlds of the divine Command.

These souls must move among people in such wise that none would imagine they possess life, much less any other stations. We beseech God to aid all to attain this station in such wise that we may be utterly detached from ourselves and speak with every tongue and every utterance and every melody in His mighty, exalted remembrance.

Furthermore, the petition that was submitted to the threshold of the Divine Throne was presented before the Ancient Beauty. Perfect bounty hath shone forth from the Dayspring of grace. God willing, an answer will hereafter be revealed and sent according to the behest of the sovereign Will.

The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of their sacred feet, remember you with wondrous, exalted mention and with sublime greetings, and likewise those who circle round the manifest Throne all send their greetings. Ever write the details of affairs in full, for although they are visible before the Throne, yet We ever desire that you describe your circumstances in detail outwardly, that it may gladden the heart of this evanescent one.

Furthermore, convey to his honor your father, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, limitless expressions of sincerity and most wondrous, elevated and sublime greetings from this ephemeral servant. Likewise remember with endless divine praise all the loved ones of God who have drunk from the chalice of steadfastness and independence in the Cause of the King of grandeur and majesty and who in all conditions look to the Lord of beginning and end. Verily the glory be upon you and upon them.

The servant of God

BH01950: This servant forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy…

This servant forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court where it was illumined and blessed by the lights of the Most Great Countenance. These exalted words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of utterance, the Source of verses:

O My Name Ha! Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's Covenant, remained steadfast in His Cause, spent what thou hadst in His path, soared in the atmosphere of His love, drunk from the cup of His good-pleasure, spoken His praise, attained unto His days, turned toward His face, entered the Kingdom of faith through His Name and the Heaven of certitude through His grace, and testified to that which God Himself hath testified—that there is none other God besides Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thy letter which thou didst send to My Name Mim hath been honored, and We have mentioned thee with this mention whereby all things proclaim that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. Convey My greetings unto those servants who have attained the lights of faith and believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O loved ones of God! Beware lest the affairs of the world veil you or the whisperings of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, extinguish you. Rejoice in My Name and take the cups of certitude through My command, then drink therefrom the water of life in My days.

Remember what hath befallen Us at the hands of Mine enemies who cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. We counsel you with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His Tablets. Beware lest ye follow any ignorant reprobate. Reflect upon God's grace and favors, how He mentioneth you with verses whose fragrance hath perfumed the world and whereby God hath quickened them that lay dead in their graves. Be thankful and praise Him in all conditions, saying:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Dawning-Place of favors, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of creation! We beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name not to deprive us of the outpourings of Thy days. Send down upon us at all times that which befitteth Thy generosity and favors. Make us steadfast in Thy Cause and ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Everlasting, the All-Sufficient, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

As for what you wrote about that person, God willing his reply will arrive. In these days, due to recent events in this land, certain matters have been delayed. It is hoped that another time that person's reply will be sent. For nearly two years these regions and their surroundings have not been free from disturbance, and they have seized some people's letters due to certain suspicions, for these people have secretly caused corruption in the sublime realms in various ways and continue to do so. For this reason, for a long period no Tablet was sent from the Most Holy Court to any region, even the reply to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin (upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]), though it was revealed, was not ordered to be sent for some time.

Regarding what you wrote about the war between the two powers, all that was revealed in the Tablet to Ra'is has come to pass—God, the Most High, the Most Great, speaketh the truth. After reading it you will become informed of these matters. However, concerning the victor, certain statements have been revealed from the heaven of knowledge indicating that he too will not maintain this power. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH01965: To be typed

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BH01982: To be typed

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BH01984: To be typed

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BH02027: O Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the True One, the Speaker, the Trustworthy

O Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High! The Most Great Branch was present and conveyed that which thou hadst sent to him. Have no doubt concerning what thou hast heard from the Tongue of Grandeur and what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. My mercy hath preceded thee, My loving-kindness hath encompassed thee, and My grace shall be with thee. Today the river of mercy is flowing, and the lights of true unity are manifest, brilliant and visible from the horizon of the Will of God, exalted be His glory. Ponder thou upon this word, for until now the servants have not recognized the Day of God, nor known its greatness and station, and are deprived of true unity.

Say: This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone. From the people of the Bayan the buzzing of flies hath appeared; like the previous people they desire anew to subjugate the heedless through their vain imaginings. Blessed is the soul whom the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings have not debarred from the Lord of all names, and who hath witnessed all else but God as non-existent. Such a one is of the people of this Court and is accounted among the people of unity in the sight of God.

Your letters have repeatedly arrived and all have been honored by the glance of favor. You have ever been and continue to be remembered. Convey My greetings to the people of God. Each of the souls mentioned in your letters has attained that from which the fragrance of eternity is wafted. The Word of God revealed for each one shall endure for the duration of the kingdom and the realm above. This is of thy Lord's grace unto thee and unto them. We send greetings to Hibbu'llah; his petition was noticed. Convey My greetings to the Leaf, thy wife, upon her be My glory. They have not been forgotten.

O Jamal! Reflect upon the tribulations of the Wronged One. In the days when from all horizons the standards of discord were visible, and the divines and rulers arose to harm this Wronged One, We stood up alone before all faces and summoned all to the truth, in such wise that no matter prevented Us and no authority held Us back. We bore that which caused the eyes of the Concourse on High to weep and the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Then, when some traces of the effects of the Most Exalted Pen became manifest and resplendent among the servants, the people of the Bayan arose above all others to harm this Wronged One. By the life of God! These differences have prevented the servants from the Most Great Ocean, the Most High Station, and the Supreme Horizon. Glory be to God! They describe a drop while remaining deprived of the ocean. Beseech ye God that He may enable all and grant them sight, that they may not remain deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower.

Convey My greetings to the friends of God wherever they may be, and say: Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One of the world and strive that perchance the vain imaginings of the past may not be renewed and the people may not be afflicted with the chains of idle fancies. Verily, He strengtheneth the truth and guideth the way. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The glory shining forth from

the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's utterance be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of this mighty Day.

BH02037: The meanings of the words of divine glory…

The meanings of the words of divine glory and the letters of eternal holiness that have descended from the heaven of might are these, as they appear outwardly—though inwardly no one has ever known or will ever know the meaning of a single letter thereof except His sacred Self who is All-Knowing and All-Wise.

In the Name of the God of Glory, the Most Glorious

O Dhabih! Verily We have made thee the manifestation of the name "Sacrifice" in the earth. Therefore, O servant, strive within thyself that there may appear from thee that which appeared from Ishmael. Through this special favor and all-embracing mercy We have clothed thee with the garment of grace that thou mayest glory in this supreme gift amongst the people of this world and the next. Know thou that when Ishmael, son of the Friend of the All-Merciful, desired to set foot in the wilderness of love that he might reach the Sinai of divine nearness—which is the station of complete sacrifice—at the moment he intended to proceed to his destination, he observed one adorned in the garments of knowledge and piety.

This person drew near to Dhabih and, with utmost cunning, sought to prevent him from the places of divine destiny and to turn him aside from that which he had intended. When that Luminary of the horizons caught the odor of hypocrisy from him, he informed the Friend of the All-Merciful, who said: "O son, pay no heed to him for this is Satan. Beware of his deception and take refuge in the protection of the King of Grandeur. Choose thy dwelling in the secure abode which is the precinct of divine protection." When that lover of the Beauty of the All-Glorious heard the melody of the Friend of the All-Merciful, he drove him away and took refuge in God's protection. Thus was he preserved and safeguarded from the evil of Satan and his deception.

Since thou hast been honored with this new and blessed garment, thou must be vigilant at all times, that if Satan should appear before thee in human form, thou mayest recognize and beware of him. Today the manifestations of the All-Merciful are distinguished from the manifestations of Satan through their love for this spiritual Youth. Soon there shall come upon thee a matter that would prevent thee from the love of thy Lord. At that moment be thou assured that it is Satan and his hosts who would deprive thee of the clouds of the rain of divine mercy and the clouds of holy divine bounty. At such a time take refuge in God as did the first Sacrifice, that thou mayest not slip from the firm and straight path and be joined with the letters of hell. Thus have We distinguished thee among the servants and inspired thee with tidings that are now concealed, that thou mayest become aware of a matter of which none in the world is aware. May the spiritual breezes wafting from the divine and holy paradise of oneness be upon thee and upon those who behold the matchless holy Beauty with their own eyes and vision. And peace be upon thee.

BH11924: O My Name! By the life of God! Thy…

O My Name! By the life of God! Thy sorrow hath saddened Me. Thou knowest—and God Himself knoweth—that the Wronged One hath loved thee, and hath sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease, so long as the Kingdom of God and His dominion endure, and His Names and His attributes abide.

Look thou, then, and call to mind the loving-kindnesses We have ordained for thee, and be thou of the thankful.

The first of them was Our guidance of thee unto the path of God and unto His mighty Tidings. The second: We confirmed thee in turning unto Him. The third: We reinforced thee with the hosts of the unseen and the seen, until thou didst attain and didst win that which had been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Messengers. The fourth: We caused thee to hear My call in the Presence. The fifth: We showed thee My radiant Horizon. The sixth: We sent down for thee the table of utterance from the heaven of the mercy of My Name, the All-Merciful, and made thee to be of them that are brought nigh. The seventh: We opened before thy face the door of sustenance and wealth, fed thee with the food of proof, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of recognition—after We had made thee manifest and nurtured thee by the hands of My care and My mercy.

If thou wilt render thanks for that which hath been traced out for thee at this hour, thy very limbs and members—nay, thy every hair—shall bear witness for thee. Arise and say: I have confessed Thy bounties, O Purpose of all who are in the heavens and on the earth; and I have acknowledged Thy favors and Thy gracious gifts, O Beloved of the hearts of the sincere. I testify that Thou didst call me unto Thy most exalted station, didst shelter me beneath the shadow of Thy most great mercy, and didst cause me to drink of the Salsabil of love and of reunion. By Thy might, O God of Names and Fashioner of the heavens! This Thy servant is powerless to number Thy blessings—how then can he thank Thee, O Possessor of the kingdom of proof and demonstration?

O My Name, O My very self! Were I to recount the tokens of My favor and the stations We have manifested for thee, the pens and the tablets would come to their end ere My virtues could be ended, or the mention of those blessings We have decreed for thee by Our firm and impregnable command.

Know assuredly that We are well aware of the favors of God and the bounties He hath bestowed. When I beheld certain utterances that were spoken by the servants—words unseemly and expressions displeasing—I was sorely grieved. Yet this is certain: I speak not save as the Will of God speaketh; wherefore, in such a condition, gratitude is meet and rejoicing befitteth—not complaint.

Hast thou not heard that, at the threshold of the hem of destiny, they have fashioned calumnies without number? They have cast reproaches upon the loved ones of God, and they have loosed their tongues in malice. Now is the time for thee to arise for the triumph of the Cause. I swear by thy testimony: that which hath made My heart lament and My Pen cry aloud is that what hath befallen hath become a cause for the impairment of the Cause of God, and the heedless among men have been made bold thereby.

We must ask God to confirm all in that which He loveth and approveth.

Glory, and remembrance, and praise be upon thee, and upon whoso loveth thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH02173: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. In these days, petitions and letters have arrived from every direction. From some wafts the fragrance of joy and gladness, while from others grief, sorrow and distress are evident, for mention is made therein of the oppression of the loved ones of God, and likewise the tribulations of the friends. Say: Be not grieved. By the life of God! For each one, according to their station and rank, the Most Great Joy hath been ordained. In one of the Tablets this exalted Word was revealed from the Supreme Pen:

> "Had the world any worth in the sight of thy Lord, thou wouldst have seen Me taking its reins and seated upon its thrones. Where are the Caesars and their palaces? Where are the Pharaohs and their hosts? Where are the tyrants and their towers? God hath brought them down from their palaces to their tombs. Take ye warning, O people of insight!"

Although outward tribulations are a cause of sorrow and grief, yet in view of the all-encompassing mercy and supreme loving-kindness ordained for each one, there is mercy upon mercy, bounty upon bounty, and joy upon joy.

Likewise, the letters sent by thee have arrived, including the letter of Haydar-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be My glory, which this servant read in the presence of the Countenance. O My Name! Their error is not known, but in each letter repentance, return and seeking forgiveness are mentioned and recorded.

Say: O Haydar-Qabli-ʿAli! Thou art beneath the glances of thy Lord's holy and bountiful favor. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with whomsoever desireth Him, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Fix thy gaze upon the horizon of wisdom, hold fast unto it and cling to its hem. Thus hath the All-Merciful revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets. To hold fast to wisdom is obligatory and essential, and likewise consultation, but in some matters consultation becomes a cause of notoriety, and this is contrary to wisdom and the protection of certain souls.

O My Name! They have made mention of the villages round about and have expressed satisfaction. Blessed are those souls who have attained in this day. Ephemeral things did not prevent them from the immortal Kingdom, nor did the river of names deprive them from the ocean of meanings. All the souls mentioned have attained to the grace of God. Give him the glad tidings from Me that he hath succeeded in serving My firm and mighty Cause. It behooveth him to thank God night and day for this precious and wondrous bounty.

The letter of ʿAttar, upon him be My glory, was presented by this servant before the Face of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, they are engaged in mention and praise and are standing firm in service. We beseech God for assistance and ask for confirmation. He and his relatives have been and are mentioned in the presence of the Countenance. We have revealed for them that which will make them independent

of the mention of every knowing one who maketh mention. Give them glad tidings from Me and convey My greetings to their faces from thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH02143: Praise that is sanctified above the understanding and recognition…

He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise that is sanctified above the understanding and recognition of all who dwell within the realm of possibility beseemeth the Goal of all the worlds, Who was not prevented by the tyranny of the world and the might of the peoples from uttering the blessed words “Verily I am God.” The Most Exalted Pen crieth out with the most loud voice at the midmost heart of the world. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! How great is His power, how perfect His proof, how mighty His testimony!

O Rafi’-i-Badi’, upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have made mention of thee through verses that all the books of the world cannot equal, and have caused them to endure in My mighty Book. Their fragrance shall never cease to be diffused, as testified by this Speaking, this Manifest Book.

O Rafi’, upon thee be My wondrous remembrance. I speak the truth when I say that this is a Day of joy and delight. Joy from what? From the Kawthar of inner meanings on this luminous, spiritual Day. Hearken unto My call, then take the cup of gladness in My Name and drink therefrom before the faces of My servants—once in My Most Glorious Name, through which the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder, and again in My Most Great Remembrance, whereby the earth of the hearts of the peoples was rent asunder.

Reflect upon thy Lord’s power and dominion. We have raised up servants in the land of Ba and manifested them with such steadfastness as hath caused the limbs of the idolaters and the perverse to quake with fear. Soon shalt thou witness the effects of what hath appeared through them. Verily thy Lord is the Knower of the unseen and the seen. With Him is the knowledge of all things in His perspicuous Book.

Grieve not over the happenings of the world, and fear not the oppression and might of princes. By My life! That which We behold today shall perish, but there shall abide for thee My glorious and beauteous remembrance. Know thou that My Most Great Branch made mention of thee before, and at this time We make mention of thee through this Tablet from whose horizon shineth forth the Day-Star of thy Lord’s tender mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have answered thy remembrance by making mention of thee. Rejoice thou in this perfumed, mighty and wondrous utterance. My Afnan, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness—he who hath chosen for himself a station beneath My shade and hearkeneth unto My verses at the time of their revelation—hath sent a letter which I had sent to him, and he hath attained unto My presence, My hearing and My glance. Thy Lord loveth him who hath loved Him, and ordaineth for him that which was hidden and treasured with Him and concealed from the eyes of the deniers. He desired to make mention of thee, so We have revealed for thee that which hath attracted the hearts of them that have recognized Him.

When thou hast succeeded in hearkening unto My call and reading what We have sent down from My kingdom, say:

> "My God, my God! Unto Thee be all glory, for that Thou hast made me to know Thee and taught me and shown unto me Thy manifest path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Mystery enshrouded in mystery, and by the lights of Thy most great Throne, and the mysteries of Thy manifest Book, to make me a banner of Thy Name amidst Thy creation and one who standeth in service to Thee in Thy days. Then write down, O my God, for this Thy servant that which befitteth Thy glory and Thy greatness and Thy power and Thy might. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs of the first and the last. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of the hearts of them that have recognized Thee!"

BH02157: The Supreme Pen proclaims: O friends of Truth!…

The Supreme Pen proclaims: O friends of Truth! The purpose of bearing these successive afflictions and consecutive trials is that souls assured in God should walk together in perfect unity, such that all difference, duality and otherness might be effaced from their midst, save in those special limitations that have been sent down in the divine Books.

The man of insight suffers no loss in any matter—whatever occurs is evidence of the greatness of his station and the purity of his nature. For instance, if a person shows humility for the sake of God towards the friends of God, this humility in truth returns to God, as it stems from his faith in God. In this case, if the person faced does not respond in kind, or shows pride, the insightful one has attained and will attain to the exaltation of his own deed and its reward, while the harmful deed of the one faced returns to himself. Likewise if someone shows pride, that pride returns to God—God forbid!

O people of understanding! I swear by the Most Great Name, it is a pity in these days for anyone to fix his gaze on transient conditions. Stand firm in the divine Cause and walk with one another in perfect love, purely for the sake of the Beloved. Burn away the veils of self with the fire of oneness, and associate with each other with radiant and joyous faces.

You have all witnessed with your own eyes the character traits of Truth—never has it been pleasing that a night should pass with one of God's loved ones aggrieved with this Servant. The heart of the world is set ablaze by the divine Word—what a pity if you are not enkindled by this fire! God willing, we hope that you will make this blessed night the night of unity, and all become united with one another, adorned with the ornament of praiseworthy virtues and excellent character.

Let your highest endeavor be to guide a soul from the abyss of extinction to the fountain of everlasting life, and to conduct yourselves among humanity such that the signs of Truth become manifest through you. For you are the first existence, the first worshippers, the first who prostrate, and the first who circle round.

By Him Who has caused Me to speak what He desires—your names are more renowned in the Supreme Kingdom than your mention among yourselves. Think not this statement is imagination—would that you

could see what your Lord, the All-Merciful, sees of the loftiness of your station, the greatness of your worth, and the sublimity of your rank!

We beseech God not to let your selves and desires prevent you from what has been ordained for you. We hope that you will conduct yourselves with one another in the utmost fellowship, love and friendship, such that through your unity the banner of divine oneness may be raised aloft and the standard of misbelief cast down, and that you will vie with one another in goodly deeds and in manifesting contentment.

His is the creation and the command. He does what He wishes and ordains what He desires. And verily He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the Powerful.

BH02188: Ziyarat-Namiy-i-Um al-Uliya Madar-i-Aqa Muh. Karim 'Attar

Blessed is the mother who was named by the Tongue of the Lord of Names as the Mother of the Near Ones. We make mention of her at this time that it may be a glory and honor and treasure for her with God, the Lord of the worlds.

The mention shining forth from the horizon of the Kingdom and the light blazing from the horizon of the heaven of might be upon thee, O my handmaiden and my leaf, who speaketh My praise and turneth toward My horizon and soareth in My atmosphere and holdeth fast to My cord and cleaveth to the hem of My tender mercy and loving-kindness.

Thou art she who turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when the Creator of the heavens came with the Kingdom of Names, and who hearkened when the Most Exalted Pen raised its shrill voice, and who hastened to the ocean of knowledge when the concourse of divines and princes held back. Blessed art thou, O Mother of My near ones and she who showeth compassion to My chosen ones.

I testify that thy heart was the dawning-place of the love of God and thy tongue the source of His remembrance and thy breast His vista. Blessed is the handmaiden who turned to thee and mentioned that which was sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, when thou didst ascend to the Most Exalted Companion and didst dwell in the vicinity of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Last and the First. Blessed is the earth that was honored by thy body and attained thy presence.

I testify that thou didst believe in God when most of the servants denied Him, and didst drink of My choice-sealed wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name when most of the people of the lands were debarred from it. Thou art she whom the clamor did not prevent and whom hatred did not veil. Thou didst speak the praise of thy Lord until thy spirit ascended to a station none knoweth save God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

During thy life thou wert in a house wherein was raised the remembrance of God, the Goal of all desire and Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. Thou art she who attained the verses of thy Lord before thy ascension and after it. Mercy preceded thee and grace encompassed thee and light moved before thy face, and at thy ascension a company of angels and the Spirit welcomed thee. The Mother of

the Book with Him beareth witness to this. The glory be upon thee and upon thy beginning and thy end and thy outward and thy inward self, and the mercy of God and His tender care.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the hearts that were rent asunder in Thy path and melted in separation from Thee, and by the bodies that soared in Thy love, and by the faces that turned toward Thy face, and by the breathings of Thy revelation in Thy days and the manifestations of Thy power in Thy Kingdom and Thy might, to ordain for the one who hath visited Thy handmaiden, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the Last and of the First. Then forgive him, O my God, through Thy grace and bounty, and purify him, O my Goal, from disobedience, by Thy Name, the All-Merciful.

Thou art He through Whose Name, the All-Forgiving, the ocean of forgiveness surgeth in contingent being, and through Whose Name, the All-Bountiful, the sun of bounty shineth forth from the horizon of the world. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy face to forgive Thy servants and remit their misdeeds and sins. Then accept from them, O my God, what they have wrought in Thy days and performed in service to Thy near ones and chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and in Thy right hand is the dominion of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH02237: In the Name of God alone, and blessings…

In the Name of God alone, and blessings and peace be upon Him after Whom there is no Prophet.

O Muhammad-ʿAli, upon you be the peace of God, the One, the Single, the Alone! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One. The cry of your heart and the lamentation of your inmost being were heard. Blessed are you and joy be unto you! You have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of grace and favor. We beseech God to assist you in that which will make manifest your station in the contingent world among the religions. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O ʿAli! The Wronged One has ever beseeched God, exalted be His glory, on your behalf for that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Word and of your station. You have ever been mentioned and still are. You must exert your utmost in trustworthiness and religion, that your name may be elevated as befitteth you. Let it not be thought that We do not consider you adorned with this attribute. Rather, Our purpose is that you should conduct yourself in such a way that the fragrance of trustworthiness and all that beseemeth man may be diffused among the servants. From the beginning of the Cause until now you have been engaged in service. Should anyone deny this, the atoms of creation bear witness.

We sent Abdu'l-Husayn, upon whom be My peace, after his pause, hearing and witnessing. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Ahmad, and likewise to the friends. We mentioned Ali-ʿAskar, upon whom be peace, through Amin, upon whom be the peace and loving-kindness of God. Now We make mention of them and beseech God to grant success and confirm them in that which hath been revealed in the Book. He is the Powerful and the Mighty.

We likewise make mention of Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn him with the ornament of fear of God and enable him to remember and praise Him. He is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli. He hath been mentioned before and will be mentioned hereafter. We beseech the Lord of existence and the Desired One to confirm him in acting according to that which hath been revealed and sent down in the Book from the Pen of the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Today the helpers of God are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. These are the hosts of victory and triumph, and the fear of God is the commander of these hosts. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to open and conquer the gates of hearts through wisdom, utterance and the aforementioned hosts. Associate with all people with joy and fragrance, pure love and complete kindliness. This is the counsel of the Wronged One.

Let not the friends of God be saddened by the heights and depths of this world and its vicissitudes. Know thou with certain knowledge that wealth, riches, exaltation and sublimity have ever been and shall ever be in the grasp of God's power. He giveth and He withholdeth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants.

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BH02189: Peace be upon you, O you whose body…

Peace be upon you, O you whose body is like a niche wherein is a lamp! Peace be upon you, O you over whom the people of the world of shadows wailed and lamented! Peace be upon you, O you over whom the essences of spirits wept! Peace be upon you, O you who walked the path of triumph and success! Peace be upon you, O confirmed moth! Peace be upon you, O you whose mountain-like form was like an engraved seal! Peace be upon you, O you whose subtle temple was carved! Peace be upon you, O you who passed over the bridge like a rushing wind! Peace be upon you, O you who by sacrificing your lifeblood burned the hearts of the servants like a flash of lightning!

Peace be upon you, O you at whose martyrdom, when the mighty frame was rent asunder, the Hour approached and the moon was cleft! Peace be upon you, O you whose body was pierced and upon whom were set the candles of affliction! Peace be upon you, O you whose branches the infidels kindled and lit, though its oil would glow even if no fire touched it! Peace be upon you, O you whose weakness dripped upon earth's table as sweetness and drink, and heaven cried "Would that I were dust!"

Peace be upon you, O you whose limbs were torn asunder, O you whose vitals were roasted—alas for you! You melted as wax candles melt, and your parts, both root and branch, dissolved away. The essences of your spirit danced in your eternal temple, and the minds of the holy ones were bewildered by your most glorious state. How strange that when people refused… your noble being went to the test… indeed it was not counterfeit in all creation.

Peace be upon you, O salamander in the fire of the Divine Essence, O dove soaring in the air of love for the Eternal! Peace be upon you, O peacock of the ruby heaven in the sphere of the fire of might! I testify that you sang as sang the dove of the Divine Essence in the atmosphere of the heaven of burning, and

you shunned the people of creation… and poverty, and complained not among the companions of separation and hypocrisy, though among them your legs were bound together.

Peace be upon you, O you whose pure spilled blood reddened the face of the trampled earth! I testify that by the torch of your body, blazing in the pitch darkness, you revealed the paths through the gloom until you guided Khidr to the darknesses.

Peace be upon you, O you who entered naked into the scene of the Point of the Bayan, being well-watered from the Kawthar of love yet thirsting from drinking the cups of trials, whose body Satan's blind hosts cut to pieces, whose blood tears flowed from the eyes of swords, whose exalted, most glorious mention spread to all regions, whose supreme, most high Cause shone forth among the noble ones, and from whose calamity the earth of hearts was crushed as though it were Mount Qaf!

Peace be upon you, O you who flew on wings of longing to the highest pavilions of the lovers! Peace be upon you, O you who magnified the wondrous Cause and manifested the mysteries of love in this mighty cycle, and called to all the people of the earth with a call: "Wish for death if you speak truth!" Peace be upon you and upon all the martyrs with you, and we, God willing, shall join you and attain. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

BH02216: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whom the Luminary…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whom the Luminary of inner meanings hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, and the worlds of knowledge and wisdom have been adorned with the lights of proof and evidence! I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy favor, and by Thy Cause through which Thou hast guided the sincere ones to the ocean of Thy recognition and the believers to the sun of Thy bounty, that Thou aid Thy servants to remember and praise Thee. Then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for those who have acknowledged Thy oneness and Thy singleness, who have not changed Thy favor nor denied Thy right, who have not disputed Thy signs nor broken Thy covenant and Thy pledge, and who have sacrificed their souls to exalt Thy Most Sublime Word and manifest Thy Cause, O Lord of all beings in the kingdom of creation!

O Lord! Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy grace the rains of Thy mercy, and ordain for them that which will bring joy to their eyes, gladden their hearts, and tranquilize their souls. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Sacred House and Station, by Zamzam and Safa, by the Most Remote Mosque, and by Thy House which Thou hast made the point of adoration for the Concourse on High and the goal of all mankind, and by Him through Whom Thou hast manifested Thy Cause and sovereignty, revealed Thy verses, and raised the banners of Thy victory in Thy lands, whom Thou hast adorned with the ornament of finality, and through whom the breezes of revelation were cut off—that Thou disappoint

me not of what Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee and those of Thy creatures who are sincere. Verily, Thou art He to Whose power all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur all possible things have borne witness. No impediment can withhold Thee, and nothing can veil Thee. Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanks be to Thee, O my Desire! I testify that I was heedless—Thou didst guide me to Thy path; I was ignorant—Thou didst teach me the ways of Thy good-pleasure; I was asleep—Thou didst awaken me to Thy remembrance and praise. O my God, my Quest and my Hope! By Thy might! This servant of Thine confesseth his powerlessness, poverty, transgressions, sins, heedlessness and ignorance. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which dominateth all names, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy, O Creator of the heavens, and by Thy Most Great Book whereby Thou hast guided the peoples and wherein Thou hast informed Thy servants of the Resurrection and its manifestations, of the Hour and its signs, and hast made it a herald of glad tidings to Thy friends and a warner to Thine enemies—that Thou make me in all conditions patient in Thy trials, looking toward the horizon of Thy grace, holding fast to the cord of obedience unto Thee, and acting in accordance with what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful, and verily, Thou art God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Lord! Send Thy blessings upon the Lord of Yathrib and Batha, and upon His family and companions who were not prevented by anything whatsoever from helping Thy Cause, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of creation. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02245: O Farrukh Kh! Say: My God, my God! I…

In the Name of Him Who dominates over all who are in the unseen and visible realms!

O Farrukh Kh! Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity, and by the trees of the paradise of Thy mercy, and by the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree of Thy glory, and by the effulgences of the orb of Thy bounty, and by the shade of the leaves of the garden of Thy loving-kindness, and by the rivers flowing in the paradise of Thy will, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the laws and principles of men shall not prevent me from Thy commandments and ordinances. O Lord! Protect Thy party from Thine enemies, then open before their faces the gates of generosity and bounty through Thy power and sovereignty.

O Lord! Thou seest the weak ones of the earth turning toward the horizon of Thy might. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them in what they desire from Thy grace in Thy days. Verily Thou art He to Whose bounty and mercy and power and might the rock hath testified, and the sea to Thy greatness and glory, and the sun to Thy power which hath encompassed Thy kingdom. Thou art He, O my God, Whom armies cannot withhold nor ranks frighten. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleaseth. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Has the eye of the world ever witnessed such a bounty, or has the comprehension of nations ever been enabled to enumerate it? Nay, by His own Self! That which was beyond the grasp and understanding of those in the world hath appeared. Through the power of His Pen, He hath removed all causes of

contention, warfare, discord and differences from the tablets and established that which leadeth to harmony, unity, love, fellowship, friendship and oneness, and commanded all to observe these. Those possessed of true vision and inner hearing should turn somewhat their attention—they will observe all besides God as non-existent.

This servant, with utmost helplessness and supplication, beseecheth from the wondrous divine grace and infinite mercy that which will cause the elevation of the stations of this party. It is hoped that this most great party, through the lights of the Ancient Beauty, will neither pay attention to nor draw near to that from which the odor of corruption emanateth, and will know and hear their own reward and station. Most people have now testified to the absence of corruption in this wronged party. This is in truth established before those possessed of insight, but due to the negligence of some who harbor enmity without cause, they have detected from some means of reformation the odor of corruption. We seek refuge in God from this. The Cause until now in all tablets hath spoken of what is known, nay of that which is well-known. Blessed are those souls who look with the divine eye. Assuredly when intention becomes pure, the effulgences of the light of reformation become manifest and evident. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

As for the mention made of Hashim Bey, upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, these holy and blessed verses were revealed—thus speaks He, mighty is His utterance and evident His proof…

BH11677: May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love!…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Lamp which was kindled in the heart of creation, and which was surrounded by the winds of sorrow, and which, whenever the tempestuous winds passed over it, increased in its radiance through Thy sovereignty and might, to make him who has arisen to aid Thy Cause a fire unto the hearts of the Messengers and a light unto the hearts of those who have turned towards Thee. O Lord! Protect him through Thy protection, aid him through Thy assistance, make him a promoter of Thy verses, an expounder of Thy laws and ordinances. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O my God, to make us as one soul, one remembrance, and one pillar standing firm, that we may unite to manifest Thy sovereignty, demonstrate Thy power, and exalt Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

It was previously submitted that a da'ira would be sent, the details of which are as follows: The beginning of this da'ira existed before, and at the beginning of the Manifestation of the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—permission was granted to some to keep it with them specifically for protection and countless affairs. However, its greatest pillar remained concealed and was not completed except in this most mighty, most holy, and most wondrous Revelation. It has come to the blessed attention and specifically permitted that you are authorized to give it to whomever you wish.

Previously, one mithqal of gold was set as an offering for this da'ira, but His Holiness the Exalted—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—granted a reduction. The purpose of the offering is for the person who receives the da'ira. The Manifestations of Truth have never had, nor will ever have, any attachment to this world and what it contains. Whoever received it would spend it, on behalf of the Truth, either for those they knew to be deserving or for other beneficial purposes they deemed appropriate.

However, the actual drawing of it requires some effort—they must be very careful that it is correct in every aspect. You are authorized to implement it in whatever manner you deem appropriate. It may also be written on paper—there is no harm in this. It was written specifically for you on cloth for durability.

Whoever wishes to carry it should sit in a private place, recite the Verse of Power which is in the first circle (previously the Throne Verse was written in its place), recite the Divine Names which are in the second circle, and then recite the prayer written in the figure at the center of the circle. Afterward, with complete attention, detachment, and turning to God, they should take it and fold it, and while folding it, recite nineteen times "He is the Protector, the Helper, the Succourer, the All-Assisting." Then they should not open it again, but keep it with them wrapped in wax paper and sewn in another cloth. It may be carried on the head, chest, or arm—the main purpose is that it should be with them, and they are permitted to carry it in whatever manner they wish.

BH11724: Thou art He Who answereth the prayer…

Thou art He Who answereth the prayer of the supplicant!

O my God, do Thou manifest in this Festival Thy power and dominion over all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou knowest that I acknowledged Thy oneness and was assured of Thy greatness and might before the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen was heard in the kingdom of creation. I heard Thy call before the creation of Thy heaven and earth, and I answered that verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor, and verily Thou art the Almighty, possessed of terrible strength and bounty. There is no God but Thee, Who ruleth as He pleaseth.

O my God! Wouldst Thou disappoint this poor one who hath clung to the hem of Thy loving-kindness? Wouldst Thou turn away this sinful one who hath drawn near to the city of Thy forgiveness? Wouldst Thou banish this lowly one who hath hastened to the city of Thy glory? Wouldst Thou deny this thirsty one who hath hurried to the Kawthar of life? O Thou Who hath called Thyself the All-Merciful! Nay, by Thy beauty, O Sovereign of all realms! Thou wilt never deny him, never turn him away. If Thou disappointest me, O my Beloved, I will still call upon Thee, call upon Thee as the All-Bountiful, and if Thou turnest me away, O my Purpose, I will still cry unto Thee, cry unto Thee as the All-Merciful.

At this moment we beseech Thee, by the wafting of the breezes of Thy grace which blow across all regions, and by Thy sovereignty before which all necks have bowed, to send upon Thy loved ones that which will make them sincere toward Thee alone, will enrich them above all else besides Thee, and will sanctify them from all save Thee on this Day which Thou hast specially ordained for the dawning of the Sun of Thy Most Glorious Name upon all things, and which Thou hast chosen for Thy Most Exalted Self

betwixt earth and heaven. Then send down upon them what Thou hast ordained for them in the kingdom of Thy decree, strengthen them through Thy might, and exalt them through Thy power over Thine enemies, that Thou mayest cleanse Thy earth of those who have denied Thy Self, rejected Thy proof, and repudiated Thy signs. For verily Thou art the Almighty. In Thy hand is the kingdom of bounty; Thou bestowest upon whom Thou willest as Thou willest, and withholdest from whom Thou willest as Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Conquering, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

I beseech Thee on this day, by Thy Most Great Name, O Quickener of nations and Fashioner of mortal remains, to aid us in that which Thou hast commanded us in Thy Scriptures and Tablets, and in walking the paths of Thy good-pleasure. Then enable me, O my God, to assist Thy Cause, to proclaim Thine order, and to spread Thy signs among the peoples, that the standards of Thy guidance may be raised among Thy creatures and the fire of Thy love may be kindled in the hearts of Thy creation. O Quickener of spirits and O Thou in Whose grasp is the direction of the winds!

Then I ask Thee, O my Beloved, by Thy Most Glorious Beauty, to grant us tongues that are eloquent, fluent and clear; eyes that are penetrating, sharp and keen; faces that are illumined and radiant; lips that are smiling and cheerful; ears that are attentive and perceiving; hearts that are sanctified and serene; souls that are purified and well-pleasing; hands that are upraised and outstretched; and feet that are firm, steadfast and upright; and breaths that are influential and pure, that Thou mayest transform all who are on earth entirely through Thy command and will, and draw them near to the shore of Thy Most Great Sea, that all may testify that verily Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Beloved in the hearts of the lovers, and the One Desired in the hearts of them that long for Thee.

BH11611: O Shaykh! Upon thee be the glory and bounty…

He is the All-Loving, the All-Merciful.

O Shaykh! Upon thee be the glory and bounty of God. In the visible world, there hath appeared that which hath bewildered the possessors of wisdom, knowledge, proof and testimony. For twelve hundred years the divines, mystics and worshippers of Iran clung to matters that were not remembered in the sight of God. Glory be to God! Throughout the nights and days, all beseeched and supplicated for the days of His manifestation, yet when the Most Great Luminary shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of eternity, all turned away and denied, save whom God willed.

How strange, utterly strange, that throughout the ages not one among the divines of that land was aware of the nature of His manifestation. They clung to unseemly tales and held fast to false stories. Throughout the nights and days, they were all worshippers of self and passion, devoted to mere names, holding fast to the cord of names while remaining heedless and veiled from their Creator, Provider, and the Source of their being.

By the life of God! Such was the wrong inflicted by that group upon the Seal of the Prophets that tablet, pen, banner and standard weep and lament. For those souls who were made manifest by His Word became occupied with these people and were barred from the true Sovereign. In the latter days, their

rebellion reached such heights that mention of God's truth, power and sovereignty was erased, leaving naught but the mention of letters. The station and rank of that party on the Day of Retribution is clear and evident to those possessed of insight.

The divines issued the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood, and the preachers opened their tongues in curse and execration. And now they speak from pulpits that which causeth the hearts of the sincere ones and those near to God to burn, and the tears of the believers to flow.

Strange it is that the people of the Bayan are still not awakened by what hath come to pass. They remain occupied anew with mention of Imam, successor, mirror and the like. The knowledge and mysticism of the past culminated in the Fourth Pillar. The purpose of this mention is clear and evident to them.

Take warning, ye whose raven hair leaves wisdom far behind;

Take warning, ye whose hoary sheen now crowns the cheek inclined.

In any case, the heedless party hath afflicted the servants with the delusions of the past. Seek assistance from God, that He might raise up souls who recognize the bounty and station of the Day of God, and who might protect the helpless people from the well of suspicion and fancy. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Blessed is he who pondereth what hath flowed from the tongue of Grandeur at this time, and blessed art thou, O Shaykh, for having shattered the idols in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of all names, and rent asunder the veils through His binding and wise command.

The glory from Us be upon thee, upon those with thee, and upon all who are steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH11726: O ʿAli qabl-i-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory. Thy…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker.

O ʿAli qabl-i-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory. Thy letter was sent to the Most Holy Court by Ismi Mihdi, upon him be my grace and mercy. Blessed art thou for having sent that which bore the fragrance of My martyrs who cast aside all else but Me and sacrificed their spirits, bodies, frames and possessions in My path. By God's life! The Mother Book in the Supreme Realm lamented their tribulation, and the wailing of the Most Great Name was raised among the nations. By My life! My Pen hath wept and My ink hath cried out. The world hath never witnessed the like of those assured and detached souls.

O Ali-Qabl-Akbar! In these days and nights, without cessation, their praise and glorification ascendeth from the seat of the Throne. The Concourse on High uttereth this most exalted word:

> "Would that we had been with them and attained that which none among the servants hath attained!"

Blessed are they and joy be unto them, for they have truly seized the ball of supreme felicity. Through the light of their sacrifice, the horizons were illumined. Soon shall the fruits of their martyrdom appear in the earth. Verily, God is the Just, the Wise.

The station of martyrdom that was attained is most great, and this precious pearl is not always to be found. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who attained unto it. No deed greater than this hath ever been witnessed in the world—the patience and fortitude of those holy souls. Yet most of the servants know not the cause and reason for this patience, for they are heedless and are seen to be far removed from the ocean of knowledge and the sea of wisdom.

O Ali-Qabl-Akbar! Those mighty, conquering and powerful hands were bound by the divine chains of restraint and were firmly secured by the fetters of God's commandments and laws. Blessed and happy are they! They have been gazing toward the purpose of the worlds. Therefore they held fast unto that which was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. However, the authorities and the oppressors of the day were and are heedless of understanding the cause and reason. Strange it is that even His Majesty the Sultan is unaware of the cause. For were he to become aware, he would arise in praise and gratitude to the Dawning-Place of verses and the Dayspring of evidences. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this exalted and glorious station.

Convey greetings and glory from this Wronged One to the friends in that land. Blessed are those souls who have annihilated their will and desire in the Will and Desire of God, and who have had and have no will of their own. These are the people of Baha. Their names have been recorded in a Tablet which none hath seen save God, the Speaker, the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon My loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty and have said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne!"

BH02408: The splendor of God rest upon you, O Dayspring…

The splendor of God rest upon you, O Dayspring of faithfulness from God, Creator of heaven!

I testify that through you the city of servitude was adorned, its banners were raised, its gates were decorated, and its birds sang. I testify that you turned to God and voiced His praise among His servants. Blessed are you and your brother, for whom the denizens of the highest paradise lamented, and blessed is he who turned to you both, found your fragrance, walked in your footsteps, and held fast to what is good concerning your families after you both.

Then turn to Kazim, who attained the greatest martyrdom in the path of God, Lord of all beings, and say: "The splendor of God be upon you, O you who sacrificed your all in the path of God, Lord of the worlds!

The first fragrance that wafted from the garment of your Lord's mercy, the Lord of all names, be upon you, O star shining from the horizon of faithfulness and gazing toward the highest horizon! I testify that

you turned toward God on a day when every rejecter turned away, and you took hold of the Book when every idolater cast it behind, and you acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered when every denier denied it, and you drank the choice wine of inner meanings when every hypocrite abandoned it. Blessed are you, and blessed the earth honored by your body, and the pilgrim who seeks your shrine and visits your resting place, and he who speaks your praise and utters what befell you in the days of your Lord. I testify that through you the Divine Lote Tree lamented and the hearts of those who cast away the world and turned to the highest horizon in the days of God, Lord of the Throne and earth, were melted.

Thus has the Pen spoken from the station whereon the Lord of eternity was established upon His mighty throne. Glory and peace and praise and blessings be upon you, O you through whom the tale of Husayn was renewed and the Virgin and the Messenger lamented in manifest grief. Woe to the people who denied your right and cast away what they were commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

The glory which appeared and shone forth at the first dawn wherein God manifested Himself to those in His dominion and His kingdom and to the chosen ones among His creation be upon you, O sovereign of faithfulness and most exalted Ha' and Ha'.

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that you both turned toward and approached God, Creator of heaven, on a day when the stars fell and the sun was darkened and the trumpet was blown and the mountains were moved. Joy to him who turned to you both and attained to your remembrance and held fast to the cord of love for you and dissociated himself from those who rose against you without any clear proof or book.

The first peace uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur before the creation of earth and heaven be upon you, O name of Ha', who hath dawned from the horizon of faithfulness.

I testify that you turned to God and heard the call and answered the Lord of Names, and the attraction of the verses seized you in such wise that you spent what you possessed, your family, and your spirit in the path of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."

BH02450: O Salman! It is the end of night…

He is the Most Glorious

O Salman! It is the end of night and the beginning of dawn's break that this servant has taken up the pen so that a drop from the oceans of love surging in the heart might flow through the channel of the pen, with the aid of ink, upon the tablet of righteousness. Yet the pen of contingent being lacks the power to express, and the tablets of existence cannot contain this manifest bounty.

Although in these days when the divine fragrance is wafting from the holy spiritual realm, all these degrees of love return to the heart, and the heart's emanations and spiritual breezes are coming and going—so blessed are they who attain! In any case, by divine power, pass like a flame of fire through all regions and lands, and with the fingers of remembrance and certitude, rend asunder the veils of the heedless. For most souls are veiled, unaware of the how and why of matters, and entirely ignorant of the

hidden mysteries. But you have attained the dawning-place of the lights of the Chosen Beauty and are informed of the details. If you guide a single soul it would be better for you than red-colored camels.

O Salman! Be gladdened by the favors of the All-Bountiful Beauty. Be not saddened by any matter, for all things pass away save the favors of your Everlasting Lord. In steadfastness in God's Cause be like the pillars of existence, and in the love of God be like the sun in the heaven of being.

O Salman! Be at rest through God's hidden favors which have ever preceded you, for you are eternally present before His face. Perfect mercy has been and will be yours. In this case you should soar like a falcon and like a candle illuminate every gathering with the mention of God.

God willing you have arrived safely and in good health in Baghdad. There was some delay in sending the post, no matter, for this was from the decree of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. As for the interpretation of those two verses, by Him Who holds my soul in His hand, from that time until now I have not had a moment's opportunity, and even now it is near dawn that I have managed to write these few words. By your life, from the day you took leave of the presence until now, only that one night when I had looked at it did I retire to bed. God willing if we meet I will fulfill all these matters.

Convey greetings with utmost love to Abdul-Karim and Muhammad-Hasan and [Ali Aqa], and give greetings to all the loved ones of God, young and old. For the rest, remain ever immersed in the oceans of God's love.

BH02503: Misc. unmatched passages translated by Shoghi Effendi

Ponder God in your heart, reflect on His Manifestations, and be not of them that are devoid of understanding….

I came not to proclaim that which ye already possess. Verily, verily, this day is a new day; He that hath come is the Wondrous, and His bidding the wonder of all that is in heaven and on earth…. [BH11675]

We have desired naught for ourselves, but desired for you that which will profit you in the Kingdom of God, the Gracious, the All-Bountiful….

Glory is not his that proclaimeth his faith, but glory is his that doeth that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His wondrous Book….

O people of the world! Hearken to the call of the Lord, the King of eternity. He biddeth you to follow righteousness, to do that which giveth you peace and exalteth your station. He verily is the faithful Counsellor…. [A13061]

Regard not the world and its fleeting shadows, but fix your gaze upon God and His signs that have encompassed all creation….

Let not the world and its vileness grieve you. Happy is he whom riches fill not with vainglory, nor poverty with sorrow….

O concourse of rulers! Turn unto the poor; verily God hath created them and you from the selfsame substance. Let a portion of your wealth be shared by them. This is that which will profit you throughout all times and ages. Bestow a part of that which God in His grace bath given you; for thereby will your wealth be increased….

Unfaithful is the world… Were it worthy of regard or acceptable in the sight of God, they that were the Manifestations of Justice would not have fallen victims to the talons of tyranny. What greater proof of the baseness of the world and its degradation in the eyes of the Almighty?…

Exalted is the station of man, if he be adorned with the true attributes of humanity; otherwise he is counted as the basest of all creatures….

O My loved ones! Ye are the world's spiritual physicians. It is incumbent upon you, through the power and might of God, to heal by the sovereign remedy of the Most Great Name the soul-sickness of the kindreds of the earth and clarify the vision of all mankind….

Give ear to the voice of the Ancient Beauty calling you aloud from this most great Prison; Forsake oppression and cruelty, cling to the fear of God. Purge yourselves from satanic deeds, be adorned with the virtues of God. Verily, strife and sedition beseem not the people of God. Eschew wicked works, and walk in the ways of holiness, of resignation and contentment….

Be calm and self-dependent in your relations with your fellowmen, and deal with them in fairness and justice. Turn treachery to trust, slander to brotherly counsel, oppression to justice, heedlessness to the remembrance of God.

BH11731: O spiritual youth! Thy petition and purpose were…

In the Name of Him Who is the Sovereign Protector over all names

O spiritual youth! Thy petition and purpose were, in the most holy and inviolate Court, graced with the honor of being heard. As to that which thou didst set forth concerning those steadfast, constant, and firmly grounded souls who have turned their faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon, We have heard their call, and blessed are they, and blissful the excellence of their end.

Praise be to God that they arose in days when most of the peoples of the earth were seen to have turned aside, whereas they sought the Most Great Goal, the loftiest summit, and the Most Exalted Horizon, that they might drink from the cup of reunion and partake of the ocean of divine bounty. All created things were brought into being for nearness and reunion, and the kindreds of the nations have ever awaited, and still await, the Day of Manifestation. The purpose of temples, churches, and mosques is naught but the good-pleasure of God; yet men are seen to be heedless of, and veiled from, the true Path and the spiritual Way, which today shineth and is manifest even as the sun.

The worth and station of those souls whom the veils of the world, the mists of the nations, the might of tyrants, and the pomp of Pharaohs have not withheld from the Horizon of Oneness, have been revealed and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon the Crimson Tablet. Every one of these aforementioned

souls, upon them be the glory of God and His mercy, We have made mention of, and all have attained unto the outpourings of the All-Bountiful and the traces of the Most Exalted Pen.

The most great glad-tidings and the supreme bestowal are these: that the luminous permission hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Cause, that men may, in wisdom, set their faces toward the Most Exalted Paradise. Though the condition of that land is hidden within the knowledge of God, and none is informed thereof, thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken at this manifest hour.

In every circumstance We proclaim glad tidings unto the aforementioned souls, for the blessed word of permission hath gone forth and streamed from the Most Exalted Pen: "The righteous shall drink of a cup tempered with camphor." Great is the mention of this cup, and mighty its station. Blessed are they that attain thereunto. Blessed are they that know.

We beseech God to aid these souls, that they may guard the servants of God from the vain imaginings of former times, so that all may be illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of certitude, may empty themselves of the world and all that pertaineth unto it, and may behold none other than Him.

And at the close of the Book We enjoin upon all wisdom. Should movement be in conformity with wisdom, let them direct themselves thereto. And concerning the letter ʿAyn, upon him be My glory, We have, with Our tongue, spoken unto thee that which bespeaketh the loving-kindness and wisdom of God, exalted be His glory.

From this Most Exalted Station We magnify them and those whose faces are turned toward God, and likewise those whom doubts and allusions have withheld from God, the Lord of all the worlds.

Praise be unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgement.

BH02515: O First Letter! Blessed art thou in having attained…

In the Name of thy Most Exalted Lord! In the Name of thy Most Glorious Lord!

O First Letter! Blessed art thou in having attained the presence of God once again in a wondrous and sublime Temple. Then blessed art thou if thou remainest steadfast in His Cause and art not dismayed by the words of the ungodly. By God! If thou remainest steadfast on this Most Great Path and conveyest the Cause of thy Lord, this Most Ancient, Most Sublime Beauty, with all that thou possessest, thou shalt be among those who have the power. The Point shall be generated from thee, then all the letters and words, then the realities of the sanctified ones. By the True God! If thine eyes were to be opened and thine ears unstopped, and the face of thy heart were to turn toward this Gentle, Luminous Beauty, thou wouldst witness that at this moment there hath been generated from thee a temple facing the Throne, in the form of a fresh, verdant, delicate leaf, which calleth out concerning its Lord at every moment even as the Voice called out from the Tree on Sinai upon a wondrous and lofty Mount, and which speaketh at every moment with its Lord and receiveth from the mysteries of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Beware, beware, O Letter of God, lest thou burn it with the fire of turning away, for in these days all the layers of hell have appeared and the fires of misbelief and the blaze of envy and hatred have been

kindled, by which every yellowed leaf and withered tree shall be consumed. And if thou seest that the embers of this fire reach thee, take hold of the Ark of Baha, then sail upon the crimson sea in the heaven of the cloud, then soar by the name of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Manifest, the Most Glorious, and be among those who are made manifest by the sovereignty of the Command. Then know that those who were created by a name from thy Lord have indeed laid claim to sovereignty over the Essence and the King of Names and Attributes, Who hath returned once again in His white robe which the ungodly have made red with the blood of hatred, whereat the hearts of those near unto God have grieved.

And if thou desirest to know some of the mysteries of the Cause, read the Tablet which hath appeared from the Beauty of the Throne and was named the Tablet of Baha, then the Surih which was named of Blood, then the Surih in which the Most Great Pilgrimage was mentioned, for in all of these are signs for those who ask and clear proofs for those who know. And the Spirit from the glory of God be upon thee and upon all who take hold of this Mighty, this Wondrous Ark in the garment of His Sublime Name.

A Tablet was previously issued from God, thy Most Glorious, Most Exalted Lord, with honor and glory and was sent forth. And a Tablet received the honor of holy revelation some days ago and is now being sent. God willing, may that Letter of the Lord cause the two true pupils of the eye to be illumined by the vision of these two lights of the heart, and may they render all contingent beings and all the worlds pure, delicate and perfumed through the sweet-scented winds and holy, sublime fragrances. And may they strive and make earnest endeavor with the utmost diligence and effort to teach the Cause of their Lord, that perchance through the wafting of spiritual breezes from the dawning-place of the heart of that wondrous living Letter, all darkened hearts and decayed bones may attain unto a new life of being. Verily He is the One Who quickeneth whatsoever He willeth by His name, the Resurrector, the Maker, the Creator, the Provider, the Life-Giver, the Sublime.

The servant of thy Lord and the bondsman of thy glory, Aqa Jan

BH11614: We have revealed the verses and manifested the clear…

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

We have revealed the verses and manifested the clear tokens, and have summoned all to the supreme horizon—the station wherein the tongue of God, Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, doth speak: “Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” We created all things for this Most Great Day, yet when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, they denied God and His proof, rejected His signs, and rose up against Him with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide to lament. The world is adorned with the lights of His manifestation, and He Who conversed on Sinai calleth aloud with the most exalted call, yet none are confirmed in the blessed word “yea” save whom God willeth.

This is the Day whose mention hath been recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. Say: O people of the earth! By the pearls of the ocean of the All-Merciful’s utterance, this Day hath no peer or likeness. Deprive not yourselves of the ocean of divine knowledge, nor forbid yourselves the splendors of the Sun of grace. Today hath the seal of the choice sealed wine been broken by the finger of the Self-Subsisting

One. Strive ye that ye may drink thereof in the name of the One True Friend, and be occupied with His remembrance and praise in the world's assemblies.

That Word from which the nobles of the earth flee hath become manifest and evident, yet the divines and mystics all shun it and remain unaware, save for that divine who rent asunder the greatest veil and shattered the idols of vain imaginings and desire through the power of the Most Great Name. He is the true divine and the spiritual mystic, and is as a crown upon the head of the world.

Say: O servants! These few days of mortal life and its ornaments shall soon end and pass away. Strive ye that ye may attain unto God's enduring favors. Whosoever today attaineth unto the recognition of Truth and the service of His Cause—his mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of God and His realms, and shall be recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O King of Kings and the Merciful unto all who are possessed of kingship! I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst subdue the world and summon the nations, to confirm me in steadfastness in Thy Cause and in holding fast unto the cord of Thy love. I am that poor one who hath turned unto Thee, O my God. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the ocean of Thy riches, nor to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones—they whom the hosts of the earth and their ranks could not frighten, and whom its ornaments and veils could not prevent from turning unto Thee and from setting their faces toward the horizon of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God besides Thee, the Strong, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH11624: Lawh-i-Jazb

He is the the All-Glorious!

O thou who art yearning! Raise thy cry from the depths of thy soul that it may pierce the heart of the Beloved, and weep with thy spirit's eyes that they may be illumined by the meeting with thy Love. Lament with thy burning heart that thou mayest behold the beauty of thy Friend, and be consumed with the fire of love that thou mayest, like unto a candle, be kindled by the comeliness of thy Beloved. Cast away the world of existence that thou mayest embrace the neck of thy Friend, and draw thy heart from heart that thou mayest grasp the tresses of thy Beloved. Set foot upon the circle of existence that thou mayest emerge from the point of thy purpose, and place thy head in the wilderness of nothingness that thou mayest enter the Egypt of reunion.

Open thine ear that thou mayest hear the celestial call of the unseen realm, and purify thy spirit's essence that thou mayest become aware of the mysteries in the privacy of thy Friend. Spread thy spiritual wings that thou mayest soar in the heaven of eternity, and ascend on holy spirit that thou mayest arrive at the spiritual court. Take a step with all thy soul that thou mayest find thy way to the presence of the Ancient Beauty. Draw a line around the world of the seen and unseen that thou mayest circle round thy goal.

I swear by the Spirit of eternity that if thou shouldst hear with the ear of understanding the melodies of the Dove from the ant of love, thou wouldst at once arise above the world of creation, and from the attraction of love thou wouldst sacrifice a hundred thousand thousand spiritual worlds of pure radiant

light for the sake of thy Friend, and shed tears of blood from a hundred thousand eyes in thy longing for the beauty of thy Friend. Thou wouldst traverse limitless worlds through wilderness of destruction and thirst with the eye of thy being, that perchance thou mightest reach the valley of thy purpose, and spend countless ages waiting with thy soul, if haply thou mightest enter the intimate gathering of thy Beloved. Should thou become the spirit of eternity, thou wouldst hope to become but the dust at the blessed feet of thy Friend, and wert thou to become the sovereign of heaven, thou wouldst seek but a moment to serve thy Friend….

BH02647: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Thou…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast made mention of his honor Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be My glory, and hast sought mention of him from the Ocean of utterance of the Object of all worlds. We have indeed brought forth from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen, in his name, pearls of wisdom and utterance the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld, and tongues are powerless to define and describe.

We had previously made mention of him who ascended unto God with such remembrance as caused the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful to be diffused throughout all creation, and We mention him yet again as a token of Our grace. Blessed art thou, O Sign, for having established for thyself an exalted station in the vicinity of God. The glory proceeding from Us be upon thee and upon him who hath remembered thee and whom We remember through that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, as a favor from God, the Lord of Lords.

The ocean of forgiveness surged when the Tongue spoke, and the pavilion of pardon was raised in the most exalted station. Previously there came a letter from him who was named with the letters Ta and Qaf. We made mention of him with such remembrance as illumined the horizons. O My Name! The loved ones have ever been and continue to be remembered. We have made mention of Habibu'llah, upon him be My glory, and continue to mention him at all times.

Even as the rain of verses hath been sent down and clear proofs made manifest, yet still have the deniers sullied with the clay of idle fancies that station which is sanctified above the hearts and minds, and attributed weakness unto it. Say: Behold, behold the waves of My ocean of utterance before the faces of the world. Hearken, hearken unto My most sweet call amidst the nations. Among them is he who hath said that He hath stolen the verses of the Point and sent them down in His own name. Say: Woe unto thee, O thou idolatrous doubter! By the life of God! Were the Point present He would arise before the Face and set down that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of Lords.

O My Name! We have ever loved and continue to love the mention of the loved ones. That station which is the object of circumambulation of the books of the world—this they have attributed to weakness. Would that they were present to witness with their own eyes the effulgent rays of the Day-Star of divine utterance. They have clung to names and turned away from Him through Whose word the kingdom of

names was created. In any case, they were and are unworthy of mention. We make mention of the loved ones.

O Taqi! Upon thee be My glory! God willing, mayest thou be assisted to remember and praise and serve the Cause of God. O Habib! Upon thee be My glory! Mention of thee hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen before and after. The glory be upon thee and upon thy daughter who hath attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02638: In My Name, the One Who dominateth all names!

In My Name, the One Who dominateth all names!

This is a Day wherein the Mother Book calleth out and summoneth all on earth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. And the Mother of the Bayan crieth out, saying: "O people of the Bayan! Ye have broken God's covenant and His testament, and have denied Him for Whose love the Primal Point sacrificed His life. To this testify the Books of God, the Almighty, the Powerful." And the Mother of the Tablets exclaimeth, saying: "O peoples of the earth! Read ye the Tablets of God—they will guide you to the Announcement that hath gladdened the sincere ones and caused every heedless and remote one to quake." And the Most Great Book proclaimeth among the nations: "The All-Bountiful hath come! He calleth aloud with the most exalted call. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe betide every doubtful denier."

In the Persian tongue: Hearken unto the Call of the True One, exalted be His glory! He is the Source of all Books, their Revealer, and their Manifestation. No partner hath He, nor any likeness. We beseech God that He may make all aware and deprive none from the ocean of His verses.

O Siyyid, formerly called Musa! Reflect upon the ocean of the true and most bountiful Grace. He hath removed the veils of glory and speaketh openly and clearly. He hath unlocked the gate of union and meeting with the most great key of grace. Blessed is he who hath entered therein, and joyous is he for whom the reward of this exalted and glorious station hath been ordained. From the Kingdom of utterance hath been sent down that which hath attracted the hearts of all contingent beings, and day after day shall be revealed that which is now concealed.

Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Face. We have answered thee with this manifest Book. We have heard thy call and known what thou didst ask from the ocean of thy Lord's bountiful grace. Rejoice that thy mention and thy letter have attained unto His presence, and that there hath been sent down for thee that whereby thy name shall endure throughout the duration of My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. Then give thanks to thy Lord for having sent down that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge, by His command, in this manifest time. God hath forgiven thee, thy father, and thy brother. His mercy hath preceded and encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having heard my call and sent down for me that which cannot be equaled by whatsoever hath been created on earth. I beseech Thee by the standards of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy might to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast, firm and

upright in Thy love and Thy Cause, such that the words of the heedless and the utterances of the infidels shall not hold me back. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02645: O Name of God! The servant in attendance mentioned…

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

O Name of God! The servant in attendance mentioned the requests of that honored one, and likewise the correspondence, and all were accepted. Specifically for Jinab-i-Mirza Ibrahim a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed, and likewise specifically for Jinab-i-Muhammad-Sadiq Milani, and likewise specifically for Jinab-i-Siyyid Nasru'llah of the Sadat-i-Khamsi, even though some time ago one was revealed specifically for him and Mirza Abdu'l-Majid which called out through divine grace. Nevertheless, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets are now revealed—send them. And regarding Aqa Ali who is in the great city and has sought permission to attain the presence—permission was granted. Inform him and give him the glad tidings that he may turn towards the Most Holy Court. Regarding the matter of Ismu'llah Jamal, his letter should be shown to Jinab-i-Nazir for consideration, and whatever answer he gives should be sent to Ismu'llah. We beseech God to bring about reconciliation so that not a word causing sadness may arise.

O my God! Unite the hearts of Thy loved ones and Thy servants and Thy parties and Thy chosen ones and Thy faithful ones. Thou art He Who united hearts when Muhammad Thy Messenger came, and through them Thou didst conquer Thy cities and Thy realms and Thy lands with spears and swords. I beseech Thee, O my God, to unite the hearts of these that they may capture the hearts of Thy servants through Thy remembrance and Thy praise and Thy words from which the fragrance of life wafts throughout creation.

O Lord! Renew them through Thy Most Exalted Word and illumine their hearts, O Thou Possessor of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou art He before Whose majesty's manifestation every mighty one was powerless and before Whose power every great one bowed down.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy party among the heedless ones of Thy servants. Aid them through Thy bounty and Thy might and Thy power, then adorn them with the ornament of the Most Great Steadfastness. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of the Throne and earth.

O God, my God! Send Thy blessings upon the Hands of Thy Cause in these days, who have remembered Thee and aided Thee and arose to serve Thy Cause among the servants. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Lord! Send Thy blessings upon the son of Nabil who was named Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli and aid him to remember Thee and serve Thee, then accept from him what he desired of visiting Thy countenance. O Lord! Enable him and Thy loved ones to do what Thou lovest and approvest, then write down for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will benefit them in every world of Thy worlds and draw them nigh unto Thee at all times. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH02616: Glorified art Thou, O Lord! O Thou Who causest…

He is God, exalted be His glory!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord! O Thou Who causest the dawn to break and the winds to blow! I know not with what tongue to praise Thee, nor with what pen to write that which is incumbent upon me of the wondrous expressions of my gratitude to Thee. For Thou hast created me and sustained me, and established me before the gate of Thy mighty oneness, and admitted me into the paradise of Thy love, and fed me from the delicate fruits of Thy bounty and favor.

O my God! All existence is bewildered in counting Thy bestowals, and the entire world wandereth in the wilderness of powerlessness and abasement in enumerating Thy gifts and blessings. Whensoever I turn to the right, I hear the confession of those who are bewildered, and whensoever I turn to the left, I witness powerlessness and poverty, perplexity and abasement.

I beseech Thee, O my God, in this land which Thou hast sanctified in Thy Books, wherein Thou hast manifested Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones, wherein the cry of the ardent lovers hath been raised, and the lamentation of the yearning ones, and the call of the mystics, and the wailing of the seekers—the land wherein Thou hast summoned the servants unto Thy direction and taught them that which would deliver them in all the worlds of Thy creation—to ordain for him who hath sought Thee and aimed at the Kaaba of Thy knowledge and entered the gardens of certitude and drunk from the Salsabil of recognition and been refreshed by the pure Tasnim of faith, that which is best for him in this world and the next, namely Thy good-pleasure with him and Thy care for him and the manifestation of Thy tender mercies in his behalf, O Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below, and Master of the reins of all humanity!

Then I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and Thy most perfect Remembrance, and Thy most straight Path, to make Thy loved ones steadfast in Thy Cause and enable them to walk in the paths of Thy good-pleasure. For Thou hast made steadfastness the greatest of deeds in Thy Book, and the servant, were his Lord not to assist him, would be weaker than a gnat before tempestuous winds. O my Lord and my Hope! I implore Thee with my inner and outer tongue to grant us success in that which Thou hast willed for us and commanded us in Thy Tablets. The essence of poverty hath clung to the hem of Thy power, O Thou Who rulest the kingdom of might and force and authority—wouldst Thou deny him a draft from the ocean of Thy generosity, O my Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving?

Nay, by Thy presence! How could this befit Thee? Rather, it is the servants who, through their heedlessness, wander in the wilderness of deprivation and prevent themselves from entering the City of Certitude and arriving at the springs of knowledge. O my God, the Generous, the Bestower! Hope lieth in none save Thee, and expectation is cut off from all except Thee. All bounty is in Thy hands, the kingdom of giving is at Thy right hand, and the empire of bestowal at Thy left. Thou givest to whom Thou willest what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Gracious, the Bountiful, the Giving, the Generous….

BH02629: The breezes of pardon and forgiveness have ever wafted…

He is the Mighty, the Forgiving

The breezes of pardon and forgiveness have ever wafted from the holy paradise of the All-Glorious, and shall forever continue to blow and flow from the dawning-places of mighty grace. What seeker has ever raised the hand of supplication and been left disappointed from the hem of His generosity? What true lover has ever kindled the fire of love and been denied access to the Tree of Union? The doves upon the branches of the divine Tree and the birds of celestial holiness have ever called out:

> "O beloved ones! The Traceless Beloved is manifest and visible as the radiant morn—open the eyes of both head and heart! O ye who are ill, the spiritual Physician has risen like the true Sun—turn not to yourselves!"

Indeed, the robe of forgiveness befits those who repent, and the garment of bounty and favor becomes the sinners. Yet there has been and shall ever be a distinction between the sincere and others. The friends must demonstrate steadfastness and sanctification from all else, else all distinction would vanish.

In brief, all existence, to the extent it possesses any fairness, bears witness that this servant has never had any purpose save the attainment of these loved ones to the holy retreats of the Lord of Lords. In all aspects, from the highest station of the Cause to the lowest rank of creation, there was agreement and fellowship. Through all these stages the purpose was that a few might be cleansed of limitations and veils of human nature and enter, pure, into the realms of detachment and abstraction, fixing their hearts on another nest and hastening to the eternal shore—that perchance a few might attain to holy spiritual delights.

And it has been clear that whatever people are commanded to do is for their own benefit, as is evident in that whoever failed to comply has descended even in outward rank, let alone in the stations of holy detachment. God the One is witness that this servant feels utmost shame before the companions [of the Bab], for your association was renowned among the people, who all longed and yearned [for such station], yet matters ended as you know.

I call God, His angels and His Messengers to witness that I have forgiven you for what your hands have wrought, and I beseech God to make firm your steps and open before your face that which will make you independent of all else and bring you to a station where you turn only to Him and are occupied with naught but Him. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind.

BH02651: O Sitarih! This day is the day of supreme…

O Sitarih! This day is the day of supreme joy. The ocean of reunion is surging and the heaven of manifestation is exalted. The heart was created for His knowledge, the eye for beholding His signs, the ear for hearkening to His call, the tongue for His mention and praise, the hand for grasping His Book, and the soul for turning toward His direction. In such case, no part or limb or member of yours should turn to other directions or become sorrowful for any worldly matters.

O My leaf! With your outward ear today thou canst not compare the call of "O My leaf! O My handmaiden!" with any joy in the world. I swear by the Tongue of Grandeur that speaks in this moment, all that exists of the means of delight, gladness, joy and exultation in the Most Exalted Paradise, the Supreme Heaven, and other paradises, is as nothing compared to a single letter that hath in this moment

been sent down from the heaven of Divine Will and the horizon of merciful grace in thy name. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, and He commandeth all to beautiful patience.

Say: My God, my God! My sight seeketh Thy vision, my hearing the listening to Thy call, my heart turning toward Thee, and my soul sacrifice in Thy path. Make this handmaiden detached from all else save Thee, and occupy her with Thy mention, praise, love and nearness. Wert thou to become aware of what hath been ordained for thee from the Divine Word, thou wouldst attain unto such joy as would not be altered by the duration of the kingdoms of earth and heaven, nor prevented by the vexations of this dusty world.

O My handmaiden! O My handmaiden! Rise above the ranks of grief and sadness and turn to the horizon of sanctification, detachment and transcendence. This is the station of the leaf who hath attained unto the blessed word "O My handmaiden." Sorrow is not permitted save in the tribulations that have befallen the Sun of Truth. Take hold of the hem of My grace, detached from all save God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and this exalted station.

We make mention at this time of My handmaiden who hath ascended and arrived in the vicinity of the mercy of her Noble Lord. We have remembered her with that which hath attracted the hearts of every discerning mystic. Upon her be My glory and the glory of My handmaidens and the countenance of the denizens of Paradise who circle round the Throne by night and day. And We make mention at this time of My other handmaiden who was named Khadijih in the presence of God, the Lord of the two noble sanctuaries.

BH11616: O Ibrahim, Friend of the All-Merciful! One sacrificial victim…

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

O Ibrahim, Friend of the All-Merciful! One sacrificial victim was brought to the altar, was offered up, and returned alive. But the Glorious One, through His Most Exalted Word, attracted the people of Baha and sent them to the altar of the Peerless Friend, whereupon all freely offered up the crown of life at the feet of the Beloved of all worlds. The Shi'ih faction has mentioned the sacrificial victim in numerous books with the utmost honor and glory, yet these sacrificial victims—some of whom offered themselves up by their own hands, while others attained the most great martyrdom at the hands of the oppressors—despite the appearance of these clear proofs and the manifestation of signs, this shameless faction paid no heed and committed that which caused all things to lament and the Supreme Pen to cry out. Such is the condition of the servants.

Say: O worthless ones of the earth! The winds of passion have established you in hell, yet you perceive it not. They counted the martyrdom of Husayn ibn ʿAli as a mighty proof of the manifestation of the Seal of the Prophets, yet they remain heedless and veiled from that which has come to pass in these days. Say: This is Husayn Who hath appeared after the Qa'im. Ponder upon that which was mentioned aforetime, that perchance ye may find the fragrance of utterance and choose for yourselves a path unto the All-Merciful.

The matter of Return, which according to the words of Shaykh Ahmad-i-Ahsa'i—upon him be the Glory of God—is established and proven, was the Return of Husayn. All the Messengers and the Qa'im stand and

dwell beneath His blessed standard, yet eyes and ears are prevented from seeing and hearing, and hearts from contemplation and attention. We beseech God that He may aid thee in service, that is, in teaching the Cause, in such wise that thou mayest be as an enkindled fire, igniting others, and as a brilliant light, illuminating others.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in that land, and give them the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the lights of inner meanings that have shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen, that all may arise, detached from all else, occupied with His mention and praise, and may act in accordance with that which will exalt the Cause. The world and all that is therein shall soon perish, and that which shall endure is what hath been sent down unto them from the heaven of the will of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Glory be upon thee and upon them, and upon every steadfast one who hath arisen and said:

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

BH11734: Shams

Shams

In the name of Our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! This is a handmaiden from among Thy maidservants, and a soul from among Thy chosen ones, who hath drawn nigh unto Thee and put her whole trust in Thee, until she hath beheld the fire of Thy divine unity in the Lote-Tree of Thy eternity, and gazed upon the lights of the holiness of Thy lordship shining forth from the Tree of Thy being. The Ancient Sun hath shed its splendor upon her through that which the decree of old hath revealed unto her from out the mysteries of eternity. Thereby hath she desired to enter the meads of Thy nearness and the paradise of reunion with Thee, that Thou mayest efface from the tablet of her heart every trace of all save Thee, kindle within her breast the fire of Thy oneness, and cause the light of Thy self-subsistence to shine resplendent from the inmost essence of her being.

And when she drew near unto the Lote-Tree of Thy lordship, sought refuge beneath its leaves, clung fast unto its branches, sheltered herself in its shadow, and tasted of its fruits, she journeyed toward it and hastened unto it, until at length she attained unto its proximity. At that hour I beseech Thee, O my God, to consummate her journeys, to strengthen her foundations, to cheer her eyes, and to cause her spirit to ascend, that she may journey forth from herself unto Thyself, sever herself from her own desire unto Thy desire, from remoteness unto nearness, and from separation unto reunion with Thee. May she return unto Thee and attain through Thee.

Then, O my Best-Beloved, kindle within her soul the glowing embers of Thy love, and within her heart the burning flashes of Thy attraction. Cause her to descend from the heat of longing unto the river of Thy nearness, and to return from the blazing of Thy fire unto the treasury of Thy light. Yet none can attain unto this, O my God, save those women who were created from Thy very Self, manifested from Thy

beauty, returned unto Thee, entered the chambers of Thy might, and came into the palaces of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art He Who giveth unto all things their due according to the measure appointed unto them.

According to the compass of my understanding thereof, I beseech Thee to make her wholly detached from aught save Thee. Then make known unto her Thine own Self, that she may be emptied of all besides Thee. For should the servant truly know Thee, he will not be busied with aught apart from Thee, nor occupy himself with any other than Thee, nor turn unto any beside Thee, though all that are in the heavens and on the earth be offered unto him. Thou, verily, art of all this well aware, and art Witness, the Wise.

And thou, O handmaiden of God! Take this Tablet with thy spirit, and cast this trust within thy heart, that haply thou mayest inhale the fragrance of musk from the robe of majesty, bow down before the folds of divine reality beneath the vesture of faithfulness, serve God, thy Lord, with thine eyes, prostrate thyself before Him with thy brow, and humble thyself in His presence with thy cheeks. He, verily, is the Truth. There is none other God but Him. We are all His servants, and all before Him do bow in adoration.

And the peace of Baha'u'llah, and yet again His peace, be upon thee.

BH02670: This is a Book from the Tree of Justice…

He is God, the King, the Exalted, the Holy, the All-Glorious

This is a Book from the Tree of Justice to her whom God hath chosen and associated with His Own Self. Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, the Lord of all worlds, and that He hath no partner in the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and there is no God but Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Wise. The Messengers have appeared from His presence and summoned all creation unto Him, and followed what their Lord revealed unto them, and glorified God in every condition, and were among the righteous.

The Primal Point is verily the Truth from thy Lord; let not the deeds of men veil thee. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto the Truth, and praise God in every condition, for this hath been ordained by God in a preserved Tablet. God is the Truth and all else is falsehood. Fear God at all times, worship Him with true worship, set right thy affairs, and guard thyself in every condition lest anything harm thee, and be thou of those who are protected.

Thus do We impart unto thee from the verses of the Book, and unto those women who have believed and trusted in God and followed the Light and were among the devout. Let nothing veil thee from thy Lord's command, nor let those who have disbelieved weaken thee—they are the companions of the fire and shall find no escape. God, the Lord of all, hath manifested His light through guidance and truth, and made clear His Cause to all.

Among the people are those who have believed and turned toward Him, and those who have turned away and retreated. God hath assigned to each a measure in the Cause. He is the Strong, the Mighty.

The knowledge of all that is in the heavens and earth escapeth Him not, and with Him is the Kingdom of the seen and unseen. And thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. His light

encompasseth the heavens and earth, and there is nothing but is illumined by it. This is from the mention of God's mercy. None believe in God's signs save the God-fearing. Those who have patiently endured in God's Cause what they were made to suffer—these are they who have been guided to goodly speech, and those women who have endured patiently—these are they who have attained a noble victory and are among the joyous ones. Thy reward resteth with God, and God will grant thee relief when He willeth.

Be thou patient in the Cause and ask God of His grace. He is the All-Informed, the All-Seeing.

BH02698: Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Have mercy…

He is the Mighty, the Ever-Abiding, hidden within the mantle of the All-Glorious.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Have mercy upon the poor one who hath cut himself off from every direction until he hath attained unto the river of Thy riches; and upon the lowly one who hath fled from all beside Thee and entered the garden of Thy might. This despondent soul hath clung to the hem of the splendour of Thy sovereignty; this far-removed one hath alighted upon the shore of Thy nearness; this deprived one longeth for the cup of Thy loving care; this severed one hath laid fast hold on the mountains of Thy union and Thy presence.

Hast Thou not promised the detached the refuge of Thy safety and Thy protection? Hast Thou not covenanted to aid them with the wonders of Thy victory and Thy triumph, even as is written in the pages of Thy glory and the tablets of Thy invention? Then aid, O my God, this servant who hath soared on the two wings of detachment unto the heaven of the sanctity of Thy oneness, and hath ascended in the air of longing for Thee until he entered the pavilion of the nearness of Thy self-subsisting being.

Wilt Thou, O my God, withhold Thy servants from the cloud of Thy grace and Thy bounty? Wilt Thou, O my Beloved, deprive Thy loved ones of the gardens of Thy nearness and Thy generosity? Nay, by Thy might! Rather do I testify, with my heart and my tongue, in secret and in open, that the wonders of Thy bounty have ever appeared upon the horizon of Thy munificence, and that the suns of Thy favours have ever shone forth from the dawning-place of Thy beneficence.

Who is he that hath called upon Thee with his heart and Thou hast not answered him? Who is he that hath asked of Thee and Thou hast not bestowed upon him? Who hath entered the pools of Thy bounty and Thou hast not given him to drink? Who hath striven in Thy path and Thou hast not caused him to attain? Who hath purified himself for Thy sake and Thou hast not guided him? Who hath shown poverty at Thy threshold and Thou hast not enriched him?

Glorified art Thou, glorified art Thou, O my God! None hath any claim upon Thee; nay, the proof is from Thee unto all the worlds. I confess, O my God, my poverty in mine own self, and Thy power over Thy creation; my helplessness within mine own being, and Thy compelling authority over Thy creatures.

I beseech Thy Most Great Beauty in the pavilion of the All-Glorious, and Thy most exalted majesty at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, to grant unto us the fruits of the Tree of Thy guardianship, and to give us to drink of the wine of Thy loving-kindness. Then make us of those who walk in the paths of

Thy good-pleasure; who lift not up their heads save that it be raised upon the spear in Thy way; and who desire not their breasts save that the arrows of Thy decree may pierce them for love of Thee.

In Thy hand is the dominion of all things, and Thou art powerful over all things.

BH02721: O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory! Thou art…

He is the One Who has dominion over all names!

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory! Thou art mentioned in such wise that in every leaf a mention of thee is found therein, having transcended seeking favor from that notorious seeker. All this is from the grace of God—blessed art thou and happy art thou! Thou hast drunk from the cup of humility and partaken from the chalice of submissiveness. Verily, He Who aids thee, praises thee, teaches thee and makes thee known is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

His honor, My namesake, upon him be My glory, dwells beneath the canopies of grandeur, is sustained by the Kawthar of reunion, is confirmed in circumambulating the House and successful in hearkening to the Call. He sent thy letter to the Wronged One. Regarding what thou didst mention—that if He observes from thee any negligence in service, or forgetfulness in remembrance, or error in deeds, He should turn to thee as thy representative and cling to the hem of generosity and cord of bounty—this Wronged One, as God's representative, makes mention and bears witness that thou hast attained to that which hath been revealed in the divine Books, Psalms and Scriptures concerning the mention of these days, which are the Lord of days of manifestation, from the Supreme Pen. Give thanks to the Goal of the world that thou art successful in this most great favor, and the Pen of God hath testified concerning thee and the Supreme Pen hath borne witness.

We beseech God that in thy mentions He place the effective elixir of life and in thy soul the effect of the breezes of the dawn of manifestation, that the slumbering may become aware, the dead may come alive, and those who are remote and deprived may attain to the Kawthar of divine nearness. By God's life! Were My Word to be cast upon the earth, there would appear from it throng after throng and party after party who would testify to that which God hath testified before the faces of all else. Thus hath My Supreme Pen spoken on this night which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Thou didst mention His honor ʿA, upon him be My glory. We have mentioned him in various Tablets and have ordained for him that which shall appear in truth. Convey My greetings unto him from this Station, and We counsel him to joy and gladness through My Most Glorious Name, and We bid him to beautiful patience and mighty concealment. Verily his Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those whom the might of the tyrants of the earth and its pomp did not frighten, who turned and said:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be to Thee, O Glory of those in the heavens and earth!"

BH11920: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory…

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness!

The letter of his honor Yusuf-ʿAli which thou didst send hath attained unto the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and at this moment one of My Branches who is named Badi'u'llah is present and is, according to His command, engaged in writing this reply before the face of the Lord of all beings. Glory be to God! Every day new events appear. I know, and thou knowest, and God knoweth, and the Branch knoweth and testifieth that the Wronged One hath desired for the people of God naught save that which will exalt them and draw them nigh unto Him. In most of the Tablets We have commanded all to manifest love, fellowship, affection and unity, and We beseech God not to deprive His people of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character.

O My Name! The divine counsels of the All-Merciful and the heavenly exhortations of the Lord are recorded and inscribed in every leaf, and the primary purpose hath been and is to extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity, and likewise to elevate and exalt their stations. Ask of God, and We beseech Him, to purify the hearts of His loved ones with the water of detachment and to illumine them with the light of trust and resignation. Verily He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

The fame of the loved ones in ʿIshqabad hath spread abroad and every discerning soul hath perceived therefrom the fragrance of the spirit and of divine favors. And should anyone spread reports contrary to what hath been spread abroad, this would surely cause abasement and humiliation. It is incumbent upon all to be united in the Cause of God and to drink the water of unity from the hands of divine bounty of the Lord of creation, and to concentrate their efforts on the exaltation of the Word of God. The world and its conditions are not worthy of mention. By the life of God! Whosoever holdeth fast unto that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen shall attain unto the most exalted station and the most sublime rank. The call "Depart! Depart!" hath ever been raised. We hope that through this counsel all in the world may be freed from the bondage of self and passion.

O Yusuf-ʿAli, upon thee be My glory! God willing, mayest thou be assisted in that which [is befitting for] these days, and do thou strive thy utmost to unite hearts. [He will assist those who arise to serve Him and unite the hearts of His servants….

O My people in ʿIshq[abad] and upon those who have today cast aside what is with the people, holding fast to the mighty and impregnable cord of God.

BH02814: O Sulayman!

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Sulayman!

The days are approaching their end, and yet the peoples of the earth are sunk in grievous heedlessness, and lost in manifest error.

The tongue of the Morn proclaims “The Truth hath come!”, and the Day declares “I am the Day of God!”, and all things proclaim “The Mother Book hath been sent down!” And yet how few are the ears that are privileged to hear the call, and how rare the hearts that are adorned with the love of God, the Lord of all names.

Morning and evening, the peoples of the earth, of diverse faiths, turn toward mosques and temples and churches and shrines for the remembrance of God, yet remain heedless of Him Who is remembered. At the very moment of remembrance, He Who is remembered standeth before their eyes, yet they see Him not and recognize Him not; they hear, yet comprehend not.

All this heedlessness and error and ignorance that hath encompassed the world—its primary cause and reason have been and continue to be the divines of the earth, for they have devised vain imaginings and, through a hundred thousand strategems and deceits, have caused these imaginings to enter into the minds of the ignorant of the earth. So long as these vain imaginings persist, they remain deprived of the splendors of the sun of certitude. Thus have they themselves and their hapless followers been deprived of the outpourings of divine grace and of that which would profit them.

Were the rulers of the earth in truth obedient to these heedless souls, no trace of God and His tokens would be found in the world, save with those souls who are sanctified from the doubts and veils and vain imaginings of men. They are honored through the name of Truth, while clinging to diverse means in their abasement of Truth. Would that they had contented themselves with this! Nay, by My life! Every possessor of insight witnesseth the traces of the tyranny of these heedless souls. Blessed is the learned one who recognizeth Him Who is the Object of all knowledge.

Strange it is that, despite such deeds, the divines of these regions and territories do not accept one another, each counting himself to be the most accomplished and most pious. Destruction be upon them and upon those who follow them without clear proof, or evidence, or testimony, or reason!

O Sulayman, render thanks unto the Beloved of all creation, that He hath aided thee to recognize this bounty, the like of which heaven hath not witnessed, nor earth borne. Rejoice thou and be of those who are thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH02760: Praise be befitting the Lord of Creation, the Beloved…

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

Praise be befitting the Lord of Creation, the Beloved, and the Desired One, Whose blessed gaze is fixed upon His loved ones. It is hoped that through the Kawthar of utterance flowing from the Pen of Power, hearts and minds may be cleansed of obstructing veils and become receptive to the effulgent lights of the Day-Star of divine knowledge.

O Rida, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings! Hearken thou unto the voice of the Wronged One with such attention as shall never end nor be erased from the tablet of thine hearing. O Rida! Verily grace hath preceded, mercy hath preceded, and loving-kindness hath encompassed all.

Would that My people knew! Would that My people understood! Would that My people were fair-minded!

O Rida! We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest attain unto that which no vicissitudes or conditions of all who dwell on earth can alter or change. This is the station of the Most Great Steadfastness which hath been sent down by the Pen of the Lord of all beings in this luminous dawn and divine dayspring. Hold thou fast unto it, detached from all the worlds.

As to what thou didst write regarding turning towards this direction, it hath been heard. If thou canst find some occupation in that city to engage in, this would be preferable and more fitting. But if thou dost intend to come, thou must turn with complete detachment and pure reliance, aiming for the most exalted station and supreme heights, and approaching the Dayspring of grace and Source of bounty in a befitting manner. In any case, We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant thee success and confirmation. The friends in that land should also strive to the extent possible to perhaps find a buyer for the house who might purchase it, that thou mayest be free to act according to thy desire. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid them and aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Convey greetings to each of thy relatives and give them the glad tidings of the effulgent lights of the Day-Star of grace. It is hoped that under the shade of the Blessed Tree they may attain true maturity and spiritual coming of age. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Glory be upon you and upon those who have quaffed the sealed wine from the hands of His bounty, the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Sustaining.

BH02731: In My Name, the One Who standeth and speaketh…

In My Name, the One Who standeth and speaketh at the heart of the world!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested the Most Great Name, to the despair of the peoples who denied the Proof of God and His evidence, who disputed His verses, who disbelieved in His favor, who pronounced sentence of death against Him, and who cast aside His Book which He made an enduring testimony from Him to all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O My Name! I bear witness to that which the Tongue of My grandeur hath testified in the kingdom of My utterance, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My Name! We love to behold thee possessed of the disposition of thy Lord, that thou mayest not be saddened by the deeds of the oppressors who have cast behind them the Covenant of God and His testament and who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. O My Name! By the life of God, wolves have surrounded Me from every direction. They have wrought that which hath caused the Most Exalted Pen to lament, and the Tablet of God wherein were inscribed the mysteries of the first and the last.

O thou who circlest round My throne and art present before My face! Dost thou weep for the Self of God Who standeth firm in the Cause, or shall I weep with Mine own eyes for It? By the life of God, all things have wept by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of those who denied after We created them for pure truth and made known unto them the straight and manifest path of God.

Should anyone ask thee concerning the Glory, say: Verily, He is under the claws of hatred. Alas, alas, for that which hath befallen Me from every oppressor, from every sinner, from every liar, from every heedless one, from every denouncer, from every vain imaginer, and from every deceitful traitor. Should anyone ask thee concerning the Divine Lote-Tree, say: Verily, It is beneath the swords of the people. Alas, alas, for that which hath befallen the Wronged One from the hosts of the wicked ones.

Some among the people have been seized by the smoke of idle fancies. Because of this hath the eye of My inner being wept and the sighing of My heart been raised. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to purify His servants from the defilement of idle fancies and the dust of vain imaginings. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Illumine My loved ones with the lights of My utterance, remind them of My verses, and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My wondrous utterance and the clouds of My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The resplendent light from the horizon of the heaven of My grace and the glory shining forth from the kingdom of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning this momentous News. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Beloved of the hearts of them that know and the Purpose of them that have recognized His oneness.

BH02767: This is a wondrous remembrance from the servant unto…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

This is a wondrous remembrance from the servant unto all who are in the heavens and the earth, that all may enter the pavilions of mighty glory. Those who have entered the sanctuary of the Spirit and believed in what was sent down from God—these are the companions of guidance. Upon them be the blessings and mercy of God. God will assist them with the hosts of the unseen and raise them to a lofty, holy station. He will send down upon them the angels of the Spirit who will give them glad tidings of the meeting with God and provide them with fruits of Paradise upon sublime and exalted cushions.

Say: These are verses of the Spirit which We cast upon you that through them may be quickened the hearts of those who have detached themselves unto God, and that they may be made pure and luminous by the lights of this Dawn. All shall arise from the graves of heedlessness and hasten with their hearts to the shore of the Spirit, and soar with the wings of knowledge in the atmosphere of subtle light, reaching a station where no blame of any blamer nor hindrance of any hinderer shall touch them. They shall hasten to good deeds and arise to the Cause though all who are on earth should oppose them.

Say: Those who have ascended unto God with their wealth and their souls—these are they whom God has made lights of the earth. From their light He created the denizens of the worlds and raised them to heights that were magnificent in the Mother Book. God shall soon manifest them upon clouds of light, and the angels of the Cause shall meet them, in their hands swords of power with which they shall slay the ungodly with swords of conquest—this is decreed as inevitable with God.

O Letter Sad! Hear the call of Him Who calls thee from the throne of eternity and remembers thee on this night in a noble and glorious station, that thou mayest remind the servants of the paradise of oneness and give them glad tidings of the days of God, and provide them with fruits which God has ordained for them in a preserved Book of nearness, lest hardships turn them away from the paths of their Lord and distance them from the path which God created behind the holy worlds and made as a bearer of glad tidings and warning to all beings.

Then mention from Us Our names who were in thy land, and glorify their faces from Us, and likewise those who remember God in their hearts and are today among the radiant lights of the Sun in the Dawning-place of eternity. And thou, preserve these words, then recite them with the tongue of pure nature that the sincere ones may be turned to the beauty of a beautiful countenance.

BH02756: These are the verses of holiness, sent down…

These are the verses of holiness, sent down from a heaven of exalted might. They inspire the contingent worlds with that which will suffice them above all things—this, by the grace of Him Whose bounty hath encompassed all the worlds.

O Faraj! Seek thou relief through the relief of thy Lord. Verily, He shall suffice thee against all who are in the heavens and on the earth, and shall bring thee unto the shore of My impregnable Name. Be thou the "Faraj" of thy Lord among the servants, and a sign of His remembrance within the kingdoms of the Cause and of creation, that thou mayest become the standard of guidance upon the Sinai of holiness, and the banners of glory upon the hilltops of My wondrous Name.

Lay hold on the Book of God with firmness; then emerge from the veils of vain imaginings; then shatter the idols of these days by the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful—haply thereby the hearts of those who have ascended unto the loftiest heights of shining sanctity may find rest. Ascend thou unto a station where neither heaven nor earth shall divert thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, and be thou steadfast in love.

And when thou desirest to move from that land, move through the attraction wherewith all atoms are stirred, and turn toward God, thy Lord, in this station wherein the suns of radiant glory have shone forth.

Say: In this Day none can enter this Ridvan, beheld at the right hand of the Throne, save he who purifieth his heart through the remembrance of his Lord and washeth himself with the waters of holiness, that he may cleanse it from the mention of all who are in the heavens and on the earth, and attain unto the Egypt of detachment—the praiseworthy station of nearness.

Then let him arise and say—when he standeth facing the quarter of the Spirit, in a beloved seat of sanctity:

O Lord! I have fled from mine own self and from all that hindereth me from entering into Thy good-pleasure, and have entered the pavilion of Thy loving-kindness. Preserve me then, O my God, from Satan and his guile, from the Evil One and his delusions; and purify my face for Thy Face, toward which the faces of the near ones have been turned upon uplifted seats of holiness.

Thus hath thy Lord commanded thee, that thou mayest convey it unto the servants, that souls may be severed from the vain fancies they possess, and may abide in the neighbourhood of their Lord, the All-Merciful, in this dwelling which God hath sanctified from the touch of the idolaters.

Arise in the Cause of God, thy Lord, and call aloud among the servants, and fear none. Put thy trust in Him, for He shall guard thee against every rejected and rebellious idolater.

BH02757: These are the verses of the Manifest Book, sent…

In the Name of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

These are the verses of the Manifest Book, sent down in truth from the heaven of God, the Most High, the Great. Verily this is a revelation whereof every person of innate knowledge beareth witness that it hath been sent down from One Who is mighty and wise. They that have disbelieved—these shall not find therein the fragrances of the All-Merciful. Nay, they are in manifest error, even as those before them found not, on the day when the Manifestation of Mine own Self, the Most High, the All-Wise, appeared among them. They said: "This hath not been sent down from innate knowledge," after that innate knowledge was itself created therefrom. Thus do We recount unto you that which hath been ordained, and thy Lord best knoweth the idolaters.

Say: O people! Fear ye God, and utter not that which causeth the dwellers of the realms of eternity to lament and the pillars of the mighty Throne to tremble. Every person of innate knowledge hath been created by His command, if ye be of them that know. And every person of insight recognized the truth before its manifestation—how much more after its manifestation through a perspicuous Book! And no one possessed of a heart would exchange a single letter of God's words for all the treasures of the heavens and earth.

Say: O people! Fear ye God and take not any partner unto Him. Verily He was ever One in His Essence. He hath created all contingent things through the Word whereon He shed the light of His name, the Creator. Blessed be God, the best of creators! Say: All are His servants and make mention of Him by night and by day, yet most of them are behind a mighty veil.

God hath accepted the deeds of them that have turned unto Him, for He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. As to them that have turned away—their deeds shall not be accepted, even should they worship Him throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven. This is a certain truth. Had God accepted the deeds of those who in times past were among the people of the Torah and the Gospel, He would surely accept the deeds of these people. Thus hath the matter been decreed by One Who is knowing and wise.

Leave the people to their vain imaginings, then take thou for thyself a path unto God. They that have turned away from this Countenance—these are deprived of God's grace and mercy, and are recorded as being among the people of error by the Pen of Glory in the Tablet. Shun them, and turn with thy whole being unto Him at Whose bidding the Sun of Justice hath shone forth from the horizon of this heaven which hath been raised up in God's name. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth and ordained

for thee the way of guidance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, Who is indeed aware of His servants.

And glory be upon the people of glory and upon those who have taken God as their Guardian.

BH02918: Lawh-i-Mazindaran

O My Name! O thou who gazest upon the Sun of My Manifestation! We made no mention in the Tablet of the people of M and A, therefore We make mention of them at this time, that it may be a treasure and honor for them with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily We have found from that land the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We have made mention of him who was named ʿAli in that place, and after him certain numbered souls, and after them servants who turned and said "We believe in God, the Lord of the worlds."

If thou turnest and seest those who have attained unto the mention of God, give them glad tidings from Me and proclaim unto them greetings from the Wronged One, the Stranger. Verily We have mentioned My loved ones in the Crimson Tablet from My Pen—these from whom We found the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the heaven was cleft asunder and the earth was rent and the stars fell and the foundations of every firm building were shaken. Soon shall wondrous fruits be witnessed from the trees of those lands. This is the decree of God, before and after. Well is it with them that understand.

O people of the land of M! This Wronged One, at this hour when the blessed sixth hour hath arrived—God willing may all be enabled to do that which befitteth the days of God. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! While time remaineth, strive to make up for what hath passed. Verily He is with you and will aid you in that which befitteth this blessed and wondrous Day. God willing may all the friends of God drink from the immortal chalice and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the blood that was shed in Thy path and by the hearts that were melted in Thy love, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Thou art verily powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all worlds. O Lord! Thou seest them among Thy heedless servants who have cast behind their backs Thy covenant and broken Thy pledge and disputed Thy mighty signs. I beseech Thee to send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! Draw them by Thy most sweet call in such wise that they may see the world behind them and the deniers beneath their feet. How wonderful is this attraction whereby the light shone forth and there appeared that whereof the Book spoke:

> "All things are perishing save the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower."

BH02922: O Sadiq! Hearken unto the Call. Verily it guideth…

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

O Sadiq! Hearken unto the Call. Verily it guideth thee and draweth thee nigh and causeth thee to hear that which hath been raised from this Most Exalted Station which hath been named by all names. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

We have mentioned thee before with that which caused the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness to surge, and We mention thee at this time that He may cause thee to soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, through Whom the Balance hath been established and all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!"

Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath been named Muhammad in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily he hath taken for himself a station beneath the canopies of the grandeur of his Lord, as attesteth the Perspicuous Book which is with Him. He hath mentioned thee time and again, and We have sent down for thee that which hath caused the breezes of utterance to waft over all creation. Blessed be they that attain, and woe unto the heedless!

We make mention of thy brother who hath been named Abu'l-Hasan, and We remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My grace which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hast partaken of the choice wine of My utterance and that which hath flowed from My Pen, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having illumined me with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned me with the ornament of certitude in Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen Ones and the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Daysprings of Thine inspiration, to ordain for me that which will draw me unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art verily the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And We make mention of him who hath been named Haydar from the direction of My Most Luminous Horizon, that he may draw nigh unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having mentioned thee with verses from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of loving-kindness and bounty throughout the enduring Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Great. When the wine of My utterance hath taken hold of thee, say:

> "My God, my God! Assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, then make me detached from my will, clinging unto Thy Will. I testify that Thou didst create me for Thy knowledge in Thy days and didst assist me therein through Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee to open before my face the doors of Thy grace, Thy mercy and Thy giving. Thou art verily the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

BH02915: In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous!

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous!

O Land of Ta! By God, thou hast attained to that which most of the world's lands have not attained. God hath made thee the dawning-place of His signs and the manifestation of His names. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Book. The Truth hath ever gazed and continueth to gaze upon His friends and the leaves of the divine Lote-Tree. Grieve not over the world and its afflictions. There hath been ordained for thee and for My loved ones that which He hath ordained for His assured servants, both men and women. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have previously made mention of him who attained to faith and recognition, who was named Habibullah in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, all are mentioned and continue to be mentioned. Concerning him who ascended unto God there hath been revealed that which hath caused its fragrance to encompass the world. We beseech God once again to send down upon him at all times mercy from His presence. He is verily the Generous, the Lord of great bounty.

We make mention of thy daughter and beseech God to protect her and ordain for her that which He hath ordained for His handmaidens who circle round the Throne and have attained His presence. He is the Hearer, the Answerer. That which she sent hath come before Us and hath been accepted through the grace of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

We make mention of thy other daughter and give her the glad-tidings of My favors which have preceded both the unseen and the visible.

O My handmaiden! This Wronged One beareth witness to the turning, the devotion, the humility and the submissiveness of that deceased one in the days of God. No bounty can equal this testimony. It behooveth you to thank God for this supreme gift and this favor which hath encompassed all existence.

We seal this Tablet with mention of him who was named Abdu'r-Rahim in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the Wise. O Abdu'r-Rahim! Arise to serve and guide the servants, as far as possible, to the shore of the Most Great Ocean. This is a blessed and mighty day, to whose greatness the divine Books have testified. Blessed are they who possess understanding.

The people of God and all other peoples must turn to the horizon of Revelation and beseech from the Truth that which will cause the exaltation of His Word and the advancement of existence. Verily He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty.

BH11741: I testify, O Beloved One, that the Light hath…

In the Name of the Manifest One, the Manifester, the Manifested, the All-Revealing, the Revealer!

I testify, O Beloved One, that the Light hath shone forth and become manifest, the Hidden hath appeared and been revealed, the heavens have been cleft asunder and rent, the earth hath been split and torn, the mountains have been scattered and dispersed, minds have been demolished and shattered, the Countenance hath radiated and gleamed, the waters have flowed and streamed, the verses have descended and been sent down, the beasts have been gathered and assembled, souls have been

annihilated and obliterated, witnesses have been crushed and demolished, […] have served and rendered service, the Bird of Oneness hath warbled and sung, the Cock of Eternity hath trilled and caroled, the Peacock of Glory hath cried out and proclaimed, Beauty hath shone and radiated, the Cloud of the Unseen hath witnessed and testified, Perfection hath risen and appeared, the Countenance hath sung and clapped, the Maiden hath chanted and danced, declaring that all in all through all have been eclipsed and nullified and demolished and frozen and thunderstruck.

Say: He is the One Who hath rolled up the heavens of your idle fancies while ye perceive it not. Glorified be He Who hath concealed from all His consummate wisdom, and all comprehend it not. Thus hath God, your Lord, testified, while ye, being less than what God hath testified, neither witness nor are capable of witnessing.

O Countenance of Glory and Mystery of the Most Glorious! Say: He is the One Who sendeth down verses unto whomsoever He willeth among His servants, yet all turn away from His verses. Among His signs is that light appeareth from the mist of camphor, yet people know it not. And among His signs is that the Tree warbleth on Mount Sinai, yet servants reflect not thereon.

O Beloved! Say to all who are on earth: Can anyone find a beloved apart from the Countenance of my Lord? Glorified be He above what the idolaters assert! Can anyone find beauty apart from the beauty of my Lord? Glorified be He above what the transgressors have wrought! Can anyone find victory apart from the unfurling of the banners of my Lord's triumph? Glorified be He above what the deniers witness! Can anyone find sovereignty in the kingdom apart from the dominion of my Lord? Glorified be He above what they imagine! […] He is the One with Whom are the treasuries of verses and the treasures of all things, yet all are dead in their veils. Glorified be He Who is sanctified above verses and above what the believers describe.

BH03047: O ʿInayatu'llah, upon thee be My glory! Praise be…

In the Name of the All-Powerful, the Almighty!

O ʿInayatu'llah, upon thee be My glory! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who brought thee from the realm of the unseen to the realm of the visible in His days. This Day is the Lord of days, nay rather, the Lord of centuries and ages. That which is limited cannot be compared with this Day. Glorified be He Who hath manifested it and exalted be He Who hath raised it up. Were the people of the world to comprehend even for a moment the station of this Day and become aware of it, all would engage in that which is befitting it today and would turn from what they possess to what is with God.

O ʿInayat! While We were seated upon Our throne, there entered into the presence of God, the Lord of all beings, the son of My name, upon both of them be My glory and My loving-kindness, who was named Husayn. We took up thy letter and found from it the fragrance of thy love and the love of thy father and mother. We have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon there shineth forth from every word the luminary of loving-kindness and bounty from God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

Praise be to God that thou hast ever been and art successful in mentioning the True One, exalted be His glory. At this hour the luminary of permission hath dawned from the Dayspring of divine Will, and We

have commanded that Jinab-i-Husayn, thy helper, appear by proxy before the Face and perform that which hath been the hope of the sincere ones and those near unto God. Rejoice thou in these glad-tidings through which the luminary of joy hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the Mighty, the Powerful.

The people of that household, all of them, have been and are before Our sight, and each one hath partaken of the sealed wine, that is, the wine of utterance which hath flowed from the tongue of the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed are they that drink thereof, and blessed are they that attain thereunto.

Thou, O ʿAttar, on the world hast strewn A hundred thousand musk-pods, hour by hour, in boon.

God forbid! This musk cannot be described or limited. It hath appeared from a station which is the point of circumambulation for the temples of utterance and meaning. Thus have We mentioned thee and sent unto thee that whereby thy remembrance and those who are with thee shall endure. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Countenance and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH02966: To be typed

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BH02980: Praise and glory are reserved unto those servants who…

He is the Gracious, He of wondrous bounty.

Praise and glory are reserved unto those servants who, with utmost resolve, have arisen to unite the hearts of men through wisdom and utterance, and who, for the sake of love and fellowship, have borne hardship that the servants of God might find repose. Exalted be their knowledge, exalted their deeds, exalted their thoughts and their steadfastness! They have sacrificed the ease of their own existence in the path of the advancement of humankind; whatsoever they possessed have they expended in the way of the true Possessor; and they have lifted up the hands of hope toward the heaven of bounty for the exaltation of the station of men, that the hearts of the peoples of the world might be adorned with the seal of "Verily, we are God's," and be sanctified from the dust of selfish desire and passion, and might set their course toward the loftiest summit and the ultimate goal. Blessed are they that have attained.

The letter of that spiritual beloved, like unto the Salsabil of inner meanings, refreshed and revived the sapling of existence. Each word thereof opened a door and breathed forth a remembrance: every remembrance recalled the days of presence, and every word cried out, "Verily we are God's, and unto Him shall we return." In very truth I say: the flame of separation is not stilled save by the Kawthar of reunion, nor is the darkness of absence dispelled save by the light of meeting and union. Reunion with the friends and attainment unto their presence is the highest fruit of the Tree of the Most Exalted Paradise. Our hope is that none may be deprived of this everlasting fruit and this eternal yield.

And after the reading and perusal thereof, mention was made in the presence of Him before Whose face all stand. He declared:

> “Inwardly thou art near, though outwardly it be otherwise. I was not pleased to speak of distance.”

Praise be to God that the foundation of nearness and reunion, through the bonds of love and affection, is established, firm, and unshakable.

From God, exalted be His glory, do We beseech that through you He may extinguish, with the water of wisdom and utterance, the fire of discord that burneth within the hearts of the peoples of the world, that all may gather upon the shore of the ocean of oneness and draw a breath in peace and freedom. We beseech God that through thee He may raise aloft the banner of unity throughout the lands. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Sovereign in the beginning and in the end.

BH03023: To be typed

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BH03037: To be typed

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BH11620: Thou seest, O God of Names and Sovereign…

He is God, blessed and exalted be His glory!

Thou seest, O God of Names and Sovereign of eternity, how the hearts of them that yearn are consumed by the kindling of the fires of destiny, and how the frames of the lovers are disturbed by the succession of grievous trials, such that sighs follow upon sighs and tears stream forth continuously, and cheeks are moistened, and the fire of sorrows is ignited throughout creation. How can I recount, O my Creator, that which hath encompassed Thy loved ones through Thy conclusive decree and mighty tribulation? And by what utterance can I enumerate what hath befallen the lovers through the effects of separation? Their hearts have melted and their souls are perplexed, finding no solace in their grief, no tranquility in their anguish, and no remedy for the ailment of their remoteness and deprivation.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the potency of Thy most mighty and most glorious utterance to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which may quiet their agitation and burning, and adorn them, O my God, with the ornament of supreme steadfastness amidst all created things. Make known through them to Thy servants what Thou hast revealed in Thy Tablets, guide through them Thy creation to the horizon of Thy recognition, and illumine through them the hearts of the seekers with the lights of the luminary of Thy knowledge and utterance, that the peoples may come unto the Law of the recognition of Thy Most Great Name and arise to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy manifest Day through Thy mighty Command, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have known Thee!

O thou who hast quaffed the Kawthar of reunion on the Day of Return through the grace of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted! How can I describe to thee what hath come upon us in this most mighty

calamity from the heaven of the decree of thy Most Glorious Lord? And with what tongue can I console thee and the loved ones of thy Lord, the Lord of all creation? By God! I see no tongue capable of mentioning this all-encompassing tribulation, nor any ear able to hearken unto the utterance of this momentous catastrophe. Were it not for the commands issued in His Most Holy, Most Exalted Book, and His decree of patience and contentment, the very existence of the lovers would have been obliterated by the manifestation of the decree of separation, and their spirits would have departed their bodies from the overwhelming force of longing.

But He, exalted be He, through His consummate wisdom, sustained His yearning ones, and through His abundant favor strengthened His sincere ones, and cast upon them the spirit of patience and submission in this mighty tribulation. I beseech Him, exalted be He, not to cut us off from the breezes of His grace, nor withhold from the gardens of our hearts the rain of His mercy, and to aid us in His service and in exalting His mention among His creation. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Merciful. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon the steadfast loved ones of God.

BH11621: In My Name which is sanctified above the mention…

In My Name which is sanctified above the mention of all names

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One from the heaven of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, that He might give glad tidings unto all peoples of this Day wherein the atoms have cried out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses!” Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a sovereignty before which all names have bowed down, and with a Cause against which no parties can prevail. Aid ye your Lord, the All-Merciful. Soon shall all that ye possess perish; then shall ye find yourselves in abasement and loss. The gate of heaven hath been opened and He Who was promised by the tongue of the Prophets hath descended, He Who was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets.

We verily informed all when the croaking was raised in the land of Kaf and Ra. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. He hath appeared and hath spoken that whereat the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the dwellers of the highest Heaven have lamented. And he who was named Abbas-ʿAli hath joined with the people of hypocrisy. He is indeed among those who follow the people of error. Ask thou God to aid him to return. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the dominion of the beginning and the return.

Glory be to God! A group of unbelievers have gathered and are striving mightily to lead the servants astray. Strange it is that souls who claimed to love God and counted themselves among the steadfast have turned away from truth at a mere croaking. Such is the condition of the servants.

Convey to the friends of God the greetings of the Wronged One and remind them of what hath been revealed in the Book. The people of the Crimson Ark are souls whom all on earth cannot prevent from the divine path, much less can such heedless, wrongdoing persons. Though having no knowledge of the beginning of the Cause and its foundation, they have denied the Sun and followed the bat. They are

indeed in manifest loss. Those souls who are with thee are each remembered in the Most Holy Court and have attained His grace. We beseech God to aid them all and keep them steadfast. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH03170: To be typed

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BH03054: I bear witness, O my God, to Thy oneness…

He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

I bear witness, O my God, to Thy oneness and confess Thy singleness. Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. From time immemorial Thou hast been sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted above the loftiest descriptions of all existing things. Through Thy Name, O my God, the ocean of knowledge surgeth and the fragrance of utterance is wafted. Thou art He Whom errors have not prevented from bestowing gifts, and Whom the might of the powerful and the dominion of princes have not weakened.

I testify, O my God, to Thy bounty and generosity, Thy favors and Thy glory, Thy power and Thy gifts. Thou art He, O my God, Who hath not closed the door of Thy grace nor withheld the rain of Thy bounty and loving-kindness. Thou art He Whom nothing occupieth from anything else and no condition preventeth from another condition.

O Lord! By Thy Most Exalted Word all things were drawn forth, and through it the sincere ones hastened to the place of sacrifice, yearning to attain Thy presence, O Lord of Names, and those near unto Thee hastened to the Dayspring of Thy Most Exalted Name. Who hath turned to Thee, O my God, and hath not gained the lights of the Sun of Thy favors, and who hath faced Thy horizon and hath not beheld the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and loving-kindness?

I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Sovereign of the Kingdom, to assist the ministers of the earth to execute that which Thou hast sent down from the Supreme Pen in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O Lord! They are the Daysprings of Thy power and the Dawning-Places of Thy might. I beseech Thee to aid them in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the hereafter and the former times.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that through Thy grace and will the sun of justice hath shone forth from the horizon of bounty, and the light of equity through Thy bounty and favor. O Lord! Aid him in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for him from Thy Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet that which will make him mighty through Thy might and great through Thy greatness.

Thou seest, O my God and my Lord and my Support and my Hope, that he desireth to repair what was broken in numbered years. O Lord! Illumine the horizons of Thy kingdom through his justice, then preserve him through Thy power and Thy might. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou

willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH11623: This is a Book which We have sent down…

In His Name, Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

This is a Book which We have sent down in truth and made it the choice wine of utterance for all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and the Kawthar of generosity for all who are in the world, and the Salsabil of life for those who are seized with the thirst of separation when the horizon of reunion shone forth with the Luminary of My Name, the All-Subduing over all the worlds.

We make mention of him who has turned to God, and We cause him to hear My most sweet call and give him to drink of this luminous wine. As for those who have remained heedless of the Truth and His sovereignty—their names shall not be mentioned before the Throne, and they shall ere long return to their abode in the fire. He, verily, is the Just, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

O peoples of the earth! The Object of your desire hath appeared, and He, verily, is the One promised in the Scriptures of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest the ornaments of the world debar you from God, the Lord of all names. Cast them behind you, turning your faces toward the court of your Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came with clear signs, He was opposed by those possessed of learning, and before Him, when the Spirit came, the doctors of the Torah turned away from Him and the people followed them until God raised Him to an exalted station. Thus was the matter decreed aforetime. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Hearken thou unto that which the Spirit hath imparted to the heart of the world: There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the verses of God time and again, and for having drunk the wine of knowledge from the hand of the favors of thy Lord while every froward oppressor turned away. Strive thou in the service of thy Master that there may appear from thee that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom and the dominion shall endure. This behooveth him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Make mention of My loved ones in that land and give them the joyful tidings of My gracious remembrance. We make mention of everyone who hath turned to the Countenance with a remembrance whereby their names shall be recorded in a preserved Tablet. By My life! Were they to know this bounty, they would soar on the wings of joy and turn with their hearts to the horizon of the Manifestation, saying:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast enabled us to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation while He was imprisoned among the heedless ones.”

Verily, upon thee and upon them be the glory from One Who is Mighty, Praiseworthy.

BH11746: This is a Book sent down through grace…

In the Name of Him Who speaks the Truth!

This is a Book sent down through grace to one who has turned towards God on a day wherein the people have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. When the appointed time came and the Dawning-Place of verses appeared, the divines of Iran turned away from Him and unjustly pronounced their verdict against Him—a verdict at which the Concourse on High lamented, as did those who circle round His mighty Throne. Blessed is the ignorant one whom the veils of glory have not withheld, and woe unto the learned one who has disbelieved in God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

O people of God! Hearken unto the call of Him Who has been wronged. He summons you to His straight path. We make mention in the Persian tongue and counsel the friends of God to safeguard the trust of God, for thieves have been and are lying in wait. Mention has been made in the Tablets of the cawers. They must be so steadfast that no one will find occasion to speak. The cause of the waywardness of the helpless people has been and continues to be the divines. As you have seen and heard, through the opposition of such souls, the people of Iran remained veiled from the recognition of the Purpose of all worlds and occupied themselves with cursing and denouncing. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people.

Beseech God to protect you from vain imaginings and to make you steadfast in His Cause. O Muhammad! Each of these mentioned souls has been blessed by God's favors. Blessed are they who in these days are remembered before His presence and whose mention flows from the Most Exalted Pen. Convey greetings to all. Say: Today all must stand firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Luminary of the horizons in perfect unity. The favors of the Revealer of verses have encompassed and will continue to encompass those who have turned towards Him and remained steadfast.

The waves of the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful are manifest before the faces of the world, and the lights of the Sun of His Revelation are evident and visible. Nevertheless, the unfair people are striving with the swords of hatred and enmity to extinguish the light. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect the friends of that land from the cawers and the godless ones. Verily, He has power over all things.

We make mention of thy mother and thy brother. Give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all created things. The Glory be upon thee and upon My friends there, and upon all who are firm, steadfast and upright.

BH03261: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, inasmuch…

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

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, inasmuch as Thou beholdest that the Sun of independence hath ever been dawning from the horizon of the temples of glory—they who have rent asunder the veils of grandeur, who have quaffed the choice wine of reunion, and who have attained unto the lights of beauty in the days when Thou didst come with the heaven of Thy Cause upon the clouds of grandeur and power,

when trembling seized all the tribes of the earth. And among them, O my God, is this Name who was named with the two Most Exalted Names, who turned wholly unto Thee, detached from all the worlds, who took no beloved save Thee and no object of desire except Thee.

Therefore dost Thou behold him, O my Beloved, consumed by the fire of separation from Thee and enkindled by the flame of longing for Thee. Ordain for him, O Fire of the hearts of lovers, that which shall make him, in separation, attain unto the lights of Thy reunion and presence, and in remoteness, drink from the cup of Thy nearness and glory. For verily Thou didst desire him and ordained for him a station upon the Most Exalted Throne which none can reach save they who have beheld Thee with Thine eye and known Thee through Thy Self, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

The letter of that spiritual friend and heavenly beloved arrived with the fragrances of the divine paradise of inner meanings and became the cause of joy to this evanescent one. Praise and glory be unto Him that the glances of His favor have ever gazed from the horizon of grace upon those turned toward the Most Great Scene, and the cloud of His boundless generosity is raised up and the immeasurable rains of grace descend, and the sun of the Most Glorious favor shines forth and the sea of ancient bounty surges. Praise be to the Beloved that your honor has been and continues to be the recipient of all divine favors, both outward and inward, and not for a moment have the breezes of God's favor from the right hand of the Most Great Mercy been cut off, nor for an instant have you been concealed from the vision of the Most Great Scene. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou! We beseech God to make me and you among those who are steadfast in the path of His Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. And praise be unto Him, for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

And furthermore, your honor's letter was presented before the Countenance and mighty verses were revealed from the heaven of oneness and sent. Upon thee be the lights that have shone forth from the horizon of His all-encompassing, transcendent words above the worlds.

BH03209: Since your honoured self made mention of Jinab-i-Malkum Khan…

He is God, exalted be His glory.

Since your honoured self made mention of Jinab-i-Malkum Khan, it became necessary to set forth what pertaineth to friendship, association, and those events which transpired and came to pass.

At that time this prisoner was yet unborn and had no knowledge of this world. Yet what was heard from one who served in those days is as follows. We were in Zarkandih, and that village had been set apart as the summer resort of the ministers of the illustrious Russian government. The late and forgiven Mirza Ya'qub Khan, the father of Jinab-i-Mirza Malkum Khan—may God preserve him—was employed in the embassy circle as an interpreter.

One day he came to the house of His Holiness. He said:

> "I am the interpreter of Amir-Nizam, Mirza Taqi Khan. I desire to disperse the people of Iran from turning toward foreign governments. Now it is observed that Baha'u'llah hath taken up residence in Zarkandih."

In reply it was said:

> "He holdeth in no wise intercourse with the ministers, but since His sister is in the house of the son of Haji Mirza Yusuf, interpreter of the Persian chancery of the illustrious government, He came only for visitation and inquiry after her state."

In those days this matter was outwardly one thing and inwardly another, for Amir-Nizam had manifested such oppression and tyranny as had neither peer nor likeness. Hence the truth of this affair was concealed from all, as a protection from One Who is the protecting, the knowing Guardian.

Then, on a later day, it was heard that the sons of the late Mirza Ya'qub Khan had returned from Paris, and that His Holiness intended to go to his house for a meeting. Thereafter the light of friendship shone forth and blazed brightly between them, until at length the severity of winter and the pomp of summer passed away, and all entered the city.

Afterward, with the permission of the King of Iran, His Holiness departed with us for the holy places of Karbila and the holy city of Najaf.

BH03275: This is a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

This is a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of the favour of God, the Lord of all worlds. We felicitate you in your rejoicing and give you glad tidings of the grace of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And though the number be not yet complete, God perfecteth whatsoever He willeth; verily, He is the sovereign Ordainer, the One Who chooseth.

News concerning her arriveth continually and in succession: at one time tidings of health, and at another of illness. In all conditions do we render thanks unto Him. Yet, in view of these differing reports, the united manifestations [?] have remained, for the present, deferred. God willing, may ye at all times be joined with joy and gladness.

Ma'sumih Khanum, God willing, may she be content and preserved beneath the shadow of His favour. And if repose, tranquillity, and settled abode accord not with her desire—indeed, she is one who would ascend and descend each day fifty times, nay, even more, and would walk now in length and again in breadth—yet, notwithstanding all these movements, there must now needs be some rest. What can be done? God willing, the Beloved of the world will vouchsafe patience.

In what condition are Hadrat-i-Shu'a'u'llah—or Shu'a'u'd-Din, or Shu'a'u'l-Mulk wa'l-Malakut? God willing, may all of you in every state be blessed and favoured. May the mother attain the joy of beholding her offspring, and the daughter of Jinab-i-Haji be enabled to remember God. Unto each is allotted a portion in the Book.

We convey greeting unto all the residents. God willing, may they forever quaff the choice wine of the love of God and remain occupied in His service. Sweetness is not attained from Sayyid Ism without generosity and bestowal. ʿAryan Effendi, with coverings without end [?] —God willing, may he be gladdened.

What God hath willed! Two steeds have galloped forth from the unseen into the plain of visible being; they grant neither respite nor delay. Why all this haste? The wisdom of God is indeed manifold. Verily, He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon you.

BH03278: This is the Day wherein all seas have been…

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

This is the Day wherein all seas have been merged into the Most Great Ocean which hath surged before the faces of all peoples, and every drop thereof hath proclaimed in its loudest voice: "The dominion belongeth unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting!" The Sinai hath smiled in this Revelation whereby the standards of idolatry were lowered and the banners of divine unity were raised by the command of God, the Lord of all existence.

Say: O people! The fragrance of the Merciful's utterance hath wafted throughout all contingent being. Beware lest the veils of the world prevent you or the might of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed strike fear in your hearts. Say: Fear ye God, O people! By God, the Day which God's Messengers and chosen ones foretold hath come. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which hath appeared in truth from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Say: Be fair, O concourse of the earth, concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and follow not every ignorant rejected one. The gate of bounty hath been opened upon all existence and the ocean of generosity hath surged in the world. Draw nigh with illumined hearts and be not of those who are unaware. Vain imaginings have held them back from the Sovereign of knowledge, and idle fancies from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Behold with your eyes and ponder that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of this exalted House.

The servant who was present hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this beloved Tablet which calleth in the kingdom of creation and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. Blessed is he who heareth and respondeth, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest me detached from all save Thee, attracted by Thy verses, speaking Thy praise and arising to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and the signs treasured in Thy Pen to confirm me and my son in turning unto the lights of Thy countenance and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Then ordain for us, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Lord of all nations, that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and the good of the Hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

BH03280: This is a Day wherein the Herald calls out…

This is a Day wherein the Herald calls out from every direction: O concourse of humanity! By God, the Lord of Destiny has come and every hidden matter has been revealed. Blessed is he who has recognized and attained, and woe to the heedless. Joy be to the one whose strength was weakened neither by the

might of Pharaohs nor the power of tyrants. He has testified to that which God has testified—that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have mentioned you before with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world, whose fragrance will not cease to persist through the endurance of My Most Great Name, by which the limbs of nations have trembled, save whom God has willed, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. My Afnan, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy, has mentioned your name, and We remember you in this perspicuous Tablet.

O Mim! Upon you be My glory! Today is the day for helping the Cause. All must hold fast to it. Make mention of the loved ones of that land and its surroundings on behalf of the Wronged One. Say: Today is the day of greatest joy. All must be illumined by the light of the Cause and enkindled by the fire of the Blessed Tree. The various peoples of the world would sacrifice life and property for the slightest favor or request, that their desire might be fulfilled by kings and rulers. Now this Most Great Cause and Manifest Light has dawned and appeared in Iran, yet its people remain heedless and veiled. All must, with wisdom and utterance, aim for the cities of men's hearts, that they may benefit from the Most Great Name.

We beseech God that He may assist all and not leave your efforts without effect and fruit. Preserve your station and your reward and recompense […] through this Blessed, Mighty, Wondrous Name. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and upon those with you who love you and hearken to your call in this firm, mighty and wise Cause. Praise be to God, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH11626: O Rajab-ʿAli! Upon thee be my abundant greetings. Most…

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

O Rajab-ʿAli! Upon thee be my abundant greetings. Most of mankind have strayed far from truth, and the mortal world hath so deluded them that they have deemed the Reformer of the world to be a corrupter. They have turned away from light and cleaved unto darkness. They have accepted not a single word from the mine and dawning-place of truth. We have forbidden all the friends of God from contention and conflict, and commanded patience and forbearance. They accepted not the word of truth and move with utmost tyranny in the arena of oppression, heedless that the true Judge and the just Almighty observeth and will surely requite them.

O Rajab! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word, which is as a spirit for the temple of detachment: His exalted Word: "Be thou for Me and I shall be for thee." The world hath never been, nor will ever be, faithful. Cast away that which perisheth and take hold of that which endureth. Most of the people of Iran denied God's great bounty and raised the swords of tyranny against the essence of justice. They wrought that which caused every seeing eye to weep and every living soul to lament.

Consider the patience and forbearance of God, exalted be His glory, and reflect upon His name, the All-Patient. Soon shall weakness seize that strength and poverty encompass that wealth. Between man and the grave there is but a brief journey. They shall enter it alone, abased, fearful, trembling and disturbed. Thus hath the All-Informed informed us, and we are among the witnesses.

We make mention of all the friends of God and counsel them with that which beseemeth them, and we beseech God to adorn the temples of all with the ornament of pure deeds and to crown their heads with the diadem of justice. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Wronged One sendeth greetings upon thee, thy son and thy wife. Remember them both on my behalf. We beseech God to assist them to do what is praiseworthy and to ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come. He is the Forgiving, the Kind. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

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BH03394: This is a glorious Book sent down…

In the Name of God, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting!

This is a glorious Book sent down from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Verily it is a revelation from the Lord of the worlds. It brings glad tidings to the people of this Day whereon He hath been established upon a great throne, and it warneth the people of a grievous day of retribution.

O people! Fear God and follow not every sinful repudiator. Verily he whom the people of error have taken as a protector besides God is in manifest error and flame. He hath turned away and withdrawn, then retreated and fabricated. By God, he hath appeared with evident calumny. O people! Fear God and draw not nigh unto him. He calleth you unto his self, from which the manifestations of misbelief seek refuge with God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Peerless.

He believed not in Him Who revealed the Bayan nor in that which was sent down in a preserved and mighty Tablet. Say: By God, he hath not read the Bayan, nor doth he read it except to lead you astray from the path. And whenever he reciteth the verses of God, the True King, the Just, the Trustworthy, the Spirit that circleth round the words of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, addresseth him saying:

> “Hast thou disbelieved in Him Who created thee from a handful of clay? If thou didst believe in the verses of God, why didst thou fabricate against Him by Whose command the Scriptures of God were sent down from all eternity, and this perspicuous Book? Fear God and follow not thy self and thy passion. Rather, follow the religion of the Spirit, which is the love of Him Who hath appeared with the truth and come with manifest authority. Be not confused in thyself, nor make thyself deserving of God’s wrath and vengeance. Fear the day wherein the hearts of the deniers shall tremble.”

Say: “I have believed in God and His Messengers and His Books, and unto Him do I turn, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.”

O thou who gazest toward the realm of immortality! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and say: “In the Name of God, the Quickener of Names.” Then burn away the veils of the heedless through the heat of thy Lord’s love and say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise.”

BH03391: The secret lamentations were understood from the spoken words…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High.

The secret lamentations were understood from the spoken words; and were patience amid grievous trials not a matter of highest worth, the saying, “The patient shall be recompensed their reward without measure,” would never have been revealed. Therefore choose thou patience, and tread the path of steadfast endurance. For verily the companions of truth were, from aforetime, promised such tribulations: “And We shall surely try you with something of fear and hunger and loss of wealth and lives and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient.”

The affliction of poverty is, for some, the greatest of calamities; yet for others it is the greatest of means of nearness—most of all when there be joined to it poverty in all save God, and riches in God and through God. Among the words of Jesus, Son of Mary, is this saying:

> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

This is that poverty round which a hundred thousand riches circle in homage. God willing, our hope is this: that we may glory in such poverty, never depart from its good-pleasure, and in every trial remain patient and steadfast.

Erelong shall all this pageantry be folded up, and all earthly poverty and outward wealth alike return unto dust, yielding no fruit unto their possessor save blackness of face. Therefore, by the power of patience and endurance, rend asunder the garment of worldly wealth and self-sufficiency, and assuredly, in the sight of those possessed of understanding hearts, the poison of poverty and nothingness is sweeter and fairer than the sugar of being and abundance, and in the mouth of the true lover sweeter than honey itself.

In every age such hath been the way and portion of the pure and the righteous; whereas the other lot and portion belong unto the wretched and the wicked. Were we but fair-minded, we would offer thanks and utter praises that we have been adorned with the gracious qualities of the loved ones of God, and have been enabled to walk in their noble paths. Praise be to Him, then, and yet again praise be to Him.

And we cherish the hope that hardship may be changed into ease, sorrow into joy, and poverty into wealth. Nor is that hard for God, thy Lord.

BH03423: O beloved of my heart and one who gazes…

O beloved of my heart and one who gazes upon the countenance of my Beloved! Blessed art thou, then glad tidings unto thee for having attained to the mention of the Desired One. By the life of God! All that hath been created in existence, both seen and unseen, cannot equal it. Praise be to God that thou hast been mentioned in the Most Great Scene and the Most Pure Tongue hath spoken thy praise. This bounty hath had and shall have no likeness or parallel.

O my beloved! Thy letter which thou hadst previously sent reached this evanescent servant. The sorrows of thy heart caused infinite grief. And that until now there hath been delay in responding—I swear by

God, our Lord, the All-Merciful, that this was not due to forgetfulness. Night and day I have been beseeching and hoping from God—exalted be His glory—and waiting that He might manifest from His all-embracing bounty concerning thee that which would bring joy, delight and gladness to thy heart. Until on this blessed night it was presented before Him and once again the extent of thy sorrows and cares was laid before Him. After this presentation, there appeared from the horizon of grace that which would transform the grief of all the worlds into manifest joy. Therefore we say unto thee: Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Bestower of bounty upon the worlds!

God willing, after beholding these holy and blessed words thou wilt transform grief into joy and care into delight and gladness, and with utmost joy and gladness thou wilt pass thy days in the remembrance and praise of God. After these utterances shining forth from the ocean of meanings, the mention of this evanescent one is in truth evanescent and non-existent and shall ever be so.

Light and mercy and radiance and honor be upon thee and thy family and all that God hath given thee through His grace. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to preserve thee and them from every tribulation and calamity and to guard you through His bounty and generosity. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

The servant

BH03545: Let His honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida take note. Your letter…

He is God, exalted be His glory!

Let His honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida take note. Your letter arrived and was read and presented, and this is what was issued from the Source of Utterance from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing:

O Rida! May you be the recipient, through the infinite favors of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, of divine grace. God is Our witness and fair-minded people bear testimony that whatever this Wronged One has spoken has been for the good of the friends of God. The one true God has commanded His servants to engage in consultation, that all may hold fast to His cord and act accordingly. You and all the friends must in all conditions fix your gaze upon God and place your trust in Him. The world has had and has no value. Be not grieved, for if one were to become the apparent owner of the whole earth, he would surely spend it all rather than see even one of the friends saddened, let alone anything beyond that. We enjoin upon you that which shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing. The counsel that shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of all beings was not given as an absolute command, but rather was offered purely out of wisdom and goodwill. Whatever appears beneficial after consultation may be acted upon.

As for what you wrote about Abdul-Rahim, he too has presented his requests. However, a true friend has always wished to see his loved ones united. Yet due to certain outward worldly matters, this quality is rarely observed. Therefore it is best that you travel together, and after arrival at the mentioned place, there is no objection if each person acts according to his own will in matters of outward affairs. These matters, if carried out in a spirit of joy and fragrance, are praiseworthy. The Glory be upon the people of Baha.

The servant sends his greetings to you and those with you.

BH03581: O Muhammad-ʿAli, Ism-i-Mihdi, upon him be My glory! Your…

In the Name of the One Incomparable God, the All-Knowing!

O Muhammad-ʿAli, Ism-i-Mihdi, upon him be My glory! Your mention has been made and the letters sent were seen. This is the Day of remembrance, the Day of praise, the Day of exaltation and ascendancy, and it has been and continues to be the Day of deeds. Whosoever in this Day achieves a deed for the sake of God shall abide forever in the kingdom of earth and heaven. Today the Euphrates of mercy is flowing, the gate of grace is opened, and the heaven of inner meanings is adorned with the stars of utterance. Blessed is the one whom vain imaginings did not deprive of the horizon of certitude, and whom the clamor of the turbaned ones did not prevent from turning to the most exalted horizon. All that has befallen humanity has come from such souls.

We beseech God to aid thee to stand firm with supreme steadfastness, in such wise that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to prevent thee. Drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful which floweth from the Supreme Pen. By the life of God! If thou attainest unto it, thou shalt find thyself above all the peoples of the world. The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any permanence. Ere long it shall pass away. Strive thou that through the grace of God—exalted be His glory—there may appear from thee that which shall waft the fragrance of eternity and endure as long as His most excellent names endure.

We, from this spot, send Our greetings upon thy face and thy mother and thy wife and those who are with thee. We beseech God to aid thee and draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. All the souls mentioned are remembered in the Most Holy Court, and each hath been illumined by the lights of the grace of the Sun of Truth. Their mention hath flowed from the tongue and been recorded by the Pen. Thus hath spoken He Who conversed upon Sinai, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those whom neither the suggestions of the mischief-makers nor the doubts of the deniers have withheld from God, the Lord of the worlds and the Object of the knowing ones.

BH03484: It was mentioned in all the former Tablets…

It was mentioned in all the former Tablets that a time would come and an hour be struck when the Bird of ʿIraq would wing His flight toward the Hijaz. Hasten ye, then, unto Him, O lovers of the divine Beauty, O ye enraptured ones of the sacred sanctuary of the Lord!

Now that time hath come, that breeze hath blown, that Bird hath flown—yet ye saw not, attained not, and reached not your heart's desire. Whatever was written, and whatsoever was proclaimed, to none of it did ye turn, nor did ye give ear. Now that hour hath passed, and that Day hath slipped from your grasp. Never again shall that breeze waft over this land, nor shall that rose unfold its face, nor shall that gate stand open.

Have ye ever heard that the nightingale of the divine garden seeketh repose save in the spiritual rose-bower, or maketh its dwelling elsewhere? Or that the hoopoe of the Sheba of love taketh for itself a homeland save upon the Sinai of the spirit? Or that the hearts of lovers seek any object but the beauty of the Beloved? Yet ye, O lovers, busied yourselves with your own imaginings, and never resolved to journey unto the land of the Beloved.

Alas for such heedlessness, which hath seized the whole world and encompassed all created things: that while the Sun shone resplendent in the very noon of its decline, radiant, luminous, and manifest, they made themselves the companions of the birds of the night and their fellows in song.

And I conclude with that which the nightingale of separation sang in the land of ʿIraq, and whereby all who dwell in every region of the horizons cry out:

> "Verily, the Bird of everlasting life hath flown unto the City of Divine Hiddenness, and the Dove of the spirit hath ascended from one branch and sought another branch."

Weep ye, then, O concourse of lovers, and O denizens of the heavenly realm! Thus do We cast upon you the verses of separation, that haply ye may arise from the couches of heedlessness and be numbered among those who are truly mindful.

BH03562: By Thy glory, O Beloved One, Thou giver…

He is the prayer-hearing, prayer-answering God!

By Thy glory, O Beloved One, Thou giver of light to the world! The flames of separation have consumed me, and my waywardness hath melted my heart within me. I ask of Thee, by Thy Most Great Name, O Thou the Desire of the world and the Well-Beloved of mankind, to grant that the breeze of Thine inspiration may sustain my soul, that Thy wondrous voice may reach my ear, that my eyes may behold Thy signs and Thy light as revealed in the manifestations of Thy names and Thine attributes, O Thou within Whose grasp are all things!

Thou seest, O Lord my God, the tears of Thy favored ones, shed because of their separation from Thee, and the fears of Thy devoted ones in their remoteness from Thy Holy Court. By Thy power, that swayeth all things, visible and invisible! It behooveth Thy loved ones to shed tears of blood for that which hath befallen the faithful at the hands of the wicked and the oppressors on the earth. Thou beholdest, O my God, how the ungodly have compassed Thy cities and Thy realms! I ask Thee by Thy Messengers and Thy chosen ones and by Him whereby the standard of Thy divine unity hath been implanted amidst Thy servants, to shield them by Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, the Gracious, the All-Bountiful.

And, again, I ask Thee by the sweet showers of Thy grace and the billows of the ocean of Thy favor, to ordain for Thy saints that which shall solace their eyes and comfort their hearts. Lord! Thou seest him that kneeleth yearning to arise and serve Thee, the dead calling for eternal life from the ocean of Thy favor and craving to soar to the heavens of Thy wealth, the stranger longing for his home of glory ʿneath the canopy of Thy grace, the seeker hastening by Thy mercy to Thy door of bounty, the sinful turning to the ocean of forgiveness and pardon.

By Thy sovereignty, O Thou Who art glorified in the hearts of men! I have turned to Thee, forsaking mine own will and desire, that Thy holy will and pleasure may rule within me and direct me according to that which the pen of Thy eternal decree hath destined for me. This servant, O Lord, though helpless turneth to the Orb of Thy Power, though abased hasteneth unto the Dayspring of Glory, though needy craveth the Ocean of Thy Grace. I beseech Thee by Thy favor and bounty, cast him not away.

Thou art verily the Almighty, the Pardoner, the Compassionate.

BH11679: This is what We saw in a dream…

This is what We saw in a dream, and We recount it truthfully that it may be a remembrance for all the peoples of the world.

We were walking in the House on a pitch-dark night. At times We gazed upon the Most Great Scene, and at other times I contemplated the pearls of nightly discourse, and at times the unique gems of destiny, and yet again I spoke to it of the lessons that had befallen Me, until the dawn broke forth with a smile. Then slumber overtook Me, and I reclined upon a pillow for but a brief moment. I saw thee standing before Me, with a radiant countenance, gazing upon thy Lord. The Face of God turned toward thee and magnified thee. Then there flowed from the mouth of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance, in such measure as none in all the worlds could reckon. And at the end of the discourse, We commanded thee, from the presence of the Lord of Lords, to convey His Cause among His creatures.

And amidst what We commanded thee, We saw Amin standing at the side of this manifest Scene with a luminous and joyous countenance, and We commanded him as We had commanded thee, and We recited unto him this most exalted Word which the All-Merciful had made as a brilliant gem upon the brow of utterance:

> “O servant! Know thou the value of these days. Verily, the sojourn of the All-Merciful among the peoples of the worlds is like unto the duration of the rose in the garden.”

And We repeated these words in that state until the hem of darkness grew thin and the fingers of destiny rent asunder the veil of heaven. Then sleep effaced the sign of wakefulness.

We arose and said: “The Command belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Summoning.” And while We were dictating to the servant in attendance before Us, We imparted unto him that which We have left unmentioned in the Tablet for the sake of brevity. Then did trembling seize him, and he was transformed by the wine of these words which gleamed like unto lamps in the crystal glasses of the words of the Lord of Names and Attributes. We said unto him: “Verily, in sipping the pure water from the goblets of success are signs for them that are wakeful.”

And We beseech the Lord of Creation to wrap you both in the mantle of righteousness and to make you and them that have believed standards of guidance amidst all creation. Verily, He is powerful over all things. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03642: To be typed

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BH03593: Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books testifying that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above the description of all created things and exalted beyond the comprehension of all beings, and will forever remain as He hath been from time immemorial. And blessings and peace be upon Him by whose name Prophethood and Messengership were sealed, through whom God's laws, commandments, proofs and evidence were made manifest, and upon His family and companions who cast away all that was with the people and arose to serve the Cause in such wise that the banner of unity was raised upon the highest standards. This is a remembrance from the Wronged One, Who is encompassed by sorrows from all directions through that which the hands of those who are heedless of the remembrance of God, the Lord of all worlds, have wrought.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the hearts of them that know Thee and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Thou seest how darkness hath encompassed all lands to such extent that Thy party among Thy servants lamenteth. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Day-Star of Thy justice and the splendors of the Sun of Thy Word to ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for those who have turned to Thee, O Thou Owner of Names, that which Thou didst ordain for Thy loved ones and chosen ones.

O my Lord! I implore Thee by the Seal of Thy Prophets and His successors and companions to send down from the heaven of Thy power a supporter of Thy Faith and a protector of Thy Cause. O my Lord! The oppressors have surrounded Thy loved ones and Thy lands, and Thou seest their weakness and powerlessness before their adversaries' guns and cannons. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of power and might, to assist Thy weak servants from the evil of these people, then ordain for this servant the good of the hereafter and of the former life. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

BH03623: Thy letter was received and attained unto the hearing…

Introduction

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing

Thy letter was received and attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. O noble one! God willing, mayest thou be blessed by His grace and drink from the Living Waters that flow from the Supreme Pen. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to thine own recognition—the allusions of the ignorant divines and heedless doctors of law did not prevent or deprive thee from the Most Great Ocean. Know thou the greatness of this station. From thy letter the fragrance of love was diffused. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me and caused me to turn toward Thy Cause, from which most of Thy servants have turned away. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made a light unto the righteous and a fire unto the wicked, and by the breezes of the Dawning-place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and awaiting the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty, Thy grace and Thy favors. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lies with Thee, then make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and holding fast to Thy cord. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. And We make mention that thou who hast turned to the lights of the Countenance, and thy brother who was named Aqa Kuchik—We beseech God to assist them and enable them to achieve that whereby their names shall endure in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Nasru'llah! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. He hath mentioned thee with a mention that equals not the mention of the world. He before Whom is a precious Tablet beareth witness to this. And We make mention of Abdullah in Shamsabad and give him the glad-tidings of God's grace and bounty, that he may be of the steadfast ones.

O Nasru'llah and O Abdullah! The Supreme Pen hath ever mentioned and continueth to mention His party. The loved ones must, with perfect unity and harmony, occupy themselves with the remembrance and praise of God, and with that whereby the Cause of God is exalted. This is the counsel of the Wronged One. We convey greetings to all the friends and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, mercy, loving-kindness and bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Gracious.

These three passages were on one yellow page in the handwriting of Baha'u'llah

BH03775: Rejoice, rejoice, O Children of Israel, in the grace…

He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsistent!

Rejoice, rejoice, O Children of Israel, in the grace of the Manifestation of the Glorious Lord!

Thanks and praise be unto God, that the Sun of Truth hath dawned upon the horizon of Unity, and it is dispersing and expelling the darkness of differences and oppression.

Now, the flowers of significance [i. e., the explanations of mysteries] have blossomed upon the Branch of Generosities, and the Nightingale of the invisible Flower-Garden hath left its Nest; the dwellers of the Holy Place have adorned the plane of the earth with profuse benefits, and have illumined the feasting-place of nearness with every variety of ornament.

Blessed is the brave one who, with a firm step, walks out of the corridors of intimacy [i.e., his old religious restrictions and limitations] and takes a place in the ranks of the lovers of God and men; that he may become enlisted among the faithful and assured ones, the truthful and holy ones; that he may be constantly promoted in both worlds and ever favored with eternal exaltation.

O ye possessors of sight! With the inner eyes contemplate the Horizon of the world, that ye may behold the Mount of Sinai and the Country of Safety resplendent through the Light of God and radiating with the Manifestation of the Lord! Look not in the least with the eyes of the unbelievers and the wicked ones, for verily they are blinded by the world and cannot behold eternity.

Peace be upon him who followeth Guidance!

BH11759: O thou who hast attained, yet art afflicted…

He is

O thou who hast attained, yet art afflicted with separation! Know that I am the Divider, and I heed not; I am the One Who sunders, and I fear not. Shouldst thou desire to know Me, then know of a certainty that I am He Who depriveth the yearning ones of entrance into the court of My holiness, and banisheth them far from the seat of My throne. I am He Who hath consumed the hearts of lovers in the fire of separation, and abandoned them in the wildernesses of the earth. I am He Who, when invoked, answered not, and, when remembered, turned not in heedfulness. I am He Whose wealth will not hear the outcry of the poor, and Whose might will not regard the weak and the lowly. Such is the hour of My ascension upon the throne of My Name, the All-Compelling.

And when I ascend the throne of My Name, the All-Merciful, I guide the erring unto the Kawthar of My presence, admit them into the paradise of reunion with Me, and shall never cast them out therefrom. I am He Who ushereth the poor into the Ridvan of My riches, the feeble beneath the canopy of My power, and the abased into the city of Mine ancient glory. I am He Who, when called upon, answereth, and, when remembered, remembereth; and from everlasting I have been the Answerer of the cry of them that are in distress.

I am He Who answered ere the prayer was uttered, and bestowed without desert; such is My nature. I am He Who weepeth at the weeping of them that love Me, draweth nigh unto them that seek nearness unto Me, and hath thrown open the gates of My grace before the face of all who are in heaven and on earth. Well is it with them that enter therein.

He is

O thou who art present before the Throne! I have heard thy call and thy lamentation in separation, and have grieved at what hath befallen thee through fate. We beseech God to admit thee to thy dwelling place, for verily He is more merciful than every merciful one.

I send wondrous remembrances to the friends of God. Convey My greetings to Jinab-i-Rahim and Jinab-i-Munshi'ul-Amr. May Jinab-i-ʿAbdu'l-Ghaffar occupy himself with the remembrance of God, the Chosen One. A special Tablet was revealed and sent for Haji; deliver it to him.

BH03854: God testifieth that there is none other God besides…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Witnessed. God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, Who doeth whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

O My Afnan! The Most Exalted Pen consoleth you with this remembrance whereby God hath changed sorrow into the most great joy. There is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Grieve not for what hath befallen you. Verily, he who hath ascended is today in the seat of truth with the King of the invisible and visible realms. This is a word that all the treasures of earth cannot equal, yet most people comprehend not. Ye belong unto God and unto Him shall ye return.

We beseech God to manifest through you that which shall gladden the heart of the world and awaken them that slumber. Verily, he who hath set hath risen from My horizon, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The star of divine knowledge hath set from the heaven of My outward appearance and risen from the horizon of the heaven of My hidden Name, the Concealed. By God's life! He is verily in the Most Glorious Outlook and the Most Exalted Station. He who possesseth knowledge of what was and what shall be hath testified to this. Were existence to know, it would lament at being remote from this praiseworthy station. There hath been sent down for him from the heaven of utterance that which caused the angels to cry "Hallowed!" and the Spirit to exclaim "Magnified!" All this is from God's grace upon him and upon you. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Kind.

Preserve the people from the whisperings of those who have seized upon vain imaginings and cast behind their backs what was revealed in My Preserved Tablet. For the Crier hath cried out and shall cry out again. He is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Glory be upon you and upon those who hearken to your words concerning this irrevocable Cause.

BH03884: The Most Exalted Pen hath at this moment willed…

He is the One Who gazeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

The Most Exalted Pen hath at this moment willed to make mention of one of the servants, that he may become aware of divine grace, favor and mercy, and spend his days in remembrance, praise and service to His Cause. O Muhammad-Husayn! His honor ʿAli-Qabli-Haydar, upon him be My glory, hath made mention of thee, and therefore thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace and this mighty command. The whole world awaited the Day of God, but when the gate of grace was opened by the finger of divine power and the horizon of revelation was illumined by the light of Him Who conversed on Sinai, all turned away and arose to shed His most pure blood.

By God's life! The pebbles of the earth and its seeds, nay all things, lament and bewail the deeds and conduct of the Shi'ih party. They dwell in the pit of misbelief yet count themselves among the people of divine unity. They wander in the wilderness of idle fancy yet consider themselves people of certitude. They slew Him for Whose separation they had lamented a thousand two hundred years. Praise be to the

Goal of the world Who hath enabled thee to attain that whereof the people of the earth are deprived. Say:

O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the mysteries of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to make me so firm in Thy Cord that the doubts of the world and the clamor of the nations will not keep me back from Thee. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the people of righteousness and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of the kingdom of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH03934: O my handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory…

In the Name of the one true God!

O my handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. God, exalted be His glory, hath made mention of His servants and handmaidens at all times with a remembrance whose fragrance hath not ceased from the world and will never cease. His loving-kindness hath embraced all and His grace hath encompassed all.

God, exalted be His glory, commandeth thee to be patient. Verily He is the All-Patient and commandeth His servants and handmaidens to show beautiful patience amid the vicissitudes of the world and the passing of nations. At all times the heedless and idle people are witnessed. The divines of Iran were not and are not mentioned in the presence of the All-Merciful, but thou art mentioned through His grace and hast attained unto the verses of the Most Exalted Word. Blessed art thou and those handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

We make mention at this time of him who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O Ayat! Thou hast attained unto the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We heard thy call before and answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shone the light of grace from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Thou didst attain before thy ascension unto My verses and after it unto My gracious mention. The ocean of forgiveness hath surged in the Word of the All-Merciful that thou mayest rejoice in the Supreme Horizon and be among those who are glad. We have purified thee and forgiven thee at the time of thy ascension. This is attested by what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen as a grace from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the mention of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

O My handmaiden! Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor. We have made mention of thee and those with thee, and We beseech God to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Praise be to God, the Master of the beginning and the end.

BH03946: O Husayn! Arise to serve the Cause through divine…

In the name of the peerless one God!

O Husayn! Arise to serve the Cause through divine love and the flame of heavenly affection. Today, whosoever desires to render assistance must pass beyond all that he possesses and fix his gaze upon that which is with God. O Husayn! Today the ocean of generosity is surging and the effulgences of the Sun of bounty have encompassed all existence. Whosoever arises for the sake of God will not experience cessation nor will hesitation overtake him. Through the hosts of utterance, with spirit and fragrance, he will guide the wayward and strengthen the weak. Let none marvel at this exalted word. The Son of Mary—upon Him be the peace of God and the peace of His Prophets—observed a fisherman engaged in catching fish. He said:

> "Put down thy net and come, that I may make thee a fisher of men."

After this word, the tongue-tied gained speech, the ignorant entered the ocean of knowledge, the poor found their way to the kingdom of wealth, the lowly aspired to the summit of glory, the wayward became illumined by the light of the dawn of guidance. For he had passed beyond himself and joined with the Truth. He burned his desires in the fire of love and rent asunder the veils with the finger of certitude. While in this world he spoke through the Spirit of God, and when he turned toward the next world he attained a station which the pens of the world are powerless to describe. Blessed are they whom, in this day, neither the doubts of the deniers, nor the whispers of the negators, nor the clamor of the people of the Bayan have prevented from the Ultimate Purpose of creation.

Today is the day of steadfastness and the day of service. Strive that perchance ye may attain unto that which is mentioned with God and recorded in the Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon all who are firm and steadfast.

BH03777: This day have We awakened beneath the effulgent beams…

He is the Speaker in His most exalted Horizon.

This day have We awakened beneath the effulgent beams of the Day-Star of the gracious favour of God, the Lord of all worlds. All things have lifted up their voices, through the exaltation of My call, proclaiming that there is none other God but Him, the Incomparable, the All-Informed. Every hidden thing hath been made manifest, and whatsoever lay treasured within the knowledge of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath been brought forth to view. Yet the people have denied the proof of God and His testimony, and turned away from His firm and inviolable Cause.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory. We make mention of thee at this hour with that whereby the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have taken flight. The glory be upon thee from Us and upon them that love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

From the eloquent tongue We turn to the luminous tongue. The one named Jud came into the presence of the Wronged One and made mention of thee, beseeching Our favor. We said:

> "Praise be to God, they have attained unto His grace and are nourished by the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree. From the beginning of days until now they have been engaged in praise and thanksgiving and in service."

In response he mentioned the waves of the ocean of bounty and the lights of the supreme horizon at every moment are beloved, for souls are bound to them and hearts and minds are illumined and refreshed thereby.

After these utterances this Tablet was sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all men, that the Afnan might in every moment drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the words of the Lord of Names. This Kawthar bestows true joy and grants eternal life. The reward of thy deeds is remembered and treasured with God and inscribed in the Crimson Book.

We praise God Who hath aided thee and enabled thee to recognize Him and to stand firm in His Cause and in His service, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Praise be to God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH03948: O Husayn! Thy letter which thou didst send…

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

O Husayn! Thy letter which thou didst send to Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented before the Most Holy Court and attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, the fragrance of divine love was wafted from it. We beseech God not to deprive the people of the world from the pearls of utterance which lie hidden in the ocean of divine knowledge. May He rend asunder the veils with the finger of power and tear away the coverings, that all may turn with their hearts to the supreme horizon and not remain deprived of the outpourings of His days.

The Truth is manifest like the sun, verses are sent down like rain, and evidences are visible from all directions. Nevertheless, most are occupied with what they possess and are heedless of what is with God. They cling to vain imaginings and are deprived of the lights of the sun of certitude. The deniers of the Word are seen to be more lost than the peoples of former times. They speak anew the vain imaginings of old and are recorded with God as worshippers of names.

Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having turned, attained, and drunk the wine of divine knowledge from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Each of the souls mentioned in thy letter has attained to the remembrance of the Lord of Names and been adorned with the verses of the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to adorn all with the raiment of steadfastness, for the croaking has risen high and the misguided lie in wait in their ambush. We beseech God to protect His party from those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and who dispute His verses. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Thou didst mention Ramadan-ʿAli. We beseech God to illumine him with the light of His Cause and set him ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree—a blaze whose effects shall become manifest. We verily send Our greetings upon him from this station and counsel him with that which befitteth the days of God. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03929: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Thy…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Merciful, the Most Bountiful

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Thy letter was received and was presented at the castle before the face of the Lord of Destiny. Since mention was made of the honored Mirza who ascended to the Supreme Companion, the Most Exalted Pen desired to make mention of him:

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Scene, that this mention may be a companion unto thee, a light unto thee, a glory unto thee, an honor unto thee, and a treasure unto thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. We beseech God to send down upon thee each day that which will attract thee. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory which hath shone forth from the dayspring of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings, be upon thee and upon those who have turned with humility manifest toward the Supreme Horizon. We indeed found the fragrance of His love at the time of his ascension and revealed for him that from which everyone possessed of smell would detect the fragrance of the Luminous Robe.

O My Name! We convey greetings to his wife and have made mention of her aforetime, and We beseech God that He may strengthen her in steadfastness and in that which will exalt the Cause of her Lord, her Creator and her Fashioner. O My handmaiden! Be not grieved. Behold, then call to mind what hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors. That which thou didst send hath been presented and was accepted. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty favor. The cord was not accepted before, but that which thou didst send was accepted before the All-Merciful. Well is it with thee! We convey greetings to the women of that land and bid them to sanctification, detachment, supreme chastity and supreme purity. O My handmaidens! The world shall pass away but there shall endure for you what hath been ordained from the Most Exalted Pen in this exalted station. The Glory be upon you from the Wronged One, the Stranger.

BH11923: O Mihdi! Upon thee be God's everlasting peace…

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

O Mihdi! Upon thee be God's everlasting peace and His eternal splendor! This Wronged One beholds Himself immersed in an ocean of sorrow. The deeds and actions of some are like arrows and spears directed and descending from every direction. At this moment the Mother Book lamenteth, inasmuch as We have spread forth a carpet of trustworthiness and religiosity for the deceased. We beseech God to bestow justice. Thou thyself art witness that in most Tablets We have summoned all to chastity, trustworthiness and religiosity.

Today the eyes of the Tablets weep, for the actions of some have become the cause of the derision of others and the turning away of the servants. Whosoever heareth the details of that land will surely engage in mockery, ridicule and calumnies that cause distress and sorrow to the people of the cities of justice. The letter that was sent hath come to Our notice, and this Wronged One hath felt and continues to feel the utmost grief at what hath occurred. What benefit have the treacherous derived from their treachery? For the sake of enjoying two days they have chosen and continue to choose eternal torment. In any case, the Pen is powerless and unable to make mention of what hath transpired. We beseech God to grant ease after hardship, joy after sorrow, and facility after difficulty.

O my God, my God! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen the Wronged One in His days. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Prophets, Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing upon Thy loved ones and a mercy upon them through Thy grace, Thy generosity and Thy bounty. O my Lord! Change poverty into wealth, hardship into ease, and darkness into light. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH03813: The true Beloved maketh mention of him with but…

He is

The true Beloved maketh mention of him with but brief utterance and abundant sincerity. It is evident that whatsoever may be disclosed of devotion, and however fully exclusive attachment be made plain, yet it transcendeth all speech and expression, and remaineth sanctified above description and beyond all exposition. Nevertheless, whatsoever may be submitted can never, as beseemeth his station, prove worthy of that exalted court. Wherefore do We content Ourselves with these few phrases; and in the realm of love, and in the condition of affection, the witness thereto is but these two or three lines.

Whate'er in this world filleth thy heart with cheer, Bethink thee of the hour when its loss draweth near.

For that wherein thou hast rejoiced with delight, Full many have rejoiced in, then vanished from sight.

From thee as well shall it flee with a swift, faithless tread; Set not, then, thy heart upon that which must needs be shed.

Ere it leap from thy grasp and be lost unto thee, Do thou leap from it first, and from bondage be free.

Wherefore, in accordance therewith, We have likewise quieted and given repose unto that land of sincerity with the water We sent down from heaven, until such time as God willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth.

And further it is submitted that a hint had been conveyed, in the course of the narrative, that some occasion might arise for a meeting. Yea, even so are We among them that long for it. Yet, please God, the appointed tryst ordained for Us from the presence of God shall in due time arrive, and the day when We shall return unto God, that He may gather together the believers. Thus do We make this known unto thee; and then shall We meet you face to face before the sovereignty of the Most High.

Convey the Divine greeting unto the sincere loved ones. And unto Jinab-i-Mirza Habib'u'llah I send greeting. For Jinab Ha Maqsud do I cherish, with utter sincerity, perfect yearning, and singular affection, a deep longing, and unto him likewise I send greeting. He is none other than a beloved of them that yearn, and a companion unto them that seek. God, verily, encompasseth and clearly knoweth what I say.

BH03816: Praise be unto God, and thanksgiving be unto Him…

He is! He is! He is!

In His Name, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing.

Praise be unto God, and thanksgiving be unto Him, and glory and exaltation unto such as are nigh unto the court of His divine unity, for that on such a blessed and joyous day He hath granted us a place within the precincts of His holiness and delivered us from fellowship with the tyrants among men. His is the bounty and the grace. He singleth out for His mercy whomsoever He willeth among His servants, but most men perceive it not.

According to what is reported, they say that today is the Feast of Sacrifice and the scene of the outpouring of the grace of the Lord. How blessed the state of that illustrious Countenance and of His Holiness the Friend [Abraham], for Gabriel brought him a ram without toil and without obligation, and he offered it in sacrifice. You have indeed performed this most great wonder and bestowed this supreme gift. But what am I to do? I have neither money in hand nor pledge to offer. Thus it were better that I myself become the sacrifice, and so keep the feast, until the appointed hour when the true offering shall appear.

Beyond all these preliminaries, this man from Mazindaran, through the introduction of Aqa Shukru'llah, hath discovered my dwelling and uttereth strange things. At one time he bringeth news of the death of Mulla Mihdi-Quli, and at another of the passing of Jinab-i-Mulla Ma'sum. I never accepted it, yet he insisteth so strongly that certainty seemed almost to be established.

In brief, concerning Jinab-i-Mirza ʿAli-Muhammad, I know not whether he delivered their remittance or not. Nor is it clear to what place I write this letter, or into whose hands it is to come; for I wrote many letters and no reply arrived. Therefore there is no need that these obvious matters be set forth anew.

The substance is this: convey unto the friends, one and all, my prayerful greetings and remembrance. Altogether, I had no leisure to impose upon you more trouble than this; forgive me. Of all that I have written, no news hath come whereby anything might be known with certainty.

BH03853: The candle of My Beauty is the Sun…

The candle of My Beauty is the Sun of the horizons, and the sorrow of My heart is the cloud of creation, and My tears are the rain of the clouds, and My strength is the power of invention.

O servants! I have made all things dependent upon means, and ordained it to be the cause of the Most Great Resurrection and the instrument of the Most Great Revival. For example, through the means of power I make manifest and resurrect in the kingdom one who was rebellious, hidden and forsaken, in such wise that all will recognize him. And through the assistance of causative manifestations, I reveal to all the worlds the concealed tyranny of the excluded oppressor. Through the means of wealth I distinguish between generosity and miserliness, and through the means of deeds I make evident knowledge and ignorance. Many an oppressor who, through being deprived of means, became known as just. Thus at all times the manifest resurrection is apparent and visible, even though people may be heedless of recognizing it.

Through My wondrous favor and My sublime mercy, no moment is deprived of the excellences of the days, much less the souls of holy transcendence. The incomprehensible resurrection has been and shall be dependent upon the unknowable Beauty, just as on this blessed night I have resurrected My servants

through these revealed letters in such wise that none but My Self is aware of those souls and the nature of this spiritual resurrection.

And I have made manifest wondrous and mighty means in this eternal night, causing resurrection and making it dependent upon the discernment of the people of wisdom and insight. Whosoever comprehends this wondrous power will become independent of all who dwell on earth. For example, even in outer livelihood he will find himself in want of nothing, not even requiring a mount for travel. Blessed is the wise one who attains unto that which hath been ordained by the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH03861: O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Thou…

He is the One Who speaks upon the Branches

O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Thou seest and knowest the evil of my condition, the trembling of my body, the quivering of my limbs, the flowing of my tears, the paleness of my face, the stumbling of my pen and tongue, the sighing of my innermost being, and the agitation of my heart.

I desire to write this letter of mine to those whom Thou hast related to the Tree of Thy Cause, whom Thou hast singled out for the manifestation of Thy Being, whom Thou hast chosen from among Thy creatures, and whom Thou hast named the Branches that have branched from the Lote-Tree of Thy oneness. Thou hast made them lights in Thy lands, lamps for the guidance of Thy creation, tranquility and dignity among Thy servants, a sign in Thy kingdom, and a joy to the hearts of Thy chosen ones who have believed in Thee, in Thy verses and in meeting Thee.

O Glory of the world and Trust of the nations! Were it not for them in Thy earth, from where would the traces of Thy holiness appear? And were it not for their existence, from where would the lights of Thy bounty shine forth? For they are the manifestations of sanctification among Thy servants, the dawning-places of glorification among Thy creation, the proclaimers of Thy verses, and the spreaders of Thy tablets in Thy lands, and the means of goodness for Thy chosen ones.

And all grace is from Thee, for Thou didst manifest in them the Temple of Thy Most Exalted Self, Who gave glad tidings to the servants of Thy Most Glorious Beauty and called out with the loudest call in the wilderness of the Bayan:

> “Come, O people of the world, to the Garden and the Orchard of the Bayan!”

And He took from all contingent beings the covenant of Thy Manifestation.

But when the sun of Thy Most Glorious Beauty dawned from the Most Exalted Horizon, the people of allusions turned away and denied the verses and clear proofs after their realities had been established through them. Alas, alas, for their turning away and their objections!

I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Beauty to give to drink from the wine of Thy reunion to all who have forsaken Thee, and to cause all who have heard Thee to hearken to the verses of Thy Beauty. Disappoint not those who hope in Thee, and drive not away those who long for Thee, for Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Merciful.

BH03874: The White Hand of ancient power hath gone forth…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Emigrant.

The White Hand of ancient power hath gone forth from the Beloved of holiness, whereupon the inmates of Paradise were illumined thereby, and after them the dwellers beneath the pavilion of glory upon the Sinai of lofty nearness.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord with that hearing which hath remained pure from all that proceedeth from the mouth of every deprived and far-removed one. Be patient, O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, in these days wherein Satan crieth out at the axis of all being, and the Calf lifteth up its voice within the temple of man, and all created things are shaken thereby. And do thou remain in such wise that their clamour shall not disturb thee; nay rather, wert thou to turn thine eyes toward them, they would be struck down by awe of thee and brought to naught by the majesty of thy Lord. Thus do We cast upon thee that which shall suffice thee above all the worlds.

By God! Whoso hath admitted into his heart love for the Youth will never turn his gaze unto aught decreed between heaven and earth; rather shall all things appear in his sight more abject than the meanest and more lowly than the lowliest. Enter, then, beneath the sheltering regard of thy Lord, that thou mayest abide secure in the shade of the mercy of thy Lord.

Erelong shalt thou behold most men wrapt in veils, and grievously hardened. Guard thyself against this trial, from which no soul shall be delivered save him who severeth himself from all things. Thus doth the Pen of hidden holiness admonish thee.

And if thou remain steadfast amidst the darkness of those days, God shall nourish thee with that Sun which shineth from beyond their gloom; then shalt thou find thyself in an expanse whose measure none can reckon save every discerning lover.

Beware, O servant, and preserve thyself from the bite of the serpent, for it shall come unto thee in the form of a man. Then smite it with the sword of the All-Merciful, lest it draw nigh unto thee through a deceit made manifest in the matter of the leaves.

The Spirit rest upon thee and upon those whom the whisperings of the devils shall not withhold from entering the Ridvan of a name most beauteous.

BH03942: He saith, exalted be His grandeur

He saith, exalted be His grandeur:

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy turning, thy supplication, thy humility and thy orientation toward the face of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. What thou hast wrought in the path of God hath been treasured up for thee. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thou art he through whom the fragrances of the mention of the All-Merciful were wafted throughout all possibility. He will verily reward thee with truth—to this doth the Mother Book with Him bear witness. We were with thee when thou wert making mention of thy Lord and speaking forth His Name, the One Who dominateth all possibility. Blessed art thou in that thou hast conveyed the Cause of thy Lord and attained unto that which was the purpose in the Scriptures and Tablets. All this is from God's favor upon thee. Be thou thankful unto Him at morn and eventide.

We have sent down unto thee various Tablets, each one of which testifieth to that which the Tongue of Grandeur doth speak forth at this time, which God hath made the Dayspring of Days. Read them time and again, that thou mayest be assured that He heareth what thou didst speak forth and seeth thee in all conditions. Wert thou to become aware of what hath been ordained for thee, such joy would seize thee that thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing and yearning unto the Mighty, the Bestower.

It behooveth everyone who hath believed in God to recognize thy rank and station and to seek thy good pleasure for love of God, the One, the Chosen. Look not upon creation and its ways, but rather upon the Truth and His favors which have encompassed the horizons. Thou art indeed he who was mentioned before the Throne and unto whom was oriented the face of God, the Lord of all beings.

Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. There hath befallen thy Lord that which the pages cannot bear to mention. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who draw nigh unto thee for love of God, the Manifestation of signs.

BH11627: O ʿAbdu'r-Rahim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful…

In His Name, who overshadoweth what was and what shall be!

O ʿAbdu'r-Rahim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful from this noble scene. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou, for thy letter hath attained the presence of the Throne and won the glances of thy Lord's favors, the Bestower, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Generous.

Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him on a day wherein the ocean of thy Lord's favors surgeth and the winds of His mercy that have preceded all worlds are stirred. Arise with supreme steadfastness between earth and heaven through this Name whereby the horizon of grace hath shone forth and the faces of the idolaters were darkened.

Beware lest the affairs of the world trouble thee. Remember thy Lord with joy and fragrance. Soon shall all that is visible perish, while glory and power shall endure for those who have turned towards the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Verily, those who are veiled this day are overcome by their desires; they are indeed among the perishing ones.

Preserve the verses of thy Lord, then recite them at all times. By God! They shall draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt witness naught save the effulgences of the light of thy Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Be thou assured by the grace of thy Lord, then make mention of Him with the denizens of Paradise, that perchance thereby he who slumbereth upon the couch of heedlessness and passion may arise and be of those who turn unto God. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the garment in the days of his Lord and hath quaffed the choice sealed wine when its seal was broken through My Name, the Overseer of the worlds.

We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance with such remembrance as attracteth the dawning-places of praise and gladdeneth the hearts of them who are nigh unto God. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and adorned thee with the ornament of thy Lord's ancient favors. When thou hast attained unto the lights of the Tablet, rejoice and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the worlds!"

BH04109: O Ba'i! Upon you be My glory! Months…

He is the Compassionate, the Generous

O Ba'i! Upon you be My glory! Months and years have passed and no mention of you has come before the Mentioned One. Assuredly the tribulations inflicted by the wrongdoing ungodly souls have intervened and prevented the servants and loved ones from remembrance and praise and nearness and attainment.

Know with certain knowledge that soon God's Cause will be exalted among the peoples of the world and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Quickener of nations, will be made manifest. Blessed is the soul that preserved its station and arose with perfect steadfastness to serve the Cause.

Today the breezes of revelation have perfumed the world and the fragrances of utterance have encompassed creation, yet the servants are heedless and turned away, save whom God willeth, the Lord of this exalted station. Convey to the friends the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One, and gladden them with that which hath been revealed. Blessed is the soul from whom wafteth the fragrance of steadfastness and from whose brow shineth forth the light of utterance. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

One of My Afnan, upon him be My mercy and remembrance and glory, mentioned thee, and We make mention of thee in this wondrous and glorious Tablet. When thou attainest unto it and perceivest its fragrance, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of all beings, and glory be unto Thee, O Educator of all created things, for having remembered me in Thy prison in days when sorrows from Thy servants and creatures encompassed Thee. I beseech Thee to forgive me and those who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and drunk the choice wine of certitude from the cup of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH11927: O Rida! The product of thine own hand hath…

He is the Beloved

O Rida! The product of thine own hand hath been presented before the Throne, and all have borne witness that it is the handiwork of God, the Help in Peril, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

The almond hath testified within its own being unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified, and hath cried aloud unto its Lord, saying:

> "O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having singled me out to attain Thy presence, and for having caused me to stand before the Throne—a station wherefrom most of Thy servants have been debarred. Thereby hath mine eye been solaced, while the eyes of the near ones have wept."

And that which is named by the name of "masqat" cried out and said: "O my Lord! When Thou didst find no helper for Thyself, I hastened unto the sanctuary of Thy holiness, that haply Thou mightest accept me through Thy grace, and make me of them who circle round the precincts of Thy sacred court."

Then that which is called by the name of "suf," with the addition of the letter kaf thereto, wailed aloud and said: "O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having made me the object of the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy, at a time when Thy servants were debarred therefrom. Wherefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by the sovereign power of Thy might to make the bodies of Thine enemies like unto my body, that thereby the hearts of those who burn in grief for Thee may be cooled."

And those besides these three arose in faithfulness amid the most grievous pain, crying aloud and proclaiming:

> "O our Lord! Praise be unto Thee, in the hidden depths of Thy bestowals, for having summoned us unto the paradise of Thy nearness and Thy presence, and for having admitted us into the sanctuary of reunion with Thee and communion with Thee. Yet, O my God, Thou hast bewildered us by the wonders of Thy deeds; for we were the handiwork of Thy loved ones, and yet Thou hast admitted the thing made into the seat of holiness, while barring the maker from entering into Thy presence. We know not, O my God, upon what path Thou dost proceed."

The Pen of the All-Joyous answered them:

> "We tread the path of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth.' We are not to be questioned as to what We do. And herein, verily, is a lesson unto men of insight."

BH11765: A Tablet revealed by the Ancient King to one…

He is the Wronged One in the world.

A Tablet revealed by the Ancient King to one who turned unto Him and attained unto His Day, which was mentioned in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. We have manifested the Cause and sent down the proof and evidence. To this testifieth He Who hath spoken before all faces. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Mihdi-Quli! My Afnan hath mentioned thee and thy letter hath come before My presence. We have heard thy call and have answered thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. When We desired to make mention of thee, the ocean of utterance surged, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Kingdom of knowledge:

> "O peoples of all religions! Turn ye unto that which ye were promised by the Most Exalted Pen of God, then give thanks unto your Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. He hath manifested Himself and fulfilled His promise through His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing."

We make mention at this time of Our loved ones who are there, that the remembrance may attract them to this luminous horizon. Say: Beware lest the oppression of the oppressors frighten you, or the might of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy might and Thy grandeur, Thy power and Thy sovereignty, and by the Kawthar which hath flowed from Thy Pen, and by the light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the ignorant nor the clamor of every remote learned one may keep me back. O Lord! Open before my face the door of Thy knowledge and illumine my heart with the light of Thy grace. Then write down for me that which Thou hast written for them that are near unto Thee among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art He Who hath stood before all faces and hast manifested that which was hidden, treasured and concealed from Thy servants and Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH04126: In My Name, the All-Knowing Speaker!

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O Yahya! I testify that thou hast heard the Call and drunk the wine of immortality from the hands of bounty, and visited the Kaaba of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, and found the fragrances of revelation while thou wert present before the Wronged One, and heardst His verses with thine ear and beheld the horizon of His manifestation with thine eye. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before thy face the gates of care, gifts and favors. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy grace, and caused me to hear Thy call, and guided me to Thy path, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and given me to drink that which hath drawn me to the court of Thy might and the precincts of Thy holiness. O my Lord! Ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will render me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to Thy Most Strong Cord. O my Lord! Aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in teaching Thy Cause and in that whereby Thy Most Exalted Word may be upraised in the world of creation. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thou hast ever been remembered and art remembered, and the glance of favor hath been directed toward thee. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Today all must set the people ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and illumine them with the light of the Cause. Praise be to God, the effulgences of the Day-Star of Revelation are manifest from every direction. The internal party and external parties all have sought and continue to seek knowledge of this Cause. Soon shall be revealed unto them that which was hidden from them. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH04100: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the One, the Single, the Compassionate, the Generous!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Blessed art thou for having drunk of the Sealed Wine when every heedless one turned away from it veiled, and for having acknowledged the oneness and singleness of God when every rejected learned one denied Him.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Educator of the nations, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and caused me to hear Thy call and strengthened me through the means of the heavens and earth, until Thou didst cause me to be present before Thy face and to stand at the gate of Thy grandeur and might. O Lord of existence! Were I to sacrifice my soul and spirit a thousand times at every moment, it would be as nothing compared to a drop from the oceans of Thy favors and gifts, and as naught before the manifestation of a single ray from the lights of the Luminary of Thy Revelation. Thou art He Who sent down for me the proof and made manifest for me the way and caused me to be attracted by Thy verses and to hasten to the horizon of Thy Cause and to speak forth Thy praise among Thy servants.

O my Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the heaven of Thy grace and beseeching the outpourings of Thy mercy and awaiting the streams of Thy loving-kindness and favors. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things to preserve me through the hosts of the unseen and the seen and to ordain for me that which will purify me from every disease and illness and disturbance.

O my Lord! Thou seest him who is related to Thy Self standing ready to serve Thee—send down upon him from the heaven of Thy mercy the rains of Thy healing. O my Lord! Ordain for him through Thy bounty and generosity that which will benefit him in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thou knowest, O my God, what is with me and I know not what is with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH04029: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Point…

In the Name of the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, the Unique!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Point in the land of joy, at which all stand amazed by His command. Say: Verily hath the Truth appeared in the temple of servitude, yet all fail to perceive it. Say: Verily hath the Qa'im shone forth from the horizon of Glory, and we bear witness unto Him. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the Truth! The Expected One hath appeared and we have truly submitted ourselves unto Him. Say: Verily hath He Who is seated manifested Himself, and we behold Him. Say: God is sovereign over His servants, and all shall be gathered unto Him.

He is God, there is no God but Him, and unto Him shall all return. All who are in the heavens and on earth worship Him, and we are among His worshippers. He it is Who witnesseth whatsoever the hands of men have wrought, and we are among those who bear witness. Glorified be He Who giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life through His grace as He pleaseth, and we are among those who are sincere unto Him. All in the heaven and the clouds bow down before Him, and we are among those who prostrate themselves.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Hearken unto the call of that Bird soaring in the atmosphere of these words with the mystery of raptures, if ye be among those who know.

O Thou Who art the Robe of Glory and the Manifestation of Rapture and the Mystery of the Cloud in this nether world! Hearken unto My call and be not among the despairing ones. Know thou that all We have enjoined upon thee in this Book is the truth wherein there is no doubt; be not among the heedless ones. And when thou meetest the loved ones, spread these words before them that God may number them among His righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Let that beloved one of God, Dhu'l-Qarnayn Iskandar Nuri, take note and let the details of conditions be privately conveyed to him.

BH11678: In My Name, the Equitable, the Faithful

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O My Name! Hear My call, then weep with My weeping, then rejoice with My joy, then ascend unto My heaven and journey through My holy dominions and soar in the atmosphere of My companionship.

Then walk in the regions of My love and glorify in the ocean of My grandeur, then settle upon the ark of My majesty and ascend to the heights of My Cause. Then drink from the Salsabil of My loving-kindness and the Kawthar of My bounty and the Tasnim of My mercy and the camphor of My grace. Then breathe in what wafteth from the direction of My Throne and what passeth over thee from the paradise of My Temple.

Then speak forth My praise amongst My servants and make them know My beauty and convey unto them My remembrance and teach them the pages of My love. Then by My power break the seal of the vessel of My musk that perchance they may find and know and understand, then learn and remember, then perceive and attain and behold this dawning Dayspring and this gleaming Moon and this rising Star and this rain-laden Cloud and this surging Ocean and this upraised Heaven and this exalted House and this manifest Grace and this hidden Mystery and this mentioned Symbol. Perchance they may shatter and

rend asunder and burn and cut themselves off from and flee their idols, their veils, their glory, away from all save their Lord, away from their own selves.

And thou, O My Name, grieve not at what thou hearest from Mine enemies and witnesseth from the manifestations of My wrath and the dawning-places of My banishment. They are as nothing, heedless ones, asses, fools. Were they to know, they would surely cut themselves to pieces and sacrifice themselves, their souls, their spirits, but they perceive not and worship what they know not, and they have taken for themselves a partner with God, the One, the Single, the Alone, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH04322: O thou who gazest upon the horizon…

He is the Succorer, the Compassionate, the Gracious

O thou who gazest upon the horizon of the Cause! Glorify the name of thy Lord and say:

My God, my God! Debar me not from the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness, nor from the billowing sea of Thy grace and singleness, nor from the surging waters of Thy might and power. I testify that the ocean of Thy bounty surgeth throughout existence, and the signs of Thy manifestation have encompassed both the unseen and the seen. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, through whose appearance all things have acknowledged Thy unity and singleness, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy generosity and the dawning lights of the Orb of Thy bestowal, to aid Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy love and to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! Thou seest them in the grip of the idolators among Thy creatures who have violated Thy laws and encompassed Thy lands. Preserve them, then, through Thy power and sovereignty, and assist them with the hosts of Thy wisdom and utterance.

O Lord! They are Thy servants and abide beneath the shadow of Thy loving-kindness. Ordain for them every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, by Him through Whom the mysteries of Thy Book and Thy commandments and ordinances were made manifest, to send down upon Thy loved ones from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing from Thee and a favor from Thy presence. Thou art He Whom the vicissitudes of the world and the conditions of nations cannot frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Praised. O Lord! Disappoint not those who have turned toward the gate of Thy grace, and deny them not from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory. Then write down for them that which will draw them closer to Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

BH11867: Glorified be He Who possesses dominion over the heavens…

He is God, the King, the Best-Beloved, the One Whose aid is sought.

Glorified be He Who possesses dominion over the heavens and earth! He expounds in the Book the laws of all things and details the verses for a people who fear God. He it is Who sent forth His Messengers aforetime and enjoined upon them guidance and truth. God, glorified and exalted be He, is far above what they associate with Him. Those who worship God with true devotion—these are they who attain to the triumph granted by their Lord and inherit His good pleasure, and they are thankful to Him. That verse

abideth with thy Lord, and that is life everlasting. Glorified then be God, thy Lord, above what the unbelievers say when the Word of God came, and glorified be God above what they do not comprehend. To Him belongeth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on earth.

Verily those who join partners with God from among His servants—these are the companions of the fire, therein shall they abide. And whoso holdeth fast to the cord of God and placeth his trust in Him—these are they who have attained their portion from their Lord and they rejoice in the Most Glorious Paradise. Thus doth God recompense everyone according to their due measure—and who is better than God in measuring, if ye but ponder the verses of God? He it is Who hath perfected the creation of all things and established His Own Cause. And who is mightier than God in command and more exalted in power?

Glorified be He! His is the sovereignty and all bear witness unto Him. He is the One Who standeth supreme over His Cause, doing as He willeth, and none can question His doings. Verily thy Lord Who created thee is able to sustain thee and return thee to what thou wert. There is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is God, the Restorer, the Sovereign, the Originator, the Oft-Returning, the Merciful.

BH04161: To be typed

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BH04360: There is no escape for the servants from God's…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

There is no escape for the servants from God's irrevocable decree and His decisive command. "Wheresoever ye may be, death will overtake you, even if ye be in strong towers." When the decree of the Self-Subsisting Lord is manifested, we must submit and be content.

Though outwardly separation consumes the liver, yet separation is the cause of union and attainment and the means of preserving a number of children. None is aware of the requirements of divine wisdom. The fruit of this ascension has been and remains within God's knowledge. It is not permitted to reveal it as it truly is. Were we to lift the veil from this station, this greatest sorrow would be transformed into the greatest joy and spirits would take flight beyond measure.

"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." However this son was an ornament of the most exalted Paradise. Though by God's grace and the All-Merciful's mercy, we now find ourselves occupied with beholding the Supreme Paradise.

O people of my household! Praise be to God that you are all firm and acknowledging of this blessed word which is like an impregnable fortress:

> "He is praiseworthy in His deeds and must be obeyed in His command."

Although separation after union, fellowship and meeting dissolves joy and delight, yet it has not been and is not able to erase the aforementioned word from the tablet of the heart. Verily He is the All-Patient, who commands His loved ones to beautiful patience.

We beseech God to preserve you and draw you near to Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

BH04310: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the Summoner!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letter of the honored Afnan T.Q., upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, which he sent to thee was read in the presence of this Wronged One. Through its mention, the gate of bounty was opened, and through its heart's yearning, the ocean of mercy surged. From the horizons of its words shone forth the lights of the Day-Star of divine love, and from the heart of each of its letters blazed the fire of longing. His letter was a scroll of praise and a book of faithfulness. The Tree of Faithfulness has ever yielded and will continue to yield choice fruits. These appear through God's grace, the Lord of all worlds. By God's life! Through the presence of his letter, God ordained for him in the Crimson Book, from His Most Exalted Pen, that which none has discovered save His own Self.

As regards his turning towards the Desired One, outwardly there exist two obstacles: if he shows reserve towards the new governor, it will cause offense, while if he continues as before, he will be prevented from attaining the presence. However, God is witness and all atoms testify that specially for him the reward of attaining the presence has been revealed in the Book and remains fixed and established through God's will. Let him rejoice in this clear remembrance. He has been and remains oriented towards Us. Whenever time permits and wisdom allows, let him turn towards Us.

We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in what He loves and is pleased with, to reinforce him with the hosts of the seen and unseen, and to draw him near to Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those with him and those who love him and heed his word in this clear Cause.

BH04144: Give thanks, O servant, unto thy Lord, for He…

He is the Ever-Abiding.

Give thanks, O servant, unto thy Lord, for He hath made thee to know His Beauty and hath appointed thee a servant unto Mine own Self; and from the horizon of the Robe hath the sun of glory and sanctity shone upon thee, that thou mayest rejoice within thy soul and remain steadfast upon the path of My love—whereat all who are in the heavens and on the earth rejoice. This is of the bounty of my Lord.

Hearken unto that which the night revealeth within the Lote-Tree of the Cause, and be not of those who hear not My words and cast My counsel behind their backs. Sanctify thyself from the world; then be patient in separation and be of those who are content with My decree.

There is no thing but with Us is its appointed term; and when its time is come it shall not be delayed. This is the ordinance of thy Lord for My sake. Be thou satisfied, then, with that which hath been decreed for thee, even as We were satisfied with that which the hands of the unjust have wrought against Me. Dost thou not behold how the earth was straitened for Me, and how My servants disputed with Me—those whom My most true Pen created?

Find thou repose within thyself; then endure in thy affair. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord, for He shall guard thee by His grace, even as He guarded thee aforetime, delivered thee from them that acted unjustly, chose thee above the people, and made thee a companion of His Beauty.

Beware lest thou forget the bounty of thy Lord, and hold fast unto the cord of My mercy. Be assured that He will not leave thee deprived of the wonders of His mercy that hath encompassed all contingent beings. This is of the nature of thy Lord—and also of My own disposition.

Be thou steadfast in My Cause, a Cause whereon none can stand firm save through My judgement and My decree. The Spirit be upon thee, that thou mayest be content with My good-pleasure.

BH04182: To be typed

To be typed.

BH04190: For some time now, the fragrance of fidelity has…

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For some time now, the fragrance of fidelity has not wafted from this bird of unfaithfulness to that land and realm, and no message of love has reached those mines of affection. However, this laxity in expressing love did not arise from the severance of the thread of love, and this negligence in showing eagerness did not stem from forgetting the covenant and pledge of affection. Rather, in the essence of the inner secret and hidden reality, the seas of fidelity were always surging and in motion, and in the heart and soul the lights and radiance of the sun of love were shining. If there was negligence in outward expression in the world of appearance regarding the spiritual messenger and heavenly letter in its coming and going, there was no shortcoming—for a ruined village pays no tax or tithe. This is because that inner connection has no severance or weakness, though this correspondence and communication may often be interrupted and suspended.

God is Most Great! What a paradise has been opened in these days, and what a carpet of divine unity has been spread, such that if a servant among God's servants be in the East of the world and another servant in the West, always does the easterner inhale the holy divine fragrances from the direction of the West, and this westerner catches the sweet scents of the spirit of love from the East. It is as if this distance of a hundred thousand leagues has taken on the ruling of a single step, and these countless waypoints have become as a mere span, for this vast distance can in no way prevent or block—and this is a truth in which there is no doubt, were people moving in the atmosphere of the spirit.

BH04197: Praise be to the Beloved of all created things…

He is God, exalted be His glory.

Praise be to the Beloved of all created things, Who, with but a single glance, adorned the world with the ornament of being and guided it unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Glorified be the Creator, glorified His revelation and His manifestation, exalted His majesty, and mighty His Cause!

Some time ago a letter was dispatched unto your honoured presence, but no word of its arrival hath yet been received. We are the people of fidelity, and never have ye been forgotten, nor, God willing, shall ye ever be forgotten; for the world is illumined by the light of faithfulness, and for it a people have been appointed. Blessed is he who adorneth himself with its mantle and is illumined by its lights.

The dawning-place and manifestation of this Sun is the Will of God, exalted be His glory, and the place wherein His chosen ones, His pure ones, and His friends are accepted and illumined. God willing, may ye ever, through the unfailing favour of the Best-Beloved, remain radiant with the effulgences of the lights of His face, and arise in service unto His Cause. Verily, He answereth whomsoever He willeth, and guideth whomsoever He pleaseth unto His straight path.

Convey, on behalf of this wronged and imprisoned One, greetings unto all the loved ones of God who dwell in cities and lands and who are inebriated and gladdened by the Kawthar of divine love. From God, exalted be His glory, I implore and cherish the hope that He may enable them all to accomplish that which shall conduce to the exaltation of the Word and the upliftment of the Cause.

The mention of your honoured self hath been, and continueth to be, made within the Most Holy and Inviolable Court, and this is the most great glad-tiding from God, the Lord of mankind. The circlers round the Ka'bah of the Desired One, and the dwellers within the frequented House, send their greeting.

The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the favour of God be upon you and upon those who are with you in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04281: Though the weeping of the clouds and the outcry…

He is the Almighty.

Though the weeping of the clouds and the outcry of the rain-laden sky be indeed the cause and occasion of the freshness of earth and mountain, of pillars and trees, of boughs and branches, and though they appear and are made manifest by the will of God, exalted and glorified be He, yet certain hindrances have arisen and have withheld the Beloved of the world from journeying and movement. The Lord of creation knoweth the people of unbelief, rebellion, turning away, and waywardness. Assuredly these clouds have themselves appeared from the clouds of hearts. God willing, through the divine favour and the lordly grace and mercy, they shall be dispelled, and the sun of joy shall be seen dawning and rising from the horizon of manifestation. Amen, amen, O Lord of all worlds!

As to Jinab-i-Diya and Badi'—upon them be the glory of God—God willing, let them occupy themselves with the remembrance of God and with meditation upon the signs of the handiwork of the Self-

Subsisting; and let them beseech Him that He may illumine the horizon of the world through the effulgence of the Most Great Luminary—that is, that He may, by the blowing of the winds, cause the clouds to vanish, and vouchsafe deliverance unto the sun from its veil. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Glory be upon you. A few things were sent. The Greater Branch and Majd have repeatedly taken their own share; they have in no wise any right in the aforesaid things. It is not the exclusive property of Nur. To Khanum, however, they will assuredly give some portion through Vahid. My Mahd, in whatsoever manner she may choose to dispose of them, is free to do so—there is no harm in it. Aqa Mirza Musa—upon him be the glory of God—had formerly taken more than his allotted share. We convey greetings unto them all.

BH04308: To be typed

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BH04309: To be typed

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BH11921: O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be the peace…

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

O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be the peace of God and His glory! The letter from Ghulam-ʿAli which thou didst send to the Most Holy Court hath arrived. In truth, the previously mentioned word which states "tribulation is for those who are near" hath proven true in relation to his condition. Although the True One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath testified to the truth of these words, in these days their manifestation and appearance is witnessed more than before. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His loved ones to exercise beautiful patience and noble steadfastness. Aqa Ghulam hath endured much hardship, but this hardship is followed by mercy. Whatever occurs in the path of the Peerless Friend is beloved to the soul and the heart's desire. Mention of him hath repeatedly flowed and been revealed from the Pen of loving-kindness.

O thou who circlest round My Cause! Give him glad tidings from Me—the Sun of Permission hath dawned for him from the horizon of the heaven of God's will, the Lord of all worlds. They have moved with permission and proceeded with special intention. In the trials that have befallen them, they are rewarded, not questioned. Say:

> "My God, my God! Draw Thy loved ones nigh unto that station from which the fragrance of Thy meeting is wafted. O my Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation. They desire naught except to attain presence before the throne of Thy grandeur and to arrive at that place wherein Thy most sweet call and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen are raised. O my Lord! Draw them nigh through Thy will, then cause them to enter through that gate which

Thou hast opened unto the world through Thy Most Great Name. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

BH04566: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory…

He is God, exalted is He in wisdom and utterance

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the dawning rays of the Sun of true divine unity. The signs of this most exalted station and the manifestations of this most sublime summit are now hidden, due to the weakness of sight. But ere long the Luminary of Will shall emerge from behind the clouds and become manifest.

Muhammad-Rida, upon him be My glory, is in these days present before Our face and dwelleth tranquil and at rest beneath the shade of the divine Tree of Providence. Although thou hast ever been remembered in the Most Holy Court, at this time the aforementioned one made mention of thee. Blessed be the one mentioned and the one who made mention. We beseech God to aid and assist the Afnans of the Tree in all conditions.

O My Afnan! The bestowals of God, exalted be His glory, have ever encompassed all times and circumstances. That Matter for which all have been created—all remain veiled and deprived thereof, while ye have ever received the greatest portion and fullest measure from the rain-showers of the heaven of God's mercy and the lights of the Orb of inner meanings. This is from your Lord's favor unto you. His be the praise for this most great bounty and mighty grace.

We send greetings and glad-tidings to those who have turned unto Him and have quaffed from the sealed wine. The glory shining forth from the heaven of God's mercy be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH04578: In My Name, the All-Subduing above all names

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O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that which God hath made a sign of His might between His heaven and His earth, and a manifestation of His sovereignty to all who dwell in the unseen and the visible realm. Beware lest the doubts of the world or the clamor of the nations prevent thee. Arise to serve the Cause with such resolution that neither the hosts shall frighten thee nor the veils of them that have disbelieved in God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, shall hold thee back. This is the Day which Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him He Who conversed with God, made mention of, yet most of the people understand not.

Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

"The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of all being and all that is to be."

We commanded Him Who conversed with God to lead the people out of darkness into light and to give them the glad-tidings of this Day wherein the Hour hath appeared and its signs, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving. The Truth hath appeared and revealed what He desired, despite the divines of the earth and its doctors of law who turned away from God and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament.

We counsel thee to remember God and praise Him in thy days. The world and all that thou beholdest today shall pass away, but there shall endure for thee what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in thy name in this forbidden station. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the sun of utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn, at nightfall and at morn.

BH11634: This is an epistle from the Wronged One…

This is an epistle from the Wronged One to him who turned toward God when most of mankind turned away…

All the world has awaited this Day, and the divine Books have given glad tidings of this Most Great Manifestation to all, and the Prophets and Messengers have promised all peoples this Day. Yet when the Day of God dawned from the horizon of His Will and became manifest, all turned away save whom God wished….

BH04366: Praise be to God Who has distinguished His loved…

He is God, the Generous, the All-Bestowing

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Praise be to God Who has distinguished His loved ones with affliction as a recompense for what He promised them of abundant bounties. So praise be to God with praise that He loves and is pleased with, and which becomes a means of attaining His good-pleasure and presence. Therefore I am patient for God's sake, and upon Him do I rely, and to Him do I complain of my anguish and grief. Sufficient is God as a guardian and sufficient is God as a helper.

Several pages were written before, God willing they have arrived. Now as I write, it is the twenty-fourth night of the sacred month of God. Praise be to God, the blessing of health remains, and still no relief has appeared, except that a royal decree has arrived expressing countless favors. We shall see what is destined thereafter. An order was also sent to Yahya Khan, the governor of Urmia—apparently he has not accepted it, but this is not yet confirmed. We shall see what appears later.

I observed two pages in the noble handwriting. I have kept the number 60 until 40—whenever it is received along with 50, I will write the receipt later. No information has been received about the mother's journey. Apparently her journey is not yet confirmed. However much they wish to give funds, let

them take 22 from the Siyyid's portion. In all matters they should watch over the affairs of the household. Show this very page to them, then take and keep it. May the peace of God be upon Mulla Ni'matullah and his friends. And peace is the best conclusion.

BH04502: He says, glorified be His majesty

He says, glorified be His majesty:

He who turned to slay those who had faced the Most Exalted Horizon rose up against My murder. But when God revealed what was hidden in his breast, he cried out within himself and committed what he committed. To this testify the servants who were with Me in the Land of Mystery, and beyond them My Preserved Tablet. We made known to him Our horizon and commanded him to what is right, yet he arose to harm Me and committed that which caused the hearts of those near to God to melt.

Say: O people! The Revealer of the Bayan declared: O concourse of creation! Ye were created for His days. Fear God and be not of those who are veiled. Whoso hath attained unto but one word from Him—this is better for him than all that was revealed in the Bayan. Beware lest ye object to God and turn away from Him through Whom every wise command was manifested.

O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! When thou drinkest the choice wine of knowledge from the ocean of My utterance, remind the people with wisdom and exposition of what hath been revealed in the Tablet, that perchance they may arise to what they missed in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We see them in heedlessness and in their ancient stupor. Do thou remind them with wisdom, that perchance My wondrous remembrance may influence them. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the Sun of My Name, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have cast away idle fancies and held fast to My Self-Subsisting Name, through which, when it appeared, the atoms proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne! Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have turned with radiant faces to the Most Exalted Horizon on a Day wherein every mighty mountain was scattered to dust.

BH04555: This is the Day whereon the Mother Book speaks…

He is the Speaker before the faces of creation

This is the Day whereon the Mother Book speaks forth and gives glad tidings unto all of this Revelation, through which the Dove of the Cause warbled in the Most Exalted Paradise. The Day has come, yet the people are in evident drunkenness. This is the Day whereon all things lament for what has befallen the Lord of all beings from those who denied God's proof and His evidence, having followed every remote oppressor. The rapture of the Call has seized all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed is he who has turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless. O people of God! Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance and through that which the All-Merciful has sent down in His perspicuous Book. Beware lest the might of any heedless and remote one frighten you. This is the Day whereon the seas surge and the

rivers flow and the mysteries are revealed, yet the people are behind a thick veil. We have heard your call and have answered you with verses that have caused the hearts of the mystics to soar. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having manifested Thy Cause and given glad tidings of Thy Revelation unto Thy servants and illumined their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and shown them Thy Most Glorious Horizon and made them hear Thy Most Sweet Call. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Helper of the nations, by Thy Name through which the believers have soared into the atmosphere of Thy nearness and the sincere ones unto the precincts of Thy glory, to aid me to such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the world and its hosts and its ranks and its ornaments and its colors. O Lord! I am Thy servant, who has held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy pardon and grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him from that which befits Thy days. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Great.

BH11633: This evanescent one offers himself as a sacrifice…

He is God, exalted be His glory, His is the greatness and majesty!

This evanescent one offers himself as a sacrifice to that Friend of Faran. Praise be to the Beloved of all worlds that the fire of divine attraction is ablaze in the heart and soul of that Friend with Merciful love. You are engaged in His remembrance and utterance of His praise. As for what was mentioned concerning the matters that have transpired, the greatest thing in creation is the good-pleasure of God, through whose grace and bounty you have been blessed with success, and the Truth is well-pleased with you. We beseech God to make you confirmed in all that He loves and is pleased with. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Lord of the last and the first.

And regarding the other petition that was submitted, it was presented before His presence, and these words were revealed in response:

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

Your letter has come before Us and We have heard that which you called out to God, your Lord and the Lord of what was and what will be. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make you successful in all conditions and cause you to speak His remembrance in the kingdom of grandeur and glory, and to send down upon you that which will gladden your heart and establish the remembrance of your Lord among His creation. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

In brief, what can I submit is this: I beheld the Sun of Divine Grace shining forth and resplendent in regard to your honored person. Thus much may be expressed: that in all conditions the glances of unfailing bounty have been, and continue to be, directed toward you, and that thou hast been remembered in lofty and wondrous mention; and, God willing, so shall it ever remain. And as to that which thou hadst set forth, the necessary recommendation is being made.

BH04888: O thou who gazeth upon My countenance! Upon thee…

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

O thou who gazeth upon My countenance! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. By My life! Thou hast been beneath the glances of My grace and in the shadow of the Tree of My Cause. We have made mention of thee in such wise that its fragrance shall never cease to perfume the realms of dominion and kingdom, and We revealed for thee aforetime that which caused the eyes of the most exalted Paradise to be consoled, and at this hour through this Tablet which proclaimeth that there is none other God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Behold, then make mention among the people of the Bayan—among them are those who turned away and those who denied, yet they neither understand nor perceive. By God's life! They know not that He Who spoke before the faces of all the world and preserved not Himself for less than a moment—from Him they have turned away.

Say: He hath come with that which no books in the world can equal. Fear God, and be not of them who turned away from the Truth, following vain imaginings and idle fancies. We have written for thee from My Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden thy heart. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty over what was and what shall be. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and give them the joyful tidings of My promised Day, that the glad-tidings of God may draw them to a station wherein the conditions of creation shall not sadden them, nor the allusions of every rejected learned one. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of My kingdom be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon them that have laid hold on this mighty, this extended Cord.

BH04791: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose…

He is sanctified from all that hath been said or shall be said!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all created things and in Whose grasp is the kingdom of all possibilities! I beseech Thee by the tears from the eyes of them that love Thee, and by the yearnings of the hearts of them that long for Thee, and by the fragrances of Thy verses and the sweet-scented breezes of Thy days, to protect us from those who speak that which would cloud the pure wine of Thy knowledge and alter the crystal waters of the Salsabil of Thy utterance.

How many a servant, O my God, do we see who claims association with Thee yet speaks that which would rend the veil of Thy glory before Thy creatures, supposing himself to be of those who are righteous in Thy days. Nay, by Thy glory! Rather he hath corrupted Thy Cause and spoken that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere ones among Thy chosen ones and the near ones among Thy loved ones to burn with grief.

We testify, O my God, that he who speaks today without Thy good-pleasure and contrary to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Tablets is more harmful than those who denied Thy proof and disputed Thy signs and turned away from Thy Self and disbelieved in the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration.

O Lord! Aid us to remember and praise Thee and to do as Thou hast commanded us in Thy Tablets. Thou art He Who hath made clear the proof and shown forth the way and sent down for Thy loved ones that which sufficeth them apart from all else, drawing them nigh unto Thee and distancing them from aught besides Thee. I beseech Thee to assist us in that which Thou hast commanded us outwardly in Thy Book; then ordain for us what befitteth our relationship to Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH04781: The Wronged One hath heard thy mention and thy…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The Wronged One hath heard thy mention and thy call, and mentioneth thee in this perspicuous Tablet, and beareth witness that thou hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and testified to that which God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thy tongue hath attained to confession, thy heart to turning unto Him, and thy face to orientation toward God, the Lord of the Final Return.

We make mention in the Persian tongue: The world hath been debarred from the recognition of the Lord of Names through vain imaginings and fancies. Consider the vain imaginings of the former people—how they were all deprived of the lights of the Dayspring of Manifestation and the Voice of the Speaker on Sinai. All must beseech God—glorified be His majesty—to preserve this people through His grace and not deprive them of the effulgent lights of the Sun of certitude. Great is this Day and mighty this Cause. Until they pass beyond the gulf of names, they shall not enter the Most Great Ocean.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having shown me the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the effulgent lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation, and for having brought me before Thy presence and caused me to enter the gate of the city of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou didst subdue the cities of knowledge and understanding, and through which the fragrance of Thy garment was wafted among all religions, to make me steadfast, articulate and oriented toward the service of Thy Cause, Thy remembrance and Thy praise. Then inscribe for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH04678: He saith, exalted be His words

He saith, exalted be His words:

O name of Jim and Vav! There hath come before the Wronged One what thou didst send to My name Mim, and the servant in attendance before My countenance hath read it. Blessed art thou for having attained the lights of certitude and believed in God when every distant idolater turned away.

Hearken unto what the Lord of Eternity calleth thee to in this Most Great Station. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Speaker, the All-Knowing. Grieve not over anything and put thy trust in God, the One, the All-Informed. Hold fast unto that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in the kingdom of thy

Lord. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall endure what hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

Blessed is thy father who hath attained My good-pleasure, and thy brother for whom there hath been sent down from the heaven of grace that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Divine Shirt among the worlds.

Say: O my God and the Possessor of my heart! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the fire of love and affection was kindled amongst Thy servants, to make me enabled to serve Thee, speaking Thy praise, steadfast in Thy Cause, turning with my heart to the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, and soaring on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of Thy will. O my Lord! I have turned to Thee with my whole being and I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain for me the reward of one who hath attained Thy presence, been honored to meet Thee, and drunk the choice wine of life from the ocean of reunion with Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

BH04882: O people of Saysan! Upon you be the glory…

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

O people of Saysan! Upon you be the glory of the All-Merciful. You have ever been and continue to be remembered. Beware lest passion debar you from the Lord of all mankind. Take hold of the hem of the robe of your Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have remembered and continue to remember the loved ones of that land. Blessed is the face that hath turned, the heart that hath been attracted, the tongue that hath spoken, and the hand that hath taken hold of My perspicuous Book. These are the days of manifestation and He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of utterance. Strive that haply ye may attain unto that which is everlasting and enduring.

Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly made mention of the loved ones of that land and its surroundings and hath submitted their names to the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to assist you to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause and to adorn you with the ornament of His bounty.

Today the Pen is joyous, and the Tablet in rapture and gladness. Blessed is the one who hath been awakened by the call of the Most Exalted Pen from the slumber of heedlessness and hath arisen to serve the Cause of God. Give thanks unto your Lord for this great bounty and this loving-kindness which hath no peer in the kingdom nor likeness amongst all created things. Make mention of the steadfast handmaidens on behalf of the Wronged One and illumine them with the lights of the utterance of the Goal of all mankind.

The resplendent and effulgent light shining from the horizon of the heaven of proof be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon all who are steadfast in all regions in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names and Attributes.

BH04762: Blessed is the leaf moved by the winds…

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

Blessed is the leaf moved by the winds of her Lord's loving-kindness upon the Sadratu'l-ʿIrfan as He pleases, manifesting through her such love for her Lord that her remembrance endures among all peoples. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

The splendor of God be upon you, O my mother, for having believed in God, remained steadfast in His Cause, and been among those firm in His love.

O my mother! Your letter has reached this servant, adorned at its head with the crown of the Most Great Name, beginning after mention of this servant with:

> "I am yearning, I am grieving, I am needy, I am fearful…"

and so forth. This servant bears witness that you have ever been remembered, observed, present, near, honored, content, well-pleased, immortalized in the paradise of our Lord the All-Merciful's good-pleasure, and forgiven all sins by virtue of having turned to God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

Thereafter I presented the entire letter before the Throne of Oneness. The Sun of loving-kindness and favors rose and shone forth from its horizon, and a wondrous, sublime Tablet was specifically revealed from the heaven of the Lord of all worlds' grace. After perusing this clear Tablet, you will witness the divine favor and exclaim with both outer and inner tongue:

> "My spirit be a sacrifice for the wonders of Thy favors, O Beloved of the worlds and Goal of them that know, and O Thou in Whose mighty grasp lie the kingdoms of the heavens and earth!"

Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

The servant of God

BH04916: O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been…

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mihdi, that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. O Mihdi! Hear thou the call which hath been raised from this Most Exalted Station, from the Crimson Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

They who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament—these are accounted among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O people! The Day hath come, and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud through His Name, the Mighty, the Great. Beware lest what the ignorant possess prevent you from the Most Exalted Horizon. Take ye what ye have been given from One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Blessed art thou and he who hath ascended unto God. We testify that he hath drunk from the Kawthar of immortality from the bounteous hand of his Lord, the Generous. He hath attained unto that which most of creation hath failed to attain. The Tongue of God beareth witness to this in this exalted station. He turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when the people turned away, save whom God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, did will. He recognized that which the Pen had spoken and acknowledged that which was sent down from the heaven of grace from One mighty and powerful.

We were with him at the time of his ascension and made mention of him in such wise as caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge and the fragrances of God's tender mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful, to waft. Blessed is he and blessed is he who maketh mention of him after his ascension through that which hath been sent down from One ancient in descent. Glory be upon him and upon those who have not violated the Covenant of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH04860: As for the matter of forgiveness and pardon, after…

…As for the matter of forgiveness and pardon, after being presented, these verses were revealed. His exalted Word: "O Samandar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. God hath forgiven thee through His grace, and what preceded of thy sin. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to remember Him and to aid His Cause, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones, and to write down for thee, from the Pen of His bounty, the reward of those who are near and sincere. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful."…

As for the children, We have commanded that they first be educated in the principles and laws of religion, and afterwards in beneficial sciences, in trade adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, and in such works as would serve to promote His Cause or give rise to that which would draw the servant nearer to his Lord. We beseech God to assist the children of His loved ones and to adorn them with the ornament of understanding, courtesy, trustworthiness and religiosity. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH04875: O My Afnan! O leaf sprung from the Divine…

He is the One Who speaks with the most wondrous tongue in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O My Afnan! O leaf sprung from the Divine Lote-Tree! Hear My call, for verily it calls thee from the Most Exalted Station—the Station which hath been named by the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Book and in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thy letter reached Me and thy call was heard. By the life of God! Ye are beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness and the canopies of My grandeur. He hath remembered you, remembereth you, and will be with you wheresoever ye may be.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before your faces the doors of His grace and bounty, and to ordain for you the good of this world and the world to come. In all conditions be ye engaged in the mention and praise of God, and be ye confident in His bounty. The rain of His mercy hath fallen and continueth to fall. Soon shall appear in the contingent world that which hath been ordained by the Pen of the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Ask ye God to guide mankind and keep them steadfast, for this Day is mighty, and until they cross over the gulf of names they shall not enter the Most Great Ocean. By the life of God! All are in a strange slumber.

Convey thou My greetings to the children who are present there, then to those who are with thee. Each one of them, give them glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and greet them from His presence. The kinfolk of Afnan and Aqa are related unto the Truth. This sufficeth them, by the Lord of all worlds!

The glory be upon you and upon every male and female believer who hath believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH04677: My honoured and kindly brother! I cherish the hope…

He is God, exalted be His glory.

My honoured and kindly brother! I cherish the hope, from the presence of the Almighty—magnified be His bounty and exalted His generosity—that He may preserve your honoured self from every affliction and adversity, and vouchsafe unto you perfect health. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Compassionate.

Among the greatest of all bestowals granted by that Sovereign of existence is this: that He hath made pen and ink the interpreters of the heart's hidden mysteries. This favour no treasure of the world can equal; nor can its praise be exhausted by any pen, nor its description be brought to an end by any tongue. Thus it is that the handwriting of that well-beloved friend and faithful companion imparteth strength unto the soul, and transformeth, according to what is meet and fitting, the darksome night of separation into the radiant morn of reunion.

Upon the arrival of thy noble letter, the signs of gladness, joy, delight, and exultation became manifest within the heart. The remembrance of friends is blessed indeed unto the friend. The one true God beareth me witness that from the day of separation until now, in the gathering of the true friends and spiritual lovers, the mention of that heavenly beloved hath been and remaineth ever upon our lips; and from every word of thy letter the fragrance of love was seen to diffuse itself and be breathed abroad.

Praised be God that we have not faded from remembrance; and from Him do we beseech that He may change the torment of separation into the sweetness of nearness and reunion, and cause the days of meeting to draw nigh. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Knowing, the Seeing.

BH04709: In these days when in the heavens of manifestation…

He is God, the Most Glorious of the Most Glorious

In these days when in the heavens of manifestation the spiritual suns have risen from the horizons of visibility, and the effulgences of the Sun of the Most Glorious Countenance shine forth from the dawning-places of existence, and the dawnings of divine knowledge gleam from the eastern horizons of the Kingdom, the moons of wisdom, in accordance with their illumination from the Ancient Sun, are giving light in every direction, and the stars of eternity are shining with perfect radiance from the heavenly spheres of existence. It would be a pity if one possessed of insight and knowledge should still be illumined

by the light of a setting star of idle fancies and seek enlightenment from the moon of imagination which is in eclipse. Nay, the Sun hath shone forth from the pole of the heaven of the world with wondrous new effulgences of light.

O friend! In these days the Ancient and Imperishable Beauty, the Unknowable Essence, Who was concealed behind a thousand thousand subtle veils of light, hath now appeared from behind the veil, and with but a single gleam from the effulgences of His countenance hath caused those who stood at Mount Sinai to swoon away and become as though they had never existed. Say: Verily, I have turned my face toward Him Who hath created the supreme heavens and hath rent asunder the lands of the Pharaohs, and I am not of those who join partners with God. Oh, oh! The Sun of Beauty hath made the world of hearts more radiant than the luminous day, and hath wiped clean from the tablets of hearts the rust of rational knowledge's manifestations. And God guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path. And the Spirit be upon thee.

BH04712: At the end of this blessed Tablet We make…

He is God!

At the end of this blessed Tablet We make mention of Jinab-i-Kalb-ʿAli Khan and Janab-i-Husayn Khan and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. Praise be to God, in the days of the Manifestation they attained to that which most of the people of the world remain heedless and deprived of. Blessed are they both and joy be unto them both. We beseech God to give them to drink from the Tasnim of steadfastness and the Salsabil of love, and to protect them from the doubts of the barking ones and the intimations of the transgressors. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O people of God! Know ye the station of these days and hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and your stations. Verify not every utterance and be not assured by every soul, for the misguided ones present themselves with human courtesy and thereby deceive—for were their hearts' contents to be revealed, none would turn to them. Consider the misguided ones of the past who, with their white and red turbans, prayer beads and cloaks, and feigned asceticism and piety, afflicted the servants of God with such vain imaginings that on the Day of Judgment they all pronounced sentence against the Lord of the world. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to protect His servants and guard them by His sovereignty from those who have denied His signs and turned away from His proof. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in My perspicuous and wondrous Book.

BH04872: To be typed

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BH04929: O Mahd! Upon thee be My glory and My…

O Mahd! Upon thee be My glory and My loving care.

Praise be to God! In this blessed month of Ramadan the excessive dampness hath not remained without being stirred, and all have rejoiced in the warmth of the love of God. The loved ones of God have held fast unto the mountain of fasting and have been content with its ordinance. In truth, such a deed in the path of God bestoweth life and conferreth strength. Through Divine assistance the ordinance of the Fast hath been fulfilled; it is hoped that the command of Prayer also may be carried out, that the fields of deeds may thereby become more illumined and more verdant and flourishing. The heaven of religion must, through the Most Great Luminary, be radiant and bright. Blessed are they that attain!

Seek ye not after news of us: the Cause is well, and our aim is well. In all conditions we are content and thankful.

The purpose of this letter is to remember thee in truth, and likewise to convey congratulations on the blessed month of Ramadan. To each of the people of that station convey, on behalf of the Wronged One, greetings, and tell them: the days of the joyous Feast are near. The sincere are saddened at its passing, while the godless rejoice.

Soon shall abstinence be changed to breaking of the fast; the blessed word shall set forth on a journey; and the beloved word shall find its resting-place. Then shall sighing arise from longing, and the light of freshness—hidden by the rigour of the Fast—shall, through bounty, have its veil lifted, and shall be revealed and made manifest.

Baha and peace be upon thee, and upon them, and upon the women likewise. From God do we seek assistance; He is the Helper, and He is the Sustainer.

BH11638: Adorn the preface of the Mother of Utterance…

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker!

Adorn the preface of the Mother of Utterance from the All-Merciful with these most exalted words: “Create me for Thyself.”

Today, whosoever hath been attracted by the fragrance of the garment of Him Who conversed upon Sinai, and hath been illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth, hath attained unto everlasting life, inasmuch as his name hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book.

We testify to thy devotion, humility, submissiveness and orientation toward the face of God. Exalted is the station of this testimony. Every possessor of vision and hearing beareth witness to that which hath been revealed from the Pen of Power on this blessed night. It behooveth thee to occupy thyself with the Cause, with wisdom and utterance, in a manner that is befitting.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land on behalf of this Wronged One. Say: Consider the time as precious. By the Sun of Truth, centuries and ages cannot be compared to a single moment of these

days. Arise with the utmost endeavor to compensate for what hath passed. Blessed are they who are enkindled with the fire of love and who speak in remembrance of God, exalted be His glory.

Say: O friends! Through unity and concord, and through remembrance and utterance, illuminate the horizons. Strive that ye may perchance achieve such deeds as shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, and upon those who have cast away all else save God, clinging fast to that which is with God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04953: O my God! This is Your servant upon whose…

He is the All-Glorious

O my God! This is Your servant upon whose heart's garden has wafted the sweet fragrances of Your holy love, and in whose inner being has spread the perfumes of Your yearning and ardor.

You have severed his attachment to all else through his passionate longing for You, fed him with the sweetness of Your remembrance, given him to drink from the choice wine of Your grace, led him to the fountain of Your knowledge, and called him to the realm of Your glorious oneness. Through this You have enriched him beyond all that was and shall be, for O my God, when You raise up one of Your servants to soar in the atmosphere of Your divine unity and move along the pathways of Your holy uniqueness, You make him rich through Your wealth, for all things are as nothing before the manifestation of a single sign of Your sovereignty, and all existence vanishes before the appearance of but one token of Your might and exaltation.

Though Your servants be the poorest of Your creation, yet through the breezes of Your love wafting over their hearts, they turn to naught save the wonders of Your beauty and seek shelter beneath no shade but the shade of the Sovereign of Your divinity.

I beseech You by Your love for them and their love for You to strengthen this servant through the invisible confirmations of Your eternity, immortalize him in the gardens of Your holy presence, and admit him to the paradise of Your oneness. Verily You are the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High.

And praise be to You, O You in Whose grasp lies the reins of all things.

BH11777: And further, whereas thou didst make mention…

And further, whereas thou didst make mention of the spiritual loved one, Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Abhar—upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness—his remembrance, in the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Inaccessible Court, attained the honor of being hearkened unto. This is that which hath been revealed for him from the Pen of the Will of our Lord, the All-Merciful. He, exalted be His glory and all-embracing His bounty, saith:

In My Name that Commandeth, the All-Informed!

O Ibn-i-Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of Destiny. Hearken unto that which God, the Lord of all worlds, calleth thee. We cast upon thee aforetime that which, had it been cast upon the heavens, they would have been cleft asunder, had it been cast upon the earth, it would have been split apart, and had it been cast upon the mountains, they would have crumbled to dust. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing. We have granted thee permission and have revealed for thee that which will draw thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, this glorious and wondrous station. It behooveth thee to make mention of what thou hast witnessed in the Tablets of thy Lord. Thus doth command thee He from Whose presence hath been sent down a perspicuous Book. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have cast aside what is with the people, yearning for that which is with God, the Strong, the Mighty.

Praise be to God that His loved ones have been blessed by the tender mercies of the All-Merciful and have received their portion from the Most Great Ocean, especially the spiritual friend His honor Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, who hath both been mentioned and given permission. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to him and all the other loved ones, and beseecheth divine confirmation, success and protection for all.

BH05076: To the Leaf, the sister who circles the Most…

To the Leaf, the sister who circles the Most Great, Most Wondrous Throne:

Glory be to Thee, O my God! This is a leaf from the leaves of this Tree which was raised up in truth and was stirred by the winds of Thy grace until she turned to the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy loving-kindness, and acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed Thy singleness.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to ordain for her what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the sanctuary of Thy presence and have attained to the visitation of Thy Beauty. O Lord! Decree for her that which will bring comfort to her eyes, then preserve her within the pavilion of Thy protection and the tabernacle of Thy safekeeping. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of the Great Name.

Look upon her with the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy and illumine her heart with the light of Thy knowledge, in such wise that nothing shall prevent her from gazing toward the direction of Thy gifts. O Lord! Since she hath clung to the cord of Thy grace, deprive her not of Thy bounty and favor. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Wise.

Know thou, O my leaf, that the Word of Victory hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and We were well-pleased with him. This Tablet beareth witness to that, and beyond it the Mother Book. He was among those who emigrated in the path of God until he came to rest beneath the shade of the Throne, and God is, of what I say, All-Knowing.

Say: O people! Speak not according to your desires. Fear God and follow not those who say that for which God hath given no leave. Speak with truth, for verily He is of all things All-Knowing and All-Witnessing.

BH04990: Thou art He, O my God, through Whose names…

He is the Preserver, the Healer

Thou art He, O my God, through Whose names the sick are healed and the ailing are restored, and the thirsty are given drink, and the sore-vexed are tranquillized, and the wayward are guided, and the abased are exalted, and the poor are enriched, and the ignorant are enlightened, and the gloomy are illumined, and the sorrowful are cheered, and the chilled are warmed, and the downtrodden are raised up. Through Thy name, O my God, all created things were stirred up, and the heavens were spread, and the earth was established, and the clouds were raised and made to rain upon the earth. This, verily, is a token of Thy grace unto all Thy creatures.

I implore Thee, therefore, by Thy name through which Thou didst manifest Thy Godhead, and didst exalt Thy Cause above all creation, and by each of Thy most excellent titles and most august attributes, and by all the virtues wherewith Thy transcendent and most exalted Being is extolled, to send down this night from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy healing upon this suckling, whom Thou hast related unto Thine all-glorious Self in the kingdom of Thy creation. Clothe him, then, O my God, by Thy grace, with the robe of well-being and health, and guard him, O my Beloved, from every affliction and disorder, and from whatever is obnoxious unto Thee. Thy might, verily, is equal to all things. Thou, in truth, art the Most Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Send down, moreover, upon him, O my God, the good of this world and of the next, and the good of the former and latter generations. Thy might and Thy wisdom are, verily, equal unto this.

BH05226: O Muhammad! The days when thou didst take shelter…

O Muhammad! The days when thou didst take shelter beneath the blessed Tree are remembered in Our presence. The Greater Branch is now present and hath sought a special favor for thee. We make mention of thee through this clear remembrance.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land. Say: Be not sorrowful, be not heedless. With wisdom and utterance, bestow the Kawthar of proof upon those who are receptive and ready. Praise be to God, ye are not among the corrupt ones, and therefore have been and continue to be preserved and protected by God, exalted be His glory.

Beseech God that He may assist the honored rulers—may God aid them—to achieve that which this Wronged One hath purposed, and this purpose is, in its primary station and first rank, the Will of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

In these days this Wronged One is occupied with praise and thanksgiving to God, for He hath adorned the martyrs of the land of Ya with the crown of patience and the ornament of steadfastness, and aided them to hold fast unto that which was revealed and sent down in the Book from the Supreme Pen. Well is it with them and may they rejoice.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee and upon My loved ones and chosen ones who have not broken My Covenant and have acted according to what they were commanded by the One Who is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH11639: A mention from Our presence unto him who was…

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

A mention from Our presence unto him who was stirred by the breezes of revelation when the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty, that the fragrances of the verses may seize him once again and draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of all religions. He verily remembereth at all times His servants who have turned with their hearts toward the direction of their Beloved and have cast behind them idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Though thy letter hath not been presented before the Throne, yet God maketh mention of thee through His grace, that thou mayest be assured of thy Lord's tender care. Beware lest earthly affairs extinguish thee. Be thou aflame with this Fire which proclaimeth from the midmost heart of creation: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving." Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord and firm in His Cause in such wise that through thee the banner of constancy may be planted upon the highest summits. They who are heedless this day are indeed the most remote of all creation in the sight of thy Lord—no portion have they in the Book.

Be thou thankful unto God that the countenance of the Adored One hath turned toward thee from this horizon whereby the horizons have been illumined. Say: O people! The world hath been illumined through the splendors of the countenance of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest the veils of glory withhold you from Him. Rend them asunder with the fingers of certitude, turning unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

Thus have We sprinkled upon thee the drops of utterance from the ocean of thy Lord's favors, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH11640: The Resurrection hath come to pass and the Promised…

In the Name of the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!

The Resurrection hath come to pass and the Promised One hath appeared. The Self-Subsisting calleth aloud: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!" He that hath arisen to serve God and make mention of Him, verily his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, shall bestow His blessings upon him beneath the shadow of this Most Great Name. The mercy of God hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet most of the people remain heedless.

Should one ask any of the divines, "Why hast thou turned away from this Revelation, and by what proof didst thou recognize Muhammad, the Messenger of God, when He appeared?" he would reply: "That which hath appeared I find not in the books of old." Say: All that thou beholdest and utterest springeth

from thine idle fancies. He appeareth not according to thy desire, but according to His Will. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Knowing, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Beseech thou God to rend asunder their veils and open their eyes that they may behold the lights of the Sun and turn towards it on this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Wondrous Day. Soon will they hasten and say:

> "Woe unto us for what we have neglected in regard to God, and alas for our attachment to the books of men while turning away from Him Who was the Source of all books and the Dawning-Place of every clear tablet!"

None can protect anyone this Day save God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to aid thee to remember Him and praise Him, and to ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous.

BH11776: Haji Siyyid Muhammad

Haji Siyyid Muhammad

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Powerful.

Glorified be Him Who revealeth whomsoever He willeth through whatsoever He willeth, that he may arise to champion His Cause, manifest His decree, and divulge His secret. No God is there but Him, and unto Him shall all return.

O Muhammad! How dost thou fare in the land of the Lord? Render thanks unto thy Lord for that wherewith He hath singled thee out, and prostrate thyself before His Face, for We have indeed been watching over thee. Verily, We have sent down unto thee Our verses, that thou mayest thereby be numbered among them that bow in adoration.

Ask thou not of Me concerning aught, for I possess not the knowledge thereof. That is a mystery from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. O Muhammad! Present thyself before Ḥusayn, and aid him upon the earth, and be not of them that despair. By God! I have intended for thee naught but counsel. If thou desirest, accept it, and if not, turn thou away. Such is the decree sent down from Us, and We verily do decree.

Say: O concourse of the people of vain imaginings! Present yourselves before your Lord, if ye desire to be humble before God, the All-Merciful. We have annulled all learning save the knowledge of the verses and of supplications. Thus hath the command gone forth from Us, and with Us, verily, is the command.

Bear thou witness within thine own heart that the Remembrance is the Truth, though the people for the most part turn far away. Say: Praise be to God, Who hath guided me unto a manifest path of truth. Verily, all praise be to God, the Lord of the heavens, the Lord of the earth, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05354: My Lord, pour forth patience upon Thy loved ones…

My Lord, pour forth patience upon Thy loved ones and assist them against the wrongdoing people.

In His Name that prevaileth over all names!

Some time ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent. God willing, thou wilt attain unto it and inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful. And now Jinab-i-Amin, that is, Abu'l-Hasan, hath mentioned thee and thy steadfastness and sincerity. Therefore this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath again been revealed and sent. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the Purpose and art aware of that which all people are heedless. This is among the great bounties of God, exalted be His glory. We counsel thee to observe wisdom in all conditions. Fix thy gaze upon Him in all circumstances. We beseech God that there may appear from thee that which shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, and that He may draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Thy hardships are witnessed and remembered before God and are inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. That which thou didst send hath arrived and was honored with acceptance. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who act in accordance with that which they were bidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of this manifest Day.

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BH05318: The people of certitude imagine that worldly events are…

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

The people of certitude imagine that worldly events are nonexistent and absent in the sight of the Divine Party. Yet it is observed that some become disturbed by certain words of others and by the rejection or acceptance of souls. Those accepted souls who today have attained to hearing the divine call and have received their portion from the ocean of knowledge should regard the entire world as nonexistent, as though it had never been mentioned.

O friends! Hear the call of the Wronged One! One must lift one's gaze from outward causes and temporal events and fix it upon the supreme horizon, such that whatever occurs will not become a source of prevention and disturbance. Blessed is the state of one who has been and continues to be engaged in service under all conditions. The numbered days and transient manifestations have not and will not prevent the companions of the depths of the sea of oneness.

With perfect certitude, strive to reform existence, that perchance the naked ones of the world may be adorned with the ornament of awareness and illumined by the lights of the sun of knowledge. Count time as precious and make the friends happy through remembrance of God, exalted be His glory.

The Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained to the knowledge of God and acted according to what He has commanded in His perspicuous Book.

BH05286: The serpent hath opened wide its jaws and hath…

He is the Mighty, the Beauteous, and He is the Wronged One, the Stranger.

The serpent hath opened wide its jaws and hath swallowed up the sheep of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. The thief hath stolen from the City of the lovers a precious pearl; the oppressor hath, with the sword of vain desire, slain the best of men; and the wretched one hath committed that at which the denizens of Paradise have wailed and wherefor tears have flowed.

How many bodies have been rent asunder in the path of God, and how many hearts have poured forth their blood, in this sanctified, mighty and exalted Cause!

O Mahd! Upon thee be My glory, and the glory of all who are in My Kingdom and My realm of might. The events of the world have so grieved Me that I desire not to speak with any soul. By the life of God! There is that which I love—and yet I love not to mention it, lest it sadden thee and My loved ones. My utterance and My words declare that concealment is preferable and more beloved, for thy Lord is the Concealer, the Long-Suffering, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

At this hour Badi'u'llah arrived. We said: "Hath the Mahd desired to visit the Wronged One?" He pondered for a moment and replied: "Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing." Thus did that which did happen come to pass, and We have informed thee thereof; verily, He is the All-Informed Reporter.

Glory, shining forth from the horizon of My loving care, be upon thee, and upon those who are with thee and around thee, and upon every steadfast soul endowed with discernment.

BH05331: O Leaf! God grant that thou mayest detach thyself…

He is God, sanctified above whatsoever they have uttered.

O Leaf! God grant that thou mayest detach thyself from all else save Him, and remain occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved. The remembrance of the Friend hath ever been the cause of everlasting life and the source of eternal being. The fire of the divine remembrance increaseth the soul's ardor, effaceth the word "self" from the heart, and causeth the tree of certitude to spring forth therein. This is that tree whose root is firmly fixed and abiding in the heart, and whose branches are seen uplifted unto heaven.

We cherish the hope that, through the grace of the All-Generous, we may ever keep this tree fresh and verdant by the waters of the ancient Lord's loving-kindness; that, through the Name of the Beloved, it may be preserved from violent winds; and that, beneath the shelter of the mercy of the All-Merciful, it may remain guarded and enduring against the trials of time.

Should ye inquire concerning the condition of this wronged one, know that in the prison and in the land of exile We are occupied with the remembrance of the friends, and We beseech God—glorious and exalted be He—to gather His handmaidens within the court of fellowship and the seat of nearness, that together, in one accord, we may quaff from the cup of meeting the wine of reunion, and turn our gaze away from all the world of being.

In brief, the work of these prisoners hath, at all times before the throne of the All-Merciful, been and shall remain the remembrance of the friends. Convey unto all, great and small alike, from the tongue of this mortal one, a most exalted greeting.

BH05340: Know that the Lord of the world, glorified…

In the Name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy

Know that the Lord of the world, glorified and exalted be He, will take the soul of the believer and cause it to ascend unto the highest heaven. In this station of spiritual glory the souls of the believers will become acquainted with each other in the path which the Lord of the world hath foreordained. They will advance together toward the loftiest stations, and shall not return to the material world until the time when the eternal Will purposeth to return the creation and make the world anew.

But in this world all those called into being are new souls. It is not that a former soul becometh incarnated in another person, or that another individual becometh the soul of a former individual. Nay, rather they correspond with each other through manifestations; that is to say, he will be in the station of his soul, but his soul is not incarnated and the state of the soul does not become embodied.

Moreover, creatures have ever been and will be in their own stations. The True One is in His station, and the souls of the believers and the deniers are in theirs. “Each swimmeth in its own sphere.”

Understanding the world of souls is impossible in this world of bodies. That world is unlike anything you can conceive in your imagination. In these perishable bodies one cannot perceive the immortal worlds, save through that which ye sometimes behold in a dream. Fear God, O possessors of insight, that haply ye may have compassion upon yourselves.

BH05426: The countenance of the Beloved is beheld…

The countenance of the Beloved is beheld, and the Presence of the Desired One is attained; yet all are, through the fire of separation, as though extinguished.

O Lord! unto whom can this subtle truth be told: that in the world He hath shown His face to none? This Beauty, though everywhere present, causeth eyes to shed their tears; and the loved ones, afflicted, abide at the threshold of hope. It is hoped that the morn of reunion may dawn, and that the gloom of expectation may be dispelled.

Verily, we are God’s, and unto our Lord do we return; for there is none other God but Him, and unto Him shall all return.

This evanescent point, in this darksome night, beareth witness unto the oneness of Him Who is the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, “Who hath no peer nor equal.”

Thereafter, let those who are present make mention of the absent ones: that the pilgrimage of all hath been accepted, and that the gifts and tokens from Karbila, Najaf, Kazimayn, Samarra, Baghdad, Kirmanshahan, and Hamadan are to be brought for everyone. No excuse shall henceforth be heeded—

neither that one forgot to purchase aught, nor that the travel-money was exhausted, nor that the Arab guide had come upon us. None of these excuses shall be accepted.

Peace be upon you. I remember all the members of the household.

BH05474: Regarding the matter of Aqa Husayn-ʿAli, upon him be…

Regarding the matter of Aqa Husayn-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, a detailed request was submitted. This is what was revealed in response from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. He says, exalted be His glory:

“May he be patient; may he be present; may he hold fast to consultation and act according to what emerges from it. Divine relief will come. Inform the people of the regions who are forbearing and the bearers of the Divine Trust not to feel secure from traitors, thieves and liars. As previously this supreme utterance was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: ʿDo not trust every new arrival, do not believe every speaker, and do not listen to every liar.’ All must hold fast to these points. Settlement is not favored in lands under the government of the Land of Ta. He may accept going to other lands, for verily God’s earth is vast. However, in every case the command of consultation has been revealed—one must hold fast to it and act upon it.” End.

Since that beloved one had asked for a response regarding what their duty should be, therefore an answer was bestowed. But in truth this blessed utterance is for all, meaning those souls who have become known and afflicted. And by the government of Ta is meant the localities under the administration of the Viceroy. Know this.

BH05578: O people of the religion of the Friend [Abraham]!…

O people of the religion of the Friend [Abraham]! Your Beloved, with yearning and lamentation, proclaimeth:

O nightingales of the garden of knowledge, hasten ye! O companions of the soul, turn your faces toward the spiritual Threshold. Give glad tidings unto the soul that the Beloved hath placed upon His head the crown of manifestation, and hath flung wide the portals of the everlasting rose-garden. Announce unto the eyes that the day of beholding hath come. Inform the friends of the homeland that the Friend hath appeared in the marketplace; and apprise the hoopoe of longing that the Peerless Friend is manifest without veil or covering.

O lovers of the Beloved! He hath granted leave of admittance and, with the hand of bounty, hath opened the door of meeting. O friends! The grief of separation hath been changed into the joy of reunion, and the poison of remoteness into the honey of nearness and encounter.

In this victorious Day, the cloud of divine bounty hath poured forth its gifts, and the Sign of generosity hath vouchsafed manifold bestowals, in such wise that the Beloved Himself hath purposed to meet His loved ones, and the Desired One hath sought out His lovers.

O people of London! The One true Friend hath remembered you and hath come unto you. For a time His companion was the chain, and His intimate associate was sorrow and lamentation. For four months He made His abode in the darksome prison. Certain of the brothers kept afar from Him, and friends, through fear of enemies, held themselves apart. We had a sister who turned from light unto fire, and withdrew from fidelity.

BH05586: O Shaykh Jamalu'd-Din! Upon thee be the peace…

O Shaykh Jamalu'd-Din! Upon thee be the peace of God, His glory and His light night and day. This Wronged One beseeches God to open a door of prosperity and success, that the troubles of twenty years may not be in vain. It is hoped that thou wilt, in these latter days, attain unto that which manifesteth the signs of truth in the world. Sorrows have encompassed from every direction. Say:

My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to turn unto the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause and the Daysprings of Thy glory. O Lord! Thou seest the trusted ones among the treacherous of Thy creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and Thy manifestations in the kingdom of creation to protect Thy loved ones through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to enable them to draw nigh unto Thee at all times. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Help in Peril.

O Faraju'llah! Upon thee be My peace and My glory. It is hoped that through thy steadfastness and attention in those regions, a door will be opened in the name of Truth. This is not difficult for God.

The honored Siyyid Mustafa and some others—upon them be the peace of God and His glory—their petitions have repeatedly arrived and were granted audience. We beseech God to aid them, to make them successful, and to make them among those who hold fast to the cord of justice and cling to the hem of fairness. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His binding and wise command.

BH05589: O Thou True One! The gaze of the Lord…

O Thou True One! The gaze of the Lord of might, in this Most Great Revelation, summoneth the peoples of the earth unto whatsoever shall conduce to the harmonizing of hearts and the unity and concord of souls. The ordinances and laws of God are the supreme means and the mightiest instrument for the tranquillity of the nations. Yet, by reason of their deprivation from the knowledge of this most exalted station, the generality remain bereft thereof, preferring the vain imaginings of men above the law of God and His command.

He exhorteth thee and the inhabitants of the earth unto that which shall lead all men unto sanctity and purity, unto peace and nearness unto Him. Say: Cast away your idle fancies and vain surmisings, and turn your faces unto the daystar of utterance, He Who is the Desire of the world. He is the peerless Beloved and the unrivalled Friend. His remembrance is the sovereign of remembrances, and His command the king of all commandments and laws.

Say: Put away the precepts that ye yourseves have contrived, and lay hold on the precepts of God; verily, they shall guard you from that which beseemeth not His servants. He, in truth, is powerful over all things.

From God—exalted be His glory—I beseech steadfastness for all, inasmuch as His Cause is great, and this Day is great.

BH05631: This is the Day of Beauty and the hour…

He is God!

This is the Day of Beauty and the hour belongs to the King of Glory, yet I have taken up the pen of inscription to express matters of love or to soar to the utmost stations of love and affection. But this is most difficult, for the wings of this dove have been clipped by the shears of the suspicions among Thy servants. How can one whose wings are clipped have the power to soar alongside the falcon of might? This is in no wise possible. All this is by God's command and nothing appears except by His leave.

Yea, unless the Unseen Grace stretches forth Its bounteous hand from the pocket of mercy and bestows wings of success, so that with one wing we might transcend contingent being and with the other wing pass beyond the kingdoms of existence and the universes, and cross the distant stations of days whose measure is fifty thousand years in a single step, and attain in less than the twinkling of an eye to the highest degrees of nearness and reunion. All this is from God's grace which He bestows upon whomsoever He wishes among His creation. Verily He has power over whatsoever He wishes and He is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

And this is the station of the spiritual messenger who moves by the confirmation of light and circumambulates the Throne of manifestation, and afterwards remembers all the dwellers of the pavilion.

BH11641: Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Behold how…

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Behold how one slave hath stood at the door of another, seeking from him his freedom, and this despite the fact that his owner is himself but Thy thrall and Thy servant, and is evanescent before the revelations of Thy supreme Lordship. I testify at this moment, as I stand before Thee, to that whereunto Thou didst testify to Thyself, by Thyself, that verily Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee. From everlasting Thou hast inhabited the loftiest heights of power, might, and majesty, and wilt to everlasting continue to abide in the sublimity of Thy glory, awe, and beauty.

All kings are as vassals before the gate of Thy grace, the rich are but destitute at the shore of Thy sacred dominion, and all great ones are but feeble creatures within the court of Thy glorious bounty. How, then, can this thrall claim for himself ownership of any other human being? Nay, his very existence before the court of Thy might is a sin with which no other sin in Thy kingdom can compare. Glorified, immeasurably glorified, art Thou beyond every description and praise.

O my God! Since he hath asked this servant for his freedom, I call Thee to witness at this moment that I verily have set him free in Thy path, liberated him in Thy name, and lifted from his neck the shackles of servitude, that he may serve Thee in the daytime and in the night-season, whilst I pray that Thou mayest never free mine own neck from the chain of Thy servitude. This verily is my highest hope and supreme aspiration, and to this Thou Thyself art a mighty witness.

BH11642: Know thou with clear certitude that whosoever in this…

In the name of the one true God!

Know thou with clear certitude that whosoever in this Day hath drunk from the Kawthar of divine response and hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon is mentioned before God and his name is inscribed in the Book. God, exalted be His glory, is present and watchful. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Witness, the All-Seeing. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which most of the peoples of the world, despite their seeking and expectation, remain veiled from. This blessing is the greatest of divine blessings. Neither tongue nor pen can adequately render thanks for this.

Be thou patient in what thou hast received from thy father and deal with him under all conditions with patience. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. In the path of divine love thou must needs bear this much hardship and hold fast to the cord of patience. We have enjoined upon all to honor their fathers and mothers. Every hardship that is borne in the path of God hath been and ever shall be sweeter than apparent blessings. Beseech thou God to adorn him with the ornament of justice and fairness. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The glory be upon thee and upon him who was named Sultan-ʿAli. Give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My grace, and bid him to be steadfast in this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11643: O Ghulam-Rida! Great is the Cause and great…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O Ghulam-Rida! Great is the Cause and great is the Day! Blessed are they who, with supreme steadfastness, remain firm and immovable in the Cause of the Lord of all beings. These are the companions of the Crimson Ark. By the life of God! All divine Books and Scriptures bear witness to the greatness of this Cause and to the excellence and nobility of these companions. We beseech God to assist all to attain this station.

The understanding and perception of most people is such that should one of the evil ones arise to lead them astray, wavering and instability would be observed in their steadfastness, firmness and constancy. Glory be to God above what hath been said and uttered! Today, those who gaze toward the most exalted horizon and have quaffed from the waters of reunion must manifest such steadfastness that none upon earth can prevent them. This is God's decree, both in the past and in the future, and this is God's command, both in the past and in the future.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy son, and blessed are they who have attained unto supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Bountiful! That which hath befallen you is witnessed in the presence of God. He is in exile, affliction and imprisonment, and His loved ones are afflicted with banishment. However, exile in the path of the Friend is accounted as the most exalted homeland in the presence of God. Blessed are they who have attained, and woe betide the heedless!

BH11644: O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and My…

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

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! The servant who is present hath brought before Us a leaf whereon was inscribed thy name and the names of those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. We have sent down for thee and for them that whereby the cities of wisdom and utterance have been illumined. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Muhammad! Remind My loved ones of My verses and illumine their hearts with the lights of My wondrous and glorious utterance. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto My verses through diverse leaves and various tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: O concourse of men! By God, this is the Day of victory and triumph. Aid ye your Lord through that which We have revealed in the Holy Books and Scriptures, and in this glorious and wondrous Tablet. All must hold fast to the teaching of the Cause and present proofs and evidences from the verses and clear tokens of this Most Great Revelation and from Him Who sacrificed His life for My sake. The divine verses are effectual: in one station they are the Water of Life for the servants, and in another they are the Teacher of all created things. Were their attributes and effects to be mentioned, a mighty book would appear.

We have made mention of thee from My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book as among those who have remained faithful to My Covenant and My Testament, and who throughout their lives have spoken My beauteous praise. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My greatest mercy be upon thee and upon those who hearken unto the proofs of the teachers and follow the Command of God, the Ordainer, the Wise.

BH11922: O thou who art present before the Face…

He is the One Who has dominion over what was and what will be.

O thou who art present before the Face and who gazest toward My Most Exalted Horizon! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Mention hath been made of thee and of that which thy tongue hath uttered in praise of God. All this is from God's bounty unto thee. We beseech the True One to aid thee, that thou mayest, through His Name, conquer the world of hearts and be free in the path of His love from the world and all who dwell therein. The love of the world hath prevented and deprived the peoples from turning to the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory. We beseech Him to bestow upon thee a strength which no weakness can affect, that perchance the light of certitude may triumph over the darkness of vain imaginings. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land and remind them that the loved ones arrived and were blessed to circumambulate the point round which circle the Concourse on High. His honor Ali-Akbar was blessed to circumambulate during the Feast of Sacrifice and the pilgrimage of God. We beseech God to ordain for His loved ones what He hath ordained for thee and him. Verily, He is powerful over all

things. His honor Abdu'llah, upon him be My glory, hath ever been and still is remembered, and likewise all the friends of that land, upon them all be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness.

BH05913: This is a Book from Us to Aziz…

He is the Mighty, the Great!

This is a Book from Us to Aziz that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Aziz! We testify that thou hast turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds, and attained unto His presence, and heard the Call, and drunk the choice wine of reunion, and entered through a door that was opened before the face of all who are in earth and heaven, and beheld what none before thee had ever desired to behold. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech Him to inscribe for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall preserve thee and profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We make mention of thy brother who was named Hashim with a mention that shall never fade away, from God, the Sovereign of creation. We beseech God to forgive thee and forgive those for whom thou hast sought forgiveness from the ocean of the bounty of His Name, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Blessed art thou for having held fast unto the cord of His ordinances and acted according to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Say:

O my God! Thou seest me having left my home and migrated in Thy path until I attained unto Thy presence. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Command to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou knowest what profiteth me and what I have, and I know not what Thou hast. Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH05946: In My Name that prevaileth over all names!

In My Name that prevaileth over all names!

O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. One of My Afnans who circled round Me and soared in the atmosphere of My love and chose for himself a station beneath the canopies of My grandeur hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee in this luminous and resplendent Tablet. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto My days and hath drunk the choice wine of love from the cup of My bounty, and blessed is the leaf who hath held fast to the Lote-Tree of My Cause and clung to the hem of God, the Luminous.

When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My Tablet, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty amidst all created things to assist this handmaiden of Thine to stand firm in Thy Cause and to hold fast unto that which will exalt her among Thy handmaidens. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have turned to Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy favor. O Lord! Deny not Thy handmaiden from turning unto the lights of Thy

countenance and standing before the gate of Thy grandeur. Thou art He Who hath opened the door of hope unto all who are in earth and heaven and ordained for Thy servants and Thy handmaidens that which draweth them nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, Whose bounty all created things and all contingent beings have testified to. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH05959: O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My…

He is the Qa'im, the Speaker, the All-Knowing!

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My love, who standest firm in service to My Cause, and who uttereth My beautiful praise! These exalted words were revealed before—in these days their mention is beloved:

To those enshrouded, death; to frozen souls, a grief severe.

The King of Days hath come at last; that perfect Treasure now is here.

That Hidden One, with Name adorned, hath dawnedâ€"to foil the proud and mere.

Ever hath thy mention been and continues to be in the Most Holy Court. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Thou art he who hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds, and whom neither the hosts of the heedless nor the ranks of the oppressors did frighten. Counsel the servants to patience and steadfastness. O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Forbearance hath reached such a degree that even the lions of the jungle of power and might arose not in defense, for they were bound by the chain of restraint of the Lord of Command. Happy are they and joy be unto them! Yet the heedless ones of the world understand not the reality of patience and stillness. By the life of God! Had We loosened what was bound, they would have swept away all the foxes of deceit and ignorance, and cast them to the lowest depths. We beseech God to assist thee and to exalt thee through His Name amongst His servants. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH05955: O Amin! Your letters have repeatedly arrived and been…

He is God, exalted be His glory, Wisdom and Utterance

O Amin! Your letters have repeatedly arrived and been heard. Responses to most have been and continue to be sent. Today the letter from … which you forwarded to Jinab-i-Asad attained the presence, and therein was mentioned a word that truly caused the lights of the sun of acceptance to shine forth. Your petition and request regarding his desire was mentioned in every letter. In any case, after the arrival of the aforementioned one's letter and the petition and request of you and Jinab-i-Asad, this word was once again revealed from the heaven of will:

"We have accepted what he desired in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Give him the glad tidings of this most exalted word and the acceptance of what he desired on this blessed and praiseworthy Day. Thus has the sun of grace shone forth as a mercy from Us upon him and upon those who act according to His command."

BH05981: O servant! Your letter arrived and was seen. This…

He is the Hearer and the Answerer.

O servant! Your letter arrived and was seen. This Wronged One seeks forgiveness on your behalf for what you mentioned, for you have asked for that which An-Nadr ibn al-Harith and a group of unbelievers asked of the Messenger of God—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for Him. One asked for a house of gold, another for a garden of fruits in an arid land, and yet another requested flowing canals. And God, exalted be His glory, rejected them all. Now you have asked for that which the heedless ones of the world asked for in those days. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Pass beyond vain imaginings and set your face toward the Dayspring of certitude. Today the proof encompasses the world and the evidence, assuming physical form between heaven and earth, speaks forth "The Truth has come!" Listen to the call of this Wronged One: Turn away from what you possess and what the people possess, then turn with your face and heart to the Most Exalted Horizon and say: "O my God! I testify that I denied You when You called me to faith, and rejected Your proof when You commanded me to acknowledge it. I beseech You by Your mercy to forgive me and join me with Your near servants."

BH05825: Your letter has come and been presented…

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

Your letter has come and been presented by the servant who stands before the Throne. We have answered you with that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor the wealth of nations. Blessed is he who has found the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and was among the thankful ones.

We found from your letter the fragrance of My love and have ordained for you that which brings joy to the eyes of those near unto God. When My Most Exalted Pen moved to make mention of you, the fragrance of immortality was diffused between earth and heaven. Blessed are they who know My remembrance. Through My remembrance all things have spoken, and by My command every great matter has appeared.

Say: This is the news wherewith God's books have given glad tidings aforetime. Read what the All-Merciful has sent down in the Qur'an:

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

The Day has come, yet the people are heedless and in manifest loss.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto My Tablet through which the sun of justice has shone upon all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ask thou God to grant thee success and to assist thee in preserving this bounty, and to draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

We send from this spot Our glorification upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging fast to My straight Path. The glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH05916: This is a Book from the Wronged One…

In His Name, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who hath turned towards the Crimson Tree that he might hearken unto its most sweet call in remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have witnessed thy turning unto the Countenance and heard thy call, and We answered thee before this and in this perspicuous Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and to make thee steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned and the mystics have slipped save whom God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath willed. Give thanks unto God for this bounty and for having made thee to be of them who have sought the Ultimate Goal when the people turned away from it—they who followed every heedless and remote one. Say:

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy light whereby the world was illumined to assist me in recognizing the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. Then ordain for me that which shall endure through the endurance of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom, for I know, O my God, that all else besides Thee shall perish and that whatsoever is attributed unto Thee shall endure through the endurance of Thy most excellent names and most exalted attributes. Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. Deprive me not of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Giving, the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH05637: Although letters have been sent in Arabic, Persian…

He is the Almighty.

Although letters have been sent in Arabic, Persian and all kinds of ways, nevertheless love is expressed anew that you should, God willing, follow that departed one in all matters pertaining to the material world. This will surely be the nearest means of drawing nigh unto God. That is, you should conduct yourself with people in the same way as he conducted himself with them.

The believer lives with eternal, everlasting life in the most exalted horizon of detachment and the most holy Lote-Tree of sanctity, and death does not overtake him. He watches over his own affairs and is aware of his people. If he observes no goodness in those associated with him, he will surely raise his voice in complaint in the Supreme Concourse, and that complaint will surely have its effect and return upon his people.

In any case, you must, God willing, act in such a way that all the inhabitants of the Supreme Concourse and the angels brought nigh will rejoice. For example, as Aqa Mirza Muhammad was engaged in service during his time, if he continues now as before, it will surely be acceptable. In short, if all affairs occur in a way that does not contradict the deeds of that departed one during his life, it will surely be beloved before God.

BH11647: Praise be to the Sovereign of existence…

Praise be to the Sovereign of existence and the Educator of the seen and unseen, Who is worthy and deserving that the chalice of tribulation in His love should be the water of eternal life, and afflictions and hardships in His path should be heavenly sustenance….

As for the events that occurred in ʿAyn and Shin, they are known and clear. Praise be to God, no wrong, corruption or harm hath appeared from the friends. The aforementioned departed one was martyred through tyranny and oppression. Blessed is he! He attained to that which hath no likeness or equal. The joy of the Wronged One is that they held fast to the counsels and exhortations which flowed from the Pen of Love in the nights and days, and acted upon the word which they were commanded in previous years:

> "If ye be slain, it is better for you than to slay."

Most are unaware of the intention of this Wronged One and His loved ones, for were they to become cognizant they would testify that there hath been no purpose save the betterment, elevation and advancement of the servants.

We beseech God to aid all to love, fellowship, affection and unity. The suspicions and imaginings of the servants have deprived them, and the abandonment of divine laws hath caused weakness and perturbation….

BH11784: I make mention of thee through such effusions…

I make mention of thee through such effusions of light as shall draw thee unto the court of the Sovereign of joy, and shall waft thee unto such a station that in all the realm thou shalt behold naught save the countenance of the all-powerful, the victorious King. Then wilt thou hear no voice save the warbling of the Dove of Bahá upon the boughs of the camphor-tree, and the chanting of the most wondrous Cock upon the leaves of the Tree of Sinai in the land of Revelation. All bear witness that My remembrance is, in very truth, from God and unto God, yet the people perceive it not.

O handmaid of God! I testify within thy heart that thou art a woman who hath believed in God and in His signs, and hast been numbered among the devout. Know thou, moreover, that thy Lord hath borne witness concerning thee in this mighty sea that thou art of the faithful. This shall suffice thee above whatsoever is on earth, whatsoever is in the heavens, and whatsoever is in the unseen and the seen, wert thou of them that soar on high.

Prize, then, the worth of that Day wherein God hath accepted from thee thy deeds, and render thanks unto Him, if thou art of the thankful. Say at all times: Praise be to God, Who hath guided us unto this light amidst these pitch-dark and gloomy shadows. Verily, He is the sovereign, the all-powerful, the ever-forgiving. He, in His own Self, is the Truth and is powerful over all things. And praise be to God, the Beloved of them that know Him.

BH05652: O God! O Master of Kings and Merciful One…

He is God, exalted be His station!

O God! O Master of Kings and Merciful One to the servants! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy sovereignty which prevaileth over the nations to ordain for those who have laid fast hold on the Sure Handle and clung to the Snow-White Path and the Resplendent Law, and believed in that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will, that which is best for them in the hereafter and in this world. Nourish them with the fruits of the Tree of Thy knowledge and assist them to remain steadfast in their faith in the appearance of the Manifestations of Thy Cause and to stand firm on Thy Straight Path and Thy True Religion. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

Upon thee be the care and mercy of God. The pieces sent some time ago arrived by post. Thy reward is with God, thy Lord. I beseech Him to grant thee that which is best for thee and to preserve thee beneath the shadow of His care.

At this time his honor T.B. (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]) hath attained, and is illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, and since he intended to journey to the appointed place, mention was made of you and these few words were written and sent so that you might be assured that the favors of the Beloved toward His friends are beyond reckoning and they have ever been and shall ever remain remembered and the recipients of His favors. The rest and al-9 [Baha] be upon thee.

BH05892: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having…

He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the ocean of Thy oneness and caused me to know the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy horizon. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the daybreak and Subduer of the winds, by the tears of Thy lovers in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the yearning of those who long for Thee in their distance from Thy presence, to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy praise, who standeth firm in Thy service, who holdeth fast to the cord of Thy grace and cleaveth to the hem of Thy bounty. O Lord! Eyes have wept at what hath befallen Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Sovereign of the nations, by the Most Great Name, to transform the throne of tyranny into the seat of Thy justice, and the chair of heedlessness and oppression into the throne of humility and fairness. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Lord! Illumine the eyes of hearts with the lights of the sun of Thy justice, that all things may be enlightened by its light and radiance, and that in every place the banners of Thy names and attributes may be raised. Verily, Thou art He Whom no power can frustrate and no might can weaken. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my God and my Lord! Thy religion hath been weakened by the assault of those who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O Lord! Adorn it with the ornament of Thy power. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH05899: The letter of Jinab-i-Nazir has been received and perused…

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

The letter of Jinab-i-Nazir has been received and perused. In this case, your stay in that land is not permitted. There is no harm in departing from that territory. Whenever the hands of the claimants are shortened and the chief seeks return, it will be easy and simple. If the matter is as mentioned, then considering wisdom, a brief stay in the Land of Ta is preferable and more appropriate. However, in all conditions be mindful of wisdom and be confident in God's grace. Whatever is beneficial for you will emerge from the unseen into the visible realm. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And once again We counsel you to wisdom and non-acknowledgment. Verily He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And whenever required, God willing, by God's will news will arrive and you will attain. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you and upon every firm, steadfast, upright one. The servant conveys greetings and salutations. In these days he is sending replies to the letters of his honor Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and likewise to other friends.

BH05938: To be typed

To be typed.

BH05939: To be typed

To be typed.

BH11646: Today it behoveth each one of the people…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the Kingdom!

Today it behoveth each one of the people of God to pass beyond the gulf of names, through divine strength and power, that they may find their way to the Most Great Ocean. Consider ye the peoples of former ages and centuries: certain souls who clung to names and who, night and day, occupied themselves with disputation and opposition, accounting themselves the most learned of all peoples and the most excellent of all nations. Yet when the dawn of the Day of His Manifestation broke forth and the Intended One appeared, all arose to shed His pure blood, save a few among the Shaykhis who attained.

We beseech God to aid thee in all that befitteth His Day. The Supreme Pen beareth witness that today the veiled ones of the Bayan are many times more heedless than that party. Guard thyself from the whisperings of these souls through the name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and acted according to that which was enjoined in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them that have clung fast unto God, detached from the world and all that is therein. Verily, such a one is of the people of the highest Paradise and of the Crimson Ark.

He Who speaketh in every condition testifieth unto this, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH06185: Glorified be He Who hath appeared and hath revealed…

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

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and hath revealed that which He willed. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Most Bountiful. Nothing whatsoever among created things, nor any matter of affairs, is hidden from His knowledge. He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

This is a Book from Our presence unto him whom We have named the Most Noble Nabil in Our sealed Tablet, and whom We have adorned with the ornament of My love, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. We have caused him to speak with My remembrance and My praise, have taught him My path, made known unto him My horizon, and guided him unto My praiseworthy station, that in all conditions and in every neighbourhood he may abide in nearness.

We bear witness that he hath taken for himself no helper save God, no Lord but Him, and no aim save the One Who, in every matter, hath proclaimed: There is none other God but I, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. In his days he was occupied with praise and thanksgiving, and with recounting the events of My days—the manifestation of the Most Great Announcement.

God willing, in the remaining days, he will be engaged with My assistance, with My remembrance, and with that which befitteth his days—whereby the renown of faithfulness may be exalted in the world among the nations, and all things may testify to his loyalty, his turning unto God, his remembrance and praise, and his service to the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

BH06300: The letter of his honor Attar ibn Attar, upon…

The letter of his honor Attar ibn Attar, upon them both be God's peace and care and grace, reached Our presence and We beheld it, for although this servant was present, he was absent. Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, they were and are in the aforementioned prison, and through His grace the letter of his honor Haji Muhammad ʿAli was also observed. Verily he was mentioned before and is mentioned at this time. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for him that which will draw him near in all conditions—verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High—and to write down for him the best of what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

And at the end of the utterance We make mention of Muhammad-Quli-Ali who attained the presence and won the meeting, and drank the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. O Muhammad Ali! We have heard thy call and seen thy letter. We mentioned thee before

and at this time. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother, thine aunt and her daughter Khadijih and the other one, and upon thy brothers, from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06058: O Faraj! Hearken unto that which the Spirit casteth…

He is the Ever-Abiding upon the Throne of eternity.

O Faraj! Hearken unto that which the Spirit casteth upon thee from this sanctified, inaccessible, and impregnable quarter: verily, there is none other God but He—the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Exalted.

Know moreover that We have appointed thee among the envoys of the Cause, that thou mayest journey from Our presence unto Our near ones among the servants. Go thou forth, therefore, with My Book, and then with My garment; pass through the habitations by My sovereignty, the Mighty, the Beauteous; and whatsoever thou desirest, lay it upon the face of the contingent world, that their sight may be restored and they may return with vision.

Thus do We enjoin thee to justice, that thou mayest be of them that know. By God! Shouldst thou go forth in the will of thy Lord, wholly detached from all who are in the heavens and on the earth, there shall appear within thee that wherewith the hearts of all mankind shall be overturned.

Arise, then, with an uprising wherewith all things arise, and turn thy face toward that Countenance whereat all creation findeth rest. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, then speak in the accents of the dove between earth and heaven, that the sun of utterance may shine forth from thy tongue, and thou mayest be of the mindful.

Marvel not at this, for in His grasp lieth the dominion of the heavens and the earth: He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth by His command, and doeth whatsoever He desireth.

BH06075: God grant that ye may ever and always abide…

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

God grant that ye may ever and always abide, with utmost joy and fragrance of spirit, beneath the sheltering grace of the All-Merciful, content with whatsoever the Beloved hath ordained, and thankful therefor. Your letter, which betokened sorrow and heaviness of heart, was received and perused. Grieve not, neither despair of the mercy of God. Ye have ever been the recipients of His utmost loving-kindness, and, God willing, so shall ye continue to be. Ye men and ye women alike are under the gaze of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Verily, joy is with you—why then do ye grieve? The very source of gladness is in your midst—wherefore are ye troubled? In truth, He hath removed elsewhere, and the evidences of the Ancient Beauty have there become manifest. Turn ye, therefore, unto the former Seat. The House calleth you unto itself, and the Lord of the House remembereth you at every morn and eventide.

O Ziya'u'llah, and O Badi'u'r-Rahman, return ye, together with your family, unto the quarter of the Lord of all nations. Your place, in the dwelling of the Friend and in the gathering of fellowship, is most evident and assured. Set your faces towards it. Upon you be Baha.

Convey our loving greetings unto the Leaf of the Tree of Eternity. Thus likewise gladden Sahib and those with you. And make Ustad and Rida joyful through the remembrance of the Friend.

BH06088: O Habíb, in the Persian tongue it is set…

O Habíb, in the Persian tongue it is set forth in truth: If mankind were to reflect on this one theme, they would bear witness that this constancy and steadfastness, this forbearance and patience during times of calamities and afflictions, whether in open or in secret, is possible only through a divine power. No former age or century hath beheld such a degree of self-sacrifice in the path of the Beloved.

Individuals who prior to the time of death consider their lives extremely precious and with the utmost power strive to protect themselves and secure their outward ease and comfort, suddenly are seen with a steadfastness whereat the bodies of the heedless are made to quiver, the limbs of the wayward to tremble, and the foundations of the nations to shake.

Praise be to God, were they not to behold in that station abundant good, copious bounties, eternal blessings, and everlasting sovereignty with their own eyes, this kind of contentment and resignation, acquiescence and reverence in such terrible situations would not become manifest through them.

Say: All majesty and might, all sovereignty and power belong to God, Who createth whatsoever He desireth as He pleaseth. No God is there but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the Exalted, the Most Great.

BH06115: By God! The Day hath come, yet the people…

In the Name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!

By God! The Day hath come, yet the people perceive it not. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet most of the people recognize them not. They have cast the path of God behind their backs, clinging to the ropes of the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of love and affection. We beseech God, the Lord of creation, to aid thee and assist thee to attain such steadfastness that its fragrance may spread throughout all lands. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Abbas! Rejoice in this Tablet from which the fragrance of the utterance of God, the Lord of existence, hath been wafted. We have recognized what thou didst intend and heard what thou didst cry out in the days of thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen. We granted permission regarding what the hands of those who denied the Witness and the Witnessed had earned. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence and to write down for thee what beseemeth His generosity, which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thus have We

sent down the verses and expounded them in truth, as a favor from Us, for I am, verily, powerful over whatsoever I will through My word “Be,” and it is.

BH06184: In My Name Which hath dawned from the horizon…

In My Name Which hath dawned from the horizon of Manifestation

Glory be to God! He sent forth Adam and bestowed upon him a Book, and likewise unto Seth and Enoch and Abraham—upon them be the blessings and mercy of God—and unto all the other Prophets He granted whatsoever He willed. And unto the Messengers of firm resolve He sent down Books—the Torah, the Psalms, the Gospel and the Qur’an.

And this Most Great Revelation, which is mentioned and promised in all the divine Books, hath brought forth that which equalleth all previous Books. Its verses have encompassed the world and its evidences have left no room for denial.

Nevertheless, some among the people of the Bayan who are builders of the houses of vain imaginings and idle fancies have turned away. By God’s life! They are the most abject of all the world’s peoples. They cling to vain imaginings and hold fast to idle fancies. God protect us and you from the evil of such as these.

Take hold of the Book of God with the hand of might and arise to serve His Cause. This is the counsel of the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may confirm you and grant you success, that you may turn away your eyes from the world and fix them solely upon the Most Exalted Horizon.

BH06190: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. Nothing escapes Thy knowledge. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the revelations of the luminary of Thy generosity upon existence, and by Him through Whom the valley flowed and the gate of heaven was opened, and by His family and companions through whom Thy signs were spread throughout Thy lands and Thy sovereignty encompassed Thy servants, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book.

O Lord! Thou seest the poor one knocking at the door of Thy generosity, and the destitute one seeking the ocean of Thy grace and mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him from that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy servants and the near ones among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O my God! Send down Thy blessings upon the Hands of Thy Cause, whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not deterred from turning toward the heaven of Thy providence. O Lord! Send down

upon my face, from the clouds of Thy generosity, the rains of Thy mercy and Thy riches. Verily, Thou art the Most Generous, the Ever-Flowing, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH06215: The fragrance of love, wafting from the rose-garden…

He is God, exalted be His glory.

The fragrance of love, wafting from the rose-garden of divine knowledge, did, in less than the twinkling of an eye, attain unto the Most Great Vision and transmute the gloom of separation into the joy of nearness and reunion. Glorified be God! How wondrous is the potency of the perfume of love, especially when it is shed abroad from a radiant and stainless heart: it dispelleth the companions of sorrow and grief. Such hath ever been, and shall continue to be, the remembrance of the true friends.

In truth, from the letter of the loved one and the script of that spiritual beloved there was vouchsafed a boundless gladness, so great that in every limb and member its effect became manifest. It is our hope that God, exalted be His glory, may never in any wise deprive His Afnan of the lights of nearness and reunion.

This moth had imagined that, together with those other moths, it would, for a time, or for years and months, circle round the lamp of the Will of God. Yet the hand of consummate wisdom wrought separation. This was naught but the outcome of the sins of the people of transgression and infamy, who have intervened between the Desired One and them that seek Him. We beseech God to draw us nigh unto Him, and by His sovereignty to lift the veil that hindereth, for He, verily, is the Powerful, the Subduer, the Almighty.

BH06302: The holy breeze of mercy and loving-kindness which wafted…

He is the Bestower.

The holy breeze of mercy and loving-kindness which wafted upon this servant from the right hand of bounty and grace imparted, even as the breath of the Holy Spirit, a new life unto the dead land of separation, and bestowed everlasting being. Such mercy did it lavish forth that it seemed as though the evening of estrangement had been changed into the morn of reunion, the clouds of sorrow and grief had been lifted from the sky of the hearts of the sincere, and the sun of joy, delight, and gladness had risen from the horizon of the soul.

God grant that the bearers of the power of the All-Glorious may preserve this Sun from the eclipse of darkness, and guard this spiritual rejoicing from the dust of earthly sorrow; that the showers of bounty and grace may ever descend from the clouds of compassion, and the winds of loving-kindness continue to blow. For the life of these deprived ones dependeth upon the flowing stream of mercy, and death lieth in its cessation. As water is the cause of life unto the fish, and dust the occasion of its destruction, so likewise this fish of the sea of separation neither seeketh nor findeth life save in the water of Thy mercy.

BH06343: O My handmaid, and thou who hast attained unto…

He is the All-Knowing.

O My handmaid, and thou who hast attained unto My service! Rejoice thou in My bounty, My mercy, and My loving care, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Thy service hath been accepted, and the Pen of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, hath been moved to make mention of thee. Blessed art thou, and blessed is every handmaid who hath held fast unto the Most Firm Handle of My Cause and clung to the hem of My radiant robe.

Glory be upon thee, and upon those women who have turned unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy power and Thy strength, by Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty; by Thy Cause wherewith nothing can contend; by the bounties of Thy grace; by the pearls of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy generosity; and by the Name whereby the luminary of joy hath shone forth and the world hath been adorned with the ornament of Naw-Ruz, to adorn the forms of Thy loved ones with the vesture of honour and exaltation.

O Lord! Deliver Thine elect from their enemies; then make them the dawning-places of Thy glory among Thy creatures and the daysprings of Thy loftiness amidst Thy servants. Then forgive, O my God, all—women and men—who have served Thee and sought Thy good-pleasure.

Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH06349: O My loved ones in Ali Riza Abad!…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O My loved ones in Ali Riza Abad! The Most Great Sea hath turned toward you, desiring to adorn the heart of your heart and the sight of your sight with My wisdom and utterance which lay hidden within its shells. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Generous, the All-Bountiful. When ye have attained and witnessed with a single eye Thy reunion and Thy presence, which was the portion of the sincere among Thy servants and those near unto Thy protection, and through the waves of the sea of Thy bounty, that My remembrance and My turning and My attention might be adorned with the ornament of Thy acceptance—I testify, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, that the loftiest praise of Thy creation and the remembrances of Thy servants befitteth not Thy grandeur, nor the essence of the court of Thy glory and the threshold of Thy nearness.

Say: Look upon the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bounty. My wounds and sighs, both outward and inward, and all my limbs seize me. And whenever I reflect upon my transgressions, despair encompasseth me from all directions. Alas! Alas! My sins prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee, and my transgressions from standing before the gate of Thy majesty. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, to forgive me through Thy generosity and bounty, to illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and to strengthen all to remain steadfast in Thy love in Thy Cause. Verily Thou

art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06386: O Mahd-i-ʿUlya! Upon thee be the peace of God…

He is the Ancient Ordainer.

O Mahd-i-ʿUlya! Upon thee be the peace of God, His glory, His loving care, and His bounty.

Know thou that the wrongdoer hath hamstrung My she-camel, and the wolf hath devoured My speckled sheep; he that loved Me hath been stung. I complain not of what hath befallen Me at the hands of Mine enemies; rather do the Manifestations of My Cause, the Dawning-places of My wisdom, lament these things.

Say: O my God, my God! Transmute the sorrow of Thine loved ones into joy, their anguish into gladness, their turmoil into tranquillity, their abasement into honour, their weakness into strength, and their powerlessness into might.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Thy will, by the encompassing power of Thy might, and by the ocean of Thine omnipotence, to make Thy loved ones the dawning-places of Thy name the Long-Suffering, and the daysprings of Thy name the All-Forgiving. Then make known unto those who, in Thy days, were heedless of the mystery of Thy Most Great Name and of Thine All-Glorious Announcement, that which hath escaped them at the rising of the luminary of Thy Manifestation; and strengthen them unto equity. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

As for the matters thou hast mentioned: We have entrusted them unto God and committed all affairs unto Him. Verily, He is the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous, and He is the Avenger, the Strong, the Omnipotent.

Glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH11649: Today must the loved ones of God appear…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

Today must the loved ones of God appear with such radiance as to illumine the world, and with such a fire as to set ablaze the hearts of the peoples. Thy mention hath been before the Wronged One, both past and present. This is a Day wherein man is empowered to gain everlasting stations, eternal bounties, and perpetual remembrance. Blessed is the soul whom the affairs of men have not debarred from the ocean of grace nor held back from the Sun of Truth.

The loved ones must gather together in wisdom and take counsel regarding the exaltation of the Most Great Word. Whoso ariseth for God's sake shall assuredly be assisted by the invisible hosts. The purpose is that those souls who have quaffed from the sealed wine and have been honored with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, should recognize their station and preserve this most exalted rank in the name of the Lord of all beings.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Say: Your land is designated as Paran in the presence of the All-Merciful. God willing, may ye attain to that which befitteth this blessed name. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH11650: Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the near ones have lamented and in their longing for Whose presence the hearts of the sincere ones have been set ablaze. I beseech Thee by the Name through Whose manifestation both the kingdom of earth and heaven were attracted, livers and hearts were melted, the ocean of utterance surged in the realm of possibility, and the nightingale sang upon the branches, to assist Thy servants and loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to teach Thy Cause. Then acquaint them, O my God, with what Thou hast desired for them from the wonders of Thy bounty and Thy favors, that they may cast behind them all else but Thee, turning towards the horizon of Thy grace, the Dayspring of Thy utterance, and the Rising-place of Thy names and attributes.

O Lord! Teach them through Thy bounty and favor that which beseemeth them in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Sovereign before Whose sovereignty the necks of princes and the mighty have bowed down. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Sufficing, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The funds which Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, remitted from cash and the value of silk through Jinab-i-Samiyy-i-Hadrat-i-Maqsud (Ha before Sin and Lam after ʿAyn) and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Sadiq, upon them both be the Glory of God, reached this evanescent servant in the month of Dhi'l-Hijjih al-Haram in the year 1298.

The servant

BH11787: Your letter was received, and that which was intended…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Ancient.

Your letter was received, and that which was intended therein became evident. In all conditions one must fix his gaze upon the Truth and upon His loved ones, and keep the dwelling-place of the heart illumined and inhabited by the lamp of God. And should one be touched by the afflictions of this world, let him not grieve, for the aim is mighty indeed. If ye advance but a little upon this path, ye will behold poison as sugar, the sting as sweet draught, and torment in its very bitterness as repose and delight.

And if from this station ye take yet another step, ye will strive that perchance ye may be granted, in some corner of the land, a portion in the path of the Beloved. Nay rather, ye will yield up your very life and seek after this station.

Something was written to Jinab-i-'Aba, and he conveyed it unto the companions in the prison, and the glad-tidings of God entered upon them in paradise and deliverance was vouchsafed unto them. This was a

great bounty. God willing, they have not forgotten, and perfect love toward them hath been and shall continue.

Clothe the temple of the soul of Shaykh Mahmud with the robe of glorification and the spirit of praise.

BH06822: O Ba'i! Upon thee be My glory. The deeds…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of loving-kindness and bounty.

O Ba'i! Upon thee be My glory. The deeds of the Afnan were observed, and upon him rest My glory, My loving-kindness, and My mercy. He was blessed through the effulgent rays of the luminous Orb of acceptance. Blessed is he, then blessed is he, for he saved others. He is the sign of divine assistance, having aided one of the friends of God. We beseech God to send down upon the helper a blessing from His presence, a bounty from His own Self, and a favor from His direction, and to make his deed God's treasure in every world of His worlds.

The friends of God must render assistance and serve to the extent possible, for this service is accepted and returns unto God. The kinsmen and other loved ones must strive. The recompense of those souls who act is never lost with God, and never shall be, and this Wronged One is the guarantor of this. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The Glory be from Us upon those whom love of the world hath not prevented from acting in His path, exalted be He.

BH06859: O Faraj, the veils of self and desire have…

O Faraj, the veils of self and desire have prevented the world from turning to the Ancient Lord…

The Supreme Pen, through the power of the finger of the Lord of Names, has rent asunder and torn away some of these veils, yet the sources of hatred are, with the utmost diligence and effort, busily weaving new veils.

O Faraj, God willing, may you remain firm in the Cause of God and steadfast in exalting His Word, to such a degree that none may be able to speak. You shall see all else but God as non-existent, and His enemies as nothing. Old arguments have been renewed—they say the Bayan has been altered. Say: By God's life! None has been, nor ever shall be, able to alter the Bayan. The purpose of the idolaters is to prevent people from beholding the divine books and thereby to carry out their own designs.

Speak forth in thy Lord's name and arise to serve Him. Unceasingly has thy mention flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and from the Supreme Pen. Be thankful and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be to Thee, O Desire of them that have recognized Thee. With white and green turbans they rush through cities and regions, never failing to lead people astray. They are occupied with building false cities and regions, and they intend to construct a district as well. Convey My greetings to the friends and say: Today is the day of steadfastness. Beware lest, like the Shi'ih sect, you be deprived of the ocean of bounty and the river of mercy through the deception of the turban-wearers. Diligence is needed to protect the servants. Glory be to God! The cause and reason for preventing the servants from the supreme horizon were the divines of the age. This matter is clear to all. At first they engaged in cursing

and execration, and finally they all issued the decree for His death. Behold, the curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people….

BH06457: God willing, through the grace of the Lord…

In the name of the one true God!

God willing, through the grace of the Lord of Names, mayest thou drink of the spiritual wine prepared by the divine Hand of Bounty and, intoxicated thereby, occupy thyself in the assemblage of the world with the praise of the Lord of nations. Abu'l-Hasan hath appeared before the Divine Throne and presented that which concerneth thy love for God. For this reason have We made mention of thee and revealed unto thee this Manifest Book. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy father, and blessed are the Afnans who have turned toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation and responded when they heard the Call of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that they turned toward God when most of the servants turned away from Him, and behind it the Tongue of Truth in this Forbidden Spot doth likewise bear witness. Praise be to God that in the prime of youth thou didst attain unto faith and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Speaking, the Manifest, which none hath known save Thee, to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and to ordain for me that which will assist me to serve Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH06872: He overshadoweth the heavens and the earth

He overshadoweth the heavens and the earth

O Mustafa! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Say: O my God, my God! The fragrance of Thy utterance hath led me unto Thee, and Thy bounty hath guided me to the door of Thy grace. Thy generosity hath made clear to me Thy path, and Thy mercy hath brought me before Thy presence. Thy power hath preserved me from all else but Thee. I am he, O my God, who in the earliest days turned towards Thy horizon when most of mankind turned away therefrom. Thou art He Who, O my God, gave me to drink of the choice wine of Thy love, and caused me to arise to celebrate Thy praise and glorification and to serve Thy Cause, and made known unto me that which was hidden from Thy servants and Thy creation.

With what tongue, O my God, can I make mention of the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty and the effulgent lights of the Sun of Thy generosity, inasmuch as Thou hast shown me that which was withheld from the world, and caused me to hear that which was heard by the Lord of all peoples? I beseech Thee by the Sun of Thy Will and the Moon of Thy Purpose, and by Thy Cord through whose movement all created things were set in motion and all beings hastened unto the court of Thy holiness, to make me in all conditions a helper of Thy Cause, one gazing toward Thy direction, speaking forth Thy praise, and standing firm in Thy service. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH06586: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom…

…Glory be to Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the realms of might! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the mountain would take flight were it to be cast upon it, through which the heavens would be cleft asunder, and through which the earth would be rent asunder, to protect us from the arrows of the insinuations of them that mislead and from the swords of the doubts of the idolaters. Verily, Thou art He Whom the affairs of earth cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of them that have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment hinder.

O Lord! We are Thy servants who have heard Thy most sweet call and have answered Thee through Thy grace, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven. We have hastened, through Thy power and Thy Most Great Name, toward Thy most exalted horizon on a Day whereon the tribes of the earth have lamented and the hearts of the servants have cried out. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings, by the lights of Thy Most Great Throne and the revelations of Thy Name amongst the nations, to assist us in remembering and praising Thee, and to ordain for us through the Pen of Grace that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all things, and in Thy right hand are the reins of all names. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. Praise be to Thee, O our Lord, the Mighty, the Great!…

BH06483: The days of the Divine Manifestations are in one…

…The days of the Divine Manifestations are in one sense referred to as the Day of God, but these days are specially distinguished in all the Books as the appearance of the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, Who calleth out with the most exalted voice before the faces of all the world. The greatness of these days hath been recorded and inscribed in the previous Books and in the mighty Qur'an.

The Herald, that is, the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—in the days of His journey to Maku, while outwardly veiled from all, attained the honor of His presence, [cf. AB11477] and His Holiness Quddus—upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory—attained it repeatedly. During the journey to the Land of Kha He specifically summoned him, and for several months he was blessed with attaining His presence. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—referred to both him and His Holiness the Most Great Bab [Mulla Husayn]—upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory—as the First and the Last, and likewise interpreted them as the First to arrive and the Last to descend. He gave each the glad tidings of this Manifestation, and specifically told the honored Sayyah—upon him be the glory and favor of God—"Go forth, that thou mayest find." The universal Manifestations were aware before the Revelation—they are the Dawning-places of divine knowledge….

BH06883: O Navvab, O leaf sprung from My Divine Lote-Tree…

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

O Navvab, O leaf sprung from My Divine Lote-Tree and My companion! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded existence itself. We give thee the glad-tidings of that which will bring solace to thine eyes, assurance to thy soul, and joy to thy heart. Thy Lord is verily the All-

Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. God was well-pleased with thee, both in the past and for the future, and He chose thee for Himself and selected thee from among the handmaidens for His service, and made thee to be the companion of His Temple throughout the nights and days.

Hear thou Me once again. God is well-pleased with thee, as a token of His grace and a sign of His mercy. He hath made thee to be His companion in every one of His worlds, and hath nourished thee with His meeting and presence, so long as His Name, and His Remembrance, and His Kingdom, and His Empire shall endure. Happy is the handmaid that hath mentioned thee, and sought thy good-pleasure, and humbled herself before thee, and held fast unto the cord of thy love. Woe betide him that denieth thy exalted station, and the things ordained for thee from God, the Lord of all names, and him that hath turned away from thee, and rejected thy station before God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH06799: O Asad, upon thee be My glory! The letter…

In the Name of the One God

O Asad, upon thee be My glory! The letter of his honor A.L., upon him be the Glory of God, was presented before Our face. We have heard his call and recognized what was in his letter. We have answered him with that whereby his remembrance shall endure in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. There hath befallen Us at the hands of the idolaters that which hath caused those nigh unto God to weep. Praise be to God, there hath befallen thee what befell the dwellers of the pavilions of grandeur. This is of God's bounty unto thee. Be thankful and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me from the height of Thy utterance and hast sent down for me that which shall not perish so long as Thy names and attributes endure. I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause and arisen to serve Thee. Then write down for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He must hold fast unto wisdom, for this firm decree hath been sent down in the Tablets, and afterward shall be revealed unto him what hath been ordained for him by the Mighty, the Ancient. Divine deliverance shall come. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous One.

BH06513: Praise be unto the Lord of existence…

Praise be unto the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who is worthy and deserving, for He hath opened the doors of hearts and minds of His loved ones with the keys of His most beautiful Names…

The petition of Sina, upon whom be the glory of God, attained unto the presence and was adorned with mention of the Afnan. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to confirm him and him who was named Nayyir in teaching His Cause and spreading His signs. In truth, they are arising to serve and are speaking in praise and thanksgiving. From all directions, the loved ones of God have testified to their detachment, their godliness, their humility, and their teaching of the Cause of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

At this moment We have taken a cup from the Kawthar of utterance and have drunk in their names. Give them the glad-tidings of this great bounty and this supreme gift.

Jinab-i-Andalib, who hath arisen to serve Me and who circleth around My Cause, upon him be My glory and My mercy, hath made mention of them. Blessed are they both and blessed is he who mentioneth them. Verily, he is among those who are near unto God in My perspicuous Book. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06882: O Na'im! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Na'im! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have mentioned thee before and do so at this time, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to preserve thee and to exalt thee among His servants through His Name, the Protector of all names. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have recognized Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee by the pearls of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book to make me among those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one hath sought the ocean of Thy riches, and the oppressed one the horizon of Thy justice. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby earth and heaven were illumined to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. O Lord! Unto Thee be praise for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and adorned my temple with the ornament of Thy love. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee, and to ordain for me and for my son and for those with me that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy word "Be" and it is.

BH06504: Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad arrived and mentioned the ascension…

He is the Beloved!

Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad arrived and mentioned the ascension of the spiritual dove from the earthly ash-heap to the divine Ridvan. The utmost grief, sorrow and anguish appeared. However, since she hastened from the mortal furnace to the life-giving expanse of the immortal rose garden, and ascended from the dark hiding place to the shelter of divine favor, and flew from the earthly ash-heap to the original divine homeland, and reached from the place of limitation to the placeless realm of oneness, therefore you must cleanse and purify the tablet of your heart from grief and sorrow, and hold fast to the firm handle of the hidden divine favors. God willing, you will be nurtured under the shadow of divine generosity and drink from the cup of the hidden mercy of the Infinite Lord. And peace be upon you.

And after Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad gave a detailed account, whatever they had arranged during their lifetime to send in this direction, send it, and carry out their affairs according to the will they made. Details will be sent upon Mirza Muhammad's return.

BH06842: O Shaykh! Set aside the cup and take hold…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker.

O Shaykh! Set aside the cup and take hold of the ocean in His name, the Mighty, the Ever-Flowing. Then drink therefrom, despite every denier who hath denied the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, and every oppressor who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of all mankind. We have come to educate the servants and improve the lands. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother of Tablets. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days and drunk the choice wine of My love from the hand of My bounty, and believed in Me on a day when every heedless doubter disbelieved.

Say: O people! Behold the Tree and its fruits. They are before your faces. Fear God, O followers of error! Say: Cast aside your idle fancies. By God! The Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the Dawning-Place of Lights. Thus hath the Most Great Announcement revealed His verses as a grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The light and its radiance, and the sun and its effulgence be upon thee and upon those who have arisen and said: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords!"

BH06763: The breeze of supreme mercy has risen…

The breeze of supreme mercy has risen from the holy Paradise of eternity, and the northern wind of highest favor has been stirred from the eternal Ridvan of the spirit….

O spirit! O spirit! May this morning be the true dawn, and may this herald be calling from the Joseph of divine beauty! Although there exists no heart like Jacob's—pure, spotless and holy, free from all faults and defects—that might catch the fragrances of the merciful spirit from the holy divine breaths, and rend asunder the garments of body and soul, of possibility and creation, and turn its gaze away from both the realm of limitations and beyond, to become worthy and deserving of the subtleties and delicacies of this wondrous Cause, this exalted Mystery, this glorious Remembrance….

BH06574: Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! O…

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

Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! O Helper of Thy servants, Master of right guidance, and Guide to the straight path! I beseech Thee by the melodies of the birds of Thy most exalted Paradise, whereby the realities of all things and the hearts of humanity were attracted, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, and by Thy signs whereby Thou didst subdue the cities of earth and the realm of power, and by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou didst separate between the nations and didst manifest the stations of existence, O Thou Who holdest the reins of bounty, to assist Thy Afnan and Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones and Thy trusted ones to arise to serve Thee and to act according to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book.

O Lord! Thou seest one of Thy Afnan clinging to the cord of Thy commandments and the handle of Thy bounty. Ordain for him that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have turned only to the lights of Thy countenance and who have desired to act according to that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Open before his face the door of Thy bounty, then raise him up through Thy Name in Thy lands amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiver, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH06590: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name…

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the Tree hath spoken forth on the Mount of Recognition and the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance have shone from the horizon of creation! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Most Beautiful Names and the Daysprings of Thy Most Exalted Attributes and by Thy Greatest Signs, to send down upon Thy servants that which will draw them to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring them nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of the dust below. O my Lord! The souls have been encompassed by the veils of idle fancies and these have prevented them from turning toward the horizon of certitude.

I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name the Self-Subsisting, to aid Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and to write down for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds.

O my Lord! Disappoint them not of what lieth with Thee, and withhold not from them that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee and such of Thy creatures as are sincere before Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee, and facing the lights of Thy countenance, and hastening toward the ocean of Thy bounty. Do Thou provide them, O my God, with the heavenly table Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace, and with the blessing Thou hast ordained in Thy Scrolls and Books and Tablets. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH06680: Say: I bear witness, O my God…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Say: I bear witness, O my God, to that which Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen Ones have witnessed, and to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and by Him through Whom Thou didst unlock the gates of knowledge to Thy creation and didst raise the banner of unity among Thy servants, that Thou grant me the intercession of the Lord of the Messengers and Guide of the Ways, and enable me to do that which Thou lovest and approvest.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I am assured of Thy oneness and singleness, and hold fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and bounty. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of the Kingdom and Ruler over the Realm of Might, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue both kings and subjects, to ordain for me that which shall profit me. Verily, Thou knowest what is with me and I know not what is with Thee. Thou art indeed the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O Lord! Praise be to Thee for having shown me the ocean of Thy utterance and the heaven of Thy bounty. I call upon Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all religions, to assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee and to act in accordance with that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH06690: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose…

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

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the gate of divine knowledge hath been opened before all who are in heaven and on earth, and through Whose Will the verses of wisdom and utterance have been sent down. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Cause me, then, O my God, to be attracted by Thy verses, to be turned toward the lights of Thy countenance, to speak forth Thy praise, to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and to remain steadfast in the Cause at whose appearance all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of Thy power and Thy will did rescue.

O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wondrous gifts of Thy grace which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He Whom the affairs of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the veils of the nations prevent Thee. Through Thy sovereignty Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call and revealed through Thy bounty that of which I was heedless, and made me turn toward the horizon from which Thy servants and creatures have turned away. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Gracious.

BH06694: Say: O concourse of princes and divines! Know…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: O concourse of princes and divines! Know of a certainty that ye cannot frustrate God. He, in truth, doth now announce unto you a manifest chastisement. My Pen of Command hath lamented, My heart hath groaned, Mine eyes have wept tears, and My liver hath melted by reason of what hath befallen Me at the hands of the rebellious among My servants, after I came unto them from the dawning-place of destiny with a light that illumined the horizons. He who hath transgressed and rebelled against Me shall not endure upon the face of the earth. Nay, by the Lord of all beings! He shall soon find himself in manifest loss.

Say: The Wronged One calleth you unto that which profiteth you, and seeketh no recompense from you. Fear ye God, O people, then judge fairly in a Cause at whose appearance the verses bowed down in submission. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged when the Pen of the All-Merciful was set in motion in this exalted station. When thine eyes are gladdened by witnessing that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet, render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath

loved thee for the sake of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be unto Him Who is the Goal of all that are in the heavens and on earth.

BH06897: To be typed

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BH11652: O my God, my Adored One, my Beloved, my…

In the Name of God, the Luminous, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious!

O my God, my Adored One, my Beloved, my Heart's Desire! With what countenance shall I turn to Thy most glorious Kingdom, and with what tongue shall I implore Thy forgiveness and pardon? Not once did I draw a breath purely for Thy sake, freed from this cage of self, nor did I take a single step save in pursuit of my own desires. O my God, so immersed am I in transgression that I am ashamed of the very act of transgression itself, let alone standing before Thy most holy presence. How can I render thanks for Thy perpetual and abundant blessings and favors? Thou didst bring me forth from utter and absolute nothingness into the realm of being and existence, and honored me with the glory of beholding Thy presence—the highest aspiration of all Thy Prophets and chosen ones. I grew heedless of Thy remembrance, yet Thou didst not forget me; I disobeyed Thee, yet Thou didst not withhold from me Thy all-encompassing mercy.

O my God, in this moment and at this hour, my hand is cut short of all recourse. I beseech and implore Thy forgiveness. I ask Thee, by the sanctity of Thy verses and Thy signs, to forgive me and my father and my mother. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of those who show mercy. There is no God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

BH11654: O Hasan! These days are the days…

He is the Most Exalted, Most Beauteous, Most Holy, Most High!

O Hasan! These days are the days of the greatest tests and mightiest trials. Hold fast to the cord of divine favour and cling to the hem of mercy. Purify and sanctify thy heart from the dark and shadowy forms of this world and enter into the sanctified realm of Divine Unity. Know all save Him to be non-existent and count all else as void. With pure vision gaze upon the Most Great Horizon. Today all eyes are veiled and all vision is barred, save those souls who, through divine favour and the wondrous tokens of heavenly grace, have rent asunder the veils and entered the pavilion of the King of Names and Attributes.

Say: O servants of God! Without Him, none hath been or shall ever be known. Rather, all else is known through Him. Whosoever turneth away from His Cause is accounted before God as one of the people of fire and of the lowest depths, though he be among the most eminent of his time. And whosoever attaineth unto His recognition is reckoned among the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the most glorious Ridvan, though he be among the lowliest of creation. Such is God's bounty and His mercy unto His loved ones. And the glory be upon thee!

BH11655: The Most Holy, the Most Great

The Most Holy, the Most Great.

A mention from Us to him who hath been mentioned before the Throne and hath attained unto the lights of this Dayspring which hath appeared in human form. Exalted is the Self-Subsisting One through Whose Name the idols of idle fancy have been shattered and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Verily, We make mention of him who hath turned unto God that the warmth of His love may be kindled in his heart in such wise that the opposition of the opposers shall not quench it, and that he may aid his Lord through the swords of wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The servants have been forbidden to engage in conflict and contention, and have been commanded to show forth kindliness in this Most Wondrous, Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Praiseworthy Revelation. He who hath attained unto that which hath been commanded, verily, is of the people of My Kingdom. He Who summoneth all unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed, beareth witness unto this.

When thou art stirred by the breezes of thy Lord's love through this Tablet, arise to mention Him with gracious remembrance amongst the servants. This, verily, is the most excellent of deeds and the essence thereof. Well is it with them that comprehend.

May the glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto God whilst every denier, remote from Him, hath turned away.

BH07361: O Ba'i, upon thee be My glory! Last night…

He is God, exalted be His glory—Wisdom and Utterance

O Ba'i, upon thee be My glory! Last night Jinab-i-Asad, upon him be My glory, acting as thy representative, was engaged in offering hospitality. A number of the friends—travelers, emigrants and pilgrims—were present. Praise be to God, after attaining His presence and hearkening to His call, they were blessed with divine bounty and rendered thanks to God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they who in these days are occupied in service. One deed performed in God's path during these days is dearer and more excellent than the deeds of centuries and ages past. We testify that thou hast succeeded in serving the Wronged One and hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's bestowal, the All-Merciful.

In brief, at the feast gathering, various bounties and blessings including sweets and other things were present and visible, and Jinab-i-Asad carried out his representation with the utmost joy and fragrance. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and blessed are they who have attained to the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

BH06951: O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who…

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

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto thee, and hath voiced thy praise, and hath arisen to serve thee amongst thy servants, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. We have sent unto thee aforetime that which no mention in the world can equal, as beareth witness He Who speaketh that there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The clamor of the ungodly hath been raised, and their uproar, and they desire to spread corruption in the land after it hath been set in order. Thus doth inform thee He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee to serve His Cause in such wise that the hosts of the world and the clamor of them that cry out shall not deter thee.

We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets. Thy Lord is verily the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and be thou of them that are steadfast. The splendor that hath shone forth from the heaven of the mercy of thy Lord be upon thee and upon them that have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Gracious.

BH07028: We have made mention of his honor Mahmud, upon…

We have made mention of his honor Mahmud, upon him be the glory of God, from the people of Nun and Ra. We beseech God to protect him and to ordain for him whatsoever he desires from the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Mahmud! We have heard thy communion with God and have answered thee through this clear utterance. And We make mention of ʿAta'u'llah and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy, and remind him of My verses, for I am the All-Knowing Remembrancer. And We make mention of Ibn-i-Kamal who attained My presence and circled round Me and held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to My robe. We beseech God to send down upon him from the heaven of His bounty that which befitteth His grace and generosity, for verily He is the Munificent, the Most Generous.

O Mahmud! Upon thee be My glory! We have mentioned thee before and at this hour—give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who turned towards God on a day wherein every perfidious wretch and every dubious learned one turned away.

BH07340: O my handmaiden! Your letter was received and attained…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O my handmaiden! Your letter was received and attained the honor of being heard by the Wronged One. Today all are beheld on one plane. Whosoever has turned and faced [Him] with radiant countenance, pure heart and sanctified breast—such a one is recorded among the people of Baha and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. The deeds of centuries and ages do not equal this act in this Day. How excellent is the state of one who has aided God, exalted be His glory, through goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. How many men are seen deprived today, and how many handmaidens have raised their tents on the shores of the ocean of recognition. Convey My greetings to thy daughters and remind them of My remembrance and loving-kindness and verses. We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive

thee and them. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. And He is the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH06907: Praise be to God that through the wondrous favors…

In the name of the One True God!

Praise be to God that through the wondrous favors of God thou hast arrived at the shore of the Most Great Ocean and been sustained by the holy heavenly food which is the utterance of Truth. Although this station is veiled due to the lack of capacity in this time, yet this veil shall be lifted and will become manifest in the assemblage of the world.

Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of the Beloved and for having turned to Him by His leave and heard His mighty and wondrous call. What hath been recorded in this Tablet sufficeth thee and nothing that can be comprehended equalleth it.

Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords and Merciful One to the servants, for having strengthened me and enabled me and honored me with Thy presence. I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself, then make me among those who soar in the atmosphere of Thy love with the wings of certitude. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07012: After your book was presented in the Most Holy…

After your book was presented in the Most Holy Court—that is, that very letter in its entirety was presented before His Countenance—the utmost favor shone forth and dawned from the horizon of the bounties of the Desired One. This servant must praise and thank God, exalted be His glory, a hundred thousand times that you have drunk from the wine of divine knowledge, from which most people today are deprived, and have turned toward the horizon of the Manifestation. Praise be to God that you are among the people of light and have attained to its horizon, dawning-place and source. We hope that at all times you will drink and cause others to drink from the pure water of the Kawthar of the love of the All-Merciful. According to His command that you not be saddened by separation: What is necessary today is to teach the Cause with the wisdom with which all are commanded. God willing, may you attain to this most great bounty and become the cup-bearer of the most pure wine. Verily, He writes for whomsoever He wishes the reward of attainment unto His presence. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07284: To be typed

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BH07429: O Nasru’llah! Thou hast attained unto the Word…

In the Name of the One True God!

O Nasru'llah! Thou hast attained unto the Word of God, with which nothing in all creation can compare. Know this and be thou of the thankful ones. The Most Exalted Pen enjoineth steadfastness upon the people of God, inasmuch as clamors have been raised from every quarter. Those who in the days of hardship remained hidden behind veils like unto women have now, like unto serpents, risen up against the Lord of Names. They have turned away from that Station which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will—a Station that equalleth all the books of the past and the future—and are striving with their vain imaginings to lead the servants astray. Fie upon them and upon that which their hands have wrought in their rebellion against God, their opposition to Him, their turning away from Him, and their rejection of that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of His wondrous utterance.

Convey My greetings to the friends and gladden them with the bounties of their Lord, exalted be His glory. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My favor be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH07127: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of humanity and Master…

He is God, blessed and exalted be His station!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of humanity and Master of the mysteries of destiny! All atoms testify to Thy grace and loving-kindness, and all created things acknowledge Thy gifts and tender mercy. I beseech Thee, by that wherewith Thou hast described Thyself through Thy most excellent names and most exalted attributes, to grant unto him whom Thou hast related to the branches of the Tree of Thy Cause, and brought forth from the loins of one whom Thou didst single out for Thy service, Thy love, Thy grace and Thy tender mercy, every good thing which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book.

O my Lord! Enable him to ascend unto the heights of knowledge at all times and to attain unto that which Thou hast promised unto Thy sincere ones, O my Lord, the Most Merciful. Aid him to serve his father in such wise as not to depart from his good-pleasure, and preserve him, O my Creator, beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy protection and shelter. Honor him with the robes of Thy bounty and loving-kindness, for Thou art He Who hath been called by Thy name, the All-Bountiful, by the tongues of all peoples. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Generous, the All-Giving, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH07044: At all times must man pass beyond all created…

He is God!

At all times must man pass beyond all created things and, turning his gaze toward God, his gracious Lord, hasten to the dwelling-place of the Beloved. O ʿAli! If thou askest of Our condition: having not yet been delivered from the prison of Our enemies, We have entered into the prison of Our friends, and having not yet escaped from the bonds of Our foes, We have become caught in the bonds of Our loved ones. Such is Our condition.

O ʿAli! The world hath no permanence, but religion hath no end. Therefore, thou must never sell religion for the world, that thou mayest soar on the wings of might and power toward the heaven of the All-Merciful at the time when it was raised up and spread forth in truth.

O ʿAli! Until the heart is sanctified from vain imaginings, it will not journey toward the beauty of the All-Knowing Lord, and until the soul passeth beyond all contingent things, it will not hasten to the dwelling-place of the Beloved. Be thou among those who act accordingly.

And the Spirit be upon those who follow guidance in these pure and luminous days. The household members, both the mother and others, convey their most exalted and wondrous greetings.

BH07267: By My life! Such wrongs have been inflicted upon…

By My life! Such wrongs have been inflicted upon this Revelation as have no parallel or likeness in the past or present. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of this Wronged One and say: The thieves and deceivers lie in ambush, and from Kaf and Ra arise howlings as they busy themselves with godlessness. They have collected many sublime and glorious verses…

Indeed they have manifested such deceit as hath never been heard of before. Now with the utmost craftiness and guile they profess love to each of the friends of God while subtly mentioning certain matters that perchance may hold back the people of God from the Most Exalted Horizon. Their honey concealeth poison, and their protestations of love mask hidden hatred…

In brief, they send forth strange and wondrous writings, publishing certain wondrous verses either in their own name or in the name of the Point of the Bayan—may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake—or in other names.

BH07092: Sin, Mim: We have sent down the Book unto…

He is the Sovereign Protector over all that is on earth and in heaven.

Sin, Mim: We have sent down the Book unto thee and dispatched it to thee as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. That which thou didst send hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have answered thee with this wondrous Tablet.

What Ibn-i-Abhar (upon him be My glory and loving-kindness) sent was read, and We have mentioned those whom he named in his letter—Sad, Kaf, Qaf, Mim, Qaf and Ta—as he was traveling through the lands with a remembrance that no other remembrance can equal, as attesteth He Who possesseth a preserved Book. We mentioned him before; give him the glad-tidings of thy Lord's loving-kindness that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Some time ago We graciously answered his petitions in the letter of the servant who was present, but there was a delay in sending it. God willing, both the first and second will be sent according to the requirements of the time. Verily thy Lord is the Gladdener, the All-Knowing.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee.

BH11657: Praise be to God Who has shattered the idols…

Praise be to God Who has shattered the idols of vain imaginings through His Self-Subsisting Name…

Haji Muhammad Karim Khan Kirmani wrote a book every year refuting the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—and likewise Sipihr in his history attributed things to His Holiness that caused every person of insight to weep blood and every informed one to lament. We complain of our grief and sorrow to God. In any case, they burned with the fire of greed and passion and are not aware, and the flame of covetousness has seized them to such a degree that pen and ink are powerless and fall short of describing it.

My God, my God! Thou hearest their calumnies and seest what hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the transgressors among Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy power to aid those who have kindled the fire of injustice in Thy lands and domains and spread their own calumnies to undermine Thy Cause, that they may return unto Thee and confess what they have wrought in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful….

BH07000: Concerning the matters you mentioned—we beseech God…

He is God, exalted is He!

Concerning the matters you mentioned—we beseech God to open before your face the gates of blessing and bounty, verily He is powerful over all things. His hidden grace has been with you and outwardly too it will encompass you. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to know Thee and taught me and guided me to Thy straight path and Thy News at which the hearts of the ungodly and transgressors were troubled. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and the penetration of Thy Command and the power of Thy Pen, to ordain for me what is best in this world and the next.

By Thy might, O God of the world and Goal of the nations, I have desired naught but the exaltation of Thy Word and the manifestation of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy greatness and sovereignty to assist me through the means of the heavens and earth that I may be occupied at all times in Thy service and speaking in Thy remembrance. Then protect me, O my God, by the hosts of Thy power. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07027: Unto Jinab-i-Badi'u'llah—upon him be the glory of God—we convey…

He is the Ever-Abiding.

Unto Jinab-i-Badi'u'llah—upon him be the glory of God—we convey greetings and offer our salutations. Thy list, in very truth, was a white and radiant scroll, for naught proceedeth from good save that which is good. God willing, may the portals of beneficence be opened unto thy face from every direction by the command of the Lord of Names and Attributes.

We make mention of Varaqih-i-Furughiyyih—upon her be most glorious glory. The desire of the Exalted Leaf, Mahd-i-ʿUlya, hath attained acceptance. We beseech God that, through His bounty, He may gather us all together. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

To all the members of the household I convey greetings. I remember Hayatiyyih and Lami'ih, and those with them, in a noble remembrance. Unto the Leaf—that is, the Afnan—we send our salutations, and from the True One We ask for her that which shall be the cause of everlasting renown.

We make mention in abiding remembrances of Maryam Khanum, and of Mirza Musa—upon him be the glory of God—and upon her be the loving-kindness of God. The sister had set out for the Presence; God willing, she hath attained. We also made mention of Varaqih-i-Liqa; likewise of ʿAta'iyyih and the maidservants who are there.

BH07110: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech…

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

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the lamp of Thy utterance hath been lit within the niche of Thy knowledge, and the breezes of Thy favors have wafted over the people of Thy dominion, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy service and illumined by the lights of Thy knowledge and Thy love in such wise that the doubts of the world shall not withhold me nor the imaginings of the nations prevent me. Then cause me, O my God, to be content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me through Thy grace and bounty and generosity and favors. O Lord! Leave me not to myself. Gladden me in all times and circumstances with the glad-tidings that were specially reserved for Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Thy letter hath come and We have read it and answered thee with that wherewith God, the Lord of the worlds, is called upon and invoked in Thy days. He, verily, is the Commander, the All-Informed. Glory be unto those who have cast away all else, turning toward God, the Fashioner of the heavens. They are indeed among the well-doers. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07169: In My Name, the Wronged One

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The Day of Return hath come, the Book hath been sent down, and the Throne hath been adorned with the Lord of all mankind; yet the doubter stirreth in the hearts, saying: "This is naught but a wondrous thing!"

O people! The Day hath come, and the Qayyum calleth aloud: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of lords!"

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Should anyone ask thee of the Ark of God, say: "Verily, it is amidst the waves"—through that which it hath wrought, and by the mystery We raised above the clouds.

The tongue of the mute hath arisen before the Kingdom of utterance and hath spoken that whereat the near ones and the sincere have wailed at eventide and at dawn.

Thus hath there come unto Us from him whom We reared and raised unto the most exalted station. Will any deny that which hath flowed from the Pen? Nay, by My life—save him who casteth justice behind his back, clinging to the oppression and tyranny he possesseth.

I beseech Thee, O Joy of the world, to transmute the sorrows of Thy servants into gladness. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

BH07171: Prayer for Mirza Yahya

We took a handful of dust, breathed into it a spirit from Our presence, and raised it above the heavens. Yet when it beheld itself in the loftiest station, it denied the favour of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing; disbelieved in His bounty; disputed His verses; rejected His proof; and committed that whereat the sincere have lamented. Verily we are God's, and unto Him shall we return.

O my God, my God! Thou knowest and Thou seest what hath befallen Me at the hands of one whom We nurtured through many years, and sheltered beneath the pavilion of My loving care and mercy which hath preceded all created things. When he beheld the people turning toward him and humbling themselves before him, he turned away from his Lord and wrought that whereat the dwellers within the pavilion of My love and the tent of My glory have wailed.

O Lord! Transform his turning away, and make him aware of his station and of Thy praise, lest he transgress his bounds. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Yahya! Fear God, and be not of the wrongdoers. Slay not him who reared thee with the swords of falsehood and slander. Fear God, and be not of the lost.

BH07192: My Most Exalted Pen hath testified…

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

My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to that which the tongue of My grandeur testified before the creation of My heaven and My earth—that there is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath recognized Him Who is known and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Lord of existence. The time for words hath passed and the day for deeds hath come, would that ye knew it. Gone are the days of fancy and vain imaginings, and come is the day of certitude, would that ye understood.

O My loved ones in My lands! Hold ye fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness and cling to the hem of My luminous and blessed robe.

O thou who hast turned toward the Most Exalted Summit! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee purely for the sake of God and biddeth thee to be steadfast in this noble and exalted Cause. Beware lest human conditions prevent thee from Him Who is the Lord of destiny. Leave what the people possess, taking hold of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My grace, which hath encompassed both the unseen and the visible. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the Wronged One in

this praiseworthy station. When thou hearest and recognizeth, render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH07213: Say: O God, Lord of Names and Creator…

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting

Say: O God, Lord of Names and Creator of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy all-encompassing mercy and Thy all-pervading favor to assist Thy loved ones to make mention of Thee and to sing Thy praise. Guide through them all servants unto the city of Thy love, and nourish them with the fruits of the Tree of Unity and from the springs of the rivers of detachment, that they may warble upon the branches of the Tree of Certitude with wondrous melodies of divine unity, and sanctify Thee in the realm of similitudes from all comparison and likeness, and exalt Thee in the world of causes above all casual intimations, and call upon Thee with attributes of ancientness and eternity, extolling the essence of Thy Being as sanctified from all accidents, Thy eternity as elevated above all temporal events, and Thy existence as transcending all firstness and lastness, all outwardness and inwardness.

O Lord! Having called them unto Thee, drive them not from Thy door, and having guided them unto the city of Thy Cause, deprive them not of the outpourings of Thy grace and favor. And having admitted them into the pavilion of Thy knowledge, preserve the essence of their love from the promptings of the souls that command to aught else save Thy good-pleasure. Regard not, O my Lord, their powerlessness, but rather look upon the kingdom of Thy power and the dominion of Thy grandeur, for in Thy hands lie the kingdom of grace and bounty. Through Thy loving-kindness, ordain for them that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds.

There is none other God but Thee, the Gracious, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH07328: To be typed

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BH07414: O Muhammad son of Taqi! This is the Day…

O Muhammad son of Taqi! This is the Day whereon the full moon of divine knowledge hath emerged from the veils of utterance, a glad-tiding from the presence of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have adorned thy head with the diadem of loving care and thy frame with the ornament of bounty, that thou mayest hold fast unto the Most Exalted Word “He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth”. This Word preserveth thee from the fire of idolatry and giveth thee to drink of the Kawthar of oneness from the hand of the grace of thy Lord, the All-Praised.

This day it behoveth all to look toward the horizon of the Manifestation of unity, and to believe with assurance that the True One doeth whatsoever He willeth. Whoso layeth fast hold upon this blessed Word is preserved from misbelief and from the doubts of the suspicious.

With might supreme hath there been sent down, from the Pen of the Lord of eternity, for the people of the world, a particular and weighty utterance: the blessed verse “Muhammad is the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets,” together with the blessed verse “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” Therefore hath He Who conversed with Moses upon Sinai been established upon the throne of Revelation, and hath spoken that which He was commanded from the presence of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

BH11658: In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon…

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One unto him who hath believed in God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, and who hath turned his face unto the Countenance after the passing away of all things. Verily, he is among those who have broken the chains of idle fancies, turning unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Mas’ud! God hath made thee happy through His bounty, and hath aided thee to turn unto the horizon wherefrom the servants have turned aside, save those whom God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, hath willed. Thy mention was made before the Throne aforetime, and We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind. And this is time and again. Be thou thankful unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest bounty. Stand firm in the service of thy Lord, be vocal in His praise, and place thy trust in Him in all matters. Verily, He heareth thy call and seeth thee. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH07983: O Mihdi! Upon thee be the peace and mercy…

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

O Mihdi! Upon thee be the peace and mercy of God. These are the days of Ramadan—we fast and remain silent during the day, and arise and speak during the night. Some who claim to love God in various regions are deprived of both deeds and wisdom, but God is the Concealer, the All-Knowing. Many times has this exalted Word been mentioned: “Believe not every speaker, and trust not every newcomer.” This Wronged One beseeches God to aid all to act according to His commandments. Verily, He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful….

The matter depends upon the consent of both parties and their parents. In the absence of parents, it depends on the consent of the guardians of both parties. And whatever both parties have covenanted, they must fulfill….

BH07776: Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning…

…Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace, detached from Thy servants and Thy creation. I am he who, O my God, hath acknowledged that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Books. I testify that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever delivered Thy servants through the arm of Thy power from the pit of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and Thou wilt ever save them through Thy sovereignty and protect them from the oppression of men through Thy might and power. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Deliverer of the nations, by Thy Name through which was manifested that which was hidden in the eternity of eternities and concealed from the eyes of men, to assist me in all my deeds. By Thy glory! I desire no helper other than Thee, and love no champion save Thee. I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy grace and the revelations of the Sun of Thy bounty to aid me in that which will elevate my station, my remembrance, and my name. Verily, Thou art the Answerer, and verily, Thou art the All-Knowing. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great….

BH07892: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory and My…

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

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory and My peace. The letter of Nabil, son of Nabil, was read before the Wronged One. Praise be to God, it was adorned with steadfastness, attachment, recognition and certitude. We give thanks to God for this and beseech Him to assist him with that which will profit him in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Abdul-Husayn, upon him be My glory. His letter was noted and attained unto Our hearing. Verily We heard his call from My tongue. We beseech the True One to grant success that he may at all times do that which is the cause of exaltation and elevation. And We remember Ahmad, upon him be My peace, who was with Us. We have remembered him and do remember him, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07891: O Ism-i-Jud! Thou didst make mention of him who…

He is God, exalted is He, the Manifestation of Commands and Laws

O Ism-i-Jud! Thou didst make mention of him who was named Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be My glory. Although the condition of this land is not known, yet permission hath been granted. Give thou the glad-tidings unto Samandar, upon him be My glory, that he may rejoice in this bounty from Our presence. In all circumstances they must observe wisdom. Thus hath God ordained, both before and after, in the Scriptures and Tablets. If wisdom requireth it, let them turn with spirit and fragrance. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in that which beseemeth His days and to aid him in that which He desireth, adorned with that which hath been sent down in the Book. O Samandar! Give thou the glad-tidings that We have mentioned him whom thou didst mention before and after, and We give him the glad-tidings of that which hath shone forth from the Daystar of permission from the horizon of his Lord’s will, the

Mighty, the Powerful. But in all circumstances they must observe wisdom. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH07568: In reply to Abdul-Husayn's letter, write: Regarding what was…

In reply to Abdul-Husayn's letter, write: Regarding what was mentioned about differences between the friends—all are obligated by the Divine Tablets to demonstrate love, unity, affection and fellowship, which are the cause of exalting the Word of God, and they must act accordingly. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to enable all the friends to attain to this most exalted station, so that all may arise in unity to serve the Cause.

Mention of you was made in the Most Holy Presence, and you have attained to God's favors. According to His command: those souls who are today associated with the Truth and adorned with the lights of recognition must strive to remove differences, for no harm has been or will be greater than discord between the friends. God willing, you will strive to the extent possible in this matter. God speaks the truth and verily guides to the straight path.

BH07555: O spiritual bird, praise God that at all times…

He is the All-Glorious

O spiritual bird, praise God that at all times thou art mentioned before the All-Merciful and art present and appreciated in the hearts of the friends of God. Though outwardly thou art separated, in truth thou art circumambulating the Ka'bih of presence. The eye of God's loving-kindness hath ever been and is open toward that one who hath turned to God, and thou hast been and art observed through His infinite favors. Thou hast not been forgotten for a moment and never shalt be. Be assured of this by day and by night. His honor Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli is occupied with thy mention and all are beseeching and hoping from God that He may bestow such success that thou mayest attain to that which hath been the ultimate desire of thyself and all the friends of God. Convey to all the friends of God, both young and old, the Most Wondrous, Most Glorious greetings. And the spirit and glory be upon you.

BH07950: O Siyyid-i-Baqir! Such afflictions have befallen the Wronged One…

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise!

O Siyyid-i-Baqir! Such afflictions have befallen the Wronged One as have caused the lamentations of the lovers to ascend. We have been patient and concealed them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient. I do not complain of My grief and sorrow. I say what the ancients said when tribulation and adversity appeared. By God! The Glory dwelleth beneath affliction in the path of God, the Lord of the Sacred Monument and Station. When thou attainest unto My verses, say:

> "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause, and the radiance of Thy Word, and the attraction of Thy verses, to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause and in Thy love. O my Lord! Thou seest the supplicant turning toward Thy Most Great Gate, and the seeker facing the direction of Thy bounty, O Lord of eternity! Ordain for him what befitteth Thy

generosity, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of bounty! O my Lord! Deprive me not of the wonders of Thy grace. Ordain for me all the good Thou hast ordained in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Giving, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

BH07856: He speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

He speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance.

We bear witness that there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and the majesty and the loftiness and the power and the bounty. He giveth whom He willeth what He willeth, and He is the Single One, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided Thy servant unto Thy straight path and ordained for him that which drew him nigh unto Thee in days wherein the limbs of the idolaters trembled. Thou didst open unto him the gate of attainment to Thy presence and honored him with that which was recorded in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all that are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Creator of nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me successful in remembering Thee and praising Thee and serving Thy Cause. Then ordain for me the good of the world to come and of the first. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH07895: O My Afnan, upon thee be My Glory! Thou…

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

O My Afnan, upon thee be My Glory! Thou didst make mention without a tongue. Now doth the tongue of the All-Merciful make mention of thee on thy behalf—a mention that shall bestow upon all things a new tongue. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

Although divine decree is irrevocable and outwardly may not accord with the desire of God's servants, in truth it is, to those possessed of insight, dearer than life itself. God's purpose in creation hath been bounty and grace. Assuredly He hath willed the good of all. Whatsoever may come to pass, be it tribulation or hardship, or ease and comfort, all transpireth according to the requirements of His consummate wisdom.

Such is His grace that, as thou seest, He speaketh in place of him who hath no tongue, and maketh mention of him—a mention that shall cause souls to be mindful throughout ages and centuries. Glory be upon thee, and upon him, and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging fast to the cord of the commandments of their Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH07503: O Rahim! Hearken unto what the Nightingale of Holiness…

He is the Mighty.

O Rahim! Hearken unto what the Nightingale of Holiness teacheth thee. Know thou that whatsoever We have desired or do desire for you is for your benefit. Cast therefore upon thyself the love of God, then remember that which He loveth and with which He is well-pleased. Keep thyself from self and be not neglectful in the Cause of God. Be in the utmost state of submission and contentment, and follow not thy desires but rather follow what this needy servant conveyeth unto thee, for he desireth for thee naught save what he desireth for himself, and teacheth thee not a letter except by that which he hath taught himself, and remembereth thee not save by that which he remembereth his own soul, and loveth thee now as he loved thee before. Beware lest thou grieve over anything or doubt in the Cause of God. Live in the world with joy and delight, then build thy affairs upon trust in God and contentment. And peace be upon thee and upon whomsoever followeth guidance.

BH07912: O my handmaiden and leaf! Upon thee be My…

In the name of Him Who liveth and endureth forever.

O my handmaiden and leaf! Upon thee be My Glory and loving-kindness. Praise be to God that through divine favor and merciful grace thou hast entered the pavilion of heavenly knowledge and gained intimacy with one near to the threshold of the Lord of Oneness. Preserve this most great bounty and most glorious station in the name of the One Beloved. The whole world hath been created for the recognition of this wondrous Day, yet how many queens of the world are today deprived of the sealed wine of the Self-Subsisting Lord, while thou art among those who have attained unto it. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and guided me to the horizon of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round Thy throne and hold fast to the Tree of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. The splendor shining from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God and believed in God, the One, the All-Knowing.

BH07798: Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy…

In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy handmaid and the daughter of Thy handmaid. I bear witness to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, to Thy might and Thy power, to Thy majesty and Thy glory. Verily, Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. From everlasting Thou hast been supreme over Thy servants and Thy handmaids, and potent over all who are in Thy earth and in Thy heaven.

I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, by Thy grace which hath encompassed all contingent beings, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the splendours of Thy countenance, to make me, under all conditions, to turn wholly unto Thy most exalted Horizon, and to hold fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness, O Thou Who art the Lord of names and the Creator of the heavens.

I implore Thee, moreover, to ordain for me the good of this world and of the world to come, and whatsoever befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, O Thou in Whose grasp are held the reins of gifts and bestowals. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to Thee, inasmuch as Thou art the Desire of them that have attained unto true knowledge.

BH07456: The splendor shining forth from the heaven of My…

The splendor shining forth from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon your son who was named Aqa Buzurg and your other son who was named Aqa Kuchik—upon those who have cast away their idle fancies and taken hold of that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all beings and the Possessor of bounties and favors.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance that hath turned toward the lights of the Throne, and who art engaged in remembrance and praise during the days of God, the Lord of all beings! Thy letter hath attained unto Our presence, and We have mentioned repeatedly those servants who heard and responded to their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey My greetings to each one on behalf of this Wronged One and illumine them with the splendorous lights of the Sun of divine utterance. His honor Salman, upon him be My glory, arrived and dwelt for some time beneath the shade, and when the appointed time of his sojourn came to an end, the command to return shone forth from the Dayspring of the Divine Will, and We sent with him that which would strengthen My loved ones, My trusted ones and My chosen ones who have remained firm in the Covenant and Testament.

The friends must not act except with wisdom. Wisdom is that through which the servants draw nigh, not that which causeth remoteness and flight. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee, and We hear thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

BH07539: Ancient lights course through the mighty Throne, and profound…

He is God!

Ancient lights course through the mighty Throne, and profound mysteries are inscribed upon fragrant tablets, and the Dove of Power soars in the holy atmosphere of might on wings of strength, and the Bird of Grandeur warbles new and wondrous melodies of exaltation, and the Peacock of the Paradise of Oneness utters its cry with holy eternality's might, and the birds of the sanctuary of glory circle in flight, and the maidens of beauty from the realm of eternity wave their hands, and the nightingale of the splendor of the mystery of faithfulness arranges itself in ranks.

Praise be to God that the King of power and might is seated upon the throne of glory, and the Sovereign of eternity is established in the realm of meeting, and the sweet-scented breezes of eternity are stirred from the left side of the Beloved's locks, and the fragrant musk of faithfulness wafts from the right side of the Intended One's hair, and the Bird of Light warbles upon the branches of the Tree of Sinai, and the Cock of Glorification sings in the gardens of Divine Unity.

Therefore praise be to God, the Beloved of the first and the last, the manifest and the hidden.

BH07572: The verses have been revealed, the Book hath spoken…

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

The verses have been revealed, the Book hath spoken, and the Promised One hath appeared; yet the peoples of the earth were withheld from the Most Exalted Horizon by the veils and doubts cast up by ignorant divines. The falsehood of their spoken words became a flame that kindled corruption among all men, and turned them all toward the infernal fire. They cried, "May God hasten His advent!"—and thereby hastened only their own descent into hell. Glorified be God! How pure deeds make manifest their effects—thus hath it been.

I beseech the True One to throw open before the faces of all the portal of His grace, and not to deprive His loved ones of the soft murmur of the Divine Lote-Tree, nor of the sealed wine, nor of the lights of the Presence of the Self-Subsisting. May they drink, and hear, and behold.

O Yusuf! Upon thee be the glory of God. We remembered thee before, and remember thee at this hour as well, and We exhort thee unto that whereby the Cause of God shall be exalted. Be eloquent in His praise, aflame with the fire of His love, and steadfast through His power. Verily, He is with thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Subduing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH07587: Jinab-i-ʻAli Haydar—upon him be Baha'i glory and loving-kindness—is…

He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Jinab-i-ʻAli Haydar—upon him be Baha'i glory and loving-kindness—is, in truth, afflicted with great and manifold burdens, for the ordering and arrangement of the affairs of the flowers resteth with him. Great, indeed, is his recompense with God. The friends of God must beseech of the True One, glorified be His majesty, that He may preserve and protect him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. They should moreover supplicate for him blessings, wealth, and power.

That which hath been mentioned concerning the claim of Aqa Muhammad-Baqir of Ardikan is in accordance with what is right. It should be paid with all promptness in the presence of Hadrat-i-ʻIlm, and, agreeably to what hath been set forth, a receipt should be sent.

O my God and the God of all the worlds! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to open before the face of him who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause the door of Thy bounty and Thy grace; then guard him from Thine enemies. O Lord! Thou knowest that Baha desireth that Thy Name be exalted throughout the East and the West of the earth, through Thy Name and Thy sovereignty. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH07610: He abideth forever in the Kingdom

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Mention in the Book the Spirit [Jesus] whose name was exalted. He was born of His mother, then lived in the realm but a few days, and was taken up unto God in His younger years—a matter decreed in the

Tablet. He left the earth when he caught the fragrance of mortality therefrom, and turned toward the heaven of holy immortality. Peace be upon Him the day He was born, and the day He was raised up, and the day He ascended to the sublime pavilion of glory. He remained in the world only so long as roses remain in springtime—when summer's heat came, His beauty was veiled behind an impalpable veil. His days were but as the days of roses—thus was it ordained by the hidden Pen of might. For this did every seeing eye weep in secret. God shall manifest Him beneath crimson canopies, in a station resplendent with truth. And the Spirit be upon Him and upon those who followed Him to the pure crimson land. 152

BH07651: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

He is the Preserver!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names, and Thy Most Perfect and Exalted Words, and by the lights of Thy Countenance in the heaven of eternity, and by Thy Most Great, Most Perfect, Most Generous Name, through which all faces have turned toward the face of Thy Self-Sufficiency, and all hearts have been made to drink the holy waters of Thy Oneness, and through which every poor one hath been enriched, and every abased one hath been exalted, and every sick one hath been healed—to preserve the bearer of this Tablet from every affliction and illness, and from every disease and malady, and from whatsoever may occur through Thy decree in Thy kingdom of plague and pestilence and less than these, from all that causeth souls to tremble and bodies and hearts to be disturbed. Verily, Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through Thy power and ordaineth what He willeth through the sovereignty of Thy command. None can resist Thy decree in the kingdom of Thy might, and none can prevent the execution of Thy judgment in the heaven of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Most Generous, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify unto Thee in all things that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of all things and wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been from before. There is no God but Thee, and unto Thee is the final return. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Great Name, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious, and by the Ultimate Tree, the Most Exalted, the All-Exalted, that Thou protect the bearer of this white leaf from all evil, calamity, plague and pestilence. Verily, Thou dost protect whom Thou willest, for Thou hast knowledge of all things.

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BH07665: Glorified art Thou, O Lord, Ruler of the nations…

He is God, exalted be His station!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord, Ruler of the nations, Who hast dawned from the horizon of immortality through Thy Most Great Name!

I beseech Thee by Thy greatness which hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy power which hath prevailed over all contingent beings, to ordain for Thy loved ones who have turned toward the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and entered the court of Thy Cause every good thing which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and promised them in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. O my Lord! Make them steadfast in the path of Thy firm Command, and enable them to achieve what is best for them in this world and the next, O God of the worlds.

And strengthen them, O Creator of existence, through Thy all-embracing bounty extended over both the seen and unseen, for in Thy grasp are the reins of the world—Thou exaltest whomsoever Thou willest and ordainest for whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things. Thou adornest whomsoever Thou willest with the raiment of glory and elevation, and Thou deckest whomsoever Thou pleasest with the vesture of grandeur and splendor.

There is no God but Thee, the King, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07842: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world!...

He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world! Bounty be unto Thee, O Possessor of existence! Glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of bestowal! Laudation be unto Thee, O Desire of all beings! Light be unto Thee, O Speaker on Sinai! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of the throne and of the earth, and by the Most Great Word through which all things have spoken, to bless that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty and dispatched from the atmosphere of Thy loving-kindness, which Thou hast named through Thy might as a manifestation of Thy grace.

O Lord! We are Thy servants and Thy creation. We desire naught save the wonders of Thy grace, and we seek naught but what Thou hast ordained through the Pen of Thy decree and the Reed of Thy determination. O Lord! Illumine our hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, then make this newborn babe a blessing from Thee, a mercy from Thy presence, and a bounty from Thy side. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous, the Ancient Bestower.

BH07875: This is a Book that speaketh with truth, wherein...

This is a Book that speaketh with truth, wherein are inscribed the mysteries of knowledge and wisdom, that perchance the people in the days of the Spirit may remember and that those who have answered the call of God and turned unto Him may be gladdened thereby, even they who hasten unto the fields of holiness.

Say: O people! Fear God and sow not corruption in the land of love. This is what teacheth you He Who is seated upon the preserved Tablets through the pen of the holy and beloved One. Make then your hearts

as mirrors wherein may be reflected the mysteries of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, that ye may learn the ways of the Spirit and be guided by the guidance of God, and be of them that hasten unto the western horizon.

By God! This is a Book that summoneth all unto the shores of oneness, as they testify who enter within the precincts of their Lord's mercy. Thus have We taught you the ways of glory and revealed unto you the gems of wisdom, that perchance the people may return unto their native land in the canopy of holiness.

And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who remember God with their tongues while in their hearts they remember Him at all times.

BH07924: O thou who hast clung to the hem…

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He wishes through His word "Be" and it is!

O thou who hast clung to the hem of My loving-kindness! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My grace—verily there is no God but Me, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. We were with thee when thou didst journey from the land of Ta, turning toward the land of Kha. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have accepted thy work done for God's sake—rejoice thou in this and say: "Praise be to Thee, O God of all the worlds!" It behooveth thee to remember Me in the land of Ta with joy and fragrance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee from His glorious horizon.

Remind My servants with wisdom in such wise that their minds may be attracted and their hearts may be gladdened. This is indeed among the most meritorious deeds in the estimation of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I rejoice in My remembrance of thee and in that wherewith My Most Exalted Pen doth acquaint thee. He, verily, is the True One, the Faithful. God hath ordained for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the believers. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto My days and have held fast unto My firm cord.

BH07996: Glory be unto Thee, O God, for Thy Manifestation…

Glory be unto Thee, O God, for Thy Manifestation of Love to mankind! O Thou, who art our Life and Light, guide Thy servants to Thy Way, and make them rich in Thee and free from all save Thee.

O God, teach them Thy Oneness, and give unto them a realization of Thy Unity; that they may see no one save Thee. Thou art the Merciful and the Giver of Bounty!

O God, create in the hearts of Thy beloved the fire of Thy Love, that it may burn away the thought of everything save Thee.

Reveal unto them, O God, Thy Exalted Eternity; that Thou hast ever been and will always be, and that there is no God save Thee. Verily, in Thee will they find comfort and strength!

BH07997: In Thy Name, the Sufficer, the Healer, the Fulfiller…

In Thy Name, the Sufficer, the Healer, the Fulfiller, the Loftiest, the Supreme, the Baha-El-Abha!

I ask Thee by Thine Ancient Beauty, and I supplicate Thee by the manifestation of Thy Greatest Majesty, and Thy Name, around which the heavens of the Manifestations revolve; by which the waters of the oceans overflow, the full moons appear, the lights diffuse, and verily, the visible and the invisible, the mysterious and the celebrated; by which all sorrow will be turned into joy and all disease will be turned into health, and by which every sick, afflicted, unfortunate and constrained one may be healed, to suffice to heal this weary, sick-worn one of the seen and the unseen disease.

Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Conqueror, the Mighty, the Living, the Forgiver!

BH11821: Glorified art Thou, O my God! At this hour…

Glorified art Thou, O my God! At this hour do I call upon Thee, at that moment whereon the Sun of Thy Lordship shone forth above the horizon of the heaven of the glory of Thy self-subsisting sovereignty, the Dove of the sanctity of Thy oneness warbled alone within the garden of the paradise of Thine eternity, and the lights of the glory of Thy absolute independence were lifted up into the atmosphere of fellowship with Thy lovers.

All praise be to Thee, O my God, inasmuch as Thou hast perfected Thy bounty unto the sincere among Thy servants and hast fulfilled Thy mercy toward such of Thy loved ones as have drawn nigh unto Thee. And when I beheld, O my God, that Thy favors had reached their utmost fullness and Thy loving-kindness had been made complete, I beseech Thee, by the mystery of Thy Name through which all contingent things have struck root and by which the robe of glory hath been arrayed upon the temple of all created things, to bestow upon this handmaid that which shall rejoice her heart, tranquillize her mind, and bring rest unto her soul.

Then shall her eyes be solaced through those exalted blessings which Thou hast ordained for her. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the Ancient of Days.

BH08224: This is a day of joy and delight…

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise

This is a day of joy and delight—joy from what? From the wine of divine love. In this luminous morn thou hast indeed drunk thereof through His remembrance and His wondrous Name. Thou hast ever been mentioned, and wilt continue to be mentioned, in the gathering of lovers, and it is observed that throughout all regions thy mention is exalted. Rejoice thou in this word which no possession of kings can equal—to this doth this Truthful, this Faithful One bear witness.

Be not grieved by events. Soar with the wings of detachment in this atmosphere. Verily He will assist thee and aid thee through His power and sovereignty. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Preserve what hath been revealed unto thee at this time, then give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon every steadfast, firm and faithful one.

BH08516: O people of the earth! Abandon what ye possess…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Powerful, the Supreme Protector of the world

O people of the earth! Abandon what ye possess, for He hath come with manifest sovereignty. Nothing shall profit you today save through His bidding, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The world hath been adorned with His Most Great Name. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him, and woe betide them that have turned away! This is He Who was promised unto you in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ponder, O people, then read what We have sent down in truth. Verily it guideth you unto My Straight Path. Hold fast unto the cord of your Lord's loving-kindness and abandon that which ye were commanded by every ignorant doubter. By God's life! Those who lay claim to knowledge are in manifest error. The ocean of knowledge hath surged before your eyes. Turn ye towards it by the command of God, the Single, the All-Informed. He will aid you even as He aided His loved ones before you, and will ordain for you that which no reckoner, however learned, can reckon.

BH08564: O Attar and O son of Attar! This name…

O Attar and O son of Attar! This name must be a sweet, precious and highly fragrant testimony, so that it may be diffused throughout the realm of utterance and meaning and guide the heedless unto the oceans of awareness….

Husayn Effendi, upon him be My glory, was the bearer of the letter. In truth, the honored Name of God and the others of that household constantly make mention of you. Well was it said: "Sweet is the remembrance of loved ones by their beloved." O Attar! Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn the people of God with the manners of the dwellers of the Crimson Ark. He is the Powerful, the Mighty….

BH08588: O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! Today is the day of acceptance…

He is the All-Knowing, Speaking Witness

O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! Today is the day of acceptance and turning to God and of mention and praise and service. May you be fresh and verdant through the springtime breezes of God and speak forth in remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of manifestation that one mention today is more glorious in the sight of God than the mention of a multitude of people occurring in days other than these. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him. Verily He aids whomsoever He willeth through a command from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may protect thee and the people of that land from the cawing of the crows and the clamor of the liars and deceivers. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We send from this spot Our greetings upon thee and upon My loved ones who responded when they heard My wondrous, mighty Call.

BH08449: Thy letter was present before My countenance and what…

In the name of the Friend

Thy letter was present before My countenance and what was written therein was observed. Praise the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto the recognition of His Self and drunk from His Kawthar of “Am I not?” God willing, thou must at all times be engaged in the remembrance of the All-Merciful and detached and free from aught else. Thou hast attained unto the Most Great Pilgrimage and arrived at the Most Great Scene and hearkened unto the melody of the All-Merciful from the right hand of the Throne. God willing, thou must conduct thyself with godly attributes so that all may inhale from thee the fragrances of sanctity and holiness, inasmuch as thou hast entered the House and become aware, according to thy capacity, of the sanctity and holiness of the Lord of the House. God willing, through the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful, thou shalt at all times drink from the Kawthar of love and be sustained by the fruits of the Tree of Ridvan. And the glory be upon thee.

BH08422: Whatsoever God hath willed, verily He shall manifest it…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High

Whatsoever God hath willed, verily He shall manifest it in truth, and it is best for Us and for such of His servants as draw nigh unto Him. And He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Through their oppression the countenance of justice hath been illumined, yet they remain in wondrous stupor. That which they have wrought shall cause you no harm, for He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We have enjoined wisdom solely due to the weakness of some, while others possess might and power. These latter are not saddened by anything, nor are they hindered by any matter. Thus hath the decree been ordained in the Book. It behooveth thee to bid the loved ones to observe wisdom under all conditions. This is what beseemeth most of the loved ones. We have informed thee of this on the night when thou wert present before the Countenance. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. My Splendor be upon thee, O Muhammad, and My remembrance be upon thee, O Mustafa. Thou art among those who have borne the Trust and sacrificed thyself in the path of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08468: In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon…

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty.

This is a Book from Us unto the Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, a grace from Our presence and a mercy from before Us. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. O My Leaf and O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. And unto Thee be glory and favor, for having caused me to dwell near unto Thee and having made me to hear Thy call. My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by Thy mercy which hath preceded all things, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Withhold not from Thy handmaiden the wonders of

Thy generosity and favor, and the gems of Thy bounty and bestowals. Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Fulfiller of the needs of them that supplicate Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH08479: To be typed

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BH08576: O Ghaffar! When thou hast received the Tablet…

He is the One Who rules over all names!

O Ghaffar! When thou hast received the Tablet of thy Lord, the Unconstrained, arise and say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thine infallibility. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy Revelation in Thy days and the manifestations of Thy power in Thy lands to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this life. O my Lord! Thou knowest what I possess while I know not what Thou possessest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I implore Thee, O my God and God of earth and heaven, to cause my will to be wholly merged in Thy Will, and my desire to be completely submerged in Thy Desire, that I may will naught except what Thou hast willed for me through Thy bounty, and seek naught save what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy grace. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08488: O Ibrahim! Praise be to God, thou hast been…

In the name of the All-Knowing Bestower!

O Ibrahim! Praise be to God, thou hast been and art beneath the glance of divine favor. In days when the peoples of the world turned away, thou didst turn toward Him and didst drink the choice wine of recognition from the cup of bounty of the Lord of Religions. Well is it with thee and happy art thou! We beseech God to assist thee even as He assisted thy father and thine uncle. By the life of God! Ye are all remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained to the grace of God. Say:

My God, my God! Adorn my heart with the ornament of Thy love, my tongue with Thy remembrance and praise, mine eye with beholding Thy horizon, and my face with turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy grace to aid me in all conditions to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08374: Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the world!

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and shown me the surging waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, O Lord of all men, and guided me to Thy straight path, and illumined my heart with the light of Thy mighty announcement whereby the limbs of the ungodly who denied Thy manifestation and broke Thy covenant and disputed Thy signs were made to tremble.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness and singleness and that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of the ocean of Thy knowledge to confirm me in such steadfastness as shall not be prevented by the doubts of the learned nor the signs of the divines nor the power of rulers. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the happenings of the world cannot weaken, nor the clamor of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful.

BH08000: From every quarter the smoke of rancour and oppression…

In the Name of the one peerless and incomparable God

From every quarter the smoke of rancour and oppression hath been raised, and upon the earth there hath come to pass that which, from the beginning of the world until now, hath had neither like nor peer.

Glorified be God! His Majesty the King perceiveth not what hath been, and what still is, the cause of the patience and long-suffering of the loved ones of God. The greatest cause of restraint for the Lord of Eternity and His irrevocable decree hath verily been this: can it be that, in the eyes of them who are nigh unto God and wholly devoted unto Him, any excellence should be ascribed unto the ravening beasts of the world? Nay, by God Himself, Who overshadoweth all that are in the heavens and on the earth!

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy name hath been mentioned before the Countenance, and there hath been revealed for thee that which shall endure so long as the names of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, shall endure. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy rest upon thee and upon all them that love thee for the sake of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH08217: The Most Great Remembrance calleth all who are…

The Most Great Remembrance calleth all who are in the realm of being unto God, the Lord of all religions, saying: We have raised Him up in the temple of man. Exalted be the All-Merciful, Who hath ordained every matter in the Book.

That which was hidden hath now been made manifest, and that which lay concealed in the Tablets hath been brought forth. Say: The horizon of utterance hath been illumined by the sun of My Name, the One Who holdeth dominion over all who are on earth and in the heavens. By the life of God! We have not failed in remembrance and exposition, yet the people remain wrapt in delusion and veiled from the truth.

Shouldst thou attain unto this Tablet, arise to serve thy wronged Lord, He through Whom most of those upon earth were thunderstruck and the mountains were laid low. Make mention of thy Lord according to that which God hath taught thee as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Glory rest upon the people of Bahá, whom He hath mentioned unto God in the Book with the fairest of remembrances.

BH08129: O people who have gone to the pilgrimage, where…

O people who have gone to the pilgrimage, where are you, where are you?

The Beloved is right here, come hither, come hither!

This, however, is the city of the Beloved, unburdened by name and fame. This is the path of lovers where even the guide wanders bewildered. This is the sacred sanctuary where the pilgrim's garb of all save Him betokens lack of certitude. This is the Throne of the All-Merciful, not a place for bearing the temple of the Qur'an. If thou seekest the Friend, free thyself from the veil of fancy and intimacy with strangers. If thou seekest the light of the Sun of the Beloved, cease circling around the light of the candle. And when the mirage of fancy and imagination hath sufficed thee in place of the sweet waters of Beauty, seek not to soar with those who wing their flight in the atmosphere of love, nor desire companionship with those who have laid down their lives at the gallows of extinction….

BH08001: The items and materials which ye sent have been…

He is the Almighty, the Beloved.

The items and materials which ye sent have been received and observed. May God graciously bestow His recompense. May He grant a perfect reward unto the receiver, the bearer, the seamstress, the embroiderer, and unto all without exception. Yet that which is the very essence, the very root of love and loyalty, this thou didst not perform; whatsoever else thou hast done pertaineth but to the branches. The root is thy coming in person, that they who wait may be delivered from their waiting, and that this goodly matter may be brought unto its consummation.

In very truth, all who are numbered among the friends must exert their utmost endeavour in works of charity and benevolence. Be that as it may, thy coming is needful. Should the cold prove an obstacle, let them bring a carriage. To all we convey our loving greetings. If thou hast kerchiefs, cloth, poetry, or the like, bring them all with thee. Gawhar, God willing, is gladdened. Let Shu'a' Effendi also come today, if it be possible.

BH08067: O Pen of the Cause! Clothe the meanings…

O Pen of the Cause! Clothe the meanings in the garment of words, then reveal them in the temple of letters, that haply those who contend, arrayed in the vestures of names and attributes, may come forth from their vain imaginings and recognize the Lord of lords—in these days when the sun of all horizons hath been eclipsed behind the veil of these wicked ones who have protested and been numbered with the idolaters, as recorded upon guarded tablets of glory.

O Ibrahim! When My first Friend [Abraham] heard of My calamity, he delivered himself into the fire. Do thou, then, cast thyself into the fire of separation, out of longing for My beauty, that thou mayest be of those who, in separation, remain patient through My grace.

And I counsel thee, O servant, not to consort with those in whose hearts is hatred for the Youth, though they should lavish upon thee the treasures of the heavens and the earth and the hidden stores of the unseen.

BH08140: Regarding what you wrote about Jinab Aqa Mirza Muhsin…

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab Aqa Mirza Muhsin, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], after being submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, this prayer was revealed from the heaven of divine will:

O my God, my God! Thou seest me and hearest my cry and the yearning of my heart. I beseech Thee by the glances of the eyes of Thy loving-kindness not to deprive me of the fragrances of Thy remembrance in Thy days. O my Lord! I have turned with my whole being to Thy horizon, and mine eyes are fixed in expectation of the wonders of Thy mercy, and my heart is turned toward the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst create all beings and didst manifest all existence to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy gifts that which will profit me in Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful Whom neither the conditions of creation nor the clamor of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs hath frustrated. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08149: After praising the Lord—exalted be His mention—we inquire after…

He is the All-Knowing

After praising the Lord—exalted be His mention—we inquire after the condition of all, and especially of Mahd-i-'Ulya.

And further, O My Branch: send the new fur-lined cloak. To continue wearing this old ʿaba hath become a most senseless ordeal. At all times it requireth a bearer or an attendant to be on hand, so that the moment it falleth to pieces in the course of coming or going, he may forthwith patch it together again with the help of glue. According to what hath been recounted in the books, the wool of this cloak went aboard the Ark with the prophet Noah; ere that, it came down from the highest Paradise with Adam, the Father of Mankind. It was with Moses on Sinai, and kept company with the Spirit [Jesus]. In short, its full story cannot be recounted by the Pen. In the words of the late Alusi: "Ancient—ancient indeed!"

Glory be upon you, and upon him who loveth you and serveth you for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

BH08151: Say to the divines on behalf of Baha: You…

In the Name of the one God!

Say to the divines on behalf of Baha: You have deemed Us guilty. What was the guilt of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for Him—that made Him the target of your bullets? What manifest guilt had the Primal Point committed against the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for Him—that ye convened a council to arrange for His execution? What guilt and calumny was evident from Christ against the Seal of the Prophets that you crucified Him? According to your vain belief, Christ was false to Moses—what falsehood and calumny was apparent that you testified to His falsehood? According to your vain belief, Moses was false and guilty against Abraham—what guilt was manifest that you cast Him into the fire? If you say "We are not those people," We say your words are the same words and your deeds are the same deeds. And peace be upon whoever follows guidance.

BH08152: By Thy light, O God; by Thy Name, O…

By Thy light, O God; by Thy Name, O God; by Thy command, O God; by Thy sovereignty, O God; by Thy glory, O God; by Thy might, O God; by Thy bounty, O God; by Thy verses, O God; by Thy power, O God; by Thy greatness, O God; by Thy path, O God; by Thy Balance, O God; by Thy Manifestation, O God; by Thine irresistible dominion, O God; by Thy gifts, O God; by Thy turning in grace, O God; by Thy generosity, O God; by Thy munificence, O God; by Thy succour, O God; by Thy victory, O God—I beseech Thee to exalt Thy glory among Thy creatures, and to aid it through the standards of Thy might and the signs of Thy greatness.

O Lord! Thou seest him amid the wicked of Thy creation. I entreat Thee by Thine All-Great Announcement and by Thy Ancient Name to ordain for him who hath ascended Thy Throne the good of every world among Thy worlds.

BH08167: O distinguished Name of God! Upon thee be…

He is God, the Most Exalted.

O distinguished Name of God! Upon thee be the glory of God. In accordance with the former spoken and written word, the present servant raised aloft the banner of fulfillment, discharged his obligation, and remained faithful unto his covenant. And since a portion of the bounties that lay before Us was taken for that honored one and sent forth, do thou also distribute thereof, after taking for thyself thine own share, which is the loftiest portion.

Praised be God, thou hast ever been, and still art, remembered. Thou hast endured with a patience meet and seemly that thou mightest divide among men that which sufficeth them, even the splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace.

Upon thee be the glory of God, and upon those who are with thee, and upon whoso hath sought guidance through the peerless nature of thy utterance and through the remembrance of thee.

BH08186: Thou hadst made mention, on the authority of Mirza…

He is God, the Builder, the All-Knowing.

Thou hadst made mention, on the authority of Mirza Ḥusayn and Haji—upon them be the Baha of God—of the house and of its sale. This matter thou thyself shouldst inquire of him, that it may become clear what the honored persons have said, and what their intention hath been, so that Jinab-i-Mirza may act with insight.

Houses, their builders, and their destroyers all return unto the dust. The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. The true Sovereign possesseth not now a throne, nor hath the Builder of the world a house. Some imagine that the well-known inhabited House is specially set apart for God—glorious is His majesty—but in truth that too was built in heaven, not on earth. Verily, the Throne is beneath Him, and the House belongeth unto another than Him, while the command is His alone. He doeth whatsoever He willeth, and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. He is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08411: A missive from the Wronged One to him who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous

A missive from the Wronged One to him who desires to turn towards the sublime and most exalted Horizon and hear the Call of God, the Lord of Names, that it may draw him to the station which God hath mentioned in a preserved Tablet. O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of thy Lord, the Most High. He verily speaketh the truth: There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, forsake all else and take what thou art commanded by Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Beware lest things prevent thee from the Creator of heaven or the clamor of the heedless turn thee aside from the Path. Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's mercy and say:

O God of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy praise, who taketh refuge in Thy presence, who seeketh protection at Thy threshold, who remaineth firm in Thy love and steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art He Who doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. The hosts of the world and the concourse of nations cannot withhold Thee. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

BH08427: Be not grieved at anything. We beseech God…

Be not grieved at anything. We beseech God to make the crescent moon of thy hope into a full moon, and the star of thy desire into a radiant sun. He is, verily, the Protector of the sincere ones. Say: He Who hath come was promised in the Book and mentioned in hearts and minds. Those who turned away from Him turned away from the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Name, but they understand not. When the Dawn of Manifestation unfurled His banner, the people arose in opposition. Among them were those who said He came to corrupt the world. Say: Nay, by God, rather for its reformation, did ye but know! Even were My corruption better than your reformation, by God, My oppression would be better than the justice of the world, and My death the cause of life for the nations, would ye but understand! Say: Though the outward appearance of My oppression be as fire, yet its inner reality is light. Fear God, O people, and say not that which ye know not.

BH08455: Yea, excellent is that which he hath done, excellent…

Yea, excellent is that which he hath done, excellent that which he hath spoken, and blessed his meeting with them.

O My Name! I have created thee for remembrance and praise, for fellowship and for attaining My presence. God willing, the parched lands, through the showers of utterance, shall be drawn by the adornment of new growth, and shall attain unto their victory. For within My utterance there lieth concealed a mighty power, and within it are treasured diverse manifestations; and in one station it is water itself. In another station it is fire, inasmuch as it giveth to drink, and draweth the chilled hearts unto warmth, that true moderation may be made manifest.

We have made mention of every name that was in thy book, with a remembrance whereby the remembrances did circle and the traces did revolve. Blessedness for thee and for them, and for whoso uttereth a word, as a bounty from His presence; and for whoso writeth before His face. It is ended.

BH08493: O Asad! Upon thee be My peace! A ray…

He is God, exalted is He!

O Asad! Upon thee be My peace! A ray of My loving-kindness is present, and from the Ocean of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, he hath beseeched pearls of wisdom and utterance. His request hath been granted, and from the mighty treasury which lay concealed and hidden within the Most Exalted Pen there hath appeared that which the treasuries of kings and the riches of earth cannot equal. O Asad! God willing, thou shalt appear even as a lion in the jungle of divine power and shalt, through wisdom and utterance, deliver the servants from the doubts and allusions of the Shi'ihs of Iran, that all may turn with detached hearts, pure souls, expanded breasts, penetrating vision and radiant countenance unto the light of His Face, and drink from the Euphrates of the All-Merciful's mercy which floweth from the right hand of God's throne. Blessed are they that drink thereof, and woe unto the heedless!

BH08519: O people of the household! Upon you be…

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

O people of the household! Upon you be the peace of God and His mercy. Great indeed hath been the labor ye have borne; your deed is accepted and your endeavor is appreciated. Convey greetings unto all: the Afnan, the members of the household of Haji, the circumambulants, the kindred, and those who are with you. May God—glorious is His majesty—bestow His reward upon them all: upon the men and women who arose to serve, upon the servants and handmaidens, upon those who gave to eat and those who partook, and upon those who gave to drink and those who drank—that is, sherbet of lemon-water and the like.

In brief, the rock candy that was sent, together with a bottle of perfume, should be forwarded to the Afnan. As for the page which bore the authorization and the instructions, its original issued from the Pen

of the Wronged One; the Most Great Branch copied it therefrom. We shall give that also to Furugh. Whatsoever proceedeth from Him is beloved.

Glory be upon him who appeared, and upon you, and upon every steadfast and upright soul.

BH08558: O young in years yet great in station!…

O young in years yet great in station! In thy childhood thou hast attained to a station wherein the Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy father who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: O my God, and my Lord, and my Creator, and my Master! I beseech from the ocean of Thy bounty that Thou wouldst cause this tender sapling in the garden of Thy love to drink from the living waters, and protect it from the autumn winds. Thou art the Powerful, Thou art the All-Knowing. O my God! I have turned to Thee and make mention of Thee, and through the blessedness of Thy Name am I freed and detached from all else. O God! We are looking unto Thee and we beseech Thee to manifest through us that which is worthy of Thee. The days are Thine. Thou art the Bestower, the Bountiful One.

BH08575: O Branch of Baha! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the Almighty.

O Branch of Baha! Upon thee be My glory. God willing, through the enduring sovereignty of earth and heaven, thou shalt abide beneath the shadow of the favor of the true Beloved.

Thy letter was received. Praise be to God, Who hath opened the gate of bounty and lavished the blessings of divine unity upon the people of sincerity and faithfulness. Exalted be His grace, and exalted be His bestowal. Let them pitch the tent, but unanimity is not permitted, and such a gathering is not accepted. Glory be to God! It would seem that some few of the friends have become troubled; yet the honored representatives are assured, and do not regard these wronged ones as sowers of mischief.

We make mention of Her Holiness the Mahd-i-ʿUlya and those with her. Badi’ Effendi, in the wondrous cities and lands, God willing, is kept safe.

Peace be upon you, and upon your first and your last, your outward and your inward. Haydar is also remembered.

BH08606: O Mahd-i-‘Ulya! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Mahd-i-‘Ulya! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of humankind. God willing, thy condition is good. We beseech God that He may heal thee through His bounty and strengthen thee unto that which beseemeth His days. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We summoned the Afnan; as for the rest, send whomever thou deemest advisable. Khanum also hath permission. In view of Janab-i-Afnan-i-Kabir, it would be preferable and more fitting that Furugh remain

where she is for the present. As for Gawhar Khanum, “Malik al-Kaftar” is meaningless. Surely she desireth to attain the presence. Jinabih-i-Validih likewise hath certainly been, and still is, intent upon attaining presence and reunion.

We make mention of the children. His Holiness Amin, Janabih-i-Zarrin-Kiz, and Musa Effendi have arrived. Husayn Effendi, Ruhiyyih Khanum, and the others among the ladies of dignity and grandeur—I convey greetings unto them all, and announce unto them the glad tidings of divine favor. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH08607: O Nabil! Upon thee be the Baha of God…

O Nabil! Upon thee be the Baha of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

The Most Great Glad-Tidings is this: that the words,

> “but He is the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets,”

have reached their consummation in the Day whereon mankind shall arise before the Lord of all worlds. This glad-tiding hath had, and hath, no likeness and no peer. Yet the party of the Shi’ah remaineth in grievous drunkenness.

We beseech God that He may, through His Name, exalt His servants, and that He may ordain for thee the recompense of attaining His presence throughout the ages and the centuries. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Choosing.

On Tuesday the ruling became final. Blessed art thou. The honored Haji—upon him be the Baha of God and His mercy—is remembered and hath attained unto grace. Unto all who dwell in that house, men and women, young and old alike, We send greetings, and We give them glad tidings of the lights of the eternal bestowal.

Baha be upon thee from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08609: O Nur! Upon thee be the peace…

O Nur! Upon thee be the peace of the Wronged One.

We have informed thee of one matter and have announced unto thee glad-tidings of another. The first hath come to pass, and thou hast witnessed the second. Know thou, with the knowledge of certitude, that the lands shall not be stilled save through making amends for that which they have wrought without clear proof from God, the Lord of all the worlds. The appointed term of the commander, the saintly one, hath been fulfilled, and the heart hath been rent; yet the Cause is in the hand of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And in this hour We give thee another glad-tiding: that since His Majesty the Sultan hath held fast unto that which is right and hath spent his comfort for the uplifting of the Word of unity, God will surely aid him, and his condition shall not be altered.

We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him to serve His Faith, to assist him with the hosts of heaven and earth, and to ordain for him the good of the life to come and of this first life below. Verily, He is the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. There is none other God but He, the Hearer, the Answerer, and worthy of answering.

BH11664: In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon…

In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon of heaven!

O ʿAziz! Praise God for having enabled thee to attain the presence of Him Who was hidden within God's knowledge and inscribed in the Books of the Messengers. Behold the loving-kindness of God and His mercy. He beareth witness from His most exalted horizon to thy glory, thy turning towards Him, and thy dedication on a Day whereon the foundations of every doubter were shaken. Rejoice that thy glory hath been mentioned at the Praiseworthy Spot and hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. We have forsaken mention of the glory of the glorious ones in this outer world and have instead mentioned thy glory in such wise as shall endure throughout the eternity of My mighty, invincible Kingdom. Blessed is the glory confirmed by My Most Exalted Pen; naught else is mentioned before thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak when He entered the garden at this radiant dawn. Glory be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH11547: Even this much that has been mentioned was solely…

Even this much that has been mentioned was solely to establish proof, so that they might realize at least this much—that this earth will never be devoid of a manifest proof, and what prevents its manifestation and appearance in this age and era are the evil souls of the people.

And as for making this noble science a criterion—since in other sciences the door of dispute remains open and the crookedness of people's natures is evident, while this noble science leads to direct experience and witnessing, and inevitably distinguishes truth from falsehood, even though these deniers are such that "if they should see every sign, they would not believe in it" and would say "this is but evident sorcery."

BH11896: O Jamaliyyih! Upon thee be the glory of God…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Jamaliyyih! Upon thee be the glory of God and His favors and bounty. I bear witness that thou hast attained the presence before My face and hast been successful in serving Me throughout the nights and days, such that neither did weariness overtake thee in the service of thy Lord, nor did any circumstance prevent thee from serving Me and standing before My countenance. Rejoice in the testimony of My Most Exalted Pen and say:

> "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, glory be unto Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven and manifested thereby the mysteries of the realm of power, to assist me to be steadfast in

Thy love and Thy remembrance and Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful."

The glory from Our presence be upon thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf and one who circled round Me in the evening and at dawn, and upon every handmaiden who hath attained to this mighty and wondrous Cause and who hath, for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, observed thy station.

BH09131: O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon thee be My Glory! Thy letter…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon thee be My Glory! Thy letter was received and considered. We heard thy call and have responded with this most exalted, most holy Tablet. Say:

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward Thee, facing the lights of Thy countenance, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs, Thy mighty announcement and Thy ancient Cause, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in Thy worlds. Verily Thou knowest my poverty, my want, my distress and my lowliness, and what I have and what I know not of what Thou hast. Thou art verily the All-Powerful, the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon thy sisters and upon every maidservant who hath attained in the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08905: The Day of God hath come, which Moses…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker.

The Day of God hath come, which Moses the Interlocutor foretold, and after Him the Spirit (Christ), and after Him Muhammad the Apostle of God through His words "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." O Abdul-Husayn! Upon thee be My peace and My glory. Should anyone ask thee about the Glory (Baha), say: He is beneath the claws of hatred. Blessed art thou, for God hath made thee the bearer of tidings of the two Luminaries imprisoned without any proof from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The Glory and the Light shining from the horizon of Revelation be upon thee and upon them and upon every steadfast and firm one, and upon every resolute and trustworthy one. Gladden those bearing the name of Jud through the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to preserve them and aid them through His sovereignty. Verily He is the Powerful, the Almighty.

BH09106: In My Most Ancient, Most Glorious Name

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O thou Leaf, the crimson Leaf! Rejoice in that thy Best-Beloved, the All-Glorious, remembereth theea€"He, the Wronged One Who hath borne tribulations in the love of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. Say thou:

Praised be to Thee, O Thou Who hast revealed to me Thy lofty Horizon, aided me to recognize Thy most exalted Word, and drawn me nigh unto the station wherein the Ocean of Thy Oneness hath surged, shedding forth from its horizon the light of Thy unity. O my God! How can I render thanks to Thee for having blessed me with Thy generosity, assisted me to find the fragrance of Thy garment, and helped me to attain the cup which hath been proffered by the hand of Thy bestowal? I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and help me to remember Thy verses in such wise that worldly affairs will not prevent me from turning my gaze towards Thee. Thou art verily the Forgiver of sins and the Most Merciful.

BH08746: For some time now, the inhabitants of the heavens…

In the name of the Peerless Beloved!

For some time now, the inhabitants of the heavens and earth have been intoxicated, and the splendors of the Sun of trial and test have shone forth upon all things. O friends of God! Be ye detached from the mention of the world through His remembrance, and be free from the remembrance of all in the realms of creation through His memory. Be not grieved by the tribulations that have befallen you. Ere long will the sun of joy dawn from the horizon of divine victory, and the breezes of might shall pass, and the pavilion of glory shall be raised up, and the sign of God's triumph shall encompass all creation, and the point of tyranny shall be erased from the tablet of existence. This is a promise that shall not prove false. God willing, may you ever dwell beneath the shade of His loving-kindness and repose in the shadow of the Tree of His mercy. And the glory be upon you.

BH09183: He it is Who shineth forth in splendour…

He it is Who shineth forth in splendour from the supreme horizon!

O My handmaiden! How many the men who, throughout the centuries and ages, expectantly awaited the promised Manifestation; yet, when His radiance dawned above the horizon of the world, all turned away from Him but for a few. Every handmaiden who attaineth unto the recognition of the King of Names, is accounted in the Book of God a true man, and so recorded by the Pen of the Most High. Yield thou thanks unto the Best-Beloved of the world, for having graciously assisted thee to recognize the Dayspring of His perspicuous signs, and the Dawning-Place of His undoubted proofs. Great is this bounty, and mighty this bestowal. Do thou preserve it in the Name of the one true God.

Verily doth the Wronged One make mention in this station of His other handmaiden, and giveth her the glad-tidings of the favors of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. The glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

BH09071: O Abu'l-Hasan! Engage in trade in such wise…

…O Abu'l-Hasan! Engage in trade in such wise that neither shall its profit gladden thee nor its loss grieve thee. Be content in all conditions with what has been ordained for thee from the Pen of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting…. O Abu'l-Hasan! Consider commerce as the heaven whose sun is trustworthiness and whose moon is truthfulness. Commerce is a heaven whose sun is trustworthiness

and whose moon is truthfulness. Trustworthiness is mentioned as the most glorious of all things before the Truth and is recorded in God's Book. Ask of the Truth that He may cause all to attain unto this most glorious, most exalted station. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH09143: O ʻInayat! Upon thee and upon those with thee…

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

O ʻInayat! Upon thee and upon those with thee be the glory of God and His favors. Husayn, son of My Name, upon both of them be My glory, appeared before the Wronged One with thy letter. We heard thy call and with this blessed Tablet thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. We have heard that which thou didst commune with God through My tongue. Blessed art thou! We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee, honor thee, bestow upon thee, and give thee to drink from the Kawthar of life and whatsoever is befitting this blessed and wondrous Day. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy father and thine uncle and thy mother and the other leaves who have heard the call and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Upon you and upon them be My prayers and My mercy which have preceded existence. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH09073: In My Name through which the ocean of bounty…

In My Name through which the ocean of bounty surged before the faces of all creation

O son of My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We bear witness that thou hast attained unto My Day, hast quaffed the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty, and hast heard My sweetest call and the shrilling of My most exalted Pen. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which Thou didst guide the nations unto the shore of the ocean of Thy Revelation, and gavest them to drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of Thy grace and bounty, to ordain for me, by Thy most glorious Pen, that which Thou hast ordained for the company of the pure in heart. Rain down then upon me, from the clouds of Thy favour, the showers of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are held the reins of the former and the latter generations. Praise be to Thee, O God of all worlds and Desire of the hearts of them that have attained unto true knowledge.

BH09110: O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One!…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Bestower of gifts and favors!

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! O Rida! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings. At the mere news of this propitious event, setting aside outward limitations and conventional bounds observed among men, she hath been named with the most excellent of names as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to preserve her and protect her, and to manifest through her that which hath been manifested from among those men who have drawn nigh unto God. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Most Exalted. There can be no doubt, nor doth any uncertainty exist, that the one who

is assisted and confirmed will manifest in every realm of her being that which will exalt her through His Name among His handmaidens and servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

BH09115: O My fruit! Verily the Divine Lote-Tree desireth…

He is the Everlasting, the Eternal, Who speaketh before all faces.

O My fruit! Verily the Divine Lote-Tree desireth to raise thee up through its sovereignty, and draw thee nigh through its bounty and its hosts, and cause thee to hear its sweetest call and the shrill voice of its Most Exalted Pen. Grieve thou not over anything, for verily He is with thee and will help thee through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and made known unto me Thy Great Announcement and given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the choice wine of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee, by the breezes of Thy Revelation and the mysteries of Thy Cause, to open before my face, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the doors of grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The Glory rest upon thee and upon those who love thee in the path of God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

BH09144: He speaketh as He willeth

He speaketh as He willeth.

O My Most Great Branch! Thy letter hath been presented unto this Wronged One, and We have heard that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the worlds.

We have made Thee a shelter for all mankind, a shield unto all who are in heaven and on earth, a stronghold for whosoever hath believed in God, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing. God grant that through Thee He may protect them, may enrich and sustain them, that He may inspire Thee with that which shall be a wellspring of wealth unto all created things, an ocean of bounty unto all men, and the dayspring of mercy unto all peoples.

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

We beseech Him to water through thee the earth and all that is therein, that there may grow from it the herbs of wisdom and utterance and the hyacinths of knowledge and understanding. He, verily, is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him and the Helper of whosoever calleth upon Him. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised One.

BH09105: O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One!…

In the name of the one incomparable, almighty God.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Great is this day and the manifestation of favor from the horizon of the heaven of supreme grace is most glorious. We have desired at this time to adorn thee with a light that neither alteration shall overtake nor setting follow. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of all who dwell in the kingdom of names! I beseech Thee by the effulgences of the Daystar of Thy Will whereby the heaven of Thy knowledge and the earth of Thy purpose were illumined, to open before my face, through the key of Thy Most Great Name, the door of bounty and bestowal. Then make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. By My life and by God's Cause! The treasures of the world and whatsoever is with the kings and rulers cannot equal this Tablet.

BH08841: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This…

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is Thy servant whom Thou hast related unto Thyself and made him one of the twigs of the Tree of Thy singleness and one of the leaves of the Lote-Tree of Thy oneness. O Lord! Since Thou hast honored him with this supreme gift and this greatest bounty, enable him to do that which Thou lovest and pleasest, and assist him with Thy confirmations, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of earth and heaven. Kindle within his heart the fire of Thy love in such wise that through its flame the world may be set ablaze, that he may forget all else save Thee, and find intimate communion with Thy remembrance and love. For this befitteth him in the presence of the radiance of the lights of Thy countenance, and is worthy of his relationship to Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds. Moreover, assign him an excellent seat with Thee, and aid him in his affairs, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of all things. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

BH08808: My remembrance unto My leaf who hath turned unto…

He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

My remembrance unto My leaf who hath turned unto the horizon from which hath shone forth the Day-Star of My Name, the Lord of all names. She did drink the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of her Lord, the Most Merciful, at a time when men were wrapped in heedlessness and dissension. She took hold of the Book of God with a strength from Him and testified to that which God Himself had testified in the return: that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Most Exalted. We make mention of thee and of those handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen, and We glorify thee and them and those whom neither the doubts of the people of the Bayan nor the clamor of every froward denier have kept back. O My leaf! We counsel thee and My handmaidens to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of creation, may be exalted. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have not broken the Covenant.

BH08926: Your name hath been mentioned before the Throne…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Your name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee that which rejoiceth the hearts of them that are endowed with understanding. He is verily the Sword of God amongst His servants and His mercy unto the righteous. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle which We have manifested in the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent Him with the truth with

sovereignty and power. Is there any doubt concerning Him? Nay, by His own Self, the Truth! Is there any uncertainty about Him? Nay, by His own Self, the All-Bountiful! He hath appeared in such wise that none can deny Him save him who hath denied God and His proof throughout all eternity.

Thus hath the Dove of Paradise warbled upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, from thy Lord, the Almighty, the Compeller. Render thanks unto thy Lord in all conditions and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me whilst I was in the clutches of the wicked ones.

BH08975: The Book of the All-Merciful hath been sent down…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

The Book of the All-Merciful hath been sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. It commandeth the people to justice and to that which God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Say: O people, fear ye God! Take hold of that which ye have been bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. O My Afnan! Lo, We call them unto God while they call Us to their desires. Know of a certainty they are among the most lost. Say: He heareth not your call, nor walketh in your ways. Verily His is a straight path whereunto He guideth all. He, verily, is powerful over all things. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and blessed is he who hath loved you for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon thee from One Who is the All-Powerful, the All-Mighty.

BH09025: Be not disquieted by separation. By God! Through your…

He is the All-Sufficing.

Be not disquieted by separation. By God! Through your parting the pillars of the Word have been rent asunder, the columns of majesty have trembled, and the life of the inmates of Paradise hath been altered—as though the letter Kaf had been cleft apart and torn away from its beloved Nun.

Be patient, O handmaid of God; then again, be patient. Put thy trust in God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsistent. How many of My handmaidens have We tried, even as We have tried this one, and Our mercy took them suddenly while they were unaware.

Grieve not, then, for the afflictions that have touched thee. Ere long will God transmute thy sorrow into the Greatest Joy, and will send down that which shall unburden thy heart, whilst those who are far off shall be filled with consternation.

Call thou upon God, thy Lord, in the darkness of night and the brightness of day, that He may cause to descend upon thee, from the clouds of His bounty, that whereby thy heart shall find repose, and the hearts of those who are assured of the signs of their Lord.

BH11665: Praise be to the Court of the Intended One…

Praise be to the Court of the Intended One, Whom neither the opposition and objection of the world nor the indifference and denial of nations could deter from His all-conquering, all-subduing purpose….

…the ignorant one of the land of Kaf and Ra inflicted upon the Exalted One—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—that which the pen is ashamed to mention. Each year a book of refutation emerged from the treasury of his heedlessness. Likewise did the author of Nasikhu't-Tawarikh write concerning that Exalted Being that which no idolater has ever uttered. Some have become confused about certain matters, while others are aflame with the fire of jealousy and hatred, saying that which they do not comprehend. God shall soon erase their traces, their names and their mentions, and shall establish what He desires. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Unconstrained….

BH08646: Praise be to God, and peace and blessings be…

He is God, exalted be He in wisdom and utterance

Praise be to God, and peace and blessings be upon His Prophets who carried out what they were commanded by Him. He is verily the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. And furthermore, regarding the matter of not wearing the veil that you mentioned—the claimant brought a letter to prove his claim, and since the letter was from another person it was burned. This action is not pleasing, for you must follow the example of God, exalted be His glory. Today, moral character is among the hosts of God. It is hoped that through this you will render assistance to God's Cause. We beseech God in all circumstances to aid you and enable you to do what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones and does not allow the reward of the doers of good to be lost. It would have been more pleasing in the sight of God if you had informed him in a loving manner.

BH08743: O thou who journeyest unto God and emigratest toward…

He is the All-Glorious

O thou who journeyest unto God and emigratest toward Him! Praise be to the Eternal Beloved that thou hast reached the shore of the Most Great Sea and arrived at the abode of immortality, and art numbered among those souls who, at the end of their journeys, discovered the True Ka'bah and ultimate Goal. How many souls rushed forth into the deadly wilderness and were consumed by the heat of deprivation, never tasting a drop of the wine of reunion from the hand of the Cup-bearer of attainment, while you, through the favor of the Most Glorious Beloved, have entered beneath the sheltering shade of the Tree of the Uttermost End. This is a bounty that hath ever been the ultimate desire of the denizens of the Supreme Concourse. Therefore, speak forth in praise of thy Ancient Lord for what He hath bestowed upon thee through His grace and favor, for indeed His favor toward thee is great.

BH08757: Free from the least trace of doubt or uncertainty…

He is God, exalted be His glory.

Free from the least trace of doubt or uncertainty, man hath been brought into being for fellowship and for meeting; the very advent of man beareth witness thereto, and the power of seeking hath been implanted in all things. This is of man's very nature. Thus is it clear and manifest that this Wronged One seeketh that which your honor seeketh likewise. Yet the light of fairness lieth veiled behind the clouds,

and the day-star of justice remaineth hidden behind its coverings; wherefore the vain imaginings of men have become a barrier and an obstacle.

In such a case I crave pardon of your honor. My hope is this: that the affection which hath in these days become manifest may not be effaced or taken away, and that this friendship may remain eternal and enduring in the book of the world. Fidelity is beloved. Blessed is he whom God adorneth therewith.

BH08762: These are the verses of Command, sent down…

These are the verses of Command, sent down in truth; and verily, they are the most exalted. Ere long will God, through them, bring into being a people whom none shall recognize, and whom the eyes of those who have turned away from the Ancient Countenance shall be powerless to behold; for upon their faces shall appear the radiance of holiness from this Most Ancient Outlook.

And as for thee, O handmaid of God, safeguard thyself in those days when the dust of hypocrisy hath encompassed all the horizons. Then hold fast unto this cord, whereunto the temples of glory have clung while seated upon shining seats of sanctity.

And when sorrow toucheth thee, rejoice in My sovereignty, the All-Subduing, the All-Powerful. Beware lest thou grieve for aught. Put thy trust, in all thine affairs, in My true Self; this is better for thee than all things, and than whatsoever hath been decreed between earth and heaven.

BH08769: We send greetings to Jinab-i-Nazir. We beseech God…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

We send greetings to Jinab-i-Nazir. We beseech God to unite what has been separated from him and to grant him good in the hereafter and in this world. We wrote two letters regarding his people, but both before and after, Jinab-i-Amin and Mirza Mihdi gave news of disappointment, and according to Mirza Mihdi's letter they have turned towards Yazd. That same letter was sent, but Jinab-i-Nazir should not be grieved. Firstly, because no relationship is worthy of mention in relation to the Truth, and secondly, they can still return from Yazd. We beseech the True One to manifest that which is the cause of the greatest joy. Verily He is the Powerful, verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

BH08775: Hamid, in one station, is a name of God…

He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Hamid, in one station, is a name of God, and in another station, a name pertaining unto the creature. Should the true Sovereign make this Hamid the manifestation of His own name, the All-Praised, an entire world would adorn itself beneath the shadow of the Tree of mercy. Yet, by reason of the pride of sovereignty and dominion, this is passing difficult. The matter lieth in the hand of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O my God, my God! Since Thy Book hath given glad tidings of this Revelation, make known unto Thy servants that for which they were created. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, and Thou art the Mighty, the Omnipotent. O Lord! Deprive not Thy creatures of this Most Great Ocean. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world, by the Most Great Name, to aid him whom Thou hast honored by Thy Tablet and for whom Thou hast sent down Thy Word. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

BH08821: Glory be to Thee, O my God, the God…

In the Name of Him Who overshadoweth all names!

Glory be to Thee, O my God, the God of all created things and the Educator of all contingent beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause which hath encompassed all things in existence, and by the Call which hath been raised by Thy command, O Lord of names and attributes, to assist Thy handmaiden who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy Revelation to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy handmaidens. Then open before her face the gate of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest and the Speaker amongst all created things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory and praise and remembrance and honor be upon Thee, O my leaf, and upon those handmaidens who turned to God when the Cause was manifested and the Call was raised, and who attained unto that which the radiant leaf attained, she who aided the Cause of God before the face of the Lord upon the snow-white spot.

BH08832: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

In the name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Inaccessible

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, which was made to suffer at the hands of the idolaters among Thy creatures and was encompassed by sorrows from every direction in such wise as cannot be described in words, to enable me to remember Thee and praise Thee in these days wherein all have turned away from Thy beauty and opposed Thee and shown pride before the Manifestation of Thy Cause. O my Lord! I see no helper other than Thee, and no supporter besides Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and remembrance, and this is what lies within my power. Verily Thou knowest what is within my soul, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! Deprive me not of the splendors of the light of Thy countenance, whereby the horizons have been illumined. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

BH08856: Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Lord…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Lord and my Support and my Beloved and my Heart's Desire and the Object of the desire of them that are nigh unto Thee! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and by Thy irrevocable Command, and Thy straight Path, and Thy perspicuous Book, and by the lights of Thy countenance and the breezes of Thy Revelation and the mysteries of Thy knowledge, that Thou ordain for Thy servant every good and every bounty and every mercy which Thou hast sent down in the tablets of Thy glory for them that are nigh unto Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Wise. O Lord!

Open before my face the doors of Thy grace and bounty. I testify that in Thy grasp is the key to every mighty door. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, and Thou art the All-Wise, and Thou art the All-Commanding, the All-Informed.

May the glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's Kingdom be upon thee and upon every truthful, faithful one.

BH08860: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all being…

He is the Comforter, the Consoler, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all being and Ruler of the seen and the unseen! I implore Thee by the tongue from which the springs of wisdom have gushed forth in the world of creation, and by the heart which Thou hast made the repository of Thy knowledge and Thy mysteries, and the treasury of Thy wisdom and Thy verses, to send down, at all times, upon him who hath ascended unto Thee the rain of Thy mercy and the showers of Thy providence. Thou art the One to Whose bounty every tongue hath testified, and to Whose grace every eloquent speaker hath born witness. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Praised.

Furthermore, We entreat Thee, O God of the world, to destine for those who are related to him that which shall draw them nigh unto Thee under all conditions. Thou, verily, art the All-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. No God is there save Thee, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

BH08863: All praise be unto the Almighty, the Sanctified-glorified be…

He is God, blessed and exalted is He

All praise be unto the Almighty, the Sanctified-glorified be His power-Who hath ordained that the tyranny of the unjust and the violence of the oppressors should become the means whereby the true lovers draw nigh unto the glorious habitation of the Best-Beloved and the sincere among His servants attain the Paradise of communion with Him Who is the Desire of all men, and that sufferings and tribulations should serve as the instrument whereby His Word of command is spread abroad and the standards of His praise are unfurled in all regions.

How great is His transcendent power, how immensely exalted His all-embracing Will, inasmuch as He produceth light from fire and joy from sorrow.

They that are sunk in heedlessness fondly imagine that massacre and crucifixion cause the fire of the Word of God to be extinguished, and regard martyrdom as a devastating injury. They are utterly oblivious of the truth that through such afflictions the Cause of God is exalted, its fame is blazoned far and wide, and the martyrs themselves are enabled to attain the boundless retreats of nearness unto God. Immeasurably exalted is the Lord of Wisdom Who doeth that which He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.

BH08893: The world hath been transformed: the mountain walketh upon…

The world hath been transformed: the mountain walketh upon its way, the sun uttereth speech, and the trembling of the Manifestation hath stirred the Sinai of revelation to motion. Glorified be God! It is as though the Resurrection were established and the Hour laid bare before men's eyes. The misleader hath become a guide!

Say: what hast thou to do with such vain imaginings and grievous errors? God have mercy upon one who knew his own measure and station. At the time when the names were bestowed upon the world, thou wast not. Fear thou God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Speak according to thine own degree. And if We will, We take from the dust and manifest from it names after names until the names and their kingdoms end. Indeed when you are thunderstruck by this compelling Word, it matters not, for according to the blessed word revealed from the Dawning-Place of the Primal Point—upon Him be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings—even those who stood at Sinai are thunderstruck, let alone those below them, as is clear and evident.

BH09070: Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator…

He is the Compassionate, the Generous

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by them who circle round Thy throne, O Lord of all being and Master of the seen and unseen, to assist Thy handmaiden and leaf that her mention may endure in Thy kingdom. Thou art the One Who, O my God, hast related Thy chosen ones to Thy Tree. Ordain for them, both men and women, that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Send down Thy blessings, O my God, upon those who have attained the blessing of recognizing Thee in Thy days, who have turned unto Thee and have drunk the choice sealed wine of revelation from the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge and their faces with the radiance of Thy countenance. Then ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09174: O Yehuda! Praise thou the Object of the adoration…

He is God!

O Yehuda! Praise thou the Object of the adoration of the world Who hath aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His inspiration. While like unto the pole of the divines of Iran, namely Shaykh Muhammad Hasan, he slipped from the path and returned to his former station. Glory be to God! Every day the blessed words "He maketh your highest to be the lowest among you, and your lowest to be the highest" are witnessed and made manifest.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained and been adorned with the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Now one matter remaineth, and that is steadfastness in the love of God. Many are the atheists,

numberless are the barking ones, traitors exist, and thieves are manifest. We beseech God to preserve thee and His loved ones from the evil of these people. They have denied the signs of God, and His sovereignty, and His greatness, and His power, and they were among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH11666: All praise, glorification, mention and utterance befitteth the Object…

All praise, glorification, mention and utterance befitteth the Object of all creation, Who hath graciously aided His handmaidens and guided them until they attained unto the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. How many among the great ones and the learned are today heedless of the Self-Subsisting and deprived of the Choice Wine that is sealed. This is the meaning of the former word which declareth:

> "He maketh the highest to be lowest, and the lowest to be highest."

His loving-kindness hath encompassed all, His mercy hath preceded all things, and He hath created countless means whereby He might lead that honored handmaiden, through the attraction of His call, to the Most Exalted Horizon. He is the One Who hath power to draw the faithful to the heaven of nearness and to consign the wayward to the nethermost fire. His is the power, the strength, the majesty and the glory. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High….

BH11667: O My loved ones in Faran! The All-Merciful remembereth…

In the Name of Him through Whom surged the ocean of utterance!

O My loved ones in Faran! The All-Merciful remembereth you in these days wherein the Sun of inner meanings hath dawned from the horizon of utterance by the command of God, the Lord of Religions. Break ye the idols of idle fancies by the arm of certitude, then make mention of your Lord with joy and fragrance. Be thou speaking in My remembrance, enkindled with the fire of My love, turning unto My countenance, and facing toward Mine horizon which God hath made the Dayspring of lights.

Say: This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of proof and evidence, could ye but understand it. Arise to aid the Cause and be not of them that perceive not. The glory shining from My horizon be upon thee and upon thy brother who was mentioned before the Throne, and upon those who have attained unto this irrevocable Cause.

BH11668: O Ali-Muhammad! Mention of thee hath been made before…

He is the Witness from His Most Exalted Horizon!

O Ali-Muhammad! Mention of thee hath been made before the Wronged One. If thou wert to discover the fruit of this utterance, thou wouldst, for as long as thou livest, utter "Thine is the praise, O God of all the worlds!" Know thou the value of the mention of God, and through His Name adorn thyself with the ornament of spiritual virtues. Goodly character is, each and every one, a helper of the Truth.

In diverse Tablets We have enjoined upon the servants amity, trustworthiness, faithfulness, love, compassion, and unity. Blessed is he who hath with the ear of reality hearkened unto the divine counsels and acted in accordance therewith.

Be thou thankful unto the Desired One of the world and say: Unto Thee be praise, unto Thee be thanks, unto Thee be glory, unto Thee be fidelity, unto Thee be splendor, unto Thee be light, O Thou the Desired One of the worlds and the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!

BH11898: O Ibrahim! We have desired to make mention…

He is God!

O Ibrahim! We have desired to make mention of thee and to remind thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds, and to counsel thee regarding trustworthiness and chastity and whatsoever God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the hearts of Thy servants and illumined their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, to enable me to visit Thy Sacred House and to act in such wise as would cause my remembrance to endure amongst all remembrances. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Unconstrained.

We make mention of two handmaidens and counsel them to remember and praise God and to act according to that which they have been bidden by God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for them that which He hath ordained for His devoted handmaidens. He, verily, is the Revealer of verses and the Lord of names and attributes.

BH11845: Hearken, O handmaiden who art extinguished in the glory…

Hearken, O handmaiden who art extinguished in the glory of the deep and surging sea of fidelity, if thou art of the devoted ones! Turn not to anyone except God if thou art of those who draw nigh. Gaze upon the countenance of Beauty if thou art of those who witness, and testify in thy heart that verily He is the True One, there is no God but Him, and be not of the corrupt ones.

As mentioned, some corruption hath appeared from you, and this is unworthy of your station. Most assuredly make amends for this corruption, for today the True One will not be well pleased with you save through redressing what hath gone before. God is witness that grievous injury hath in truth befallen you.

BH09586: This is a Book unto her who hath believed…

He is the Mighty, the Beauteous!

This is a Book unto her who hath believed in God and was numbered among the devoted ones in the Mother Book. O handmaiden of God! Be thou patient in whatsoever befalleth thee, and be not distressed by anything. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds together. Grieve not over this world and whatsoever occurreth therein, and hold fast unto the sanctified and blessed handle. Thus doth the Tongue of God make mention of thee, that thou mayest detach thyself from all things and turn unto

the direction of God, a station of praised nearness. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth with His mercy, that the grace may be from Him precedent unto the worlds. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those women who remember God, their Lord, in every eventide and dawn.

BH09682: In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Ali! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and hast attained the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast been under the glance of divine favor, and unto thee hath been directed the gaze of God from this glorious station. Be thou steadfast in My Cause. By the life of God! We shall soon make manifest the recompense of deeds in such wise that every tongue shall exclaim: “Blessed be God, the Recompenser, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the All-Wise!” We counsel thee to preserve this station and whatsoever shall elevate thy rank in this mighty Cause. Convey My greetings unto thy father and thy brother and unto those with him. Soon shall a Tablet be revealed for him which shall testify that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH09640: O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My…

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance, who art mentioned by My Pen, and who soarest in My atmosphere! The Greater Branch hath appeared before My countenance and made mention of thee and of My loved ones whom thou didst mention in thy letter. We have mentioned each one of them with that which hath diffused the fragrance of grace and bounty. We beseech God to attract them through His verses, to draw them nigh unto the court of His glory, and to sanctify them from that which beseemeth not His loved ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as God hath made thee the cause of the deliverance of His servants and the savior of His creation from the well of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He, verily, is the Confirmer, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH09190: We beseech from the Ocean of Bounty, the Lord…

In the Name of the One Incomparable Friend!

We beseech from the Ocean of Bounty, the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, that He may, at all times, bestow upon His chosen ones and His sincere servants a portion of the sealed wine which hath been unsealed through His blessed Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O thou who hearkeneth unto My call and cleaveth fast unto My Cord! This Day is the Day of assistance and the Day of attraction. Ye must hold fast unto wisdom and utterance in capturing hearts and souls. This is the decisive Command which hath descended from the direction of the Most Great Name. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that are firmly established.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH09683: O ʿAndalib! Forget not My remembrance of thee, nor…

He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

O ʿAndalib! Forget not My remembrance of thee, nor My care for thee, nor My grace unto thee, nor My compassion toward thee. Cast away that which would abase thee, and take fast hold of that which shall exalt thee. Every day He is engaged in a matter: He abaseth some and uplifteth others. The eye of My mercy weepeth for thee; by the life of God, My sorrow on thy behalf is great.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and to bestow upon thee that which beseemeth thee in these days of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cling thou unto the cord of grace and forgiveness, holding fast to the hem of His Name, the Generous. Call thou thyself to account before Me. Verily, the Wronged One desireth to behold thee sanctified from all that ill befitteth thee, and standing firm and steadfast in this mighty Cause.

BH09606: O Ism-i-Jud! The letter of the Afnan, upon him…

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

O Ism-i-Jud! The letter of the Afnan, upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness, was received and is accounted in the presence of the Wronged One among exalted words, for from the Lote-Tree of his mention is kindled the fire of love and from his praise wafts the fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he and blessed are they who have attained. We beseech God to draw the servants through him to His most exalted horizon and supreme height. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. He has ever been and continues to be remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Peace and glory be upon him and upon those with him and upon those who love him and hearken to his words.

BH09219: Today each hour of the day proclaims at…

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

Today each hour of the day proclaims at the highest pitch: “By the life of God, the Hour has come, yet the people perceive it not!” And every minute cries out saying: “The Day of God has arrived, yet the people understand it not!” The heedlessness of the people has reached such a state that they have turned away from One Who has sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will verses sublime and wondrous, equivalent to all previous Books, and they occupy themselves with their own vain imaginings. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm thee with such steadfastness that the tempests of doubts and the storms of idle fancies may not move thee. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

BH09612: O Ismi Mihdi! The servant in attendance read…

He is God!

O Ismi Mihdi! The servant in attendance read the letter from Afnan A. and H., upon him be My glory, which he sent to you. God willing, may they ever be nourished by the fruits of the Tree of divine knowledge, gaze toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, and arise to serve the Cause.

This matter is one that has had and has no likeness or parallel. Its effects remain concealed due to the world's lack of capacity, but the Mighty, the Trustworthy shall make them manifest.

We send Our greetings upon him and upon the Afnans there and upon those whose names were mentioned in his letter. Praise be to God, they have attained to the recognition of Truth, of which most of the world remains deprived, and act according to His command. By My life, this is a mighty station with thy Lord, the Exalted, the Great.

BH09637: In My Name, the Commander, the All-Wise, before…

In My Name, the Commander, the All-Wise, before the faces of all who are in heaven and on earth!

O My loved ones in Shiraz! The Supreme Pen hath testified and doth testify at all times that He is the Single One, the One, the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

We have bestowed the custodianship of the Holy House upon the Most Exalted Leaf, consort of the Primal Point, and upon her sister—upon both of them be the glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness. This custodianship hath been granted to that House by God. Thus have We adorned it with the ornament of grace and confirmed the decree with My seal, the Mighty, the Beloved. This honor and bounty hath been specifically granted to the sister and her descendants, from God, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH09371: Glorified is He Who hath created all things…

In the name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

Glorified is He Who hath created all things for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Dayspring of His grace and the Source of His commandments and ordinances, Who hath sent down His proof and made manifest His path and guided the people unto that which profiteth them. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

O Kamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant who hath turned unto Thee, and hath acknowledged the sanctity of Thy Being from all likeness and the immunity of Thy Essence from all similitude. I beseech Thee by Him through the light of Whose countenance the heavens were illumined and through the fragrance of Whose raiment Yathrib and Batha were perfumed, to ordain for me all the good Thou hast ordained in Thy Book for Thy loved ones. Thou, verily, art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH09597: This is a Day wherein the Spirit calleth out…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Witness, the All-Informed.

This is a Day wherein the Spirit calleth out in this wilderness, saying: "Here am I, here am I, O Beloved of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" When thou hast received My Tablet, turn thy face toward God, the Help in Peril, the Self-

Subsisting. 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 binding Command whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of the nations, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy generosity, O Lord of eternity. Then make me so steadfast in Thy service that nothing shall deter me and no affair shall weaken me. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.”

BH11669: O son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory…

In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over what was and what shall be!

O son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness, My mercy and My grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Bear thou witness unto that which My Most Exalted Pen hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. I have appeared and made manifest that which was recorded in the Books of God and treasured up in His knowledge; yet most of the people are as dead.

We bear witness that thou wast present and didst see, hear, and make mention of My servants, both men and women, and We have revealed for each and every one that which cannot be equaled by the treasuries of kings. He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book doth testify to this.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto the cord of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious.

BH09593: In the Name of Him through Whom was opened…

In the Name of Him through Whom was opened the gate of bounty to all who are in earth and heaven! This is a Book that speaketh the truth and summoneth all peoples unto God, the Lord of the worlds. This is a Tablet which God hath made the bearer of His verses and the Dawning-Place of His grace, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Mount of Thy knowledge, and by Him Who conversed upon it, and by the Tree of Thy utterance and that which Thou didst reveal unto it through Thy power and sovereignty, to ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! Deny me not from standing before the gate of Thy grandeur, and make me not bereft of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Protector of all in the heavens and on earth.

BH09325: His honor Husayn, upon him be My glory…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

His honor Husayn, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, submitted your letter to the Most Holy Court, and it was illumined by the light of the presence and glance of the Lord of all beings. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed upon Sinai, Who has ascended the throne of manifestation, and by the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, and by Thy Greatest Name whereby Thou

hast subdued the cities of names, to open before my face the door of Thy bounty, Thy grace, Thy might and Thy wealth. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. The doubts of the doubtful cannot hinder Thee, nor the cawing of the crows, nor can the oppressors' might frighten Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH09566: A Tablet has been revealed and sent down…

A Tablet has been revealed and sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for His Honor the Deputy Governor—deliver it to him. Likewise, the petitions that were sent have attained the Most Holy Court and all have been favored with replies, however the reply to each one has been inscribed at the top of the petitions themselves. In truth, all the petitions have been crowned with the utterances of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed are they who have attained to the grace of God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Similarly, a Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for Jinab-i-Gudraz, and mention has also been made therein of Jinab-i-Rashid the Martyr. In truth, the utmost favor concerning them both has been manifested in that Tablet. Blessed be they both.

BH09189: From the beginning of creation We willed, and lo!…

From the beginning of creation We willed, and lo! the ocean of bounty came into being. The divine wind arose, fraught with an inward heat. The sea was stirred to motion; from that motion grace was made manifest, and from that grace fire appeared. Two became four, and from that four the world was unveiled. This is but one stage of creation in one world among the worlds.

BH09194: The causes of rancor and hatred have appeared…

The causes of rancor and hatred have appeared on every side. Some have purposed to efface the Book of the Bayan revealed by the Bab; and now all are occupied therewith. Their aim is this: to blot out the grace of this Most Great Baha'i Revelation. Yet the Book of the Bayan itself proclaimeth that which the Qur'an had ordained. God is witness and the Truth testifieth that this Wronged One, in bearing afflictions and trials beyond all reckoning, hath had no purpose save the comfort of humankind, their freedom, and the extinguishing of the fire of malevolence.

And further, the mention of this Wronged One is set forth therein in such wise that no man hath had, nor hath now, any room for denial or objection. The request of this servant is that, if the Bayan be found in those pages, they should take it up and preserve it.

BH09199: Praise be unto God Who hath adorned man…

Praise be unto God Who hath adorned man with the ornament of utterance, and hath taught him the mystery of what hath been and of all that is within the realm of being, through His saying: "He created man; He taught him speech."

By "man," in that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Furqan, is intended the Mystery of His self-subsisting Being, the object of the adoration of His oneness, the all-embracing Word of light, the spirit of

the Kingdom, and the primal, everlasting radiance. He is the gulf whereby God hath quickened the earth after its death, and the light whereby earth and heaven have been illumined.

He is the first adornment and the first remembrance. Through Him hath the Trumpet been blown, the decree of resurrection been made manifest, the Herald cried aloud, and all have been gladdened by the advent of the Lord of creation.

BH09203: The nightingale maketh remembrance, the dove extolleth its Creator…

The nightingale maketh remembrance, the dove extolleth its Creator, the cock proclaimeth, and the warbling bird celebrateth its Originator; yet the True One—glorified be His majesty—hath established by proof that He is sanctified above whatsoever is remembered, extolled, described, or praised, and remaineth even as He was from everlasting eternity.

Verily, He is He Who is mentioned in the Books, alluded to in the Scriptures, recorded in the scrolls, and hidden within the treasuries of the Tablets. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst hasten unto Him and didst attain His presence, as thou didst stand at the door.

The very essence of joy hath been stirred by My Most Exalted Word, and the ocean of gladness hath surged by virtue of that light wherewith the horizons have been illumined.

BH09204: O my God! This is Thy servant who hath…

He is the Single, the One, the Eternal!

O my God! This is Thy servant who hath striven with his spirit, his heart, his inner being and his body, until he reached the shore of Thy Most Great Ocean and drank from the pure, flowing waters of reunion at the dawning of the brilliant rays from the Sun of Thy oneness. Therefore, O my God, I beseech Thee by Thy manifest signs in the temples of unity and Thy resplendent traces in the manifestations of oneness, to ordain for him every good thing Thou hast ordained in the kingdom of Thy creation for Thy sincere servants, and to send down upon him the outpourings from the cloud of Thy greatest mercy's heaven. O Thou in Whose hand are the keys of all hearts! For we are all poor at Thy gate and abased before the appearance of Thy might and sovereignty. We possess nothing in Thy kingdom.

BH09267: God willing, through the merciful favor of the All-Merciful…

God willing, through the merciful favor of the All-Merciful, may ye abide glad and joyously serene. We have sent the honored friends that they may acquaint themselves with your condition. In these days the chill of autumn hath prevailed over the heat of summer; the season for seclusion in the house hath arrived, and the time for turning one's steps toward the wilderness and for strolling in the open fields hath passed. Attendance in the divine Presence and return unto the primal Refuge are more meet and more beloved. May Diya abide with splendor.

O Badiʿ! Thy place is empty. A little bread hath been sent; partake thereof. Samadiyyih, God willing, will set out for the divine quarter. Khahib and Dilʿ-i-Vada should remain occupied in service.

Glory be upon you.

BH09273: God willing, the fire of separation shall, through…

God willing, the fire of separation shall, through the blessed Word, be transmuted for them into coolness and peace, and the fire of the divine Lote-Tree shall so seize them that every dweller in repose will be stirred to movement, every smouldering one kindled into flame, and every rigid thing melted and set flowing.

He, verily, is potent to do whatsoever He willeth, and He is the mindful, the compassionate, the gracious. At such times as thou wert in the precincts of the mansion, thou wert observed, and likewise in the prison, standing over against the gate. Their condition remaineth even as it was. With an eye that slumber seizeth not, he beheld and observed.

We send thee our greetings and magnify thee, and likewise those who have clung to the Most Firm Handle and held fast to the hem of the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09284: O God! In the darksome nights, upon the lofty…

O God! In the darksome nights, upon the lofty mountains, I remembered Thee and sang Thy praise. Thy remembrance kindled my soul, and the hope of beholding Thee quickened and renewed it. Though I would hide myself behind doors, Thou didst, by Thy power, make me manifest and deliver me into the hands of Thy tyrannical servants. O Thou Who art mighty over the powerless, forgive and bestow Thy grace.

O God! Thy lover hath declared: At dawn, beneath the olive trees, I remembered Thee; from every branch and leaf I heard Thy voice. Whensoever I sought nearness unto Thee, Thou gavest me no reply. I passed beyond palaces in remembrance of Thy humble abode, and hastened unto the sheepfolds in memory of Thy Word. The movement of the shadows of the boughs laid hold on me, and the murmuring of the breeze of morn enraptured me. This attraction and this fervor have proceeded from Thee.

BH09299: O My Well-Beloved! Thou hast breathed Thy Breath into…

O My Well-Beloved! Thou hast breathed Thy Breath into Me, and divorced Me from Mine own Self. Thou didst, subsequently, decree that no more than a faint reflection, a mere emblem of Thy Reality within Me be left among the perverse and envious. Behold, how, deluded by this emblem, they have risen against Me, and heaped upon Me their denials! Uncover Thy Self, therefore, O My Best-Beloved, and deliver Me from My plight.

Thereupon a Voice replied:

> “I love, I dearly cherish this emblem. How can I consent that Mine eyes, alone, gaze upon this emblem, and that no heart except Mine heart recognize it? By My Beauty, which is the same as Thy Beauty! My wish is to hide Thee from Mine own eyes: how much more from the eyes of men!”

I was preparing to make reply, when lo, the Tablet was suddenly ended, leaving My theme unfinished, and the pearl of Mine utterance unstrung.

BH09314: Say: O party of God! Spend your precious life…

Say: O party of God! Spend your precious life in service to the Cause.

In every land the friends must consult together and appoint someone from among the people of that land for the purpose of teaching. Through an intermediary whose identity remains concealed and unspecified, they should provide the teacher with sufficient means to meet his needs, so that he may, with complete assurance, summon the servants to the horizon of divine favor. And that soul must be adorned with the ornament of wisdom and be aware of the disposition of those who are near to God and sincere.

Say: O party of God! Count time as precious, know the value of this divine Day. Help your Lord and He will help you through His grace. He is, verily, the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09326: Would that that subtle essence of the soul don…

He is God

Would that that subtle essence of the soul don garments of the hoopoe and journey to the Sheba of the Beloved, and that pure spirit be adorned with the vestment of glad tidings that it may return to the spiritual Canaan, and that rarefied being be sanctified from the manifestations of heedlessness that it may raise its head from the collar of love and passion and soar in the heaven of longing on wings of divine glory until it steps into the city of the Friend's ardor, and casts its head upon the vast wilderness of love, and sacrifices its soul in the path of the Beloved, that it may be guided by the Countenance of guidance and become independent of all save the Beauty of the Friend and enter the stream of immortality and attain to the ethereal reality of the Desired One.

BH09389: Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Praise be…

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Praise be to Thee for having revealed Thyself and for having made manifest that which had lain hidden within Thy knowledge and treasured within the repository of Thine infallibility; for having sent down unto Thy servants, from the heaven of Thy bounty, Thy proof and Thy testimony, and for having made known unto them Thy path. I beseech Thee, by the lights of the Day-Star of Thy bestowal in Thy days, and by the surging waves of the ocean of Thy grace amidst Thy servants, to make this servant steadfast in Thy Cause and eloquent in Thy praise.

O Lord! I am Thy servant. I bear witness unto that which is with Thee, and confess that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered. I beseech Thee, O Thou Fruit of the Tree of Thy utterance, to illumine the hearts of Thy loved ones with the lights of Thy knowledge in that seat wherein Thou hast established Thyself upon the throne of Thy mercy and the seat of Thy gifts and loving-kindness.

Then kindle, O my God, within my breast the lamp of Thy love, that I may find no rest in myself, but may tremble at the stirring of the winds of Thy will; that I may speak of naught save Thy praise, move not

except by Thy leave, and turn not save toward Thy presence. Thou, verily, art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

BH09391: Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy…

He is the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is Thy servant who hath heard Thy call, and been drawn by Thy verses, and been set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, and become occupied with Thy remembrance. The veils of glory have not prevented him from beholding the beauty of Thy oneness, nor have the shrouds of allusion obscured his vision from witnessing the signs of Thy unity and the evidences of Thy singleness. O Lord! Having guided him to the sweet spring of Thy mercy and given him to drink from the cups of Thy love, send upon him at all times the breezes of the Spirit from the direction of Thy divine oneness, aid him with Thy confirmations, assist him in every matter, and make him steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Glorious, the Beloved.

BH09431: The page of writing which betokened and testified…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

The page of writing which betokened and testified to the gladness of the tablet of the heart hath been received, and that which the pen of love had inscribed and traced thereon was observed. Praise be to God, ye have drunk from the choice wine of divine love. This is that wine, the mention whereof hath been set down in the heavenly Books. Blessed art thou, and blessed are they that have attained.

We beseech God to guide all unto the Most Great Ocean, and not to deprive His servants of this Most Great Bestowal and this supreme gift. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful.

Convey, from the tongue of this Wronged One, loving greetings unto the presence of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir—upon him be the glory of God. We beseech God to assist him and to make him of those who have known and have remained steadfast. Verily He is the Guardian of them that turn unto Him.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09471: God hath heard that thou hast taken up residence…

He is the Ever-Abiding

God hath heard that thou hast taken up residence in a new place and established thyself in a wondrous station. By God! How excellent is your station in the most exalted Paradise and your seat within the all-glorious pavilion! We beseech God to sanctify your hearts from the mention of aught else but Him, to purify your station from all that His good-pleasure abhorreth, to aid you to remain firm in His love and to arise to serve Him, to bless this wondrous station for you, and to send down upon you that which is best for you. Verily, He is most knowing of all matters and their outcome. We have sent thee an apple that

thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of the Beloved and the breath of the Adored One. Share thou this among thy brothers, and in this sharing be praiseworthy and just, and be not an rejected oppressor.

BH09515: Say: O ye loved ones of God, and His…

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

Say: O ye loved ones of God, and His companions, and His party! Verily I declare: the distress of the loved ones hath itself been, and still is, the greatest cause and the mightiest instrument for the revelation of the kingdom of wealth and affluence amidst the people of Bahá. Today the glory of the faithful consisteth in the laying down of arms and in the betterment of the world, and not in the possession of all the gold and silver of the earth. Unto this bear witness they that are detached within the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy justice, and by the fire of the Lote-Tree of Thy Cause, and by the mysteries that lay hidden within Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee, exalt me through Thy Name, and aid me through Thy bounty and Thy hosts. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

BH09518: The Most Exalted Pen is occupied with the remembrance…

He is God.

The Most Exalted Pen is occupied with the remembrance of the friends, and saith: O loved ones! The ocean of inner meanings streameth and floweth forth from Me, and from its murmuring this blessed word is heard: Hasten, hasten! Come, come! Yet come with the heart, and not with the feet; for the feet may in an hour traverse but a stony path, whereas the heart, in a single instant, can cleave the distance of both worlds.

Nevertheless, that outward foot which in these days hath crossed the stages and valleys of separation and entered upon the shore of the sea of reunionâ€“blessed is that step, more excellent than all that hath been, and than all journeys. So hath it been been ordained.

BH09541: What is it that the Book saith? What doth…

He is the Almighty, the Most Great.

What is it that the Book saith? What doth it utter? It giveth tidings. Glorified be God! Can it speak without a tongue? Yea: every created thing hath been transformed. The rock itself crieth aloud; the Pen maketh mention of the Lord of eternity.

And what, in the end, hath the Book declared? It hath declared this: that a true lover, from the city of lovers, hath set his face toward the place of pilgrimage and the scene of vision, and that after attaining the Presence he turneth unto this station.

When this most exalted word was made manifest, the inmates of Paradise and the denizens of heaven strove with one another in hastening forth to offer welcome.

A hundred thousand blessings rest upon those souls who attained, and beheld.

BH09555: The Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth, and the Hand…

He is the Mighty, the Great.

The Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth, and the Hand of Power taketh, bestoweth, and conferreth; and the Most Great Ocean vouchsafeth, in its bounty, blessings past all reckoning. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto and been illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of Revelation.

Render thanks unto the Desire of the world, in that He guided thee, confirmed thee, delivered thee from the darkness of vain imaginings and idle fancies, and illumined thee through the effulgent splendors of the lights of the Sun of Certitude. Thou didst attain, and behold, and hear. This indeed is the sovereign of all bounties and the lord of all stations.

Implore of God the preservation of this most exalted station and this most lofty rank. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Almighty.

BH09577: We beseech God—blessed and exalted be He…

He is the Desired One, the Well-Beloved.

We beseech God—blessed and exalted be He—to act through you upon the cities of hearts and souls, and to manifest through you that which was hidden within His knowledge and veiled from eyes and sight.

The reply to your questions, in detail, was formerly revealed and dispatched. We beseech God once again to preserve you, to aid you, and to make manifest through you that which was concealed. A full and ample reply, in the Most Glorious manner, hath likewise been revealed and sent. Deliver it. Several letters have arrived from Íran; they too have been forwarded. Deliver the friends' reply, that they may rejoice and be of the thankful.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving care. Convey also the blessings; and we ask the True One to grant that which shall be the means and the cause of the manifestations of My grace and My loving-kindness.

BH09585: This is the Book of God, sent down…

He is the Ever-Abiding.

This is the Book of God, sent down from the realm of exalted holiness; therein is mentioned that whereby the outcry of all contingent beings is raised unto the heaven of a radiant glory.

O Pen of Eternity! Make mention of her who hath ascended into the air of nearness and entered the pavilion of holiness in a station illumined with glory.

O handmaid of God! Soar thou within this Ridvan; then give thanks unto thy Lord, in that He hath effaced from thee thy sins, clothed thee with the garment of forgiveness before the concourse of Ridvan, and singled thee out to draw nigh unto the neighbourhood of the mercy of thy Lord.

Thus hath the bounty of thy Master encompassed all who are in the kingdom, one and all. And the Spirit be upon thee, and upon every steadfast and upright soul.

BH09600: The Exalted Leaf and Mahd-i-ʻUlya—God willing—may they be joyful…

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

The Exalted Leaf and Mahd-i-ʻUlya—God willing—may they be joyful, sound, and in good health. Affairs here, praise be to God, are well. Khanum hath improved, and the fever hath not returned. Our hope is that she may attain unto complete recovery.

Word hath been received that His honor Badi'u'llah hath shown some slight indisposition of temperament; as to the details, he himself should write them.

The statement of the expenses of the date-palms arrived and was sent on. Let them receive the money and preserve it until its disposition be commanded.

I convey greetings unto them all, and I beseech God to grant success unto each and every one. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Peace and glory be upon you, O people of the household, and upon those who have attained the honor of serving you.

BH09643: O Aqa Khan! Hear My call from the direction…

In the Name of Him through Whom the gate of bounty was opened to the world!

O Aqa Khan! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it hath been raised in such wise that both East and West have been blessed by hearkening unto it, through the loving-kindness of God, the Compassionate, the Generous. We have manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and have sent down that which hath brought solace to the eyes of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thankful unto God for this Most Great Remembrance which hath descended from the heaven of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: All praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, and all glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all creation, for having remembered me when I was wronged and imprisoned in the hands of the heedless. And this was sent down for Isma'il, upon him be the glory of God.

BH09660: O Diya! Upon thee be My glory. Thy request…

He is the All-Knowing.

O Diya! Upon thee be My glory. Thy request is understood; yet it is better and more pleasing that thou shouldst remain in thine own attire. Take the sunshade and leave the kifaya—leave the Arab garments for

the Arabs. God willing, mayest thou, beneath the shadow of the divine favor, ever and always abide in joy and fragrance. Glory be upon thee.

As to the condition of the wife, the lady, Munirih, the mother, the children, and the handmaids of God who have endured hardship on account of the milk, or who are present for the sake of service—we send loving greetings unto them all.

Say unto Mustafa: Whatsoever appeareth with outward show shall in the end be lost and vanish away; and whatsoever cometh into view shall, at last, diminish. What son of man is there that did not sink into the dust? And what world is there that remained untouched by change? Grieve not; leave unto it its gauds and trappings.

BH09700: O Muqbil! Forget not the bounty of God upon…

He is the Compassionate, the Help-in-Need.

O Muqbil! Forget not the bounty of God upon thee. He hath ordained for thee the good of the life to come and of this present life, and hath granted thee to attain His presence—a gift beyond compare with all the records of the nations. All affairs are in the grasp of His power; they behold it not, yet He bestoweth His loving care. Be thou occupied with thanksgiving for His blessings and be assured through His favour. Remember the days when thou wast in the presence of the Countenance and didst hear the call of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

We beseech the True One to strengthen thee, that thou mayest be confirmed in that whose traces shall remain and endure upon the earth. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, mighty through His Name, the Omnipotent, worthy of His loving care.

Glory be upon thee, and upon every steadfast and upright soul.

BH11680: This is a clear Book which hath been sent…

He is God

This is a clear Book which hath been sent down unto Amin, who hath believed in the Day of Judgment and hath walked the path of certitude. O Amin! Were there to be in thy right hand a cup of the water of life, set it down, then proclaim the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance, that the effulgence of the Sun of thy Lord’s mercy may be shed upon all created things.

Say: O people of the earth! By God, the heart of the world hath been set ablaze by the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful. What aileth you that ye are not set ablaze? Ye behold and recognize, yet deny and remain ignorant. Those who dwell in the realms of the seen and the unseen are bewildered at you.

Convey My greetings unto My loved ones, that the fragrance of thy Lord’s glorification may be wafted abroad and may draw unto it their hearts and the hearts of all who turn unto Him. Praise be to Him Who is the Beloved of them that know.

BH11913: Rejoice within thyself for thine own self, then whisper…

He is God, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Rejoice within thyself for thine own self, then whisper secretly unto thine essence within thine essence. Then detach thyself from all that hath been created in the past or will be created in the future, that thy heart may be sanctified from the intimations of grandeur, that the lights of holiness and beauty may be shed upon thee. Thus did We counsel thee aforetime, and now We cast it upon thee—act thou upon it. Be not of them who bar men from the path of God and prevent the servants from entering the ways of guidance, while imagining themselves to be rightly guided.

Convey Our greetings unto him who was with thee and whom We have loved with a love that no mention nor utterance can contain. Peace be upon him who followeth guidance.

BH10060: In My Name, through which the sea surged…

In My Name, through which the sea surged and the fragrance was diffused!

O Ba', upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names! Jinab-i-Haydar hath repeatedly made mention of the friends. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the pearls of the ocean of utterance of the Goal of all the worlds. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the wine of Thy love from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all existence, both seen and unseen, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH10041: O My Afnan, upon thee rest My Glory, My…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

O My Afnan, upon thee rest My Glory, My Bounty and My Mercy! Verily, the Servant in Attendance came and made mention of thee in Our presence. We therefore extolled thee in such wise as to cause the cities of remembrance and utterance to be set ablaze. Verily thy Lord is the Supreme Ruler over all things. We have named thee, at this moment, Nuri'd-Din. We beseech God that He may ordain for thee that which will draw thee near unto Him and be of profit to thee. He verily is the All-Gracious, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10040: O Ism-i-Jud! Concerning the loved ones, it hath been…

O Ism-i-Jud! Concerning the loved ones, it hath been written that Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Abhar is occupied in service, and that Fadil, praise be to God, is in good health. Know this well, and be of them that render thanks.

Were the veil to be lifted, thou wouldst behold that which no eyes have seen. By the might of God and His greatness! This Wronged One desireth not to dwell among the people—unto this beareth witness the Dayspring of My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

Sorrow hath befallen the aforementioned soul. We beseech God that He may change it into joy. In all matters We have been with him and shall continue to be with him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Best-Beloved.

Light, spirit, and glory rest upon him and upon those who are with him.

BH09805: This most exalted perfect Word has at this moment…

He is God, blessed and exalted is He!

This most exalted perfect Word has at this moment been sent down from the divine Kingdom of Command:

O Ibn-i-Asdaq the Most Holy! Return to the land of Kha by command of God, the Lord of all humanity. We have heard the call of My loved ones and have answered what they desired, and verily I am the Hearer, the Answerer. Adorn the head of acceptance with the crown of detachment and the temple of existence with the fear of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give glad tidings to the loved ones of the bounty of God, glorified be His majesty, and illumine their hearts with the light of My wondrous utterance. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon every steadfast and firm one.

BH09727: From the gentle breezes of dawn wafting…

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

From the gentle breezes of dawn wafting from the gardens of inner meanings, this most exalted Word was heard:

> “Blessed is he who remains steadfast whom the doubts of the divines have not deterred, and blessed is he who stands firm whom the tyranny of rulers has not held back.”

O friend, give glad-tidings to the people of Baha. This is the day of supreme joy. All must arise to aid the Cause of God with spirit and fragrance. The helper today is deeds from which the sweet perfumes of acceptance waft, and in teaching there are signs for the knowing ones and evidences for those who hear. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon every steadfast and upright one.

BH10062: O Bashir! The Wronged One gives thee glad tidings…

He is the Helper, the All-Seeing

O Bashir! The Wronged One gives thee glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness and grace, and makes mention of thee in that which shall cause thy name and remembrance to endure in My Mighty Book. We

counsel thee and those who have believed to practice righteousness and the fear of God, and that whereby the Word of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, shall be exalted. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. Verily He guideth His detached servants. His mercy and His power have preceded all things, and His grace hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Glory be to God! Authority is God's! Sovereignty is God's, the Almighty, the All-Powerful! Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken at this moment as a token of grace from Me, and I am indeed the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Generous.

BH10066: O Haji Muhammad-Baqir! You have attained to the visitation…

He is God!

O Haji Muhammad-Baqir! You have attained to the visitation of the House and to the recognition of the Lord of the House, and this word, which is greater in the sight of God than heaven and earth, hath been revealed especially for you. Art thou able to thank Him as befitteth? Say: No, by Thy sovereignty, except through Thy pure, holy, mighty and wondrous tongue.

O my Lord! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee and have desired from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity that which will cause me to soar in the atmosphere of Thy will and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and to take hold of Thy Sealed Wine through Thy Self-Subsisting Name, and to drink thereof once through Thy Name and again through Thy mighty and beloved remembrance.

BH10004: Your letter was received and its contents noted…

Your letter was received and its contents noted. For a time, due to lack of means, the sending of a reply was delayed….

…the world hath no worth or station in the sight of God, and both its hardship and ease are fleeting. We hope that outward means will also be made available, for the divine favors have ever encompassed and continue to encompass all from every direction. The duty of these servants is steadfastness and to walk in the path of His good-pleasure. Whatever else may come to pass is beloved, as they have said: "Everything from the Beloved is beloved," and in Arabic it is said: "The blow of the Beloved is as sweet as raisins."…

BH10010: O My Nabíl! Upon thee be My glory, My…

O My Nabíl! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy, My bounty and My loving care. I bear witness that thou hast never halted in this Cause whereof the Books of God, the Lord of all the worlds, have heralded the glad-tidings; that in His days thou hast been a speaker, voicing the remembrance of God and His praise; and that thou hast inscribed that which God hath adorned with the raiment of acceptance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Blessed art thou, and blessed thy tongue, and blessed every steadfast and upright soul. God willing, thou wilt be aided to attain unto supreme constancy in this Most Great Announcement, and wilt continue to remind the servants of that which draweth them nigh unto the One, the All-Informed.

Glory be upon thee, and upon such as hearken unto thy words in this manifest, mighty and wondrous Cause.

BH11852: O friend! Hearken to the Word of the Friend…

O friend! Hearken to the Word of the Friend and listen with thy soul. Grievous is it for the Friend to be separated from the friend, yet the Friend hath so desired. What befitteth the friend is submission to, and contentment with, the good-pleasure of the Friend. The Friend saith: “My friend, thou wilt surely love that which I love.” Therefore, be thou content with the good-pleasure of the Friend and with whatsoever proceedeth from Him.

O friend! The cause of motion is heat, and the cause of ascension is lightness. God willing, the fire of the love of God which is deposited in thy verses will become the cause of ascension and the reason for motion, and will unite the friends with the friends.

BH09774: We adorn the head of the Tablet…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Bestower of gifts and favors

We adorn the head of the Tablet with the remembrance and praise of God and bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath created the Afnan to serve His Cause and exalt His Word. And We bear witness that thou, O My Afnan and Leaf of My Divine Lote-Tree, didst leave thy homeland seeking the Most Exalted Homeland until thou didst arrive in Paradise and heard the call of the Most Glorious God and beheld the horizon of Revelation, a bounty from the One Who conversed on Sinai. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee for having attained His presence and beheld that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09757: O handmaiden of God! Take comfort in God…

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting!

O handmaiden of God! Take comfort in God and His remembrance, then detach thyself from all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth, for it shall perish, and what endureth is the remembrance of God, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Then turn thy face toward Him in all conditions and look not unto what hath been ordained in the contingent world. Place thy trust in the Ancient Beauty of Glory, for this is a mighty counsel. This is better for thee than all that hath been and shall be created, and verily thy Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. And mercy be upon thee and upon those women who have turned their faces toward the countenance of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH09776: He is the Caller at the heart of creation…

He is the Caller at the heart of creation: Unto Me, unto Me, O gems of the world in the kingdom of man!

I beseech Thee, O my God, turning toward the Kingdom of Thy Divinity, supplicating to the Heaven of Thy Mercifulness, clinging to the hem of Thy Singleness, imploring the glory of Thy Self-Subsistence, prostrate upon the dust in humility and submission, entreating Thy favors and loving-kindness, to look upon Thy

sincere servants with the eyes of Thy mercy. Cast upon them the mantle of Thy light, make them steadfast in Thy Cause, and render them the dawning-places of Thy signs and the daysprings of Thy spirit and Thy fragrances, yearning for the sweetness of bearing tribulations in Thy path in such wise that nothing shall prevent them from Thy mention and praise. Verily, Thou art the All-Kind, the All-Merciful.

BH09807: For protection, a Most Exalted, Most Mighty, Most Glorious…

For protection, a Most Exalted, Most Mighty, Most Glorious da'ira in the handwriting of Mirza Aqa Jan has been sent for your honor and Shams Shama Haji. God willing, they will be preserved from all calamities and afflictions under divine protection.

And in these days, God willing, a letter will be sent for Haji, your recent namesake, and others, but it was not possible by post. And regarding others, concerning the matter of [unclear] Aqa Mirza [unclear] that was written, it has been recommended that he send the receipt to your honor, and if you deem it advisable, send this matter along with the matter you had written about by post.

BH09844: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech…

He is the All-Giving, the Generous

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy favors which the pens of the world are powerless to recount, and by Thy gifts which the hearts of nations confess are beyond limitation, and by the Light wherewith the Mount was illumined when it shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Manifestation, to bless the steps of Thy handmaiden whom Thou hast named Neshat-Angiz by Thy wondrous and mighty Pen among Thy chosen ones and loved ones. Then make her a sign of Thy mercy among Thy handmaidens and a manifestation of Thy grace among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all names. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH09853: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Preserve Thou…

He is the Mighty, the Everlasting, the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Preserve Thou Thy loved ones who have sought to attain Thy presence and to visit Thy Beauty, and who have therefore traversed the paths of land and sea in heat and cold. Among them are those who, after their yearning, were cast into prison, and among them are those who died in separation. I beseech Thee then, O my God, by that Name of Thine whereby Thou hast encompassed all things with Thy knowledge, to ordain for all things the reward of attaining Thy presence and the station of reunion with Thee, that nothing in the heavens or on the earth or in between them may be deprived of the sovereignty of Thy bestowals. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things.

BH09893: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is God, the Most Great

In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who changeth not

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life by the sovereignty that is with Him. He, verily, is the One, the All-Compelling. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils through this Name whereby God hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: The proof hath come from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the strong one who hath, through His Name, rent asunder the veils of idle fancies. The Pen hath been forbidden to mention that which it desired. Were God to will it, there would appear from it that which would cause the hearts of the righteous to take flight. Be thou grateful unto God for having ordained for thee a portion in the Book.

BH09911: Know that the Bird hath flown from the branch…

He is the Mighty One

Know that the Bird hath flown from the branch of Iraq by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought, yet matters have been so ordained that ere long the loved ones of God shall be honored in all lands. Praise be to God, all enemies shall be brought low. No longer will it be as before, when they were rejected by all governments. Now it hath come to pass that all seek them. God willing, the fruits thereof shall appear. And if harm hath touched this one, this is God's way that hath operated of old. In any case, I remember all the sisters and family members. Let them not make verjuice—there is plenty of lemon juice.

BH09935: The Beauty of God hath appeared with sovereign majesty…

He is the Most Manifest

The Beauty of God hath appeared with sovereign majesty, and blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, that thou dost become illumined by His effulgence. The Face of God hath dawned with mighty power, and blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, that thou dost become enlightened by His lights. The Manifestation of the Cause hath come with the dominion of might and power, and blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, that thou dost become radiant from His radiance. The Revealer of divine revelation and inspiration hath come with the kingdom of signs, and blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, that thou dost receive from His revelations. And mercy be upon thee and upon whosoever hath believed in God and acknowledged His signs.

BH10020: Those souls who considered themselves the most learned, distinguished…

Those souls who considered themselves the most learned, distinguished and accomplished were not and are not mentioned in the presence of God. By the life of God! If the veil were lifted, those who turned away would circle around those who turned towards God, and would flock from all directions to attain their presence and meeting. However, consummate wisdom has concealed this, so that there might be manifested from them in His days what was hidden within them and stored in their inmost beings. This blessed verse has ever been inscribed at the head of the book of deeds by the Most Exalted Pen:

> "Do men think that they will be left alone on saying, 'We believe,' and will not be tested?"

BH10032: To Him belongs the invisible essence of the heavens…

He is God!

To Him belongs the invisible essence of the heavens and the earth, and none shall ever attain to His mystery, neither the denizens of the pavilions of immortality nor the concourse of the realm of the divine cloud. He has ever dwelt in the treasury of His mystery in the identity of His Essence, and will ever continue to be, not as He was before but rather He was and will be sanctified above all that has been or will be created, and above all that was or will be. Verily He is the Hidden Mystery, and He through His own Self, the Mystery, hath testified that He is He, there is no God but He, the Impenetrable, the Inaccessible, the Hidden Mystery.

BH10046: O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the Forgiving!

O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Thy letter was sent to the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that the fragrance of sincerity and recognition of God, exalted be His glory, wafted therefrom [inimitably]. A single letter from His presence surpasses all that hath been created on earth. I counsel thee and the handmaidens of God to that which beseemeth His Day and His Manifestation. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the light of detachment and the crown of righteousness. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land. Each soul mentioned in thy letter hath attained to the remembrance of the Wronged One. Well is it with you and pleasant it is for you.

BH10056: O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One!…

He is the One Who calls out in truth!

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Thy letter which thou didst send to Asad, upon him be My glory, hath been honored with My attention. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with words whereby the hearts of them that are nigh have been drawn. We beseech God to make thee a standard of His name among the world and its peoples. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to the Covenant and preserved the love of God and His testament in thy heart. He will assuredly assist thee and those who have turned unto Him and responded when the Call was raised between the heavens and the earth. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones from whom the fragrance of steadfastness hath been wafted in this Great Announcement. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds!

BH10093: O ʿAli before Muhammad! Upon thee be the peace…

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing.

O ʿAli before Muhammad! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Single, the One. We have mentioned thee before, and at this time with a mention whose fragrance will not cease throughout the duration of the names of God, the Lord of those in the heavens and earths. Say:

My God, my God! And glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Adored One and my Goal! I beseech Thee by Him through Whose advent the celestial spheres were honored and the heaven was adorned, to open before my face the doors of Thy mercy and Thy bestowal and Thy grace and Thy wealth. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH10134: O our God, we beg of Thee…

O our God, we beg of Thee by the King of Names and Maker of heaven and earth, by the rustling of the leaves of the Tree of Life and by Thine utterances, through which the realities of things are drawn unto us, to grant that the unity in the Love of God may be speedily established throughout the world; that Thou wilt guide us always and unmistakably to whatever Thou wouldst have us to do, and that we may ever be strong and fully prepared to render instant, exact and complete obedience.

BH10137: The Day of the Promise is come, and He…

The Day of the Promise is come, and He Who is the Promised One loudly proclaimeth before all who are in heaven and all who are on earth, ʿVerily there is none other God but He, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting!' I swear by God! That which had been enshrined from eternity in the knowledge of God, the Knower of the seen and unseen, is revealed. Happy is the eye that seeth, and the face that turneth towards, the Countenance of God, the Lord of all being….

BH10138: O Lord, deliver us from all temptations, tests…

O Lord, deliver us from all temptations, tests and evil suggestions of those who turned their faces from Thee. O Thou merciful God, confirm us by Thine invisible hosts and reinforce us through Thy heavenly angels.

O Lord, we are weak, poor, submissive and humble; strengthen, enrich and uplift us above all earthly conditions.

O God! As Thou hast illumined our hearts with the light of knowing Thee, make us firm in Thy Blessed Covenant.

Verily, Thou art the clement, the forgiving!

BH11851: Thy verses, adorned with the ornament of divine love…

In the Name of God, the Most Glorious!

Thy verses, adorned with the ornament of divine love, reached the hands of this lonely and evanescent exile. They brought joy to the hearts of these captives. Thy poetry became the cause of gladness to the

heart of this secluded one, and thy prose brought about the banishment of the sorrows that had descended.

We have presented thy verses before the Countenance of the Throne, whereupon these sublime words were uttered:

> "O handmaid of God! In these days of grief, We have been cheered by thy poetry and gladdened by thy prose. Be thou patient in the hour of separation; God willing, thou shalt attain the bliss of reunion."

Continue, therefore, at all times to remember this captive, and remain steadfastly patient in thy longing. And the spirit rest upon thee and upon all the handmaids of God. And peace be upon thee.

BH10225: Every soul must, in this day, ponder upon…

Every soul must, in this day, ponder upon that which hath been revealed, and investigate with his own understanding and discernment, lest he be deprived of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. The True One hath ever been, and will continue to be, distinguished from all else. The opposition of those who turn away and the denial of those who reject have not, and never will, affect this truth. For in every age and century, when the Sun of Truth appeared, the divines, mystics and rulers rose up in opposition and exerted their utmost to extinguish the divine light….

BH10471: O ʿAli! The world is manifesting hypocrisy, except…

He is the Supporter, the All-Knowing!

O ʿAli! The world is manifesting hypocrisy, except for those whom God has willed. Some souls have been prevented from the Luminary of the horizons—they cling to names while remaining deprived and forbidden from their Creator. We beseech God to illumine all with the light of true unity and sanctify them from all else besides Him. And we beseech God to ordain for the relatives of Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, that which is everlasting and eternal. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

BH10278: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

In the Name of Him through Whom we have subdued the hearts!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name that hath dominion over all names, and by Thy signs whereby the realities of all things were drawn unto Thee, and by Thy mercy that hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven, and by the power of Thy Most Exalted Word, to open before the face of him who hath been named Abdul-Karim the gates of bounties and favors. O Lord! Thou seest him turning toward Thee and directing himself to the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee to make him a banner of Thy Name amidst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art God, the Powerful, the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and earths.

BH10152: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto…

…My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. Ordain for me through Thy generosity that which Thou lovest and which pleaseth Thee. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the hereafter and the former worlds. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous….

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have desired naught save Thy good-pleasure and have wished for naught except what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee to preserve me from all that beseemeth not the heaven of Thy might and the ocean of Thy power, and to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Possessor of all being and the Ordainer of the seen and the unseen….

BH10411: He calleth out before the faces of all men

He calleth out before the faces of all men

O son of My Afnan! O thou who speakest My Name, who dwellest in My vicinity, and who drinkest the wine of My utterance! My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy presence, thy sincerity, and thy steadfastness in the Cord of God, the Most Strong. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby the earth and heaven were illumined, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee and for such of Thy creation as are sincere. Then send down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty mercy and blessing from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH10418: In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. We beseech God to exalt thee through His Name and to open before thy face the door of His bounty and to aid thee with the hosts of His utterance. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He ordaineth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My Glory and My loving-kindness, was present and We heard from him mention of thee. We have remembered thee through this clear Book.

BH10157: My God and my Beloved! This is Thy servant…

He is the All-Glorious!

My God and my Beloved! This is Thy servant who hath turned toward the sanctuary of Thy perpetuity, and who hath been set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, and who hath heard Thy call, and who hath detached himself unto Thee, hoping to enter into Thy Kingdom and to ascend unto the heaven of Thy

grace and bounty. Therefore it behooveth Thy loftiness and Thy exaltation and Thy generosity and Thy munificence to assist him in this, O God of the worlds! For whoso turneth unto Thee and seeketh refuge with Thee—far be it from Thee, then far be it from Thee, to disappoint him or to deprive him of the droplets from the clouds of Thy favors and gifts, or to withhold from him the surging waves of the oceans of Thy grace and beneficence.

BH10203: Be thou of the people of hell-fire, but be…

Be thou of the people of hell-fire, but be not a hypocrite.

Be thou an unbeliever, but be not a plotter.

Make thy home in taverns, but tread not the path of the mischief-maker.

Fear thou God, but not the priest.

Give to the executioner thy head, but not thy heart.

Let thine abode be under the stone, but seek not the shelter of the cleric.

Thus doth the Holy Reed intone its melodies, and the Nightingale of Paradise warble its song, so that He may infuse life eternal into the mortal frames of men, impart to the temples of dust the essence of the Holy Spirit and the heavenly Light, and draw the transient world, through the potency of a single word, unto the Everlasting Kingdom.

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BH10224: In answer to the daughter of the paternal aunt…

In answer to the daughter of the paternal aunt regarding K: As to what you mentioned concerning tribulations and ordeals, whatsoever befalleth in the path of God hath been and shall ever be beloved. Praise be to God, ye have attained unto the love of God and are mentioned before the Throne. The bounties of the world cannot compare with this bounty. I mentioned your remembrance in the Most Holy Court. Perfect bounty hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Cause and shall continue to shine. Soon shall the enemies of God and their deeds and utterances become null and void and perish and be lost, while the mention of His loved ones shall be exalted in the assemblage of the world.

BH10306: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the sovereignty in the Kingdom of Utterance, and His the dominion in the Realm of divine knowledge and certitude. None other God is there but Him, the Mighty, the Great. O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! I counsel thee to be patient and tranquil, and to observe that which God hath revealed in His Book. Circle round the will of My Afnan, upon whom be

My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness, then follow what he commandeth thee. Verily thy Lord counseleth thee with that which shall profit thee in the world to come and in this world. Know thou that his good-pleasure is My good-pleasure. Well is it with him who hath attained thereunto, by the decree of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH10348: The Beauty of the All-Merciful has appeared—may…

He is the Most Manifest

The Beauty of the All-Merciful has appeared—may the spirit of all who dwell in the realms of glory be sacrificed for Him! The countenance of the All-Bountiful has dawned from the horizon of possibility. By God, all created things have swooned with longing for His presence and meeting with Him. Yet the people of the Bayan remain heedless and in loss. O Mahd, although my heart has been transformed by rapture, and my pen trembles with ardor, and my hand quivers with ecstasy, how can I write that which would bring solace to your eyes and the eyes of all the world? Yet for love of your Lord has the Pen inscribed whatsoever God has willed.

BH10271: Glorified be He Who is established upon the throne…

He is powerful over all that are on earth and in heaven

Glorified be He Who is established upon the throne and has summoned all to the supreme horizon, the station from which the Luminary of Revelation has shone forth from God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The Call has been raised and the Most Great Sign has appeared. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath seen, and the man who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. When thou hast drunk the choice sealed wine from My Name, the Self-Subsisting, say: Unto Thee be praise, O Thou Who art wronged, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou Who art mentioned in the preserved Tablet!

BH10143: We had, from aforetime, granted permission unto the loved…

He is God.

We had, from aforetime, granted permission unto the loved ones in the land of Alexandria that, whenever it should prove expedient, they might turn their steps toward the direction of the Prison. Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Yahya and ʿAli-Asghar—upon them be the glory of God—have been among their number. Write and bid them come.

Likewise, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid ʿAli and Aqa Muhammad—upon them be the mercy of God and His loving-kindness—should also, whenever it be deemed fitting, direct themselves hither.

And let the engraver [Hakak] also remain occupied for a while in those regions; thereafter, God willing, We shall summon him.

Convey unto him, from the tongue of the Wronged One, loving greetings.

BH10145: I bear witness, O my God, that Thou art…

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

I bear witness, O my God, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been and continueth to be standing, present, seeing, speaking, One, Single, Unique, Independent. Thou hast taken unto Thyself neither father nor son nor minister nor peer, and Thou wilt ever be as Thou hast been from all eternity. I beseech Thee not to deprive this community of Thine from the fragrances of the garment of Thy Manifestation, nor to withhold them from hearkening to the rustling of Thy Pen. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH10165: Bear thou witness that He is the Truth; there…

Bear thou witness that He is the Truth; there is none other God but He. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books, and therein hath He ordained the measure of all things from His presence. He is the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

And He hath written upon Himself that He will admit the devout women into the pavilion of beloved glory: and among them shalt thou be, if thou remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, art wholly detached unto God, and art numbered among those women who believe in God and testify that He is powerful to do whatsoever He willeth, and that on the Day of Decision all shall return unto Him.

Therefore give thanks unto thy Lord for that wherewith He hath singled thee out through His love and bestowed upon thee through His servant. Thus doth He single out whomsoever He willeth through His mercy, and all render thanks unto Him.

BH10192: I commune with Thee, O my God and my…

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting

I commune with Thee, O my God and my Beloved and the Goal of all who have detached themselves from all else but Thee, beseeching Thee to send down from the clouds of the heaven of Thy holy oneness that which will stir the realities of those who are freed from all save Thee and sanctified from whatsoever is besides Thee, that the faces of Thy loved ones may shine forth amongst Thy creatures and the breasts of those devoted to Thee may be dilated through Thy signs. Then make this servant a sign of Thy love amongst Thy servants and a repository of Thy remembrance amidst Thy creation, and make his journey, O my God, from Thee unto Thee, that Thy bounty may be perfected upon him from beginning to end. Verily, Thou art the Most Bountiful, the Most Great.

BH10194: God willing, may ye at all times and under…

He is the Almighty.

God willing, may ye at all times and under all conditions be made recipients of the outpourings of the merciful bounties, and turn your faces toward the region of God.

Moreover, Tablets have been revealed for all in particular, but the Greater Branch hath not yet written them out. And for Ṣamadiyyih, a weighty and noble Tablet was penned, which she shall, in person, behold in the Presence.

Convey exalted greetings unto all the loved ones, both men and women; and most especially unto Zahra Khanum. God willing, may she be renowned for His love and remembered by her name.

And peace be upon you. Assuredly, ere long—indeed, very soon—turn your face toward the Presence.

Verily, glory rest upon you.

BH10218: O My Mahd! Thy letter was received; howbeit…

He is God.

O My Mahd! Thy letter was received; howbeit, the Tablet reached thee only after two days, so that the good thereof had already, through these words, been accomplished. God willing, mayest thou ever abide beneath the shadow of the divine favor and remain occupied in His remembrance.

Certain of the Tablets of the previous year were sent—do thou deliver them. The remainder, the Greater Branch hath written, will be dispatched. Certain things were sent especially for Diya'u'llah and Badi'u'llah.

Convey loving greetings unto all who are round about thee.

In accordance with the request, I sent it unto Jinab-i-ʿIziyyih—upon her be the glory of God.

BH10223: We arrived at the garden. The air is delightful…

He is the Almighty.

We arrived at the garden. The air is delightful, the atmosphere most pleasing, and all things are fair and fresh. Yet We tarried there no more than a single night, for on account of a certain matter We entered the house.

On Saturday do thou turn thy steps toward the garden and abide there for a few days in recreation. It is exceedingly delightful: the songs of the birds, the murmur of the water, and the sound of the trees in motion are all raised in the remembrance of God.

God willing, may ye be in the utmost joy and gladness, and may ye turn thither with cheer and delight.

Glory be upon those with you among the handmaids of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10229: Say: O people of God and diverse parties…

Say: O people of God and diverse parties of the world, arise to render assistance and purify the realm of love and fellowship from the defilement of discord and hatred, that perchance souls might find some respite and attain unto true freedom. I swear by the Sun of Truth that Baha has had and has no purpose except to purify the world from matters that have been the cause of harm, distress and despair. Arise

with the power and might of the Supreme Pen, that perchance this purpose may become manifest and the world may attain success.

BH10235: O Jinab-i-Diya'u'llah! You are in meadow and rose-garden, whilst…

He is the Mighty.

O Jinab-i-Diya'u'llah! You are in meadow and rose-garden, whilst we are beneath the inroads of the vicissitudes of time. God willing, the hour of reunion hath drawn nigh; verily, He is the Near, the All-Seeing.

His Holiness Kalim, Jinab-i-Aqa Quli, Majd, and the others among the men, together with Aqa Husayn, should at night, after supper, go unto the houses of Marjan and ʿUmar Aqa, and to other places as well, there to take their rest. And the two lower quarters should be given over to certain families, that all may be at ease.

Nawwab saith:

> "So long as there be no place outside, I shall not go."

BH10244: Praise be to God, Who guided the leaves unto…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous

Praise be to God, Who guided the leaves unto the Divine Lote-Tree and made the handmaid aware of the revelation of the Sovereign of Manifestation. Blessed is the woman who turned unto Him and attained His presence, and woe unto every heedless one who disbelieved in God when He came invested with manifest light.

O My handmaid! Since one who loveth Me hath made mention of thee, We have remembered thee in this wondrous and mighty Book, through which all things have lifted up their call, their realities have been drawn heavenward, and the birds of the celestial Throne have warbled:

> "There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Thus have We sent down the verses as a bounty from Our presence unto thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

The glory that is from Us rest upon thee, and upon every handmaid who hath believed in God, the Lord of the Throne and of the exalted Seat.

BH10251: At this moment, when the messenger was setting out…

In the Name of the Beloved of the world

At this moment, when the messenger was setting out from the court of the Desired One toward that land, I deemed it incumbent upon myself to set forth, in but a few words, some token of the hidden love

and treasured affection, that the very root of the Tree of love might be made firmer, and its bough become more verdant and fair.

My hope is in the grace of the All-Merciful that thou mayest enter the court of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth,” and abide within the pavilion of “He ordaineth whatsoever He desireth”; that, like the kernel within the shell, thou mayest cast aside the husk and bind thyself unto the Beloved. Verily, He is powerful to do whatsoever He willeth.

I convey loving greetings unto the friends.

BH10255: What more shall I say of this new calamity…

In the Name of the Beloved

What more shall I say of this new calamity, which hath become the cause of sorrow and grief unto the loved ones of the Merciful? Though they have detached themselves from the people of this world, hastened unto the eternal Kingdom, and entered and found repose within the shelter of “I am He” and the seat of truth, yet those who remain behind are consumed in the fire of separation.

Our hope is in God—glorified be His majesty—that He may vouchsafe unto all patience, that we may each and all be content with His good-pleasure and regard it as the very essence of wisdom and true expediency.

BH10258: You mentioned making deposit funds through Amin. In response…

You mentioned making deposit funds through Amin. In response let it be mentioned that though whatever his eminence Amin, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, considers advisable has been and is beloved, since he has no thoughts of self and whatever efforts he has made until now have been for the sake of God, nevertheless this time it was decided that he would take his family and proceed to the Most Holy Court and engage in a certain matter in this land. His engagement in trade and other affairs would cause delay. God willing, may he attain his goal safely and soundly.

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Praise be to Thee, O my God, I and all created things bear witness that Thou art God, no god is there but Thee. From all eternity Thou hast been sanctified from the mention of all things and unto all eternity Thou shalt be as Thou hast ever been, no god is there but Thee. In Thee is our final destination. I ask Thee, O God, my God, to protect the bearer of this white page from all evil and affliction, from every plague and pestilence. Thou, verily, guardest whomsoever Thou willest and Thou, truly, hast encompassed all things in Thy knowledge.

BH10292: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, my…

He is the Healer!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, my Lord, my Support, my Protector, my Helper and my Succourer! I beseech Thee by the Light whereby the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty was illumined, to send down upon this handmaiden of Thine mercy and healing through Thy generosity and grace. O Lord! Thou seest her trembling from fear of Thee. I implore for her healing and care and rest and tranquility by Thy command, O Thou through Whom the hidden mystery and the veiled decree were made manifest! O Lord! Purify her from ailments and grant her well-being. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Healer, the Gracious.

BH10313: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is God, the Most Glorious

In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who perisheth not

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He openeth unto whom He willeth the gates of good things. He is, verily, the Single One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Compelling. Are ye saddened by the world and that which occurreth therein after ye behold the Sun of Joy shining from the horizon of grace? Put your trust in Him. Verily, He is with you, and His Self is the One that encompasseth all regions. He hath chosen you for the service of His Cause through wisdom. Exalted is this station which God hath made among the most sublime of stations. Rejoice in that thou hast turned unto Him when every misbeliever and doubter turned away.

BH10314: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is God, the Most Holy

In the name of God, the Everlasting, Who perisheth not.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He aideth whom He willeth through the hosts of the heavens and earth. He is, verily, the One, the Chosen. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast inhaled the fragrances of holiness from this Garment through which the fragrance of divine knowledge hath been wafted throughout all creation. He who hath recognized hath attained, and he who hath turned towards Him is reckoned among the most exalted of beings before the Truth, the Most High.

The Pen hath been forbidden to mention the mysteries of pre-existence. Erelong shall its reins be loosened. Thy Lord is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH10337: O Thou Who art the All-Sufficing, the All-Protecting!

O Thou Who art the All-Sufficing, the All-Protecting!

O my God! This is Thy servant who hath bowed down before Thy Manifestation and hath submitted himself before the dawning rays of the lights of Thy glory and sovereignty. I beseech Thee to protect me beneath the shelter of Thy protection and safeguarding, and to preserve me within the cave of Thy generosity and guardianship. Therefore, O my God, since his heart is clinging to the handhold of trust in the sovereignty of Thy protection, and relying upon the wondrous effulgences of the manifestations of

Thy watchfulness, do Thou protect him from every evil and calamity, and from the afflictions that his enemies may bring down upon his head, that Thou mayest gain dominion over them through Thy sovereignty and power, and prevail over Thine enemies through Thy mighty wrath and ancient indignation.

BH10339: The Day hath come, the hour hath struck…

He is the one Who Remembereth before the faces of all.

The Day hath come, the hour hath struck, the time for remembrance hath arrived, and the moment of victory is at hand—an ordinance from God, the Lord of the kingdom of utterance and the Lord of the lofty Seat.

We bear witness that thou hast attained the presence of the Countenance and hast drunk the choice wine of reunion, as a bounty from God, the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

O thou who hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon! When thou hearest the Call, say: Here am I, O Possessor of the kingdom of names; here am I, O Beloved of earth and heaven; here am I, O Desire of them that know, the Well-Beloved of the former and the latter generations!

BH10352: The Mother Book hath spoken at the return before…

He is the Mighty, the Beloved

The Mother Book hath spoken at the return before the faces of the servants: By God, the Lord of creation hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords. He hath desired to send unto thee a sign from His signs, that He may give thee to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance and cause thee to enter into the Kingdom of His knowledge—a bounty from His presence, for He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which shall endure through the potency of Thy Will and the power of Thy Purpose. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Mighty, and worthy to answer.

BH10366: Say: O Land of Ta (Tehran), I have come…

Say: O Land of Ta (Tehran), I have come from the direction of grandeur and majesty with the announcement of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The fragrance of the All-Merciful has been diffused throughout all contingent being. Turn your hearts illumined and be not of those who hesitate. Thou art the one whom God hath made the dawning-place of His Manifestation and the dayspring of His verses and the mine of His wisdom and the treasury of the pearls of His wondrous utterance. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who dwelleth in thee, and joy be to thee and joy be to him who attaineth unto thy presence and establisheth for himself a seat within thee. We beseech God to illumine all through the light of recognition and draw them nigh unto His holy and luminous court.

BH10386: When the year nine had passed, He was manifested…

When the year nine had passed, He was manifested with this Name [Baha, =9] unto all things, even as thou didst witness how in that year the revelation of the Divine Unity was both hidden yet visible, and manifest yet concealed. None recognized it save whom God wished through His grace that dominates both the unseen and the visible realms, until the years of respite had elapsed. Then did God lift the veil of light and made manifest that which had been concealed. Thereupon the heavens were cleft asunder, and the earth was rent, and the mountains crumbled, and the Balance was set up, and all who were in the Bayan were gathered together. Then were the people of Paradise admitted therein, and the denizens of the Fire consigned to their abode. This is clear justice.

BH10388: Your letter, adorned with the remembrance of God…

He is God, exalted be He.

Your letter, adorned with the remembrance of God and with His praise, was received, whereupon boundless joy was made manifest.

God grant that, at all times and under all conditions, ye may be illumined by the lights of the Dayspring of Light, and be adorned by the effulgences of the Dawning-Place of Revelation. The ornament of the human heart is the love of God; praised be God, ye have attained thereunto. God willing, may ye in every season drink deep from the ocean of divine knowledge and keep your gaze fixed upon the Most Exalted Horizon.

Convey, from the tongue of this wronged and imprisoned One, loving greetings to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir—upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may ye be aided to accomplish whatsoever God hath ordained, and be enabled to achieve that which He loveth and is well pleased with.

BH10389: O My Mahd! Upon thee be the glory…

He is the Healer.

O My Mahd! Upon thee be the glory of Baha. For some time past my condition hath not been good. At night I arise; send Jamaliyyih. Though there is no serious cause for concern, God willing it hath been, and shall be, removed. We beseech God that He may, through the Most Great Name, cause to descend that whereby the hidden and treasured good may be made manifest unto him and unto those with him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

A portion of bread and dates hath been sent especially for the Afnan—may God illumine their faces—do thou forward it unto them. And a portion of dates hath likewise been sent especially for thee.

We remember all the men, the women, the children, and the servants. Salutations be upon you, and upon them be the peace and mercy of God and His blessings.

BH10394: This is the Tablet wherein hath been ordained…

He is the Almighty

This is the Tablet wherein hath been ordained the preservation of what was and what will be, yet the people perceive not. Therein doth the Dove sing forth from the Pole of eternity and the Cock of the Throne draw nigh, would ye but hear.

O servant! Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee from the heaven of His Command this blessed and missive Tablet. Guard thou it in the strongholds of preservation, then seek victory through it in the occasions of triumph, then seek assistance through it from all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus doth the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, instruct thee. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those who know.

BH10410: May the exalted Leaf, Mahd-i-ʻUlya, through the grace…

May the exalted Leaf, Mahd-i-ʻUlya, through the grace of God, be vouchsafed health and be adorned with the light of His favor and tender mercies. We implore Him to array her, at all times and under all conditions, with the raiment of healing.

Concerning the requests which the prince addressed unto you in his letter, do thou write accordingly. It would appear that he had made intercession through Sitarih and her daughter, and that he had likewise sought loving-kindness for yet another soul. The intention is this: whatsoever he hath mentioned and asked for, do thou set it down. The original answer to his letter was revealed, and it was in the possession of the Branch, His honor Diya', whereupon he was instructed to write.

BH10417: O Isma'il! Upon thee be the glory of thy…

In the name of the One Who standeth before the faces of all servants!

O Isma'il! Upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the Exalted! He hath made mention of thee at this hour with verses whereby the realities of all faces were attracted and the hearts of the treacherous ones who cast the Covenant of God behind their backs, clinging to what they possessed of images and idols, were repelled. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy manifest and evident path and for having sent down unto me that which hath testified to my turning toward Thy luminous horizon. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones. And this was revealed for his honor Hasan Aqa, upon him be the glory of God.

BH10419: O My Afnan! The servant who is present hath…

O My Afnan! The servant who is present hath come with a letter which thou didst send unto Our name, the Mihdi, and hath read that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed be thy summons, inasmuch as it attained unto attentive hearing; and blessed be thy remembrance, in that it reached the station wherein this most holy, most great, most mighty Remembrance uttereth His words.

Remember, then, when thou wast in the presence of the Wronged One, and didst hear His call in His noble station. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on the earth; and thanks be to Thee, O Desire of them that truly know.

BH10436: O thou who gazest toward the horizon of My…

He is the All-Informed Speaker.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon of My Revelation and art illumined by the sun of My utterance! Say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Face and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree; by the effulgent rays of the luminary of Thy Word upon the Sinai of knowledge; and by Thy Name that ruleth over all religions, to make me, in all conditions, a speaker in Thy Name, a holder fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and steadfast in Thy command and Thy love—so that neither the might of those who dwell in Thy land may frighten me, nor the speciousness of Thy creatures and the veils of Thy servants hinder me.

Verily, Thou art the Most Bountiful, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

BH10439: O beloved one! O watcher! O true friend! O…

He is the Witnessed, He is the Remembered.

O beloved one! O watcher! O true friend! O companion! O observer! In these days thou hast been greatly missed, and still remaineth so, for a number have come from every region, among them Jinab-i-Mirza ʻAbdu'llah Khan. Thy mention is ever upon the tongue, whether in Our presence or in the gathering of the friends. We convey greetings unto the dearly loved friend, Mirza Habibu'llah, and call to mind the days of reunion. Yet, before the decree and ordinance of destiny, what can be said?

BH10441: O concourse of justice, and companion of the verses…

He is the All-Bountiful.

O concourse of justice, and companion of the verses of piety amidst mankind! Though, in the days of the sovereignty of His Majesty Sultan Nasiri'd-Din—may God sustain him—there hath befallen this company that whereof the discerning and remembering powers are alike unable to reckon or define, yet, inasmuch as the heart of the sovereign was at times seen illumined with the light of equity, it behoveth this company to supplicate for his preservation and to beseech justice in his behalf. Verily, God is the Compassionate, the Generous.

The glory rest upon thee, and the light shine upon thee, from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Great.

BH10463: O Shaykh! Upon thee be the glory of Bahá…

He is the All-Knowing.

O Shaykh! Upon thee be the glory of Bahá. Thy letter was received. In truth, from it there diffused the fragrance of divine favor and the sweet savors of pure servitude. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause, to exalt thee through His Name, to aid thee with His hosts, and to guard thee by His sovereignty. He, verily, is potent over all things.

As to the passage concerning the offering thou didst mention, it was accepted in the presence of the Wronged One. Blessed art thou! And we beseech the Lord to make thee a champion of His Cause. He, truly, is the Answerer. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH10481: In My Most Glorious Name

In My Most Glorious Name.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Belgium [?], that it may rejoice and come to recognize true discernment. Through the victorious Cause of the one all-knowing God, the thorn-brake hath become a rose-garden, and the station of the prisoner hath arisen and stood free, while the station of the ignorant hath become aware. Beauteous is the Day of Bahá, for it is the Day of Splendor, and the treasury of bounty and bestowal.

O friends! The fire of the blessed Lote-Tree hath appeared from the tree of man; its blaze hath graced the world of spirit. This is the Day of meeting: come ye, and hasten, that haply ye may attain unto that which beseemeth His Day.

BH10494: O Mahd! Upon thee be My glory and My…

He is the Uniter of hearts, and He is the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

O Mahd! Upon thee be My glory and My loving care. Thy remembrance is ever mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, thou shalt be preserved and safeguarded, and Sakinih Khanum may commit her affairs to God, and be resigned unto the good-pleasure of the True One—glorified be His majesty—so that she may be honoured and upheld, outwardly and inwardly, in this world and in the world to come.

Mirza ʿAbdu'llah is adorned with the ornament of service, and hath a station with the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Mention him to none without the knowledge of any soul.

Be thou victorious, and attain unto that which the Wronged One hath ordained for thee.

BH10495: O Mihdi! God willing, thy condition is well. O…

He is God, exalted be He.

O Mihdi! God willing, thy condition is well. O Ulya! God willing, mayest thou be adorned with joy, gladness, and delight. After that the pilgrim of the Cause of God hath arrived, it is incumbent to show her love. At another time, in the presence, you mentioned the wife of Mirza Ali-Akbar and another place as well. Whatever you desire, send the details thereof. Mirza Mustafa—upon him be glory—will take it and deliver it. Peace be upon you, and upon the handmaiden who loveth you and serveth you for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10505: O my God! O my God! Unite the hearts…

O my God! O my God! Unite the hearts of Thy servants, and reveal to them Thy Great Purpose. May they follow Thy Commandments and abide in Thy Law. Help them, O God, in their endeavor, and grant them strength to serve Thee. O God, leave them not to themselves, but guide their steps by the light of Knowledge, and cheer their hearts by Thy Love. Verily, Thou art their Helper and their Lord!

BH10507: O Thou Who art the Lord of all names…

O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and Fashioner of the heavens! Deliver Thy loved ones from the prison of their foes. Thou, verily, art the Sovereign Ordainer, He Whose light shineth resplendent above the horizon of creation.

O Thou Who art the Essence of immortality! Dash not their hopes, I adjure Thee by the life of Bahá, but render them victorious. Thou, verily, ordainest as Thou pleasest, and holdest in Thy grasp the kingdom of creation.

Thine enemies have sharpened their teeth for the flesh of Thy loved ones. Protect, then, Thy companions, O Thou Who layest low the necks of men, O Thou the Lord of the Judgement Day!

Many a day hath passed in delay. Let them, then, in a state of detachment from all things, repeat nine times these luminous words. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

BH11670: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled Thy handmaidens to turn towards the light of Thy countenance and to incline unto the horizon of Thy Revelation, after most of the men in Thy realm had turned away. Thy works testify to Thy power and might, and the manifestations of Thy Cause bear witness to Thy sovereignty and dominion. How many a servant was prevented by Thy decree from turning unto Thee, in requital for his deeds in Thy days, and how many a handmaiden and leaf turned unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, in hope of what lieth with Thee. This servant beareth witness that Thou art the Praised One in Thy deeds and the One to be obeyed in Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH10731: O prisoner! We came unto the dwelling of Kalím…

O prisoner! We came unto the dwelling of Kalím. What did we speak? The remembrance of the All-Generous. What did we behold? The lights of the All-Merciful. What did we hear? That this mighty Announcement hath caused the remembrance of all else to vanish from the heart. What did we partake of? The bounty which We sent down from the heaven of grace unto Our knowing self. A bounty in the form of affirmation and in the temple of oneness. Blessed is he who circleth round this glorious throne. The mother is occupied in remembrance and praise, while the enemies are engrossed in guile and vexation. Verily, He is, of all things, well aware.

BH10711: O ʿAli-Rida! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord…

O ʿAli-Rida! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Lord of Names. He, verily, draweth thee nigh unto Him and guideth thee unto a glorious station. O concourse of men! He Who was promised in the Books of God hath come, He Whose remembrance was treasured in the hearts of the Messengers. He hath come to reform the world and refine the nations. Well is it with him who hath turned towards Him, and woe betide him whom the world hath deluded and kept back from this manifest grace. We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth and is well-pleased with, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His sincere servants.

BH10585: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Master, my…

He is the Everlasting that changeth not

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Master, my Sovereign, my Lord, my Support and my Hope! I beseech Thee, by the waves of the ocean of Thy oneness from which Thy mention and praise can be heard, to open before the faces of those who seek Thee the gates of meeting with Thee. Then grant them, O my God, the water of life of attaining Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH10658: This is the Book of Immortality from the presence…

He is the Most Glorious!

This is the Book of Immortality from the presence of Baha to him who was named Mihdi in the Tablets of mighty glory. Be thou at peace within thyself, then stand firm in the Cause and be thou steadfast therein. Verily We have not forgotten thee, for We have ever been a Guide unto him who hath turned to the Gate, a Forgiver unto him who hath repented, and One Who remembereth him who hath rent asunder the veil and recognized the Sovereign of Eternity in both beginning and return, and who was numbered among the believers mentioned by the Pen of Command upon the Tablet.

BH10521: O my God! Thou knowest that this servant…

He is the Most Glorious

O my God! Thou knowest that this servant is enkindled with the fire of Thy love, wandering in the wilderness of longing for Thee, attracted by the wondrous lights of Thy beauty, and speaking in remembrance of Thee. Therefore, cause him to ascend on wings of holiness to the kingdom of Thy verses, aid him with the confirmations of the unseen realm of Thy oneness, give him to drink from the cup of immortality offered by the hands of Thy sanctity, and bring him into the presence of the brilliant rays shining from Thy beauty. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH10536: In My Name, the All-Knowing

In My Name, the All-Knowing.

O Ismi al-Asdaq! Render thanks for that We called thee to appear before the Divine Presence, caused thee to hear and to behold the effulgences of the countenance of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Incomparable, the One, the Great; and sent thee back that thou mightest remind the people of that which thou didst behold and know, and summon them unto the Most Great Steadfastness, lest their feet slip by reason of the clamour of every sinful pretender. O My namesake! Call thou to mind, each day, that whereunto We admonished thee in Our presence. Verily thy Lord, He, in truth, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Upon thee be My glory, and My mercy, and My loving-kindness which hath compassed the worlds.

BH10743: Mahd-i ʿUlya! As divine favour is these days all-embracing…

He is the Helper!

Mahd-i ʿUlya! As divine favour is these days all-embracing and the Afnans, upon them be God's Glory, are under the Sidrih, a robe of honour was bestowed, a robe whose warp is the bounty of God and whose woof is His grace. From the beginning of the world until now no one had outwardly attained such a robe. Verily, God hath made this bounty a treasure and honour for thee….

BH10735: O Leaf! Know thou, then recognize, that We chose…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful!

O Leaf! Know thou, then recognize, that We chose thee for My remembrance and acquainted thee with the path of My grace and mercy, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of My utterance from the hand of My bounty, and caused thee to hear My call and the rustling of My Pen, and informed thee of that which flowed from the choice wine of My loving-kindness in the rivers of My paradise, and selected thee to arise to serve My manifest Cause and to make mention of My mighty news. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me successful in that which Thou hast sent down in Thy manifest Book. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

BH10690: O thou who art firm and steadfast in faith…

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

O thou who art firm and steadfast in faith in God! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee a dawning-place of reform and a manifestation of comfort for all creation. Preserve that wherewith We have remembered thee. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Peace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon thy son. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant him what he desireth through the grace of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH10716: O Fadl! Upon thee be My glory! This Wronged…

In the Name of the Helper, the Self-Subsisting

O Fadl! Upon thee be My glory! This Wronged One is faithful and cherishes faithfulness. Thou hast ever been and art before Our sight. Praise be to God that neither the veils of the opposers nor the clouds of the transgressors held thee back. Thou didst hold fast unto truth and turn toward its horizon. God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of utterance and be illumined by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of true unity. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon every steadfast, firm and upright one.

BH10725: O Muhammad! Upon thee, and upon my Afnan…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad! Upon thee, and upon my Afnan, and upon those who are with you and love you and know your stations with God, be my glory and my loving-kindness and my mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. God shall soon make manifest your station among His servants and shall exalt your names through His Name, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have named God's destined grace and His sent-down feast as 'Shu'a' [Ray] in the Kingdom of Names. Blessed is he who is content with all that hath appeared and been sent down from God, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH10577: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and by the pearls of knowledge that were hidden in the treasuries of Thine infallibility, and by the dominion of Thy Pen of destiny, to aid him whom Thou hast exalted among Thy servants and made a ruler and commander over Thy creation to manifest that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Assist His Excellency the Governor to execute Thy commandments with justice and fairness, and ordain for him from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of all mankind and the Creator of earth and heaven.

BH10590: Glorified art Thou, O my God! This…

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is a handmaiden from among Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy Cause and attained unto the knowledge of the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-place of Thy revelation, on a day whereon the women of the earth and its men turned away. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Lord of all things, to inscribe for her, with the Pen of Thy Cause, that which Thou hast inscribed for Thy handmaidens in the Most Exalted Paradise. Verily, Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the rein of all creation. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Powerful.

BH10526: O my God, my God! Take not Thy servants…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

O my God, my God! Take not Thy servants to task for their grievous transgressions and their great sins. Adorn their heads with the crowns of justice and equity, and illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, O Thou Who art the Lord of the Kingdom of immortality and Who hast manifested Thyself through Thy Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. Thou art He Whose mercy and grace have preceded all else. Ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, and make them to know Thy path, Thy balance, Thy testimony and Thy proof. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He willeth through Thy word "Be" and it is. The Command is in Thy grasp and within Thy hold. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10557: This is the Dayspring of bounty and the Dawning-place…

This is the Dayspring of bounty and the Dawning-place of grace; this is the Manifestation of the unseen and the Most Great Luminary. Whoso attaineth thereunto hath attained unto every good, and whoso is debarred therefrom remaineth deprived.

The Beloved saith:

> "Within the tavern of divine oneness, the perfumed and luminous wine is made ready. Hasten ye to drink in the Name of Baha; hasten ye to quaff for love of Him."

This unfathomed sea hath no shore. Speak not of its measure, for it hath flowed forth from that Point which imagination can never comprehend, nor can reason attain thereunto.

BH10574: The mercy of the All-Merciful upon every community…

He is the Most Holy

The mercy of the All-Merciful upon every community that has believed in the All-Merciful, in whose heart has been kindled the love of the All-Merciful, whose tongue has spoken in praise of the All-Merciful, who has turned away from Satan and turned toward the All-Merciful, and has sold both paradise and all that is ordained in the gardens of paradise for the love of…

And verily thou, O handmaiden of the All-Merciful, blessed art thou for having turned toward the All-Merciful. Beware lest thou… from praising the All-Merciful. Then detach thyself from all else save the All-Merciful.

BH10592: Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the heavens…

In the Name of Him Who prevaileth over all names!

Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the heavens and All-Compelling over all things! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries within the hearts of Thy chosen ones, and by the Word which Thou hast made to be a trust in the breasts of the sincere ones among Thy creation and the

unified ones among Thy servants, that Thou protect Thy handmaidens from the evil of the people of the Bayan who have girded up their loins to lead Thy creation astray. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty. The ranks of the world cannot prevent Thee, nor can the power of the nations render Thee powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH10600: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but He. His are creation and command, and unto Him all bow down in adoration.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but He. He giveth life and causeth death; again He causeth death and bestoweth life. Verily, He is a Living One Who dieth not; a Purpose that changeth not; a Beloved that escapeth not; a Witness that setteth not; a Sovereignty that passeth not away. In His right hand is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and He is, of every knowledge, All-Knowing.

Glorified be He before Whom all that are in the heavens and on the earth, and in the clouds, and upon the Throne, and in the realms of manifestation, and upon the dust, prostrate themselves. He decreeth whatsoever He willeth through His grace, and accomplisheth whatsoever He desireth through His justice. Verily, He hath ever been wise and powerful over all things.

BH10614: Upon thee, O thou who hast turned thy face…

He is God, exalted be He!

Upon thee, O thou who hast turned thy face unto God, be the glory of thy Lord, the Most Glorious! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast drunk from the fountain of reunion from the hands of bounty, and from the Kawthar of immortality through the grace of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted. I beseech God to nourish thee at all times with the fruits of the tree of generosity and beneficence, and to aid thee throughout all days to remember and praise Him amidst mankind. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. There is no God but Him, the Self-Subsisting, the Single, the All-Powerful.

BH10616: We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He…

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, that through him He may set affairs aright and open the gate of joy, and that He may write down for him from His Most Exalted Pen that which will protect him from the evil of the deniers and the calumniators and the clamor of the liars. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, that He may protect him and protect His loved ones from the evil of His enemies who have cast righteousness behind their backs and embraced wickedness and been consumed by the fire of greed and passion and have exchanged trustworthiness for treachery and truth for falsehood and calumny. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, that He may strengthen him and His loved ones and protect them from the evil of every traitor and every deceiver and every hateful one. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. And we beseech Him,

exalted be He, that He may enable him to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with and aid him through His sovereignty. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH10652: It has been known to that beloved one…

It has been known to that beloved one that at the time of writing this petition until now, considerable delay has occurred—it is nearly a year since it was written. Due to lack of confidence in the way, it was postponed and not sent. If the funds that were mentioned should reach certain souls, and if you have not sent them and they are still available, they should be given to the mentioned persons, otherwise other arrangements must be made for them. This was mentioned solely so that no burden would fall upon you. Since the petition has taken very long and you are unaware, this servant said perhaps before this letter arrives you will have already sent them and nothing else remains.

BH10655: The Point of Unity in this age of praise…

The Point of Unity in this age of praise is singing verses of detachment, and the Eternal Dove on the everlasting branch is warbling with Abha raptures. The essential realities of the loved ones have perished from a single cry of the Bird of Divine Jealousy, and the radiant beings of the companions have ascended to the realm of evanescence from half a surge of the seas of the Presence of the Eternal. Verily, unto the Countenance of the Lord do we return. The first and second letter and the Purpose of the Eternal Sovereign is to preserve and protect the Two Countenances. Do good as God hath done good unto thee. And peace be upon thee.

BH10674: The people of the world and the Concourse…

The people of the world and the Concourse of the near ones bear witness that there is none other God but Him, and that this servant has prostrated himself with his soul and spirit and all that is within him, before all existence both hidden and manifest, before God his Lord and the Lord of all things, and the Lord of what is known and what is not known, and what is recognized and what is not recognized, and the Lord of the heavens and earth and the Lord of all the worlds.

BH10688: O thou who hast been remembered in the sight…

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

O thou who hast been remembered in the sight of the Wronged One! At the hour of departure from the city, say: O God, my God! I have set out from my home, holding fast unto the cord of Thy love, and I have committed myself wholly to Thy care and Thy protection. I entreat Thee by Thy power through which Thou didst protect Thy loved ones from the wayward and the perverse, and from every contumacious oppressor, and every wicked doer who hath strayed far from Thee, to keep me safe by Thy bounty and Thy grace. Enable me, then, to return to my home by Thy power and Thy might. Thou art, truly, the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10693: O Ha! Hearken to the call of Baha…

O Ha! Hearken to the call of Baha and counsel the servants to trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and purity. By My life, that which was hidden in the hearts of the mystics shall soon be made manifest. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and make thee a banner in His name among His creation. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the Unconstrained. And We have made mention of him whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that he may rejoice and be among the successful ones.

BH10695: O Hasan, upon thee be My glory! The Promise…

In His Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

O Hasan, upon thee be My glory! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth out before the faces of the unseen and the seen, and commandeth them with that which draweth them near and acquainteth them with what was hidden from them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve not over anything, for that which hath been ordained for My loved ones is such that the pens of the world and the tongues of the sincere are powerless to describe. Thus hath He mentioned thee from His presence in a mighty Tablet. And this is what was revealed for His Honor Haji Aqa, upon him be the glory of God.

BH10697: O Hasan! Arise to serve with perfect wisdom. There…

O Hasan! Arise to serve with perfect wisdom. There are many souls whose inner reality differs from their outer appearance. Observe carefully lest you fall into the snare of the treacherous and the false ones. Not every utterance is worthy of acceptance, nor is it permissible to trust every soul. The people of God must be true assayers, distinguishing the pure from the impure among men. If today in any place the clamor of the ungodly is raised, it has been and will be the cause of harm to the Tree. Drink thou the wine of divine love and give others to drink thereof.

BH10705: O Thou Healer! I beseech Thee by the light…

He is the Healer!

O Thou Healer! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, and the radiance of Thy face, and the glory of Thy Cause, and the oceans of Thy mercy, and the river of Thy grace, and the heaven of Thy bounty, and the sun of Thy generosity, and by Thy names and attributes and signs and manifestations, that Thou mayest ordain for Thy loved ones and for this handmaiden that which will protect them from aught else but Thee and from every affliction and sickness. O my Lord! Sickness hath completely overtaken her, therefore send down upon her, through Thy bounty, that which will purify her from it. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH10733: O My Mahd! Upon thee be My glory…

He is God, exalted be He.

O My Mahd! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy remembrance was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and encompassing favor surroundeth thee. God willing, thy condition is good. We beseech Him to heal thee through His grace and to ordain for thee the blessing of presence and reunion. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. This prayer is potent and protective.

The means were sentâ€“money, and likewise a quantity of butter. We have remembered, and do remember, them all. Glory be upon thee, and upon those who are with thee, and who love thee for My sake, and who serve thee in My path.

BH10742: O child of tender years! Thy Lord invoketh…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the All-Glorious!

O child of tender years! Thy Lord invoketh, on thy behalf, His own Self, saying:

O Thou Who holdest within Thy grasp the Kingdom of names and the Empire of all things, Thou seest how I have become a stranger from my land on account of my love for Thee. I beg of Thee, by the beauty of Thy countenance, to make my remoteness from home a means whereby Thy servants may be drawn nigh unto the Fountain-head of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. O God, I call on Thee with a tongue that hath spoken no word of disobedience against Thee, imploring Thee, by Thy sovereignty and might, to keep me safe in the shelter of Thy mercy and to grant me strength to serve Thee and to serve my father and mother. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10745: O God! O God! We beg of Thee…

O God! O God! We beg of Thee by all the Names by which Thou art known, to exalt the humiliation of Thy chosen ones by Thy glory, their weakness by Thy strength, their impotence by Thine omnipotence, their poverty by Thy wealth, and their fear by Thine assurance.

O Lord, illumine our hearts by the light of knowing Thee. O Lord! Behold these thirsty ones journeying toward the river of Thy bestowal and hastening to the ocean of Thy generosity.

Verily, Thou art the powerful, the mighty, the benevolent!

BH10746: Be fair, ye peoples of the world; is it…

Be fair, ye peoples of the world; is it meet and seemly for you to question the authority of one Whose presence He Who conversed with God' (Moses) hath longed to attain, the beauty of Whose countenance God's Well-beloved' (Muhammad) had yearned to behold, through the potency of Whose love the Spirit of God' (Jesus) ascended to heaven, for Whose sake the Primal Point' (the Bab) offered up His life?

BH11672: Glorified art Thou, O Lord, Thou Who art my…

In the Name of God, the Healer, the Sufficer, the Manifest

Glorified art Thou, O Lord, Thou Who art my God and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, through which Thy mercy hath preceded all things and the Sun of the beauty of Thy hidden title shone forth above the horizon of creation, and through which Thy bounty was perfected unto all who dwell in heaven and on earth, to send down upon this sick one, from the clouds of Thy mercy, that which shall cleanse him of every malady, illness, and affliction. Immerse him, then, in the ocean of Thy healing, O Thou in Whose hands are the Kingdom of decree and the Dominion of ordainment! Thou, verily, doest what Thou choosest; Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH11673: O emigrant in the path of God! Give thanks…

He is God!

O emigrant in the path of God! Give thanks that thou art included in the supreme affliction that hath befallen the Ancient Beauty and His loved ones, and art counted among the souls who have been touched by tribulation and adversity in the love of God. This is a bounty greater than the creation of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and this is a manifest truth. Though this universal divine mercy is now veiled and hidden from all eyes and sight, yet ere long all shall behold its effects and mysteries in the Kingdom of God.

BH11857: And He further saith: “Write: Render praise unto God…

And He further saith:

> “Write: Render praise unto God that thou hast rent asunder the thick veil and hast attained unto the lights of the Beauty of Him Who is the Lord of majesty. Yet soon shall the raucous cry of the ungodly be raised up in that land. At that time, drink thou a cup from the wine of the manifest Beauty, that perchance, through the grace of that draught, thou mayest be preserved from the tumult of grievous sedition. Verily, this year is a year of severity, and all things are in a state of fear and trembling. God willing, We cherish the hope that, through the favors of the Ancient Beauty, thou mayest abide seated and established upon the carpet of joy and tranquillity.”

BH10884: This is a Tablet which God hath revealed at…

He is the Almighty.

This is a Tablet which God hath revealed at this time in truth, and sent forth therewith a haykal into the realm of being. None is the Ordainer save Him. His is the creation and the command, and unto Him shall all return. None shall recognize Him save one who shall appear in truth, and who shall, through a power from Us and a sovereignty proceeding from Our presence, exalt My Cause. He shall fear no one, nor shall the deniers hinder Him.

BH10885: This is a tablet from among the tablets…

He is the Everlasting!

This is a tablet from among the tablets of Paradise, and a leaf from among the leaves of the All-Highest Heaven, and a word from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and a remembrance from His presence, and a book from His side concerning what was and what will be, and through it the Cause of God appeared in all ages, and the lights of holiness shone forth, and this Youth arose with a command and manifest sovereignty.

BH10823: Glory be to Him Who hath appeared…

He is the All-Knowing Expositor!

Glory be to Him Who hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested whatsoever He desired through His command “Be, and it is!” He is the One through Whom the Balance hath appeared and the Tongue hath spoken. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath arisen in His name, the Self-Subsisting, amongst His servants and hath spoken that which hath caused the inhabitants of the cities of names to tremble with fear, save those whom God, the Lord of existence, hath willed. O people of Bahnamir!…

BH10896: O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee in that which is befitting for His days. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, and glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name to assist me in the service of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH10871: Those who repose upon the carpet of oneness…

He is the Beloved!

Those who repose upon the carpet of oneness, and who are seated in the court of love, and who recline upon the cushions of eternity, and who gaze upon the Countenance of the Ancient of Days—unto all of them do I convey my greetings and salutations, and unto you especially do I express them, and trouble you that you should definitely make every effort to deliver the books, as many customers have appeared. And mercy be upon you and upon those who are with you in the horizon of glory. 81296

BH10975: O Varqa! Verily thy Lord remembereth thee, that thou…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High!

O Varqa! Verily thy Lord remembereth thee, that thou mayest remember the servants and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all things. Verily thy Lord is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. Be thou assured of the grace of God. Verily He is with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-

Witnessing, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones who are there. Remember them on My behalf, for I am verily the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH10753: Praise be to God alone, and salutations upon Him…

He is God, exalted be His station!

Praise be to God alone, and salutations upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet. O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst adorn the Night Journey and didst open the gate of Divine Unity to all servants, that Thou mayest cause to descend from the heaven of Thy grace upon those who love Thee the rain of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the All-Responding.

BH10892: O Abu'l-Hasan! In this moment this precious pearl hath…

He is God!

O Abu'l-Hasan! In this moment this precious pearl hath appeared from the ocean of the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory:

> "The Day is come and all sovereignty belongeth unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

Say: O my God, my God! Thy remembrance is the beloved of hearts and the goal of souls, and Thy Name is the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. O Generous One! Deprive not Thy loved ones of the ocean of Thy mercy. Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH10895: O Ahmad! In the Most Glorious script hath this…

O Ahmad! In the Most Glorious script hath this blessed, most exalted Tablet been sent down—a Tablet with which nothing in all the world can compare.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my God! I bear witness that Thou hast strengthened me to turn unto Thee through the tokens of Thy heaven and Thy earth, until I attained Thy presence, heard and beheld Thy sweetest call and Thy Most Glorious summons. All this is from Thy grace, O Lord of the Throne and of the nether dust.

BH10947: He is God! O ʿAli! Praise be to God…

He is God! O ʿAli! Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of acceptance and the light of faith. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and the Sun of the loving-kindness of God hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen in the form of words, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We make mention of My handmaiden and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. The glory of God be upon you and upon her and upon those who are with you, from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH10827: In Thy name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

In Thy name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This is a leaf from among the leaves of the Tree of Thy Paradise, stirred by the breezes of the spirit of Thy love and moved by the attractions of Thy passion and yearning. She hath turned toward the sanctuary of Thy divine unity, hoping from Thy boundless mercies and infinite compassions that Thou wilt cause her to enter the garden of Thy sanctification and the retreats of Thy holy oneness. Therefore, O my God, fulfill her hope through Thy bounty and favor. Verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

BH10902: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory…

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. My servant Mihdi was present. The letter which you sent through him was heard. We beheld thee in Our presence and made mention of thee in such wise as shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven. Rejoice and be of those who are thankful. The glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those who are with thee and who love thee and hearken to thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement.

BH10970: O Muhammad-Qabli-Mihdi! Say: O my God! I beseech Thee…

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious

O Muhammad-Qabli-Mihdi! Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Baha at its most splendid and all Thy Baha is splendid, to assist me and Thy loved ones to draw nigh unto Thee, to turn towards the horizon of Thy Manifestation, to hold fast to Thy firm cord, and to cling to the hem of Thy luminous mercy. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10985: God beareth witness that verily there is no God…

He is the Most Generous!

God beareth witness that verily there is no God but Him. He guideth to His straight path whomsoever He willeth.

O Munirih! The Lord of humankind maketh mention of thee and giveth thee the glad-tidings of God's mercy and His bounty. Well is it with thee and blessed art thou and [thy son], thy daughters, thy mother, sister and brother who have attained that which hath been willed by God, the Lord of all worlds….

BH10810: I remember and am sincere to his honor Naji…

He is the Deliverer.

I remember and am sincere to his honor Naji. Praise be to God that the loved ones are engaged in love and affection and strive in divine good-pleasure and are bound. May they forever be mindful and grateful in His remembrance, and praising and thankful for His bounties. Numerous Tablets have been sent until now which, through God's might and power, have arrived and will arrive.

BH10933: O Samandar! Upon thee be the Glory…

O Samandar! Upon thee be the Glory of the Wronged One! We have read what thou didst send to Ismi Mihdi, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness. Be thou assured of thy Lord's loving-kindness. Verily He knoweth the treachery of the eyes and what the breasts conceal. No matter is hidden from God. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. However, action hath been and is being taken according to the requirements of wisdom. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Unconstrained.

BH10769: O Nuriyyih! Blessed art thou for having been illumined…

He is the All-Merciful!

O Nuriyyih! Blessed art thou for having been illumined by the Sun of Beauty after it had risen at the meridian with the sovereignty of God, the Mighty, the Exalted. Beware lest thou pause for a moment in the remembrance of God. Remember Him at morn and eventide. And mercy be upon thee and upon all those women who have wholly turned unto God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

BH10772: Verily, We make mention in this station of him…

Verily, We make mention in this station of him who heard My call and turned to My face and attained in My days and ascended to the supreme horizon and was of them that attained. He was named Aqa Jan in an exalted Tablet. Blessed is he and blessed is he who makes mention of him in accordance with what was sent down for him from the presence of a trusted Speaker. We have made mention of him before and after, and verily We are the Best Rememberer.

BH10775: God willing, mayest thou at all times drink…

He is God, exalted be He.

God willing, mayest thou at all times drink from the Kawthar of the mercy of the All-Merciful, and rejoice in His favor. Your letters were received. We were saddened by your sorrow; yet the foundation of the matter is the grace of God, which resteth upon you. All are engaged in your remembrance and convey loving greetings. We remember the friends; and since Rafi' was setting out, these two words were sent forth.

BH10776: God willing, may ye be blessed through remembrance…

He is the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious.

God willing, may ye be blessed through remembrance of the true Sovereign. Praise be to God, we all move within the ocean of His grace and drink therefrom. The Pen is exalted above such as us; therefore our remembrance is beloved and accepted. Here, one is remembering Him there, and this prisoner remembereth Him here; and from Him Who is remembered do we beseech that He may accept from both. Let both my tongue and yours give utterance unto this word: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10777: God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, mayest…

He is God

God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, mayest thou, in this spiritual dawn, be blessed and illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of meanings; mayest thou, detached from the world, turn thy face toward the direction of the Most Great Name; and mayest thou so direct thyself toward the Dayspring of Beauty that the repudiation of the people of error shall have no power to hinder thee. I cherish the hope that from the hand of divine favors thou mayest drink the wine of reunion, and that thou mayest not be deprived of the breezes wafting in these days.

BH10778: God willing, mayest thou enter the gathering…

He is the Beloved.

God willing, mayest thou enter the gathering of the Friend, with none other beside Him, and attain unto the true Beloved; mayest thou drink the cup of the sealed pure wine from the illumined finger of the everlasting Cupbearer; mayest thou enter the retreat-chamber of "I have with God a state," and be made privy to the hidden mysteries concealed behind the veils; and mayest thou attain unto that solitude wherein He was, and there was none beside Him. Thus do I say: enter thou beneath the upraised pavilion of oneness. Baha be upon thee.

BH10780: The first fragrance that wafted from Divine Revelation…

The first fragrance that wafted from Divine Revelation and the first light that shone from the horizon of the Countenance be upon thee, O thou who hast attained unto the days of the Wronged One and what hath been sent down therein from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds. O youth! We bear witness that thou didst answer the Call of the Lord of all beings when it was raised between earth and heaven, and didst acknowledge His Manifestation and His sovereignty and His establishment upon the throne. And We bear witness that thou didst leave thy homeland, seeking the homeland of God, and didst traverse land and sea in thy longing to attain His presence.

BH10787: O sons of Israel! Call to mind the covenant…

O sons of Israel! Call to mind the covenant of Abraham, and behold well his deed. At that time when he was suspended in the air, one of My great angels came unto him and submitted, "Hast thou any need?" He answered, "As to thee, no." All treasuries, nay all the riches within the treasuries, can never be

compared with this most exalted word. Today Sinai rejoiceth, inasmuch as it drinketh, together with Him Who spake thereon, from one same spring.

BH10794: Where is the hand that I may lift it…

Where is the hand that I may lift it unto the heaven of the glory of Thy bounty? Where is the eye that it may behold the manifestations of Thy Cause? Where are the feet that they may hasten unto the court of Thy nearness? Where is the heart that it may turn unto Thine horizon? Where are the ears that they may hear Thy call? Where is the tongue that it may speak forth before the revelations of Thy majesty and Thy might? It beseemeth Thy generosity to look upon this poor one who hath been deprived of all things.

BH10795: This is that Great Announcement which hath been mentioned…

This is that Great Announcement which hath been mentioned and inscribed in all the Books; and none, save God Himself, is informed of the pure wine of its advent, nor is any aware thereof. This is that Hour of which the Spirit (Jesus) hath given tidings. “And as for that Day and that Hour, no one knoweth them, not the angels which are in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” [Mark 13:32]

BH10802: There is a House built by the Friend [Abraham]…

He is the Ordainer in truth.

There is a House built by the Friend [Abraham], around which the servants have circumambulated; and there is a House built by the All-Glorious, which He made His first abode [the house of the Bab in Shiraz?]. The first He entered not, and from the latter He departed not.

Whoso attaineth unto the second, verily he is immersed within the billows of the ocean of inner meanings; and he who visiteth both the first and the last is numbered among the people of this most transcendent Scene. Upon him be the glory of God, and the glory of all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH10804: Blessed be God Who hath caused a servant…

Blessed be God Who hath caused a servant from among His servants—a houri of eternity, adorned and illumined with the Most Glorious Name of God—to come forth from the Supreme Paradise until she stood in the air above the head of the Lord of all mankind, and cried aloud, saying:

> “Now hath that which was hidden been made manifest, and He Who was treasured up hath come. Rejoice, O concourse of the earth, for your eyes have been solaced by attaining the presence of Him Whom ye were promised from everlasting eternity!”

BH10806: Ye are not bitter herb, but exceeding sweet; ye…

Ye are not bitter herb, but exceeding sweet; ye are not colocynth, but honey. Ye are not far, but near; for ye have quaffed from the Salsabíl of the love of the Lord of eternity from the hand of His manifold bounties, and beneath the shade of the Divine Presence ye have reared aloft the pavilion of your repose.

This is that whereof the All-Merciful beareth witness, and it sufficeth you above the testimony of minds and souls and spirits, and of all that He hath created in the heavens and on the earth.

BH10809: Jinab-i-Badi': Kalim saith: "Write of the ancient things…

He is the All-Glorious.

Jinab-i-Badi': Kalim saith: "Write of the ancient things of this jugglery-working age." Verily, the old is old and the new is new. God willing, through the breaths of Badi' every ancient thing shall be made new, and every new thing shall be adorned with the ornament of everlasting life. Verily, He is the Ruler, the All-Knowing. Convey greetings of glorification to all. The items sent before and after have been dispatched.

BH10811: Some time hath passed during which the nightingales…

He is the Mighty!

Some time hath passed during which the nightingales of the divine garden have fallen silent, and the parrots of the spiritual Egypt have been deprived of heavenly sweetmeats. Why, at last, have ye ceased to soar, and remained thirsty despite the Most Great Ocean? I swear by God that whatsoever is visible shall soon come to an end, and the mercy of the Spirit encompasseth thee and whomever returneth unto Him. And this is boundless grace. Be not heedless.

BH10813: Praise be to the Ancient King, Who hath adorned…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Praise be to the Ancient King, Who hath adorned the world with the Most Great Name and illumined it with the light of His irrevocable Cause. Exalted be His utterance, and mighty His proof. There is no God but Him.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Glory be unto Thee, O my Master! I beseech Thee, by the light of Thy nearness and by the fire of separation from Thee, to send down upon this servant, from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy bounty, the rains of Thy grace and bestowal. Verily, Thou art the All-Bounteous, the Generous.

BH10815: Praise be unto that Essence Who illumined the darkness…

Praise be unto that Essence Who illumined the darkness of oppression with the light of justice. Praise be to God, Who enjoined upon His loved ones unity and harmony, and prohibited them from dissension and perfidy. Blessing and peace be upon Him through Whose appearance the horizons were illumined, and upon His kindred and His companions, who are the manifestations of the Covenant and the dawning-places of the Testament. Command and judgment rest in the hand of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgement.

BH10816: They must make a diligent effort in preserving…

They must make a diligent effort in preserving the Book of God, for once again the correct manner of reading has been revealed—whatever is in the hands of the servants must be made to conform and agree with it. And regarding the Book of Iqan, its correct version was bestowed upon His Honor Ali-Qabl-Akbar, glory be upon him—the existing copies must either be made to conform with it or be rewritten anew from it, this latter being preferable and more fitting.

BH10830: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest…

He is the All-Possessing, the All-Powerful, the Almighty!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest and knowest that I have desired naught save the creation of Thy servants and their attainment unto the summit of Thy grace and bounty, that their eyes may be gladdened and their hearts rejoiced. O Lord! Make known unto them Thy path and teach them, through Thy bounty and generosity, that which Thou hast willed for them. O Lord! Deprive not the horizons of the light of unity. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the Day of Separation. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH10836: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Rising-Point of inspiration. To this beareth witness My tongue and My wondrous pen. He is. The eye of the world hath been solaced by the appearance of God, the Lord of ancient days and Sovereign of nations, yet most among mankind know not. My blessed seal is My proof, My Self My evidence, My Cause My testimony, and My resplendent beauty. He is. The promise hath come to pass and the Promised One hath appeared unto the King of manifestation. Blessed is he who seeth…and heareth with the ear the Call of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10841: It is submitted that such a separation and such…

He is the Beloved.

It is submitted that such a separation and such grief of estrangement have encompassed me that pen and tongue alike are powerless and inadequate to describe or recount it. In wakefulness I am occupied with thy remembrance, and in sleep with thoughts of thee. The true Sovereign is witness and testimony that not a moment passeth save that we cherish the hope that once again we may gather as birds in the shadow of the Beloved and give utterance to His praise. Unto each and every one I convey, in the language of humility, greeting and salutation.

His honor Diya, upon him be My glory: God willing, may he attain unto that which is loved and well-pleasing.

BH10856: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I…

He is the Mighty, the Great!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call, and by the Name of Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name, and by Thy [perspicuous] Book and Thy firm [and steadfast] Cause, to ordain for Thy loved ones the good of this world and of the world to come. Then open before their faces the doors of Thy grace and blessing. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH10868: The inscribed Tablet hath descended from the heaven…

He is God, the Mighty

The inscribed Tablet hath descended from the heaven of loving-kindness and hath made manifest the hidden meanings like unto a spiritual sun from the mystic horizon. Without proof it showed the way, and without Gabriel it guided the sorrowful heart to the path of joy. God willing, so long as the divine lamp shineth in the eternal niche, that true Beauty shall remain established upon the throne of everlasting glory.

BH10870: My soul be a sacrifice unto Thee

My soul be a sacrifice unto Thee.

The glad tidings of Thy well-being and Thy blessed bounty were, in truth, the very ground of being and the secret source of true joy. They quickened the soul and renewed the spirit. Were we to lay before Thee the darkness of separation and the traces thereof, there is fear lest some dust of sorrow should settle upon the pure hem of Thy sanctified robe. We are athirst for reunion and long for the Kawthar of Thy presence. Without Thee, we are as a fish cast upon the dust.

BH10873: Your letter was received. Praise be to God, we…

He is the All-Glorious.

Your letter was received. Praise be to God, we are well. Just now I have come forth from the bath. On Friday or Saturday, with the help of God, We shall turn Our steps toward those regions. From every side, abide settled and at ease beneath the shadow of God. Distribute the things that have been sent, and give some also to Liqa'iyyih and Qudsi. The necessary items for Ma'sumih are being procured here.

BH10874: Mahd-i-'Ulya—your messenger—arrived. The letter was seen, but the instructions…

He is the All-Wise.

Mahd-i-'Ulya—your messenger—arrived. The letter was seen, but the instructions for proceeding did not come. Write what must be done and send word. The honored ones intend to depart in the morning, but

the remaining matters must first be made clear—that is, the marriage contract and other such affairs—so that the agents may understand and act accordingly. I remember them all and send my greetings. Peace and glory be upon you and upon all who are with you, men and women alike.

BH10875: The letter of that spiritual loved one was received…

He is the Beloved.

The letter of that spiritual loved one was received. From its fragrance the Tree of affection was stirred into joyous motion. The pen is but an interpreter, yet every arrival is fair [?], and every means but an instrument for the expression of meaning. The blessed verse saith: “God bringeth no affairs to pass save through their means.” This is the greater glory: that thou shouldst behold the Friend, and not thyself. Peace be upon thee and upon those that are with thee. His Holiness the Afnan is remembered under all conditions and is graced with a special favor.

BH10876: His exalted Word

His exalted Word:

The letter from the shaykh of the greater city, upon him be My glory, was considered. The glance of favor is directed toward each one. Convey My greetings on behalf of the Wronged One and say: You have ever been and continue to be before Our sight. The Self of Truth hath testified to your acceptance, your turning and your steadfastness. Upon you be My remembrance, My praise, My glory and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10878: Gaze with the light of the lamp, whose effulgence…

He is the Ever-Abiding.

Gaze with the light of the lamp, whose effulgence hath shone, and shall continue to shine, upon its appointed seat. Wherefore, be ye established, O people of the earth, in this divine lamp and this peerless light. My Pen, which is nearer unto Me than all thingsâ€“should it be removed unto another place, it would remain deprived of this nearness. Thus do thou comprehend all that ye desire to know.

BH10879: Send down] blessings upon His Light, through which He…

[Send down] blessings upon His Light, through which He illumined the world, and made Him the Seal of His Messengers and His Prophets, and chose Him from among His servants for the manifestation of His Cause and the exaltation of His Word; and through Him He guided the affirmers of His unity unto His straight Path and His Most Great Announcement.

And [blessings] upon His kindred and His companions, whom God made the standards of His victory in His lands and the banners of His power among His people: blessings which neither the Praised One shall gainsay, nor the Tongue of utterance find fault with. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH10881: This is Our remembrance for him who consorted…

This is Our remembrance for him who consorted with his Lord yet knew Him not, who heard the call of God yet answered it not, and upon whom in every moment there shone forth the Sun of Beauty from the horizon of glory, yet he recounted not its effulgences. Would that he had paused in his affair and been content with what We have mentioned, and that there had not issued from his mouth that which caused the hearts of the pure ones to be consumed….

BH10883: This is a Book from Us to him who…

This is a Book from Us to him who answered his Lord when the Call was raised from the right of the Mount through this Revelation, wherewith the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. O My God and My Lord! Adorn the temples of Thy servants with the ornament of Thy most beauteous Names, even as Thou hast adorned the Throne with the lights of Thy Most Glorious Name. Then give them to drink of the sealed wine in this Day that is hidden and concealed, for verily Thou art the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen.

BH10887: Whoso, in this day, hath attained unto and been…

He is the All-Glorious.

Whoso, in this day, hath attained unto and been blessed with the lights of the Sun of Truth, he is, by the Most Exalted Pen, reckoned and inscribed in the Book among the people of Bahá. We beseech God that He debar not the world from the Kawthar of everlasting life which floweth from the Pen of the Ancient King. To Him be praise! His grace laid hold upon thee, guided thee aright, and thou didst attain, didst behold, and didst hear. His is the bounty and the bestowal.

BH10891: O My Leaf! Hearken thou unto My Voice: Verily…

He is the All-Glorious

O My Leaf! Hearken thou unto My Voice: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Wise. I can well inhale from thee the fragrance of My love and the sweet-smelling savour wafting from the raiment of My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous. Be astir upon God's Tree in conformity with thy pleasure and unloose thy tongue in praise of thy Lord amidst all mankind. Let not the things of the world grieve thee. Cling fast unto this divine Lote-Tree from which God hath graciously caused thee to spring forth. I swear by My life! It behoveth the lover to be closely joined to the loved one, and here indeed is the Best-Beloved of the world.

BH10900: O Afnan! The children of this age have stepped…

O Afnan! The children of this age have stepped into the arena of speech and utterance, and from their words the utmost deficiency is made plain. They have girded up their loins and drawn themselves to full stature, yet they have clung unto outworn names. But the hidden powers, the penetrating and mighty

Will, the endeavor of the well-known chosen ones, and hands that are outstretched, have exalted a Cause that stood opposed to the judgment of all the tribes of the world.

BH10904: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name…

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

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of names, and whereby the Ark of Thy Cause hath sailed upon the sea of Thy Most Glorious Name. O Lord! This is Thy Day, wherein Thou hast opened the gates of Thy bounty unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth.

I entreat Thee that Thou make me not deprived of the breaths of Thy revelation in Thy days. He whom Thou hast honoured with Thy days and exalted through Thy signs—cast him not away from Thy loving care. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

BH10906: O my God! This is Thy servant who hastened…

He is the All-Glorious!

O my God! This is Thy servant who hastened to the fields of Thy mercy and ran to the wilderness wherein no voice is heard except Thy voice, and who sought to drink from the clouds of Thy grace and bounty. Therefore, O my God, disappoint him not in what he seeketh from Thy generosity and favor. Clothe him with the garments of immortality in Thy most exalted Paradise and Thy most glorious Companion. Then grant him that which will cause him to ascend unto the stations of nearness, "the distance of two bow-lengths or even less."

BH10908: O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee…

He is the Almighty.

O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued Thy earth and Thy heaven and illumined the hearts of Thy servants, to ordain for me the reward of every martyr and every trustworthy one and every steadfast one and every upright one. O my Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from turning to the ocean of Thy bounty and Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH10911: O thou who didst speak forth the ordinances…

O thou who didst speak forth the ordinances of God in former days, and who dost now make mention of His Cause! Say once again:

Praised be Thou, O my God, for that Thou hast remembered me when I was a wronged and imprisoned one in the hands of the heedless. I beseech Thee by Thy Name that hath subdued all names, and by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree, to make me of those whom neither name nor outward station, neither awe nor power, hath hindered from turning toward the court of Thy nearness. O Lord! I am the poor one, and Thou art the All-Wealthy, the Overpowering, the Omnipotent.

BH10920: O people of God! By the life of God!…

He is the All-Knowing

O people of God! By the life of God! Verily the Wronged One is in manifest sorrow. We took clods of dust and raised them up, establishing them above the heavens; yet the recompense for this bounty was treachery. He committed that which caused the Eye of God to weep and the Most Exalted Pen to lament. Nevertheless, the Wronged One hath clung to the cord of patience, and He is the Concealer, the Patient, the Mighty, the All-Powerful.

Should anyone desire to know that mentioned oppressor: he is named Yahya in the Book of Names. We bear witness that he is of the wrongdoers in My perspicuous Book.

BH10928: O Dhu'l-Fiqar! Upon thee be the glory of God…

He is the Rememberer of His loved ones.

O Dhu'l-Fiqar! Upon thee be the glory of God, thy Lord, the Unconstrained.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most glorious glory, and by all Thy splendor, which is resplendent, to send down upon Thine elect and Thy loved ones, from the heaven of Thy bounty, the table of the knowledge of Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

Glory be upon thee, and upon thy brother who hath ascended unto God, and upon thy family and those who are with thee in this Most Great Cause and this mighty Announcement.

BH10941: This is the Tablet of God, the Help…

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

This is the Tablet of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O My servant, O Thabit! There hath been sent down in a Book concerning him who loveth Me—We have made mention of thee time and again that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Manifestor of clear evidences. We have heard thy call and have summoned thee from the direction of the Ancient One, the seat of the throne of thy Lord, the Possessor of nations. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Bestower. We have desired to answer him whose letter hath come before the Wronged One, that the verses may draw him to the Dayspring of knowledge.

BH10986: God the true One is My Witness! This…

God the true One is My Witness! This is the Day whereon it is incumbent upon everyone that seeth to behold, and every ear that hearkeneth to hear, and every heart that understandeth to perceive, and every tongue that speaketh to proclaim unto all who are in heaven and on earth, this holy, this exalted, and all-highest Name.

BH11683: O Aba'l-Ma'ali! Upon thee be the peace of God…

O Aba'l-Ma'ali! Upon thee be the peace of God and His glory. By My life! Never have the breezes of thy remembrance ceased to waft over the court of the Wronged One. We, truly, love thee, and We exhort thee unto that whereby the station of the loved ones of God may be exalted amidst His servants. We beseech Him to protect thee and to ordain for thee the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, He is the Lord of mankind, and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

BH11858: Praise be to God, Who hath manifested the essences…

Praise be to God, Who hath manifested the essences of primal realities, and caused them to descend into the realms of lordship. Upon them there hath sprinked the attractions of the worlds of Divinity, whereat all have been thunderstruck, wholly and utterly, by these wondrous countenances newly revealed. And He, in His own Self, hath ever been the Truth, sanctified above all beginnings and endings, exalted beyond the accidents and substances of contingent being, inasmuch as He is the Beloved within the cloud-realm of Divinity and the Beauty of the kingdom of Godhead. And verily, by My Beauty, He hath in Our sight ever been praised and [all-merciful].

BH11859: A hundred thousand praises be upon those who, at…

He is.

A hundred thousand praises be upon those who, at one stroke, shattered the idols and found repose beneath the shadow of the All-Knowing King. By My Beauty! At this moment, through the light of Baha, through a radiant sun, thou art known amongst the denizens of the Concourse on high. God willing, mayest thou ever remain confirmed by divine assistance. Fear not, and speak, for at whatsoever time thou speakest for the sake of God, the Holy Spirit shall assuredly confirm thee. And for him in particular, several Tablets have been sent, both aforetime and thereafter.

BH11120: By the life of God! There hath been ordained…

…By the life of God! There hath been ordained for the loved ones that which the pens of the world are powerless and incapable of describing. Some servants were observed who came on account of a word and departed on account of another word. The colors of two days prevented and deprived them of eternal favors and everlasting bounties….

BH11098: God is Most Glorious!

God is Most Glorious!

My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy turning unto God, the Most High, the Most Exalted. This is a testimony that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor by whatsoever the peoples possess. That which hath been ordained for thee by God, the Lord of the worlds, shall erelong be sent down. Rejoice thou in this bounty, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

BH11039: In the letter of the revered Afnan, his honor…

In the letter of the revered Afnan, his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious—regarding what he had written that they had sent a letter to this servant which arrived, and that they had written and sent a detailed reply to it—God willing it has now arrived. And now they convey countless glorifications and praises.

BH11037: O leaf! I hope that, by divine grace, you…

He is God.

O leaf! I hope that, by divine grace, you are safe and at rest. We sent Munirih—the choice is yours. We gave permission for fifteen days of service. O leaf! The Tree commands: do not fall short in knowledge, calligraphy and character. The human being requires the conditions of humanity. The Glory be upon you.

BH11198: O Khanum, O Amatallah! That is, O My handmaid…

In the Name of the Lord!

O Khanum, O Amatallah! That is, O My handmaid, O thou the handmaid of God! It is hoped that in the path of His love thou art sanctified from all else save Him, fixing thy gaze upon the Holy Court in such wise that the tribulation encompassing thee in the path of God, the King, the Omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting, will not cause thee sadness.

BH11076: The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto him who…

He is the Wronged One.

The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all beings, and hath quaffed the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of bounty and bestowal. He, verily, is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Glory be unto those who have attained unto the lights of the Countenance when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty.

BH11168: O ʿAbdu'l-Khaliq! Upon thee be My glory! The Kaaba…

He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise

O ʿAbdu'l-Khaliq! Upon thee be My glory! The Kaaba of God hath turned toward thee and commandeth thee to detach thyself from all else but Him, and to promote that rectitude which is the dawning-place of prosperity, that there may be ordained for thee from the Supreme Pen, in the Crimson Book, a bountiful, enduring, firm and everlasting reward that shall last as long as the Kingdom of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, shall endure.

BH11028: O ʿAbdu'llah! God willing, mayest thou abide beneath…

He is God

O ʿAbdu'llah! God willing, mayest thou abide beneath the shadow of God and be of them that remember Him. The living water floweth, mercy is manifest, and the sun is shining forth. From the true Friend—that is, from the Lord God—I beseech that He may cause thee to taste of the life-giving stream, grant thee a share of His mercy, and illumine thee with the lights of the sun. Convey unto the friends Our greetings.

BH11019: O Aqa Mihdi! Wherefore hast thou been heedless…

He is God.

O Aqa Mihdi! Wherefore hast thou been heedless of the leaf of guidance? Thou hast been called by the name "Mihdi"; yet bind thy heart to the companions of guidance. Abide in the haven and the meadow of the Beloved—dwelling, as it were, in the precincts of fidelity—that thou mayest drink from the cup of purity, and quaff from the ocean of God, and behold thereafter with thine own eyes.

After this, act not contrary to thy former course, nor deviate, of set purpose, from that which thou didst aforetime pursue.

BH11016: The beginning of all things hath been, and continueth…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance.

The beginning of all things hath been, and continueth to be, faith in God, exalted be His glory; and the end thereof is steadfastness therein. Blessed is he who hath attained unto both the first and the last; verily, he is numbered among the people of inner meaning in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds and the Desired One of them that have known Him.

BH11003: O My Name the All-Forgiving! Through Thee have I…

O My Name the All-Forgiving! Through Thee have I been tried, and through Thee have I drunk what no one hath drunk, and tasted what no soul hath tasted. Were I not beholding Thee, I would have destroyed the wicked ones and delivered My chosen ones from the letters of fire. Had not My mercy preceded all things, I would have returned existence unto non-existence by reason of what hath befallen My loved ones—how much more by what hath befallen My Own Self!

BH11021: O beloved! God willing, may you ever remain sheltered…

O beloved! God willing, may you ever remain sheltered beneath the protecting shade of the blessed divine Tree in perfect joy and fragrance, and in endless delight and felicity, occupied with the remembrance of the Friend, heedless of the grief and joy of the world and the pleasure and sorrow of humanity.

I have left to the people their religion and their world,

Being occupied with Thy remembrance, O Thou Who art my religion and my world!…

BH11067: In Thy name, the All-Giving, the Most Effulgent!

In Thy name, the All-Giving, the Most Effulgent!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not by what remembrance to remember Thee that would befit the majesty of Thy presence, for all remembrances beside Thine own fade away before the radiant splendor of the countenance of Thy remembrance. Therefore, through Thy generosity and grace, Thy loving-kindness and bounty, cause it to descend, O Thou in Whose hand are the keys of all remembrance! Verily, Thou hast power over all things.

BH11041: The water of life is the divine utterance…

…The water of life is the divine utterance, and likewise His clear evidences. Strive that perchance the people of the world may attain eternal life through this everlasting stream and may illumine creation with the light of wisdom and utterance….

BH11143: God is Most Pure

God is Most Pure.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be the peace of God and His glory. Turn thy face toward the Wronged One, detached from whatsoever hath been and whatsoever shall be, and place thy trust in God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

O My leaves! Upon you be the peace of God, the Lord of the Names. Turn ye toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Thus hath the decree been ordained: the command is God's—the Originator of the heavens and the Creator of all things.

BH11164: O Khalíl! Blessed art thou, for thou hast visited…

O Khalíl! Blessed art thou, for thou hast visited the two Houses: one built by the Friend, and the other raised by the All-Glorious. The first He entered not, and from the second He departed not. We have remembered thee and were with thee in all conditions. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty bounty. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH11035: O Mihdi! Drink thou the everlasting nectar flowing…

In the Name of the Beloved of the world!

O Mihdi! Drink thou the everlasting nectar flowing from the Divine Word through the Hand of bounty, and partake of the most pure Kawthar streaming from the direction of the Most Great Scene through the Hand of grace. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast honored me with the trace of Thy Pen and hast called me with the tongue of the Manifestation of Thine Essence while He was imprisoned among the oppressors.

BH11124: O My Majd: His Honour Badi' attained the presence…

He is the Almighty

O My Majd: His Honour Badi' attained the presence and stood before it, and desired to manifest a token of favour unto you. From the Wronged One he sought permission; therefore these two words were penned and sent, that he might obtain that which he desired, and that you might be blessed with this most great bounty. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11169: O Abdullah! We have turned towards thee from this…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

O Abdullah! We have turned towards thee from this exalted Station and make mention of thee with a remembrance wherewith nothing can compare, and I am the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. It behooveth thee to preserve thy station through the Name of thy Lord and to remember Him at all times. Soon thou shalt behold the Sun of My Cause from the Most Exalted Horizon. Thus doth the All-Knowing inform thee. The glory be upon thee.

BH11118: By the life of God! Such wrong was committed…

…By the life of God! Such wrong was committed against the Seal of the Prophets by the Shi'ih party that none save God can reckon it. Some wrongful, heedless souls, moved by self and desire, forsook the root and clung to the branch. Concerning these matters some poets have mentioned that which caused the very essence of truth to weep….

BH10988: Your flowing verses caused joy and delight to hearts…

Your flowing verses caused joy and delight to hearts, and were specifically presented at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that you have attained this greatest gift. Blessed are you for having drunk from the Living Waters and attained the praise of our Lord, the Most Merciful. God willing, may you ever be speaking His praise and engaged in His remembrance.

BH11197: The tongue of Divine Unity magnifies upon thy face…

He is the All-Wise

The tongue of Divine Unity magnifies upon thy face, O Samadiyyih. We beseech God to assist thee in detachment in both beginning and end, and to solace thine eyes through the favors of thy Lord, the Possessor of all existence. Return thou to the abode of security and the seat of fellowship, near unto the mighty King. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

BH11047: O Husayn! This is a Tablet which remembereth thee…

He is the Beloved

O Husayn! This is a Tablet which remembereth thee from before the Wronged One, and by which the Concourse on High remembereth thee through the everlasting Book of God, the Lord of all beings. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to attain unto Thy presence and to hear Thy voice, as I stand before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to open before my face the door of Thy blessings and loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH11861: There is but one reality and one essence…

…There is but one reality and one essence that is expounded in the worlds of outer form and, at each of its stages, is described by a specific name… in accordance with the degrees of its particular manifestations on the plane of this limited world.

BH10995: O my God! ‘Ali, Thy servant, seeketh reunion…

He is God

O my God! ‘Ali, Thy servant, seeketh reunion with Thee. Thou knowest and art aware that he is renowned for Thy love, and that in Thy path he hath beheld what the people of truth have beheld, both in former times and in these latter days. Ordain for him, then, from the Pen of Thy grace, that which shall draw him nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH11008: O My servant! Verily thy Lord, when He chastiseth…

O My servant! Verily thy Lord, when He chastiseth His servants, is called by His name the Just One, and when He forgiveth, is called by His name the All-Forgiving, and He careth not whether He be called by this or by that, for verily He is sanctified above all names, and verily He is the One possessed of such power as none knoweth save His own Self, the All-Knowing.

BH11026: In My Name, the All-Glorious

In My Name, the All-Glorious.

O Lord! Since Thou hast opened unto the faces of Thy creatures the gate of Thy presence, close it not, in Thy bounty. And since Thou hast called them unto the ocean of union with Thee, withhold them not, in Thy grace.

O Lord! Make known unto them Thy way, and the path which Thou hast manifested in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH11042: Blessed be ye, O women of the pavilion…

He is God

Blessed be ye, O women of the pavilion of glory! May her honor hold fast to the cord of divine unity and rejoice in the grace of God.

Women and men occupy one and the same station before God. The most honoured of created beings before God have been, and are, the steadfast and upright souls. Glory be upon you, O women of the household, and peace be upon you.

BH11052: Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds…

In the Name of the One Friend!

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast attained unto the presence of the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Manifestation of His grace, and hast been clothed with the robe of forgiveness from the hand of divine bounty. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that thou mayest ever drink from the pure water of steadfastness and remain detached and free from all else but Him.

BH11053: At this moment all who are in the heavens…

He is.

At this moment all who are in the heavens and on earth prostrated themselves before God, and the Holy Spirit breathed into the temples of the Concourse on High, and the Dove warbled in the midmost heart of eternity, and all necks bowed down before His command, while the proud were in the fire of hell and grievous peril, and verily He was witness over all things.

BH11056: Convey greetings to the friends in that land. We…

Convey greetings to the friends in that land. We beseech God that He may assist all to do what is necessary and befitting. That honored one must at all times set the people ablaze with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and His name. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have said “We believe in God, the Single, the All-Informed.”

BH11062: Glorified be He Who hath adorned thy temple…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of eternity!

Glorified be He Who hath adorned thy temple with the ornament of hearing and brought thee into the presence of the Throne and caused thee to hear His wondrous and glorious call. Nothing can be compared with this, nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Be thou thankful in all circumstances, then praise Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me and honored me and brought me into Thy noble presence.

BH11063: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech…

He is the Preserver

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, and Thy Most Mighty Word, and by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes, that Thou protect this servant from every affliction and decree, and from every epidemic and plague, and from whatsoever tribulations and

hardships may arise in the earth. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH11071: Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Creator…

He is the Ever-Abiding

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Creator of names and Fashioner of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Holy, Most Glorious Beauty to make the hearts of Thy servants sanctified from self and desire, that Thy love may be established therein, O Thou Who hast raised up the heaven. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the One Who dominates all things and Who has power over all things, by Thy Most Glorious Name.

BH11077: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but He. His are glory and majesty and bounty. He guideth whomsoever He willeth unto the Euphrates of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

O My name! Upon thee be My glory. Should anyone ask thee concerning the lamp, say: It is amid tempestuous winds.

BH11084: Blessed are ye, O exiles of the earth! Ye…

He is.

Blessed are ye, O exiles of the earth! Ye are they who have turned towards the realms of banishment out of longing to attain the presence of the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness, and have borne in the path of God that which caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament. Ye are they whom neither the might of princes held back from the Lord of Names, nor the croaking of the raven from your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH11096: God hath heard thy call, and from the ocean…

God hath heard thy call, and from the ocean of His bounty hath He revealed unto thee the pearls of His loving care. Give thanks unto Him at all times, and glorify His praise in spirit and with a heart perfumed with the sweet savour of His remembrance.

The Cause is in His hand; verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We exhort the servants to that which draweth them nigh unto God, and the handmaidens to that which is meet and befitting for them in these days.

BH11101: To be typed

To be typed.

BH11119: By the life of God! The sea hath been…

By the life of God! The sea hath been withheld from its billows, the sun from its shining, and the Lote-Tree from its fruits. The people have denied that which hath appeared and come to pass, and have turned away from God, the Lord of all mankind.

In the name of truth, one may be seated in the loftiest station and reclining upon the highest cushions—yet, for all that, be turned away from Him.

> "Verily, they that fear God among His servants are the learned."

BH11121: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having…

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

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled Thy servants and handmaidens to make mention of Thee and to offer Thy praise, and to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to assist them under all conditions to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and the One Who holdeth dominion over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH11123: He has ever brought into being whatsoever He willeth…

He has ever brought into being whatsoever He willeth as He willeth and created whatsoever He desireth as He desireth. There was no cause for Thy creation save Thy bringing it into being, and no reason for Thy invention save Thy origination of it. All manifestations with Thee are but a motionless creation which Thou didst bring forth from nothing and to which Thou didst say "Be."

BH11126: We bear witness that there is none other God…

He is the Almighty

We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and in confession of His singleness. We have named the child after the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names be a sacrifice unto Him—and We beseech God to bless you and to send down upon you from the heaven of grace a blessing and a favor from His presence. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

BH11128: The mystic knower is he who knoweth the Manifestation…

The mystic knower is he who knoweth the Manifestation of My Self in My Beauty which dawneth forth through My Name in the vesture of Mine Order that is sanctified from all except Me, and who speaketh forth My remembrance and [praise], and who gazeth with Mine eye upon My sovereignty and power and then upon My Manifestations and creation. Thus hath it been ordained by My Pen for My creatures and My servants.

BH11140: O Ismi! It was ordained that a small sum…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

O Ismi! It was ordained that a small sum be conveyed by Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ali in Beirut to Jinab-i-Aqa Ali—upon him be the peace of God. Yet, since he was not worthy, We were not pleased that it should be given thus; therefore We Ourselves are giving it. Accordingly, let your honour inspect the letter of Aqa Siyyid ʿAli and deliver it. And since We are giving it, he should assuredly have known, and know, and they too must needs accept it. Keep this matter concealed; let no one be informed of it.

BH11145: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name…

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the sovereign over all names to ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next, and to establish me in Thy service amidst all created things. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Merciful. Moreover, forgive me for what I have wrought in Thy days, and by Thy grace and generosity blot out my misdeeds. Verily, Thou art powerful and mighty over this.

BH11150: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

O people of Baha! We counsel you with that which We counseled Our messengers before, and We command you to patience and resignation in what hath befallen you in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Remind the people in the days of thy Lord and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Psalms and Tablets and in My perspicuous Book.

BH11200: I swear by God! So great are the things…

I swear by God! So great are the things ordained for the steadfast that were they, so much as the eye of a needle, to be disclosed, all who are in heaven and on earth would be dumbfounded, except such as God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed to exempt.

BH11204: Were mankind to give heed in a befitting manner…

Were mankind to give heed in a befitting manner to no more than one word of such a praise it would be so filled with delight as to be overpowered and lost in wonder. Entranced, it would then shine forth resplendent above the horizon of true understanding.

BH11860: O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call of thy…

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from the direction of the Throne, then give thanks and prostrate thyself before Me, then remember and be devoutly obedient and be thou among the thankful women. Then be patient and show forth patience and depart not from the precincts of thy Lord, that thou mayest be numbered among the contented ones. And the Spirit be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God and were among those who attained.

BH11296: This is My letter unto her who hath heard…

He is the Eternal!

This is My letter unto her who hath heard My voice and drawn nigh unto Me. Verily, she is a leaf that hath sprung from this preexistent Root. She hath revealed herself in My name and tasted of the sweet savours of My holy, My wondrous pleasure. At one time We gave her to drink from My honeyed Mouth, at another caused her to partake of My mighty, My luminous Kawthar. Upon her rest the glory of My name and the fragrance of My shining robe.

BH11251: Convey greetings to all the loved ones and forbid…

Convey greetings to all the loved ones and forbid them from idle pastimes and games. The wine of love for the Peerless Lord and the cup of knowledge of the eternal Sovereign suffices for all who dwell in the realm. And greetings be upon those who follow the Truth.

BH11318: O Ahmad! Praise be to God Who created thee…

He is the Most Merciful, the Compassionate

O Ahmad! Praise be to God Who created thee and sustained thee and taught thee and caused thee to know and guided thee to His straight path. Peace be upon thee and upon [thy father] and thy uncle and upon those who are with you for the sake of God.

BH11240: His exalted Word

His exalted Word:

We have ordained for him that which We have ordained for no other, and verily he dwelleth in the Most Glorious Horizon and the Most Exalted Station. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Most Supreme and Most Resplendent Station. We had promised him aforetime that We would bring to pass that which he loveth and desireth. Verily He is the Intended One, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below.

BH11305: The Point of Servitude remembers you. And I have…

He is He.

The Point of Servitude remembers you. And I have written another letter enclosed to Siyyid Ibrahim—if you deem it advisable, deliver it, otherwise do not. Two writings from the blessed pen were sent to you—one a prayer and the other a letter.

BH11332: O Sulayman! Hear thou with the ear of thine…

O Sulayman! Hear thou with the ear of thine innate nature the voice of the Wronged One, and hold fast unto the Strong Cord of God. The world is transient, and that which is with God endureth. Strive thou that

perchance thou mayest attain unto such knowledge as its fragrance shall never cease, and whose mention shall not be erased from the scroll of them that have turned unto God. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH11312: He hath done well to desire thus. We have…

He hath done well to desire thus. We have permitted him to turn towards the All-Highest Horizon with joy and radiance, but in all circumstances they must observe wisdom in such manner that it does not cause any disturbance. Verily, He is the Announcer, the Informer, the Answerer, the All-Willing.

BH11319: God is Most Glorious!

God is Most Glorious!

O Asad! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. The tongue of My grandeur hath borne witness in thy favour, and in praise of thy remembrance, thy laudation, thy turning unto Him, thy teaching, and thy arising to champion the Cause of God, thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

BH11330: O daughter of Muhammad-Taqi! Praise be to God…

He is God!

O daughter of Muhammad-Taqi! Praise be to God that your father turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and attained unto service, attainment of His presence, listening and witnessing. That which no eye hath seen nor ear heard hath been ordained for him. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Bountiful.

BH11274: Blessed art thou for having recognized My Self…

He is the All-Forgiving

Blessed art thou for having recognized My Self and turned away from all else beside Me among Mine enemies, and for having been touched by tribulations in My path and by rest in My love. Rest hath not been ordained save beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness and near the sanctuary of My mercy. Seize thy chance thereof and be thou of the thankful ones.

BH11238: O My Majd! God willing, mayest thou abide beneath…

He is.

O My Majd! God willing, mayest thou abide beneath the shelter of the Divine Presence and the sovereign might of the All-Merciful, safeguarded and preserved; and from the evils of the exponents of self and the dawning-places of satanic promptings mayest thou find rest and peace within the sanctuary of the Lord's protection. All this is of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH11297: Majdu'd-Din: Upon thee be My glory. Send word…

He is the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

Majdu'd-Din: Upon thee be My glory. Send word to the Mansion, to the service of the Greater Branch, that there will be no departure tomorrow, for the matter of the post remaineth delayed. Therefore, after it hath been sent, the departure will take place. Accordingly, on Wednesday, at sunset, God willing, We shall set forth. Glory be upon thee.

BH11335: O Sword of God! Necks have grown long…

He is the Manifest One

O Sword of God! Necks have grown long with hypocrisy, but God has forbidden the rule of the sword and ordained in its place loving-kindness and glory. Blessed is he who casts away what he has and takes up what is commanded by God, the Lord of all men.

BH11207: For every matter there is a means…

He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

For every matter there is a means and a path, and for every ailment an antidote. The antidote to poverty, in one respect, is endeavor in one's occupation. Seek ye wealth through work and livelihood. Wealth is born of this endeavour and is the fruit of the tree of trustworthiness.

BH11208: For every malady a remedy hath been ordained…

He is the All-Wise

For every malady a remedy hath been ordained, and for every poison an antidote appointed. The antidote to poverty is endeavor and occupation. Seek ye wealth through labour and earning. Wealth is born of this endeavour and is the fruit of the tree of trustworthiness.

BH11212: Praise be to God! The sun of bounty…

Praise be to God! The sun of bounty is shining forth, and the ocean of generosity is presentâ€"the former at all times in its radiance, and the latter at every moment in its surging waves. From God do We beseech that He may grant unto all their portion, that they may circle round about Himâ€"most especially that honoured and noble lady. Verily, He is potent over all things.

BH11218: O Hasan! Be still, for the preservation…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Hasan! Be still, for the preservation of that motion which God has sanctified from all motions, and from the three natural motions which are [the six]. Thus does the Lord of creation make mention of thee that thou mayest glory in His remembrance amongst His servants.

Verily, the essence [jawhar] is but a single word. It hath shone forth from the mouth of the Divine Will, and through it appeared that heat which God hath made the cause of motion in the world. Through it all

things are sustained, though they be veiled therefrom. Thus have We detailed the matter in the Book. All things have been realized through the Word of thy Lord. By My life, this is indeed the decisive utterance!

Blessed art thou for having forsaken idle fancy and turned unto guidance in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Hold fast unto the cord of His Cause and cleave unto this hem which God hath sanctified from all other hems. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones unto whom the glance of My loving-kindness hath been directed in all conditions.

BH11220: Verily, the Divine Lote-Tree maketh mention of its Afnan…

Verily, the Divine Lote-Tree maketh mention of its Afnan, gladdening them with its favor and loving-kindness, and beareth witness unto them even as His Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness to their nearness, their turning unto Him, their orientation, and their acknowledgment. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Most Great Remembrance from the Lord of everlasting dominion.

BH11221: O thou who art named Rahim! Look not upon…

O thou who art named Rahim! Look not upon any in the Bayan save through the mystery of God and His veil, for We, verily, have ever been of those who conceal. That is, he was admonished not to censure or fault the people of the Bayan for their deeds, even as they themselves were wont to cover over and to shut their eyes to such things.

BH11225: O concourse of divines! Adorn the head of knowledge…

O concourse of divines! Adorn the head of knowledge with the crown of deeds, then with sincerity and the fear of God, and adorn its neck with the pearls of fairness, then clothe its temple with the brocade of love and the silk of justice, if you hear the call of God and act according to what you are commanded.

BH11229: Man is like unto a sword, and its essence…

Man is like unto a sword, and its essence is forbearance and piety. As long as it remains sheathed in the scabbard of self, its quality remaineth unknown. Supplicate ye the All-Glorious that all may attain unto the station of maturity, which is the station of certitude and recognition.

BH11230: God willing, mayest thou be gladdened by this divine…

He is the Friend

God willing, mayest thou be gladdened by this divine springtime and by the morning breeze, and amidst the trees of existence mayest thou give utterance to the words, ‘Verily, He is the Best-Beloved.’ Save the Friend, all are perishable and lost; He alone abideth, everlasting and present. Drink thou from the living waters of His praise, and quaff, at every moment, from the choice wine of His love. Glory be upon thee.

BH11231: God willing, mayest thou be set aflame…

He is God

God willing, mayest thou be set aflame by the fire of the Beloved's face, and by His light illumine the horizons. Thy mother conveyeth her greetings, and saith:

> "I have made, and continue to make, mention of you and of Jinab-i-Nazir in the presence of the True One."

BH11234: O God! From the surging waves of the seas…

O God! From the surging waves of the seas I heard Thy praise; upon the mountain-heights did I behold Thee. By the riverbanks I called Thee to remembrance, and beside the running brooks I communed with Thee time and again. In every place did I remember Thee.

BH11235: O Friend! By the locks of Thy musk-scented hair…

O Friend! By the locks of Thy musk-scented hair, which hath cut off the destitute dwellers of the valley of search from all hope and expectation through the majesty of a new affliction, and hath, through the might of severe trials, debarred the captives in the realm of desire from the everlasting sign of the ultimate goal.

BH11239: This passage—that is, the interpretation of the sun…

This passage—that is, the interpretation of the sun and the moon—was written in accordance with the beliefs of the Shi'ih party, inasmuch as the purpose of composing this book was the guidance of that people. We bear witness that they are of them that forge falsehoods, save such as come unto God with a stainless heart.

BH11241: We arrived at the house of Jinab-i-Diya—upon him be…

He is the Almighty

We arrived at the house of Jinab-i-Diya—upon him be the most glorious of all glory and the brightest of all light's radiance—and a company was present in that house. All were blessed with meeting and presence. Blessed be they, both men and women. One point of yearning remaineth: it is for thee. Glory be upon all.

BH11242: And likewise He saith

And likewise He saith:

In the name of God, write: In all matters let them have due regard for the dignity of the Cause. Whatever may be inhaled of the odor of violation in the Cause, from that must they needs refrain. Thus doth the Wronged One admonish thee in truth, and He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11244: We entered the garden, yet all its buds had…

He is the Almighty

We entered the garden, yet all its buds had vanished; We passed on into a thorny waste. Flowers of every hue and kind were strewn in heaps. It was as though the Resurrection itself had come to pass, and all affairs were seen to be reversed: the lowly exalted, and the flame itself grown dim. By the life of God! A veritable enchantment is here made manifest; unto God must one flee for refuge.

BH11245: In the name of God, upon thee be His…

He is God

In the name of God, upon thee be His grace, O Badi'! God willing, in peace and safety shalt thou enter the rose-garden of the mercy of the All-Merciful, which is the resort of sweet fruits and heavenly produce. The pomegranate is expectant, and the apple likewise full of hope, waiting to see what thy fortune shall accomplish.

BH11246: After two hours of the day had passed, We…

In the name of God, the Almighty

After two hours of the day had passed, We arrived. You are there, and We are here, with the fire of separation ablaze; from God have We sought, and do seek, reunion and meeting. Either may He draw you hither, or send Us unto you. Convey to all the friends Our greeting of Allah-u-Abha. And peace be upon you.

BH11248: In the words of the poet, "The desert…

He is God

In the words of the poet, "The desert and the garden are alive, for this is the quarter of the Beloved"; wherefore, the sooner ye return unto the Most Transcendent Scene, the better. God willing, may ye ever, and unto everlasting, abide present and watchful in the presence of the All-Merciful. The glory be upon you.

BH11249: Rejoice not in the world and whatsoever it contains…

Rejoice not in the world and whatsoever it contains. By God's life! Every treasure hath been and is the cause of infinite grief and sorrow and regret. Never hath any perishable thing been the cause of independence, nor shall it ever be.

BH11252: All created things bear witness that this is His…

All created things bear witness that this is His Day and this is His season. With but one word hath He subdued the world and its peoples. Exalted be His bounty; exalted be His grace, which hath encompassed the world, and His munificence, which hath embraced all existence, from the first ones unto the last.

BH11257: Mention was made of Hadrat-i-Muballigh and Jinab-i-Afnan, upon them…

He is God

Mention was made of Hadrat-i-Muballigh and Jinab-i-Afnan, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy, in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said: Verily He hath ordained for them that which befitteth His grace. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind.

BH11258: The mention of Ghulam-Rida Khan hath been made. Blessed…

The mention of Ghulam-Rida Khan hath been made. Blessed is he, for he hath laboured in the path of God according to that which the Concourse on high hath uttered.

O Ghulam-Rida! Upon thee be the glory of all things, and the glory of all who are on earth and in heaven, and the glory of all who dwell in the kingdom of the Cause and of creation.

BH11263: Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Name…

Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Name the lands have been illumined and the peoples subdued! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Manifest and the Hidden, through which the Trumpet was sounded and He Who spoke with Moses upon Sinai found utterance, to ordain for him who hath quaffed the choice wine of meeting Thee the good of the world to come and of this present world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all mankind; there is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Omnipotent.

BH11264: The ear of the just sovereign standeth attentive…

He is God, exalted be He.

The ear of the just sovereign standeth attentive, that it may hear the cry of the wronged; and the eye awaiteth, that it may behold the account of the condition of the peoples of the world. We beseech God to sustain him through the agencies of heaven and earth. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

BH11272: My glory is My Name, and My manifestation…

My glory is My Name, and My manifestation is My Beauty, and My fortress is My love, and My proof is My Self, and My power is My signs, and My creation is My verses, and My sovereignty is My might, and My abode is My prison, and My Tablet is My messenger, and My Pen is My Command, and My party is My trust, and My fingers are My companions, and the Promised One is attainment to My presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH11273: O ye in mortal graves! The peace of God…

He is.

O ye in mortal graves! The peace of God, He Who is the Lord of Revelation and the Speaker on Sinai, rest upon you. Blessed are ye, for ye were endowed with faith in days when trembling seized the limbs of all

religions. May the Glory of God rest upon you, upon the origin of your beings and the end thereof, and upon your outer temples and inner selves.

BH11275: Give thanks unto God, thy Creator, for that He…

He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Give thanks unto God, thy Creator, for that He hath accepted thy migration and hath numbered thee among those who were present before thee; and He hath raised thee from that station unto one wherein it is as though thou hadst attained His presence and wert of those who stand before Him.

The Spirit be upon thee, and upon the steadfast.

BH11279: as a bounty from Us and a mercy…

…as a bounty from Us and a mercy from Our presence. We ask God to unite his family and provide the means by which his station may be elevated among the servants. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH11280: Ahmad hath come—upon him be My peace…

In the Name of Him Who is mentioned in the Scriptures and in the Tablets.

Ahmad hath come—upon him be My peace and My glory—and hath desired to go forth bearing as gifts the utterance of revelation, the tokens of proof, the new bounty, and the wondrous table unto the Afnan of My Lote-Tree and unto My loved ones. [Thus] hath it been ordained: let him journey through the lands, and proclaim the verses of God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH11298: The matters were submitted. As for Jinab-i-Mirza Mustafa, he…

The matters were submitted. As for Jinab-i-Mirza Mustafa, he said that if there be some definite work, there is no objection. But concerning the money, the Blessed Beauty Himself said: ʻI have sent one hundred liras.' The essential thing is that there should be some undertaking worthy of Mirza Mustafa's attention.

BH11301: Mihdi and Ma'sumih came and requested that a reply…

Mihdi and Ma'sumih came and requested that a reply be written to your letter. With the utmost longing, joy, sincerity, and self-effacement do they express themselves in your service, and say:

> "In your stead, and as your representative, I am occupied in service."

Upon Khanum, my Khanum, and the others—upon them and upon them all be the glory of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH11303: The letter of Samandar was received and perused. We…

The letter of Samandar was received and perused. We beseech God to protect him from the evil of every proud and tyrannical oppressor, and to aid him in service to the Cause, even as He aided him aforetime. Verily, from the earliest days until now, he hath been occupied in service; none would deny this save every wayward and sinful transgressor.

BH11304: We beseech God to bless the steps…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great.

We beseech God to bless the steps of the newborn upon My Branch. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. And We have named the son Amínu'llah in this noble station.

Glory be upon him and upon his father, from the presence of One compassionate and generous; and upon his mother, and upon whoso serveth him. This is a great favour.

BH11310: Every good thing is fair and pleasing. Blessed…

He is the Ever-Abiding!

Every good thing is fair and pleasing. Blessed is the hand that hath been privileged to write the verses of God, and the tongue that hath been moved to His remembrance. By the life of God! Being itself was created for this Day. The ocean of bounty is surging and the heaven of grace is uplifted. Joy to them that have attained!

BH11313: There is no objection to what you have taken…

There is no objection to what you have taken as a means of livelihood, for the remembrance of the Wronged One is praiseworthy at all times and seasons. Make it a means for awakening those who slumber and rousing those who are heedless, through symbols and allusions and intimations, as the poet has said: "Listen thou to the tale thyself."

BH11316: The time hath come for Mahd to transmute…

The time hath come for Mahd to transmute the poison of separation into the honey of reunion, and to allay the fires of remoteness with the Kawthar of the water of life and nearness; that is, to hasten unto the dwelling-place of the Beloved, and with heart and soul to turn unto the realm of the All-Merciful. Thus hath it been sent down from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11320: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory and My…

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The tea was apportioned; praise be to God, it was brought into the presence and was quaffed by the loved ones of God. Yet some still remained: send one box, or bring it thyself.

BH11325: O handmaiden of God! We have come to visit…

He is

O handmaiden of God! We have come to visit thee and have approached thy resting place, and we beseech God to grant thee at all times what He hath ordained in the highest Paradise for the people of Baha. Verily, He doeth what He willeth by His command, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH11327: God is Most Glorious!

God is Most Glorious!

O thou who hast turned toward the Face of thy Lord! The deniers have desired to quench the light of the Lote-Tree and to extinguish its flame, and they have wrought that whereat the Supreme Paradise hath lamented.

Verily, from the presence of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, We exhort the people of Bahá to patience and steadfast endurance.

BH11329: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art…

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance and art mentioned before the Throne! Thou hast turned unto God and set thy face toward the Countenance, and hast drunk the choice wine of reunion time after time, and the Kawthar of meeting again and again; and thou hast arisen to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee, and upon all who have laid fast hold upon the Most Firm Handle.

BH11337: O thou assailant! By the life of God, thou…

O thou assailant! By the life of God, thou hast transgressed the bounds of justice, truth, and fairness. The sovereignty of ‘Umar was, for Islam, a manifest aid and a power made evident and resplendent. He arose with full resolve and attained the victory; but those beneath him have no portion of this station.

BH11340: He said: O servant in attendance! For many days…

He said: O servant in attendance! For many days We walked, and His Honour Ismi—upon him be the Baha’i glory—would appear from afar, and a certain state and sign would be observed; but now, according to what the eye perceiveth […]

BH11349: O Mu’in! I bear witness that thou hast not…

O Mu’in! I bear witness that thou hast not been a helper [mu’in] unto any save thine own self and thy vain desire. God created thee that thou mightest be a helper unto Me and unto My Cause; yet thou didst arise to aid Mine enemies—those who pronounced judgement for the shedding of My blood.

BH11352: O Himmat! Resolve and endeavour have ever been…

He is the All-Knowing

O Himmat! Resolve and endeavour have ever been, and continue to be, the key unto treasures that shall never perish. God willing, through the efforts of your honour, may those companions who are still wayfarers in the path of idolatry attain unto the fountainhead of true unity. This, verily, is not difficult for God.

BH11353: O leaf! O handmaiden of God! Upon thee be…

He is.

O leaf! O handmaiden of God! Upon thee be the peace of God and His mercy and His light and His grace, and we beseech for thee the waves of the ocean of His forgiveness and the effulgent rays of the sun of His bounty. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

BH11359: Every single letter proceeding from Our mouth is endowed…

Every single letter proceeding from Our mouth is endowed with such regenerative power as to enable it to bring into existence a new creation—a creation the magnitude of which is inscrutable to all save God. He verily hath knowledge of all things.

BH11361: O ye discerning ones! Verily, the words which have…

O ye discerning ones! Verily, the words which have descended from the heaven of the Will of God are the source of unity and harmony for the world. Close your eyes to racial differences, and welcome all with the light of oneness.

BH11362: All the Divine Books and Scriptures have predicted…

All the Divine Books and Scriptures have predicted and announced unto men the advent of the Most Great Revelation. None can adequately recount the verses recorded in the Books of former ages which forecast this supreme Bounty, this most mighty Bestowal.

BH11363: Blessed is he who loves the world simply…

Blessed is he who loves the world simply for the sake of the face of his generous Lord. With perfect compassion and mercy have we guided and directed The people of the world to that whereby their souls shall be profited.

BH11364: Through the blood which they shed the earth hath…

Through the blood which they shed the earth hath been impregnated with the wondrous revelations of Thy might and the gem-like signs of Thy glorious sovereignty. Ere-long shall she tell out her tidings, when the set time is come.

BH11365: In this day the tastes of men have changed…

In this day the tastes of men have changed, and their power of perception hath altered. The contrary winds of the world, and its colors, have provoked a cold, and deprived men's nostrils of the sweet savors of Revelation.

BH11367: The divine who hath seized and quaffed the most…

The divine who hath seized and quaffed the most holy Wine, in the name of the sovereign Ordainer, is as an eye unto the world. Well is it with them who obey him, and call him to remembrance.

BH11681: Whoso is imprisoned should not grieve; rather doth it…

Whoso is imprisoned should not grieve; rather doth it beseem him to rejoice, inasmuch as he hath followed his Lord in imprisonment…

BH11379: In this day the banner of divine victory calls…

…In this day the banner of divine victory calls, and likewise the standard of transcendent glory, but the hosts beneath this standard are wisdom and utterance, and their commander is the fear of God….

BH11377: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee…

…My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. O Lord! Ordain for me that which will render me detached from all else save Thee and cause me to hold fast to the hem of Thy luminous robe. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Great.

BH11439: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee. By God's life! We are with thee, and We are the One Who is near, the One Who watcheth. My glory be upon thee.

BH11441: O servant of God! The Most Exalted Pen hath…

He is.

O servant of God! The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy acceptance and thy turning toward the Countenance. Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of His loved ones and chosen ones, then of those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn.

BH11381: O My Name "The All-Forgiving" [al-Ghaffar]! Give thanks…

He is God!

O My Name "The All-Forgiving" [al-Ghaffar]! Give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, for by His name "The All-Forgiving" He hath forgiven the sins of all the worlds, and verily He is the One Who chooseth, in the beginning and in the end.

BH11382: O My Name! By My glory and grandeur…

O My Name! By My glory and grandeur and majesty: at the moment when I gaze upon thee, I see no one possessed of sin upon the face of the earth. Know this and conceal it.

BH11432: This is what We promised thee aforetime: "Be patient…

This is what We promised thee aforetime:

> "Be patient until there passeth from the Bayan nine. Say: All was created in His grasp and all are obedient unto Him. Verily, after a time [ba'da hin] there shall come to you a Command which ye shall come to know."

BH11394: This is a remembrance from the Tree of Love…

This is a remembrance from the Tree of Love which has descended upon the shore of the heart, and a fire from the treasury of nearness which is ignited in the Mount of the Tablet….

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BH11374: Give thanks unto God, for thy deed hath attained…

Give thanks unto God, for thy deed hath attained the honour of His acceptance. In lowliness supplicate Him, that thou mayest inhale the sweet fragrance of His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

We entreat Him, moreover, to make of thee a standard uplifted in the name of Him, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH11380: Pay no attention to those who claim knowledge…

Pay no attention to those who claim knowledge for themselves, and let not the size of their turbans frighten you, nor their wagging tongues and their outcries when they deny the outpouring from this Dawning Cloud that is exalted, mighty and luminous.

BH11385: O friend! The station of man is, in manifest…

He is the Speaker on the Mount

O friend! The station of man is, in manifest and evident utterance amidst the assemblage of the world, the sign of God and the sun of the universe.

BH11386: O friend! From the shining forth of the star…

He is the All-Knowing

O friend! From the shining forth of the star of divine grace, reason was made manifest; and from reason justice was revealed and brought to light; and through these twain was the world adorned and established.

BH11388: O friends! In this spiritual springtime, deprive not yourselves…

He is the All-Hearing

O friends! In this spiritual springtime, deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of the All-Merciful. He it is Who is manifest, and He it is Who speaketh. He mentioneth thee as a bounty from His own presence, and He, verily, is the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous.

BH11393: Beware lest ye forget courtesy, for a person…

Beware lest ye forget courtesy, for a person is known by his courteous behavior, not by his wealth. Take pride in your knowledge and refinement, not in your ancestors and garments. Hearken unto My counsel and be not of the heedless ones.

BH11395: This Servant was not among the learned ones…

This Servant was not among the learned ones and had not traveled to distant lands, and according to outward appearance was born in the household of one of the government officials and was related to him.

BH11398: These are the verses of the Book which have…

These are the verses of the Book which have been sent down in truth from the dominion of God, the Exalted, the Great…And I confirm what you possess of God's laws and ordinances, and I have come to you from Sinai with the call of God, the Exalted, the Triumphant, the Ancient.

BH11401: Render thanks unto the Desire of the world, whose…

He is the All-Glorious

Render thanks unto the Desire of the world, whose grace hath reached such a degree that He hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. Know thou this, and be of them that are thankful.

BH11407: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that I am He, and He is the Glory in this most exalted and magnificent ornament. O glad tidings unto you, O denizens of immortality!

BH11408: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He giveth unto whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O My Afnan! Be not grieved at anything, for verily He is with you under all conditions. Husayn and ʿAli.

BH11411: May a¹¢amadiyyih abide safe beneath the shadow…

He is God

May a¹¢amadiyyih abide safe beneath the shadow of the Lord of creation; mayest thou, in the fairest of melodies, give utterance to the remembrance of the All-Merciful, and with the utmost delight busy thyself in the praise of His attributes. And peace be upon thee.

BH11413: The truly learned one is he whose knowledge prevents…

He is.

The truly learned one is he whose knowledge prevents him from all that My good-pleasure and His good-pleasure abhorreth, and the mature one is he who hath attained unto the dawning-place of My knowledge; and apart from this none is mature, even though he may live for [many] years.

BH11414: Presented at the presence of Aqa Da'i Khan: God…

Presented at the presence of Aqa Da'i Khan: God willing, mayest thou ever quaff the Kawthar of divine love from the hand of the heavenly Cupbearer. Do thou drink there, and I, in this place, say unto thee, ʿMay it be pleasant and joyous unto thee.' All hope, verily, is set upon thee.

BH11423: The Tongue of Revelation hath spoken: There is none…

He is.

The Tongue of Revelation hath spoken: There is none other God but Him, the One, the Chosen. Soon shall the banners of victory be upraised, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH11427: This is a Book that speaketh with truth, did…

He is the Self-Subsisting

This is a Book that speaketh with truth, did ye but know it. Verily it hath been sent down from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. It beareth glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for mankind. Well is it with people who understand.

BH11429: Mim, Ya, Lam. That which hath been revealed…

Mim, Ya, Lam. That which hath been revealed from the direction of the Throne unto him who hath been named Ibrahim, that he may be mindful of the remembrance of God, the All-Wise.

He is the Wondrous One in the Most Glorious Horizon.

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses unto a people who understand.

BH11431: He hath been, and continueth to be, the succourer…

He hath been, and continueth to be, the succourer of the oppressed and the manifestation of the justice of God. By him are the eyes of the world illumined and made radiant. For his majesty and glory, his exaltation and loftiness, do We beseech of God, the Most High. Verily, He answereth them that supplicate Him.

BH11436: O my God! Thy servant hath desired that Thou…

He is God.

O my God! Thy servant hath desired that Thou make him firm and steadfast in Thy Cause. Do Thou, through Thy might, confirm him therein; then ordain for him that which is befitting Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH11437: O dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise! Upon you…

He is.

O dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise! Upon you rest the remembrance of God, and His praise, and His grace, and His favors, and His peace, and His blessings, and every goodly remembrance that hath been recorded in His Manifest Book.

BH11440: O rustling of the Divine Lote Tree! Upon thee…

He is!

O rustling of the Divine Lote Tree! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. And O fragrance from the Most Exalted Paradise! Upon thee be the peace of God, the Sovereign of all names and Creator of heaven.

BH11444: O Lord of the Word and King of all…

O Lord of the Word and King of all created things!

I entreat Thee by the oneness wherewith Thou hast clothed Thy Temple as with a garment, and by the identity which Thou hast ordained the adornment of Thine own Self, that Thou mayest open for every atom a gate unto Thy meeting, and a path leading to the ocean of union with Thee.

BH11445: O Muhammad Ja'far! May you be blessed, God willing…

O Muhammad Ja'far! May you be blessed, God willing, with divine grace! The True One, exalted be His glory, has counseled His servants in books, scriptures and psalms…

BH11447: O thou who hast kindled the love…

He is the All-Loving

O thou who hast kindled the love of the friends for Thy presence and whose remembrance is celebrated at all times in the gathering of them that are sincere! I render thanks unto God for having made thee turn toward Him and for having rendered thee acceptable in the sight of His believing servants.

BH11449: O fragrances of the earth and its mysteries…

He is!

O fragrances of the earth and its mysteries, and leaves of the Divine Tree and its fruits! Blessed are ye, for ye have chosen for yourselves, beneath the shadow of your Lord's tender mercy, a station most exalted and a position most gracious.

BH11453: The heavens of thy mercy and the oceans…

The heavens of thy mercy and the oceans of thy bounty are so vast that thou hast never disappointed those who begged of thee nor refused those who willed to come to thee!

BH11455: He that partaketh of the waters of My Revelation…

He that partaketh of the waters of My Revelation will taste all the incorruptible delights ordained by God from the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end.

BH11458: The face of the world hath altered. The way…

The face of the world hath altered. The way of God and the religion of God have ceased to be of any worth in the eyes of men.

BH11459: All the saplings of the world have appeared…

All the saplings of the world have appeared from one Tree, and all the drops from one Ocean, and all beings owe their existence to one Being.

BH11461: The Lote-Tree beyond Which there is no passing crieth…

The Lote-Tree beyond Which there is no passing crieth out, by reason of the cruelty of the divines. It shouteth aloud, and bewaileth itself….

BH11488: in certain matters We look to means, and thus…

…in certain matters We look to means, and thus they remain in abeyance and are delayed. Otherwise, verily He causeth all things to flow with but a movement of His finger, and He is the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent….

BH11513: O my God! Ordain for me through Thy Most…

O my God! Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones.

BH11478: O Forgiver! God willing, mayest thou be ever remembered…

O Forgiver! God willing, mayest thou be ever remembered before God and circle round His good-pleasure in all the worlds.

BH11471: O My Name “The Just”! When We gaze upon…

O My Name “The Just”! When We gaze upon thee, We find none worthy to be gazed upon, for all are but fuel for the fire, which returneth them unto it.

BH11529: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

O Afnan! Verily thy Lord, the Most Glorious, calleth thee to the supreme horizon and remembereth thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

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BH11530: O My Afnan! The Tree hath testified to your…

He is

O My Afnan! The Tree hath testified to your turning unto It and your attachment to It. Blessed are ye and excellent is your final abode.

BH11489: Write in reply to Mirza Amanu’llah that mention was…

Write in reply to Mirza Amanu’llah that mention was made of you in the Most Holy Presence.

BH11515: Glory is not for him who creates mischief…

…Glory is not for him who creates mischief in the land after it hath been set in order. Fear ye God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers….

BH11492: This is the mention of God in the Tree…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is the mention of God in the Tree of Paradise unto the concourse of the highest ones, speaking with truth in the heaven of command, that perchance the people may follow the paths of holiness as travelers…

BH11540: In the beginning of every Revelation adversities have prevailed…

…In the beginning of every Revelation adversities have prevailed, which later on have been turned into great prosperity…

BH11676: Verily, I say, fasting is the supreme remedy…

Verily, I say, fasting is the supreme remedy and the most great healing for the disease of self and passion.

BH11467: The Most Great Book calleth aloud unto the nations…

The Most Great Book calleth aloud unto the nations, saying: By God! the Mother Book hath verily been revealed from the presence of God, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

BH11470: Send thou a copy of the Tablet unto thy…

Send thou a copy of the Tablet unto thy brother; then greet him in My Name, that he may summon the people unto God.

BH11472: O Leaf of Paradise! Hearken unto the Call…

In the Name of the One Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O Leaf of Paradise! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of all created things.

BH11473: We have named Our servant with a portion…

He is the Most Splendid, the Most Glorious!

We have named Our servant with a portion of Our Most Exalted Name, and he is Hussein in the Book of Names.

BH11474: God willing, may ye once again quaff…

God willing, may ye once again quaff from the Kawthar of reunion, and abide beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree.

BH11476: O handmaid of God! The loved ones…

O handmaid of God! The loved ones of the family have turned their steps toward thy dwelling. Praise be to God that thou hast been made the recipient of this bounty.

BH11477: O Bashí! God willing, mayest thou endure, for thou…

O Bashí! God willing, mayest thou endure, for thou hast attained unto a station, and shalt become that which I desire.

BH11480: These base and lowly beings, who are the epitome…

These base and lowly beings, who are the epitome of all those who have been rejected and cast out in every Dispensation, have risen up with the utmost hatred and animosity.

BH11481: That which was sent hath been received. We beseech…

That which was sent hath been received. We beseech God to enable you to act in accordance with that which He hath revealed in His ancient Book. Consider.

BH11482: In the Name of Him Who sendeth down…

In the Name of Him Who sendeth down the verses in truth though all were deprived thereof, and we seek help from our Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

BH11494: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by this wronged one to succor Thy servants who have sought refuge, for Thou art truly the Generous, the All-Bountiful.

BH11497: To render thanks for the bounty of the Bestower…

To render thanks for the bounty of the Bestower, in the first station and foremost rank, is to manifest that bounty itselfâ€“not by words, but by deeds.

BH11498: The Lord, the Possessor of the world…

The Lord, the Possessor of the world, in the ocean of His grace, calleth unto thee, saying: Give thanks unto the Lord for this wondrous bounty.

BH11500: The noble character of Hatim-i-Ta'i was the cause…

The noble character of Hatim-i-Ta'i was the cause of the elevation, loftiness and spread of his generosity and munificence, and nothing else.

BH11501: Blessed are the handmaidens who have held fast…

Blessed are the handmaidens who have held fast to the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of holiness.

BH11502: Blessed is the soul that, even as it lieth…

Blessed is the soul that, even as it lieth down to sleep, hath a heart shining with love for all the peoples of the world.

BH11503: The darkness of the wrong wrought by that refuge…

The darkness of the wrong wrought by that refuge of wretchedness hath overspread the light of the justice of the Lord, and the night-dark birds have encompassed the nightingales of the garden of wisdom and understanding.

BH11504: Abdu'l-Hamid—may God exalt his triumph and sustain his sovereignty—hath…

Abdu'l-Hamid—may God exalt his triumph and sustain his sovereignty—hath, in truth, been possessed of pleasing and spiritual virtues; the light of his wisdom hath shone forth, and the board of his bounty hath been spread.

BH11510: It hath been inscribed by the Pen of Holiness…

It hath been inscribed by the Pen of Holiness upon the Tablet of destiny, addressed unto them that are on earth and in heaven: Gladdened are thine eyes.

BH11511: The Temple of Holiness hath appeared in the form…

He is the Almighty!

The Temple of Holiness hath appeared in the form of the sun in the midst of heaven. Glorified be my Lord, the Most High!

BH11514: Blessed be the blessed Word that hath flowed…

Blessed be the blessed Word that hath flowed from the Pen. The matter of Aqa 'Ali-Akbar is under consideration.

BH11516: Thy darkly musked and honeyed verse was subtle, pure…

Thy darkly musked and honeyed verse was subtle, pure, and sweet as nectar. Upon thee be God's greetings.

BH11517: The purpose of creation hath ever been the recognition…

The purpose of creation hath ever been the recognition of God; but like unto scattered rays and perfume wafted afar, thereof all remain heedless save whomsoever God willeth.

BH11518: Repeatedly hath mention of thee been made…

Repeatedly hath mention of thee been made in the Most Exalted Court, and that blessed missive was hearkened untoâ€“namely, that wherefrom the fragrance of loving-kindness and bounty was diffused. Bliss be unto you!

BH11519: Mahd-i-ʿUlya saith, “Write something more.” I reply, “There remaineth…

He is the All-Glorious

Mahd-i-ʿUlya saith, “Write something more.” I reply, “There remaineth naught else that I may write. In all the realm of being there is no other thing save Him.”

BH11520: We bear witness that the Afnan have testified…

He is God!

We bear witness that the Afnan have testified to that which the Lote-Tree hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH11522: Any soul from whom signs of wickedness and lust…

Any soul from whom signs of wickedness and lust become manifest, such a one is not and hath never been of the True One.

BH11524: O He!

O He!

Happy are ye, O people of Baha, who have drunk the choice sealed wine through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, on a wondrous day.

BH11527: O My loved ones! Adorn your tongues with truthfulness…

O My loved ones! Adorn your tongues with truthfulness, and your hands with generosity, and your bodies with dignity, and your souls with courtesy, and your hearts with My love and then with My exalted remembrance.

BH11528: O Ism-i-Jud! His holiness the Most Great Branch hath…

O Ism-i-Jud! His holiness the Most Great Branch hath requested from Me a sum of money; it behoveth your honor to deliver it, even though it be from the funds of Amanat Khan, upon whom be My glory.

BH11531: O ‘Ali-Akbar! The Divine Lote-Tree hath granted leave unto…

O ‘Ali-Akbar! The Divine Lote-Tree hath granted leave unto its leaf that she may cling thereto and attain the presence before Its Countenance. And it is for thee to send her in such wise as shall bring her joy and cause her no hurt. Thy reward resteth with Him Who hath strengthened her and enabled her.

BH11532: O ‘Ali-Akbar! The orb of permission hath shone forth…

O ‘Ali-Akbar! The orb of permission hath shone forth for the Leaf and for her who is with her. Direct thou her affair as beseemeth. He, verily, is the Protector, the Helper.

BH11533: O ‘Ali-Akbar! We have entrusted into thy grasp…

O ‘Ali-Akbar! We have entrusted into thy grasp the reins of this goodly matter. It is for her to set forth, and for thee to order her affairs. Verily, God is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH11548: Prophecy regarding the future of Iran as relayed by Shoghi Effendi

[What else can we do but pray most fervently that the almighty power of Baha’u’llah may soon triumph over this petty strife, this age-long tyranny, and make, as He prophesied, of the land of His birth,]

the most honored of all governments, the pride, the admiration and the envy of the peoples of the world.

BH11682: I was a servant before being was brought forth…

I was a servant before being was brought forth from utter nothingness, and before the banners of Godhead were upraised upon the hillocks of eternity.

BH11558: His honor Aqa Ali who is present himself doth…

His honor Aqa Ali who is present himself doth not need a reply.

BH11553: O My servants! My remembrance of you is My…

O My servants! My remembrance of you is My greatest gift, were you to perceive it.

BH11564: Hearken thou unto the call of thy Lord…

Hearken thou unto the call of thy Lord from the right side of the Throne, from behind a thousand veils of luminous silk damask.

BH11567: Were it not for poverty, the light of detachment…

Were it not for poverty, the light of detachment would not shine forth in creation.

BH11571: O verdant land! Hearken unto the call…

O verdant land! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names. Verily, He remembereth thee with that which no earthly thing can equal….

BH11572: O Mustafa! God willing, may you be enkindled…

He is God!

O Mustafa! God willing, may you be enkindled by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree of generosity and illumined by the light of His radiant countenance.

BH11573: O thou whose physical temple beareth resemblance to Mine!

O thou whose physical temple beareth resemblance to Mine!…

BH11566: Seal of Baha'u'llah 01

There is no god but God, the sovereign, the truth, the resplendent. His servant Husayn-ʿAli

BH11565: Seal of Baha'u'llah 02

There is no god but God, the sovereign, the truth, the resplendent. Husayn-ʿAli

BH11561: Seal of Baha'u'llah 13

Husayn and ʿAli

BH11563: Seal of Baha'u'llah 14

God beareth witness that there is no god but Him, the powerful, the beloved.

BH11508: Seal of Baha'u'llah 15

The lights of My Countenance have shone forth from the Dayspring of eternity. There is no God but Him, the God of slendour and glory.

BH11560: Seal of Baha'u'llah 16

Husayn-Ali, His hopeful servant, Husayn-Ali

BH11555: Seal of Baha'u'llah 17

Verily, I am the face of God, the most luminous.

BH11570: Seal of Baha'u'llah 18

The tongue of the most glorious proclaims in the kingdom of creation: Sovereignty belongs to God, the incomparable, the single, the exalted, the most exalted.

BH11562: Seal of Baha'u'llah 04

My testimony is My Self, My proof My Cause, and My evidence My luminous Beauty.

BH11552: Seal of Baha'u'llah 05

The prison belongs to God, the One the Unconstrained.

BH11475: Seal of Baha'u'llah 06

Verily He is the Glory of God unto all who are in the kingdom of command and creation, and the Lamp of Guidance unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH11554: Seal of Baha'u'llah 07

I am the wronged one, the imprisoned, the stranger, who abideth alone.

BH11314: Seal of Baha'u'llah 08

To God belongs the dominion of the kingdom of eternality, and through His might He exalts whom He wishes, and through His power He abases whom He desires, and He bestows upon whom He wishes whatsoever He wishes, and verily He wills as He has willed for whomsoever He desires, and verily He is the Doer of whatsoever He wishes, and verily He is over all things the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.

BH11409: Seal of Baha'u'llah 09

God beareth witness unto His Own Self by His Own Self that verily I am alive in the Most Glorious Horizon, and from this Horizon I speak forth in all things, declaring:

> "Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

BH11509: Seal of Baha'u'llah 10

There hath shone forth from the horizon of divine decree a Sun whereon the Most Exalted Pen hath inscribed: 'The prison belongeth unto the Dayspring of verses, Who hath appeared, through the sovereignty and power of God, unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth.'

BH11372: Seal of Baha'u'llah 11

Mine outward being calls unto Mine inward being, and Mine inward being unto Mine outward. There is none in the dominion save Me, and I am the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

BH11282: Seal of Baha'u'llah 12

The Ancient Beauty hath established Himself upon the Most Great Throne. Thereupon the tongue of grandeur and glory hath spoken forth at the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, addressing all who are in earth and heaven:

> "By My glory and My beauty! He Who was concealed from eternity in the treasuries of might and grandeur hath appeared. He, verily, is the Beloved Who hath come to give life to the worlds."

BH11557: Seal of Baha'u'llah 03

Baha'u'llah